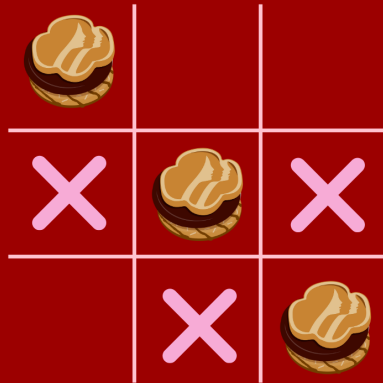


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2024 Cookie Program



Cookie Booth Season Is Here!!

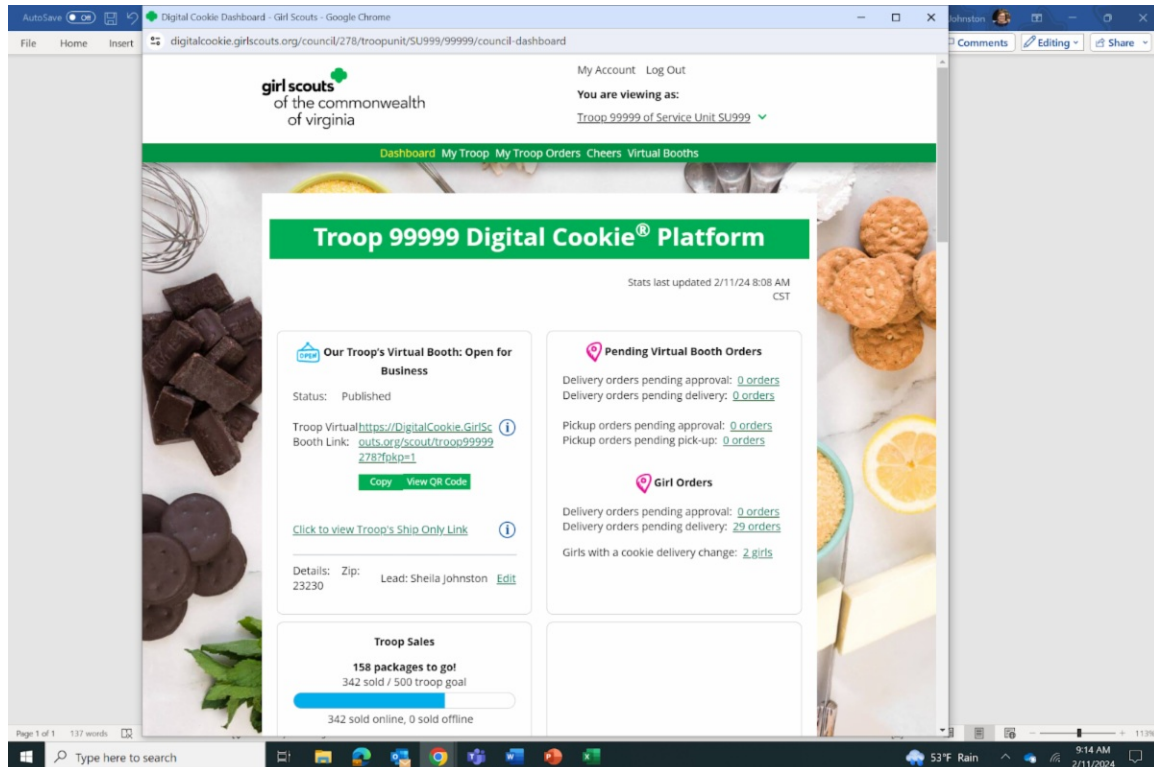
How will we take electronic booth payments this year?

All electronic payments at booths will go through the Digital Cookie App. This quick video will show girls and troops how to download the app and use it for booth payments.

Digital Cookie App <https://vimeo.com/224478707>

Before you can download the mobile app, make sure you've set up the virtual booth link on the opening page of our troop dashboard in Digital Cookie. **This tip sheet** will walk you through the process.

Once completed, your dashboard should look like the one below.



Girl Delivery Available Again

Girl Delivery orders submitted before 11:30pm on Sunday, January 21st were automatically transferred to Smart Cookies.

All other girl delivery orders need to be picked up from the cookie cupboard or the Troop Leader. Troop leaders and parents will need to check for new girl delivery orders and pick up cookies from the troop leader or at a cupboard.

