

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia will be closed beginning 11:00 am Friday, December 16th through Monday, January 2nd for winter break.

We will resume normal business operations on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Happy Holidays to all!

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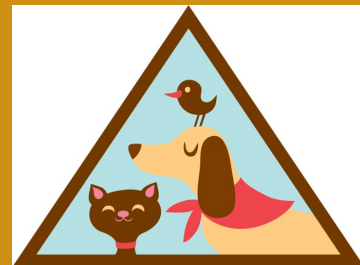
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Program Event and Activity Guide

Have you heard? The Richmond SPCA is opening another date for Brownie Pets Badge!

February 11, 2023, from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Register here! Girl Scout Brownies (grades 2-3) will have an opportunity to tour Richmond SPCA and see what it takes to own your own animal. Brownies will earn their Pets Badge.



YOU CAN'T STOP THE BEAT
hairspray

BROADWAY'S TONY AWARD®-WINNING BEST MUSICAL IS BACK

Hairspray: Thursday, January 26, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world? HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy, follows 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960's Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show.

Girl Scouts can use this [link](#) to purchase group tickets online for 8 or fewer attendees.

Girl Scouts should contact the Broadway in Richmond office for assistance with a group purchase of 9+: groups@broadwayinrichmond.com or 804-592-3401.

Training Opportunities



Intermediate Camping Training

Required Prep Session (two locations will be offered - choose the location that is most convenient for you):
March 21st | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | metro Richmond
March 23rd | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | metro Fredericksburg

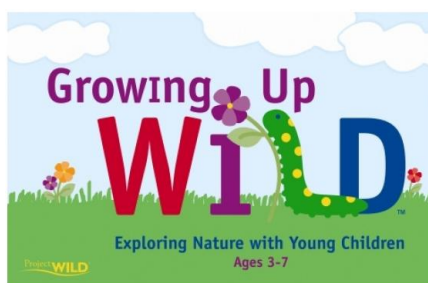
Each Prep Session option requires a minimum of six participants.

In-person training session: March 31st-April 2nd starts 9:00 a.m. Saturday - ends 1:00 p.m. Sunday

(Friday night is optional) | Camp Kittamaquund "Kitty"

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. Registration closes Tuesday, March 14th for Intermediate Camping Training.

[Sign Up for Intermediate Camping HERE!](#)



North Region opportunity

Growing Up Wild: training for Daisy & Brownie Leaders

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church
161 Embrey Mill Rd. |Stafford, VA 22554**

Cost: \$10

Discover what's outside

Connect with nature

Take Action to learn about the outdoors

Leaders will receive a troop copy of the *Growing Up WILD* guide filled with 126 pages of ideas, activities, fun facts, and the rest you will find in this exciting resource! The *Growing Up WILD* activities support many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.

Registration is open now and closes Friday, January 27th, 2023

Cookie Program

Cookie Rally at Kings Dominion!

Not too late to get your tickets!



This year's Cookie Rally will take place at Kings Dominion's Winterfest on December 11th. The registration/ticket purchase will take place through the link to the Kings Dominion website. All tickets include early admission to the park and parking. Girl member tickets include the Cookie Rally activities: ice skating, cookie decorating, a patch, and fun cookie themed activities for \$30 per Girl Scout. The pictures below will assist you in purchasing what you need for all the fun!



\$30
Choose this option to purchase tickets for Girl Scouts (girl members only) who are not season pass holders.



\$10
All Adults including Girl Scout troop leaders & non-Girl Scout family members.



\$10
Choose this option to purchase tickets for Girl Scouts who are season pass holders and would like to participate in Cookie Rally activities.



Cookie Training and Packet Pick-Up

In Girl Scouts, girls engage in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of being a Girl Scout.

Research shows that girls are interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a meaningful impact on the world. As cookie entrepreneurs, they sharpen their business savvy 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. Every year, Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to have amazing experiences in their communities and beyond.

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

Cookie Packet Pick up – This is the opportunity to "pick-up" materials and Cookie 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 cookie packet 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 Trefoil Cookie (formerly known as Shortbread). Please be aware the new Raspberry Rally cookie will not be available in the sample pack; this cookie will only be available online.

