

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

The GSCV Office & Shop will be closed for the Labor Day weekend starting Friday, September 1. We will reopen Tuesday, September 5.

***Regular Friday hours resume Friday, September 8, 2023.**

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Shop Hours

Monday - Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED



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August 30, 2023 Edition

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Kickoff 2023: We Heard You...

Last week, we sent out the Save the Date for our 2023 Kickoff. And we'll admit: such short notice didn't give our members and volunteers adequate time to plan on attending. We've heard your feedback loud and clear, and vow to improve our timing moving forward. Thank you all for your suggestions on how to make this Kickoff a success. We've taken them all into consideration, and are proud to provide an updated plan for our Kickoff 2023 events.

Our September 7th & September 9th in-person events are canceled. Instead, we will meet **virtually on September 12th at 6:30 p.m.** for Fall Product Training and an exciting introduction to the new Girl Scout Camp registration system. You can register for that below.

In addition, we will host two virtual events on the evenings of **October 3rd and 5th**. These events will highlight remarks by your CEO on the “State of the Council”, the 2023-24 Program Activity and Event Guide, introduce a new opportunity for Mental Wellness programming, review the new camp reservations system, and provide information on cookie training dates and why you don’t want to miss. You can also register for those below.

Again, we apologize for any inconveniences we may have caused, and hope that this change to virtual events will make it easier for us to come together and drum up excitement for the year ahead!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Molly T. Fuller



September 12, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

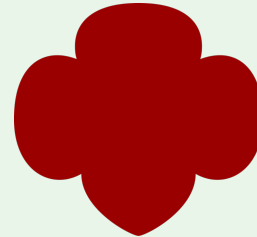
#New Camp Reservation Platform

#Fall Product Program Training

**Thursday, September 12, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

- New Camp Reservation Platform
- Fall Product Program Training

[Secure your spot here.](#)



October 3, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

- Molly T. Fuller, Chief Executive Officer, State of the Council address
- Program Event & Activity Guide
- Camp Reservation Platform
- Mental Wellness Programming
- Looking Ahead...Cookie Program

October 5, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

- Molly T. Fuller, Chief Executive Officer, State of the Council address
- Program Event & Activity Guide
- Camp Reservation Platform
- Mental Wellness Programming
- Looking Ahead...Cookie Program

Tuesday | October 3, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

Thursday | October 5, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

[Secure your spot here](#)

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We will be sharing the same content with you Tuesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 5th, so choose which evening you would like to attend. See you at Kickoff!

Just One More Month...



Your Year of
Fun

- ✓ Gear up for cool field trips.
- ✓ Make forever friends.
- ✓ Dream up a game to teach your troop.

The start of the new Girl Scout year is just around the corner, and we don't want you to miss a minute of ***Your Year of Fun!*** On-time registration is now open through September 30th. The new membership year begins on October 1st.

Click here to renew your Troop, individual Girl or Adult membership now. If you have questions, call or email the Help Desk at 804-746-0590 or gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.

New on the GSCV Blog!



Do you know someone who is on the fence about joining Girl Scouts? The benefits are truly endless! Girls show stronger leadership outcomes, develop skills needed to thrive as a teen & young adult, and learn to build healthy relationships with themselves and those around them.

Read more from this research-backed, evidenced-based case for joining **the premier** leadership organization for girls, and let's strengthen this Girl Scouting movement together!

[Read It Here!](#)

Program Events and Activities

Calling All Older Girl Scouts!

Ready to speak your mind and use your voice to make Girl Scouting the best experience ever? Want to meet other older Girl Scouts from our council? Do you have ideas about events you would like to see council or your communities offer for older girls?

If so, then the Older Girl Advisory Group (OGAG) is for you!

The OGAG is looking for its very first members for the 2023-24 membership year! Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your ideas about events you'd like to see and trips you'd love to plan. This is a great opportunity to utilize your leadership skills and boost your resume!

If interested, fill out the application our [website](#) by **September 20th**. The

first meeting is Oct 2nd!

Questions? Contact Naudy Solano-Daye at nsolano-daye@comgirlscouts.org

Girl Scouts Love State Parks



It's time to lead the way at your favorite state parks and help create a better planet for all. How? By heading out to explore your local state parks during this year's Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend!