An easy way to do this is to run the **All Order Data** report and then sort it by type or order and date to see what has come in since the initial order. Below is an example with personal information removed.

Once the cookies have been picked up by the girl, the leader can transfer the cookies to the girl in Smart Cookies to ensure she gets credit for the sale.

| | A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I |
|----|--------------|-----------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Troop Number | Girl First Name | Order Number | Order Date | Order Type | Billing First Name | | | Shipping First Name |
| 2 | 99999 | Susan | Jones | 12345 | 1/22/24 | In-Person Delivery | Jennifer | | Robert |
| 3 | 99999 | Susan | Jones | 12346 | 1/22/24 | In-Person Delivery | Thomas | | Zaira |
| 4 | 99999 | Susan | Jones | 12347 | 1/22/24 | In-Person Delivery | Pat | | Frances |
| 5 | 99999 | Emily | Jones | 13567 | 1/22/24 | In-Person Delivery | Michelle | | Kristen |
| 6 | 99999 | Emily | Jones | 2356 | 1/19/24 | In-Person Delivery | Christin | | Christopher |
| 7 | 99999 | Emily | Jones | 8282 | 1/16/24 | In-Person Delivery | Shelly | | Teresa |
| 8 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 8998 | 1/16/24 | In-Person Delivery | Shelly | | George |
| 9 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 4444 | 1/15/24 | Shipped | Allene | | Samantha |
| 10 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 5555 | 1/8/24 | In-Person Delivery | Christopher | | Heaven |
| 11 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 6666 | 1/7/24 | In-Person Delivery | Teresa | | Shelly |
| 12 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 7777 | 1/6/24 | In-Person Delivery | Samantha | | Gloriel |
| 13 | 99999 | Grace | Smith | 8888 | 1/6/24 | In-Person Delivery | Heaven | | Jennifer |
| 14 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | | | | | | | | | |

Digital Cookie

Do you still have girls who haven't set up their Digital Cookie site? Now is the time to do so!

Girls and their parents can watch this quick training video to assist them in setting up their site. Once the troop and girl have their Digital Cookie site set up they will be able to download the Digital Cookie Mobile App and take payments right from their phone.

Watch this helpful video on setting up a girl's site:
<https://vimeo.com/224480492>

Special Leap Year Cookie Promotion on February 29th

One extra day in 2024 means everyone will need extra cookies!

Any girl selling 29 or more packages of cookies through direct ship or girl delivery on Thursday, February 29th will be entered into a drawing for an axolotl charm and bracelet from Charm IT.

Thirty girl winners will be chosen at random among those who qualify. Remember: at the 115 reward level, you can add your second axolotl charm hugging its favorite cookie, the Lemonade.

Winners will be announced in March.



Looking for Cookie Training? A recorded version of our online cookie training is available on our website under Helpful Videos: [For Volunteers | Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia \(comgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.comgirlscouts.org)



Parent/Guardian agreement

(pdf option)

Don't forget to have the parents/caregivers in your troop sign the parent/guardian agreement.

Keep these on file for your troop and only submit if there is an outstanding balance at the end of the program.

Parent/Guardian agreement

(digital option - complete online)



Correction in the How to Guide for Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers

Under Options for customers on page 9 in the guide it refers to being able to order online and pay at the time of delivery. This season all cookies ordered online will be paid for at the time of the order. The only orders that are not paid for at the time of ordering are the orders taken on the hard copy order card.

2024 Cookie Phone Backgrounds are Here!



Celebrate Cookie Season in style with our cool new phone backgrounds! Jazz up your device with images of the cookies that change the world.

[Download them here.](#)

Introducing Bling Your Booth!



Do we have any troops who plan to go all out this year for Girl Scout Cookie Season? We want to see how you #BlingYourBooth!

Girl Scouts across the country are getting creative with their booths, and we want to highlight the cool and creative cookie booths we've got here at GSCV.

If your troop plans to participate in Bling Your Booth this year, let us know! Send your pictures to our Director of Marketing, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org.

Program Events & Activities



2024 events are open for registration.
[Sign up now!](#)

**Program Events & Activities for all
Program Age Levels**

Daisy (D) grades K-1

Brownie (B) grades 2-3

Junior (J) grades 4-5

Cadette (C) grades 6-8

Senior (S) grades 9-10

Ambassador (A) grades 11-12

Wintergreen Registration Closes TONIGHT at 11:59 P.M.