Monday - Thursday, December 5th-8th | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Cookie packet pick-up
GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond VA 23230

Saturday, December 10th | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Cookie packet pick-up
Ron Rosner YMCA parking lot
5700 Smith Station Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407

2023 Important Cookie Dates

As you plan your troop 2022/2023 membership year, these are the most important cookie dates to assist in your planning.

Sunday, January 1st	Girls can begin taking orders and selling online
Wednesday, January 25th	Deadline for Troop Leaders to input girl orders in Smart Cookies
February 15th-22nd	Traditional deliveries (rural communities)
Thursday, February 16th	Cookie Drive Thru in Fredericksburg
Friday, February 17th	Cookie Drive Thru in Richmond
Saturday, February 18th	Cookie Drive Thru in Chesterfield
Tuesday, February 21st	Cookie Cupboards open
Wednesday, March 15th	First ACH draft (50% of initial order)
Friday, March 31st	Final day of cupboard operation, last day of program
Tuesday, April 4th	Second ACH draft (balance due) and Reward orders due in Smart Cookies by Troop Leaders

Update: Cookie Rewards

This is an update on the remaining cookie rewards from the 2022 Cookie Program. As you may recall, due to supply



chain issues some items have been delayed. Girls who earned the small stuffed Koala at the 225 level and girls who chose the larger stuffed Koala (over the Koala Dream Light) at the 300 level were told they would be given their stuffed animals in October based on information provided by the vendor. The girls were given stuffed foxes as a replacement with the expectation that the Koalas would arrive. These plush animals are scheduled to ship this week and should arrive to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager soon. We apologize for the delay and hope girls are excited to receive the recognitions.

Additionally, girls who sold at the 1,000 level and opted for the sleep set reward of an eye mask, soft blanket, and slippers have already received the eye mask and soft blanket. We have been expecting the Koala slippers; however, we were informed that the slipper order could not be fulfilled due to multiple issues on the manufacturing and distribution end. We are deeply disappointed by this; however, we have an alternative that we are excited to present. The girls who were owed the slippers will instead receive a high-quality glitter tumbler and a beach towel with this year's theme of Go Bright Ahead. These will be shipped to the Service Unit Product Program Managers with a note explaining the switch and an apology from the vendor. The vendor shares these should ship within two weeks.



We hope and expect that these unusual circumstances will be behind us as we look forward to the 2023 cookie season.

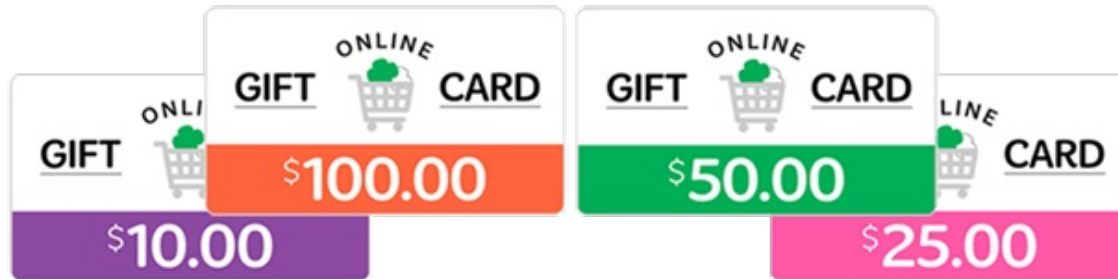
Below is a refresher on how to determine who earned what rewards in the 2022 cookie season.

Log into Smart Cookies

- From the top of your dashboard click on Rewards
- Then click on Archived
- Next select 2021-2022
- From the column on the right click on Rewards
- Then from the column on the right choose Recognition Order Summary by Girl

Two Words: Gift Cards!

It's never too late for a Girl Scout Gift Card!
Our online gift cards make it easy for her to pick exactly what she wants.



Stop by and pick-up a **“Gift Certificate”** at our Retail Shop for in-store use. Online gift cards may only be used at gsusa.org.

Shop Gift Cards

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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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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!