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Register today!

You're Invited!

Register today to attend the Cookie Rally at Kings Dominion-Girl Scouts will participate in Cookie Rally activities, try the new cookie, and see all the Climb With Courage Incentives. Trouble viewing? Click here.

December 1, 2021 Edition

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Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in partnership with Kings Dominion's Winterfest, is excited to announce an <u>exclusive</u> <u>Cookie Rally December 12th to kick off the 2022 Cookie</u> <u>Program.</u> This is going to be an exciting opportunity for girls to brush up on the entrepreneurial skills as they head into the cookie program. Registration opened Thursday, November 4th.

\$40 - Cookie Rally Ticket includes

- Exclusive Girl Scout early entrance (2:30pm 4:30pm) for each Girl Scout and 1 accompanying adult (includes parking). Gate opens to general public at 4:30pm.
- Cookie Rally Event Patch
- Cookie Rally activities
 - Goal setting station
 - Review Cookie Program Rewards
 - Taste our new cookie
- Girl Scout Ice Skating from 3pm 4pm
- Cookie Decorating with Mrs. Claus 1 giant cookie per girl member

But the fun does not stop there. Once the main gates open to the general public, girls and their families are welcome to stay and enjoy the park for the rest of the evening. Family and friends can purchase additional entrance tickets for a reduced entrance fee of \$20.

Cookie Rally Activities are for Girl members only

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Have Questions About The Cookie Rally?

Q. If my daughter and I have season passes to Kings Dominion, what is the cost for us to attend the Cookie Rally?

A. Any Girl Scout with a season pass to Kings Dominion will pay a discounted fee of \$20 to attend the Winterfest cookie rally. This will cover the cost of the additional two hours, the ice skating and the cookie decorating. If the accompanying parent also has a season pass, they will be able to enter the park with the daughter and will not need to pay. **Register in MyEvents starting Thursday, November 11th.**

Q. I would love to bring my entire family including my husband and sons. How will that work?

A. If the additional family members have a season pass, they will be allowed to enter the park early with the Girl Scout. However, they cannot participate in the Girl Scout-only activities such as ice skating and cookie decorating. If they do not have a season pass, they will need to pay a discounted entrance fee of \$20 to the park but can still enter the same time as the Girl Scout. **Purchase through MyEvents starting Thursday, November 11th.**

Q. I am a member of another Girl Scout Council and would like to bring my troop. Can we register?

A. This event is designed for registered members of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is being underwritten by the council. For that reason, this invitation is extended only to our council members.

Q. I want to bring my daughter to this event, but we can't get there until 3:30pm.

A. That's fine. You can enter the park any time prior to the park opening for general admission, but you will need to purchase the tickets ahead of time.

Q. Since this is a Girl Scout event, do we need to follow Safety Activity Checkpoints ?

A. Yes, if you are attending as a troop you will need to follow all Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints. Girls attending with a parent as a family event are the responsibility of the parent and do not need to follow the guidelines.

Program Activity



Triangle Rock Club Adventure Climbing for Seniors & Ambassadors

When: December 18th, 4-6pm Cost: \$25 Adventure climbing includes a two-hour

exclusive climbing event for Girl Scouts, rental harnesses, and staff belayer assistance.

Girl Scouts will learn the basics of the sport of rock climbing, review climbing terminology, and practice belaying techniques. Trained staff members will work with girls to ensure they meet their goals and push themselves to new heights!

Girl Scout Wellness Activity

Go get 'em, Girl Scout!

Life isn't always easy, but dealing with tricky emotions doesn't have to be so hard. Try activities from the Girl Scouts: **Resilient**. **Ready. Strong.** program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. (click on the patch for more information) Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough.



The Girl Scout Cookie Program Is Just Around The Corner

Through Girl Scouts, girls learn to think like entrepreneurs as they participate in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. Research shows that girls are actively interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a big impact on the world.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in



Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of the overall Girl Scout experience. Girl Scout Cookie Program lets girls show the world their business savvy as key members of the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program.

Every year, Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to do amazing things in their communities and beyond. As cookie entrepreneurs, girls gain essential skills and work as a team to accomplish common goals and solve problems, while building the confidence they need to shine as girls, as young women, and as future leaders. And did we mention fun? They have lots of that along the way, too.