Grab your snow gear and get ready for two exciting sessions on The Plunge, the ultimate snow tubing experience, on **Monday, February 19, 2024.**



Bus pickup will be at our Service Center, 4900 Augusta Avenue, at 9:30 a.m. You'll arrive back safely by 6:30 P.M.

After conquering The Plunge, we'll refuel with lunch in a cozy area near the slopes. Following our action-packed day, the bus will safely bring you back to our Service Center by 6:30 P.M.

Don't miss out on this action-packed day and frosty-fun opportunity to make the most of the winter season with your Girl Scout friends. Reserve your spot now and let the winter adventure begin!

Tickets are \$80 per person. This includes a spot on a Passenger Coach Bus and two tubing sessions.

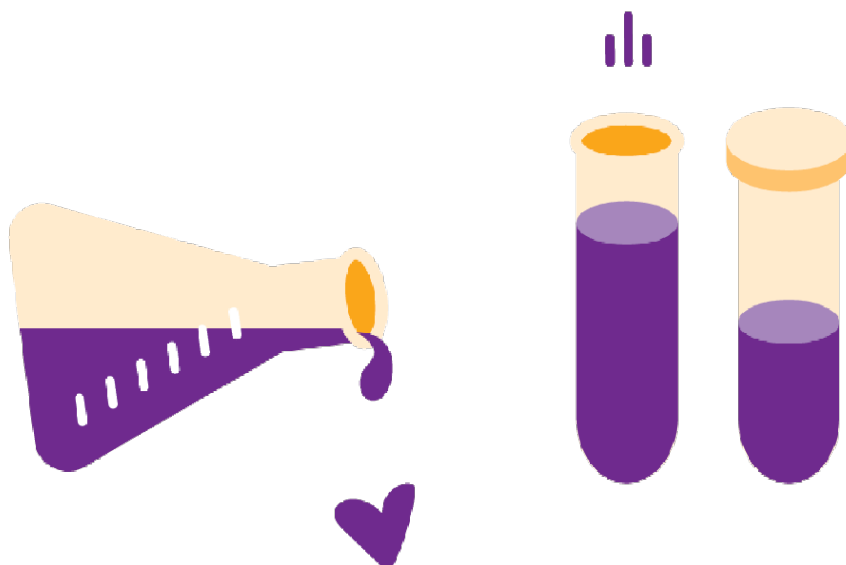
We ask that you bring your own lunch. Snacks will be provided.

REGISTRATION CLOSES TONIGHT AT 11:59 P.M.

This event is open to Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. This is not a drop-off event.

[Register Here!](#)

Mad Science



Dive into the wonderful world of Mad Science at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Girls will conduct cool experiments and explore amazing science stations.

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Patch received: Mad Science Patch

Cost: Girl/Adult, \$30/\$0

Location: Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Registration closes 2/21.

[Register for Mad Science!](#)

GIRL SCOUT SCIENCE DAY AT VCU

WOMEN IN SCIENCE @ VCU PRESENTS



GIRL SCOUT SCIENCE DAY



We're introducing young women to an array of exciting career possibilities in the sciences through a fun-filled day of hands-on workshops, facilitated by **REAL** scientists!

Date: Saturday, March 16th, 2024

Time: 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

Cost: \$20 for Girls & Adults (Lunch Included)

Location: Sanger Hall

Medical College of Virginia (MCV) Campus

Virginia Commonwealth University

1101 East Marshall Street

Parking: Visitor Parking Deck @ 529 N. 12th street

Girl Scout Science Day Stations May Include:

- **Make no bones about it:** Construct bones and perform a 3-point stress test to see how they break!
- **How the brain works:** Analyze real brain samples for disease and learn what areas of the brain control what human activity!
- **Crime scene investigation:** Learn about forensic science and investigate a crime scene!
- **Clinical lab sciences:** Look at different specimens, blood smears, and parasites under the microscope!
- **DNA structure and function:** Learn about the molecule that makes us all unique - DNA - and even extract some to take home!

Register Today!

GSCV SCHOLARSHIP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Calling all exceptional Girl Scout Ambassadors!

