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Happy
Black History
Month!

@girlscouts

Black History Month

This month we celebrate Black History. Check out the program participation patches for girls of all levels!

In Memory



Carolyn Johnson, a longtime Daisy Girl Scout Leader of Troop 147 at 31st Street Baptist Church in Richmond, passed away after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Carolyn loved working with and teaching our littlest Girl Scouts. She enjoyed bringing fun activities to facilitate a learning environment during meetings. As her health began to decline, she continued to stop in from time to time with a craft or snack for the girls. We will certainly miss her presence in our Girl Scout community.

Gold Award Training

Thinking about going for the Gold?

Gold Award 101 Virtual Training will be held on Monday,

February 7th at 6:30 p.m. This is a great first step on your journey to become a Gold Award Girl Scout. Log in to learn the basics of earning this prestigious award. This training is for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, their leaders and project advisors.



Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/92938587184>

Meeting ID: 929 3858 7184

Passcode: 783358

Cookie Updates

Our cookie cupboards will open the week of February 21st! In order for us to have your cookies ready when you pick up, we use a planned order system in Smart Cookies.

Here's how:

1. Log in to Smart Cookies
2. On your dashboard, click on "Orders"
3. Click on "Planned Orders"
4. Choose the location you want to pick up
5. Choose the date and time frame for pickup
6. Enter the cookie order
7. Click "Save"

Planned Orders Information

Planned orders are only for full cases of cookies. Not all cupboards are able to take planned orders. Planned orders must be placed in the Smart Cookies system by 11:30 p.m. on Sunday in order to be picked up the following Friday or Saturday.

Cookie Booths

Are you scheduling booths on your own for your troop? Remember to enter those in Smart Cookies so they will be listed on the Cookie Finder App. Listing them in Smart Cookies enables your troop to use the Smart Cookie credit card processing for electronic payments at your booth.



Troop 630

When scheduling your troop's booths, keep in mind guidance from Girl Scouts of the USA:

Certain locations may be inappropriate for young girls based on the standards of your local community, may negatively impact the cookie program experience for girls, and/or may negatively impact our brand in your community. For clarity, girls should not sell in or in front of establishments that they themselves cannot legally patronize.

For this reason GSCV does not approve cookie booths at breweries, wineries and dispensaries.

To enter your troop secured booth in Smart Cookies follow the steps below:

1. Log into Smart Cookies
2. Click on Booth at the top of your dashboard
3. Click on Troop Secured Booths
4. Enter the location with the complete address
5. Enter the day and time of the booth
6. Click Save

Important Dates for the Cookie Program

Thursday, February 17, 2022

- Cookie drive thru (cookie pick up) in Fredericksburg
- Traditional deliveries in rural areas

Friday, February 18, 2022

- Cookie drive thru in Chesterfield
- Traditional deliveries in rural areas

Saturday, February 19, 2022

- Cookie drive thru in Richmond at The Diamond
- Traditional deliveries in rural areas

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

- Cupboards open

Saturday, February 26, 2022

- Discounted shipping begins

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

- First ACH payment (50% of initial order)

Saturday, March 12, 2022

- Last day for discounted shipping

Friday, April 1, 2022

- Final day of main cupboard operation (smaller cupboards may close sooner)
- Troop recognition orders due in Smart Cookie
- Last day for online sales
- Final ACH draft

Community Partner Events

Prepare with Pedro Program

Who?: Daisy & Brownie

When?: Saturday, February 12th

Time?: 9:30am – 10:30am

Where?: GSCV Office

4900 Augusta Ave., Suite 200

Richmond, VA 23230

Cost?: \$15

Enjoy story time with Pedro the penguin and his friend, Mia. Mia and Pedro will



teach Daisies and Brownies how to stay safe from home fires. Take home a "Prepare with Pedro" story book!

Using storytelling and hands-on activities, girls will build muscle memory and basic coping skills to help in an emergency. The "Prepare with Pedro" book includes a family safety checklist, allowing families to learn and repeat preparedness actions together.

Register [here](#) for the American Red Cross Pillow Project Program.

Pillowcase Project Program

Who?: Juniors

When?: Saturday, February 12th

Time?: 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Where?: GSCV Office

4900 Augusta Ave. Suite 200

Richmond, VA 23230

Cost?: \$15



**American
Red Cross**

The Pillowcase Project is a national youth preparedness program. Learn through hands-on activities how to take action by preparing for emergencies. Girls will receive and design their very own pillowcase at this event.

The Pillowcase Project will help create a generation of girls who understand the science of hazards, are empowered to take action preparing for emergencies, and are excited to help create a prepared community by sharing what they have learned with family and friends.

Register [here](#) for the American Red Cross Pillow Project Program.

Registration closes Wednesday, February 9th at 5:00 p.m. for both programs.

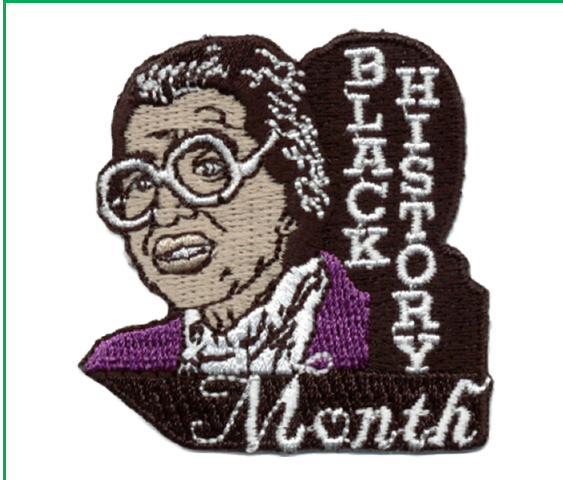
Happy Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements and contributions by the African American and Black communities—a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event was the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson, known as the “father of Black history”, and other prominent African Americans. February was chosen by Woodson for the originally week-long observance, as it coincides with the birthdates of both former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln and social reformer Frederick Douglass. Both men played a significant role in helping to end slavery. Woodson also understood that members of the Black community already celebrated the births of Douglass and Lincoln and sought to build on existing traditions.

Heritage month celebrations are important in providing the space to teach,

learn, and appreciate the cultural richness of the communities they represent within the wider American narrative.

The Girl Scout Black History Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels. Check it out in the shop!



World Thinking Day



Since 1926, Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world have celebrated World Thinking Day on February 22nd. It's a special day when we come together as a global sisterhood of Girl Scouts and take action to make the world a better place.

The theme for World Thinking Day 2022 is *“Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment and Gender Equality”*. With this year’s activities, Girl Scouts can explore how girls and women are disproportionately affected by climate change—and take the Girl Scout Tree Promise!

Purchase your patch online or in the Retail Shop

Cost \$3



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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!