We ask leaders to participate in cookie training to best prepare to support girls in the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program!

New Leader training - New Leader and Troop Cookie Managers with less than 2 years of experience are asked to attend the new leader training. This training will cover the basic operations of the program as well as tips for a smooth program and successful experience for your girls. Both virtual and in person new leader trainings will be offered. Link to the virtual trainings is below. No registration is required for in person training.

Experienced Leader training - Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with 2+ years' experience are asked to attend the experienced leader training but are welcome to attend the new leader training if they prefer. This training will offer a fast-paced refresher of the overall program and highlight new information. Both virtual and in person experienced leader training will be offered. Link to the virtual trainings is below. No registration is required for in person training.

Saturday December 4th at 8:00-8:45am Virtual	Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers. Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93425226027 Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027 Passcode: 389041
Saturday	New Troop Leaders and New Troop Cookie
December 4th at	Managers
9:30-10:30am	GSCV Office, 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
In person	Richmond, VA 23230
Saturday	Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced
December 4th at	Troop Cookie Managers
11:00-11:45am	GSCV Office, 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
In person	Richmond, VA 23230

_	Monday December 6th at 6:30-7:30pm In person	New Troop Leader Training with Experienced Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers welcome to attend. Ebenezer United Methodist Church 161 Embrey Mill Rd, Stafford, VA 22554	
_	Tuesday December 7th at 6:00-6:45pm Virtual	Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93425226027 Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027 Passcode: 389041	
_	Tuesday December 7th at 7:00-8:00pm Virtual	New Troop Leaders and New Troop Cookie Managers Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://zoom.us/j/93425226027</u> Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027 Passcode: 389041	
_	Wednesday December 8th at 9:00-9:45am Virtual	Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers Join Zoom Meeting https://zoom.us/j/93425226027 Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027 Passcode: 389041	
	Wednesday December 8th at 10:00-11:00am Virtual	New Troop Leaders and New Troop Cookie Managers Join Zoom Meeting <u>https://zoom.us/j/93425226027</u> Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027 Passcode: 389041	

Cookie Packet Pick up – This is the opportunity to "pick-up" materials and program resources. If you choose to attend an in person training, you will pick up your materials at training. If you attend virtual training, you will be able to pick up your materials quickly at one of the designated pick up locations.



Seven-variety sample packages of cookies will be available for \$10 (at packet pick up) and all troops will receive a complimentary package of the new Adventurefuls.

Saturday December 4th GSCV Office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200

8:30-11:30am	Richmond, VA 23230
Monday	Ebenezer United Methodist Church
December 6th	161 Embrey Mill Rd
4:30pm-7:30pm	Stafford, VA 22554
Saturday	Ron Rosner YMCA
December 11th	5700 Smith Station Rd
9:00am-11:00am	Fredericksburg, VA 22307
Monday, December 6th -	GSCV Office
Thursday, December 9th,	4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
8:30am-4:30pm	Richmond, VA 23230

Wells Fargo Account Holders



Troop Bank Accounts at Wells Fargo – Deadline is Today!

The fee schedule and change in bank account type for all current Troop Bank accounts at Wells Fargo has been implemented.

All Girl Scout bank accounts that have begun the process of changing banks by contacting

gshelper@comgirlscouts.org **by December 1, 2021** will be reimbursed for any fees incurred during the transition to another partner bank. Please send a copy of your bank statement to Council to be reimbursed for the cost.

If you choose to open an account with another Council partner bank and have not contacted gshelper@comgirlscouts.org by December 1, 2021, or you decide to stay with Wells Fargo, the <u>service fees will be incurred by your troop or</u> <u>service unit.</u>

The GSCV partner banks are Truist (formerly BB&T), Primis, and Benchmark. Contact the GSCV office first to either open a Girl Scout bank account or make any changes.

Any questions or if your troop would like to choose a different GSCV partner bank, please contact the GSCV helpdesk at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**

Stocking Stuffers

Come visit the Retail Shop soon where Liz is ready for all your holiday needs!





We are open this Saturday, 9am-12pm, so come in and visit if you are stopping by for Cookie Training or for your Cookie Packet!

Shop Hours: 5:30pm

Monday-Friday, 10am-Saturday, 9am-12pm

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!