On September 8th, 9th, and 10th, you can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, water sports, stargazing, and more.

There are 21 events throughout Virginia. Find them [**here!**](#) Download the **self-guided activity packet** that you can do with your troop, with family, or with friends to discover the wonder of the outdoors.

Note: Given the high temperatures, stay safe by bringing water, sunscreen, and a hat. Don't forget to use the buddy system during your outdoor activities!

Girl Scout Destinations



Sisterhood at Sangam

USA Girl Scouts Overseas Destination

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, are you ready for your next great adventure?

Join your USAGSO sisters on a trip to the Sangam WAGGGS World Center in India in March 2024.

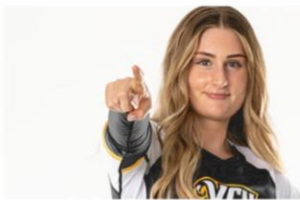
Applications due October 1st, 2023.

For questions, please contact
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To apply or get more information, visit:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/travel-events/sisterhood-at-sangam.html>

Girl Scout Day with VCU Volleyball!



VCU VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS **GIRL SCOUT DAY**

SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH
AT 1:00 P.M.
VS. GEORGE MASON

girl scouts 
of the commonwealth
of virginia

Join Rowdy Ram Nation for VCU Girl Scout Volleyball Night. For only \$5 a ticket, you can cheer on the Rams and receive a VCU fun patch.

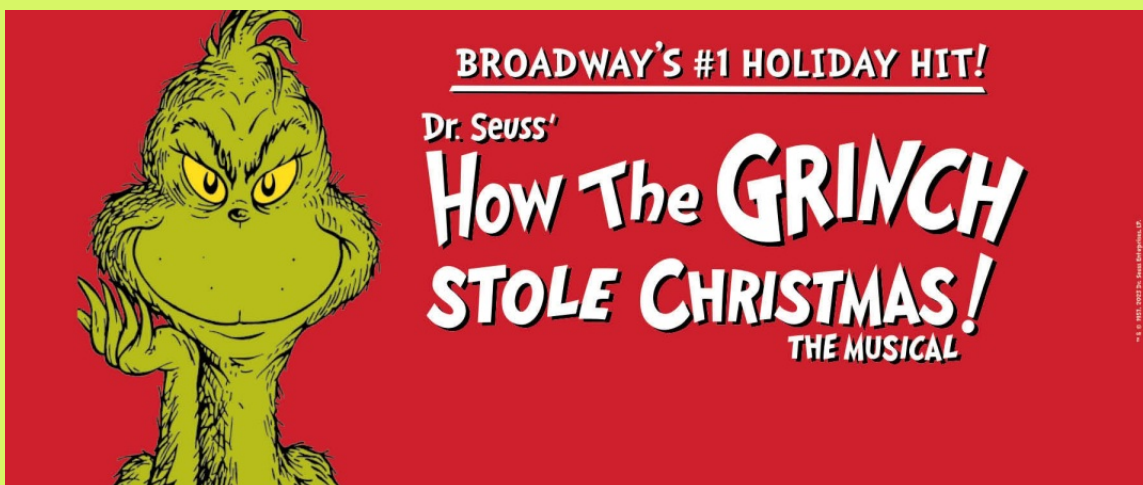
[Snag Your Ticket Here](#)

Girl Scout Nights at the Altria Theatre!



Disney will offer a 30% discount on group tickets (10 or more) to Girl Scouts for the **Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 PM** performance of Frozen at Altria Theater.

Get Your Tickets!



Altria will offer a 30% discount to Girl Scout groups for our Thursday **December 14th show at 7:00 PM** for [Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical!](#) Girl Scouts will also get fun patches and possibly a post-show talk with cast members!

*Stay tuned for the special ticket link!



The Richmond Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* on **Sunday, December 17th** at 5:30 PM!

Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!



Join us at the Richmond Ballet for *Dracula* on **Saturday, February 17th** at 2:00 PM!

Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!

GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program

Materials for the upcoming Fall Product Program were mailed the week of August 21st.