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia is delighted to offer \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors who embody the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and have demonstrated outstanding leadership in our organization, academia, and their communities.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Registered member of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia for a minimum of three consecutive years, including the current membership year.
- Graduating high school senior with a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Planning to attend an institute of higher education, such as a college, university, business school, trade school, or technical school.

Key Details:

- Application deadline: Sunday, March 3rd at 11:59pm.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to support your academic journey! Take the first step towards a brighter future. The link to the application is below. Good luck to all aspiring Girl Scout leaders!

Questions? Contact our Director of Program, Cierra Hall, at [**chall@comgirlscouts.org**](mailto:chall@comgirlscouts.org).

Apply Today



The team is having an AMAZING season so far (15-2!), and we would like to host a Girl Scout afternoon game for their last regular season match against George Mason University.

WHEN: Saturday, March 2nd at 1:00 P.M.

WHERE: VCU's Stuart C. Siegel Center, 1200 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23284

We will have patches to hand out on game day.

Tickets are FREE for Girl Scouts in Uniform and only \$3 for additional tickets!

[Get Tickets!](#)

World Thinking Day 2024



World Thinking Day 2024 Activity Guide

Our World, Our Thriving Future:
The environment and global poverty

Fun activities for Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors.

On February 22 of each year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides celebrate World Thinking Day. Each year has its own theme, such as helping the environment, fighting poverty, achieving gender equality, or making sure everyone has access to education. On this day, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides everywhere will honor their global community by doing activities around this special theme.

Here are the four steps to earn your World Thinking Day award.

1. Explore World Thinking Day.
2. Experience World Thinking Day with purpose.
3. Investigate this year's World Thinking Day theme.
4. Share what you learned and commit to a better future.

Ready to think big and explore meaningful issues in your community and beyond? Get started with our World Thinking Day Facilitator Guide!

[Download the Guide](#)

Training Opportunities

March 9, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Outdoor Cooking

March 23, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Beginning Camping

April 28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Level I

Open 24/7
on-demand



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

Girl Scout Outdoor Cooking Course

Have you ever cooked in
a box oven?

Saturday, March 9, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$10.00
Registration closes March 1,
2024

Tired of cooking the same old meals each time your troop goes camping? Join experienced GSCV Outdoor Trainers for a day of cooking and eating! You will have the opportunity to try out a variety of cooking techniques, as well as sample what you cook. Included will be the use of a Dutch Oven, Box Oven, Foil Packs, Stick Cooking, as well as just-for-fun methods such as baking rolls in a flowerpot. Participants will receive copies of recipes cooked during the session.

Please note that course participation space is limited, so please consider one adult volunteer from your troop attending.

[Register here!](#)





Beginning Camping training

Girl Scouts are ready to go camping, are you?

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:

March 23rd | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge
registration closes March 9, 2024

[Register here!](#)

Are you ready to hit the mark?

Level 1 Archery Training
Sunday, April 28th
9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. Camp
Pamunkey Ridge | \$40



Archery is a Girl Scout staple and a confidence boosting experience for girls.

The Level 1 Archery Training is for instructors and those interested in becoming an instructor. In this training you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Adult instructors are required for Girl Scout archery activities.

Certification for GSCV's archery program is provided through USA Archery. USA Archery offers Level I Instructor courses in a blended learning format. Volunteers will need to complete the knowledge portion of the course online prior to completing the in-person session at Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

USA Archery Level I Instructor certification is a required course for volunteers who wish to teach beginning archery skills to Brownies through Ambassadors. In Level 1, participants learn about range safety, range setup, the steps of shooting, equipment, and equipment repair. Girls 16 years of age and older

are welcome to participate. This USA Archery certification is valid for three years and renewable online through USA Archery.

Registration for USA Archery Level I starts at the link below. You will receive the information to complete the required online course, then attend the in-person course on Sunday, April 28th.

[Register for Archery Level I here!](#)

Retail Shop

National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend Fun Patch



Celebrate National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend with the official 2024 patch!

\$2.00 each

The Girl Scout shop also offers a variety of other cookie fun patches, Cookie Booth accessories, and so much more.

*Sew-on photo patch, 2 1/4" x 2 1/4". All fun patches are unofficial and are not to be worn on the front of the Girl Scout sash, vest, or tunic. Designs are exclusively owned by Girl Scouts of the USA.

Shop the Fun
Patch

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gshelper@comgirlscouts.org • www.comgirlscouts.org

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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