The Fall Product Program is a fun and simple way for Girl Scout troops to finance adventures, give back to the community and learn the five essential skills of Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics. Troop packets will be mailed to leaders this summer.

This year's theme is OWN YOUR MAGIC and the mascot is the Ocelot.

The Ocelot is a medium-sized wildcat found throughout the Southwest in the United States, Mexico, and Central and South America.



They are agile climbers and love to swim. Their beautiful fur coats make them resemble a jaguar or leopard. Encourage your Girl Scouts to learn more interesting things about these beautiful, endangered cats.

New this year customers will be able to purchase Tervis products and a special Girl Scout themed Bark Box through the magazine portal.



Key Dates for 2023

September 9: Start date for online sales and order taking can begin

October 3: Last day for parents/guardians to enter order form orders in the M2 site

October 5: Last day for troop leaders to enter order form orders in the M2 site

October 20: Fredericksburg Drive Thru

October 21: Richmond and Chesterfield Drive Thru

October 23 -24: Rural Deliveries

October 26: Second Chance Order pick up Fredericksburg

October 27: Second Chance Order pick up Richmond and Chesterfield

November 9: Last Date to purchase magazines, nuts and candy online

November 10: ACH draft for troop payment

November 10: Deadline for rewards selections

Feature Your Troop on Social Media!

**WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR
GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA!**



Has your Girl Scout troop completed a project, taken a trip, or done something worthy of a shout out? Let us know!

**We're looking for more
incredible Girl Scouts to feature
on our social media.**

Submit your photos and a short description to our Director of Marketing & Communications, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org. We can't wait to feature them!

Training Opportunities

**September 16, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping

**October 7-8, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training

**October 14-15, 2023
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund**

Intermediate Camping

**October 21-22, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training

**October 28, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping

**November 11, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking - registration coming soon!

**Open 24/7
on-demand**

gsLearn 

**Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?
Contact the GSCV help desk: gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**

TREK Weekend 2023 - CANCELLED

Important update - Due to low registration, TREK Weekend 2023 has been cancelled. We look forward to seeing you at TREK Weekend 2024.

Beginning Camping

Let's get your troop outside! The Beginning Camping course is designed for leaders and troops who have little camping experience and want to take their troop camping. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified to take your Girl Scout Troop on a camping trip in the backyard, in a permanent structure such as a cabin at a state park, or Girl Scout Camp. The course follows progression in the outdoors and is specifically designed for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Leaders. We can't wait to see you at training! This course takes place in a single day with a required prep video to watch prior to training. You will be sent the video after registration is completed and processed.



Beginning Camping Training:

September 16th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge
registration closes September 11, 2023

OR

Beginning Camping Training:

October 28th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge
registration closes October 16, 2023

[Register here!](#)



Intermediate Camping

Required Prep Session: October 3rd | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. |
metro Richmond location

Training: October 14-15 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday - 1:00 p.m. Sunday (Friday night is optional) | Camp "Kitty" Kittamaquond

Time to get outdoors! The Intermediate Camping Course is designed for leaders and troop volunteers seeking to take their troop tent camping. This course will give leaders hands-on experiences so they can successfully lead girls on outdoor experiences for multiple nights. Girl Scouts has a lot to offer through outdoor adventures and you will gain knowledge and practical training to prepare you to plan and manage overnight camping trips. You will learn a variety of safety techniques for fires, cooking and camps. You will also receive valuable tips for program planning, clean up, kapers and packing.

This training does require a Prep Session. The Prep Session will be held at a location in metro Richmond. Registration closes September 27, 2023

[Register here!](#)

Canoe/Kayak/Standup Paddleboard Training

**Saturday, October 7th, 2023 & Sunday, October 8th, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70 | Registration closes September 27, 2023**



Or

**Saturday, October 21st, 2023 & Sunday, October 22nd, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70 | Registration closes October 11, 2023**

By taking the Canoe, Kayak, and Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Certification, you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Certified adult instructors are required for Girl Scout canoeing, kayaking, and SUP.

Space is limited so be sure to register right away!

You will receive an email from the trainer with details regarding what you will need to bring the day of the training. **[Register here!](#)**

Retail Shop

**Looking for some back to troop fun?
Shop Our Trefoil Fun Finds!**

Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!

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