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2024 Cookie Program



Cookie Booth Season Is Here!!

Tonight, February 21 at 6:00 P.M., the number of council-sponsored booths that a troop can sign up for will increase from 4 to 8.

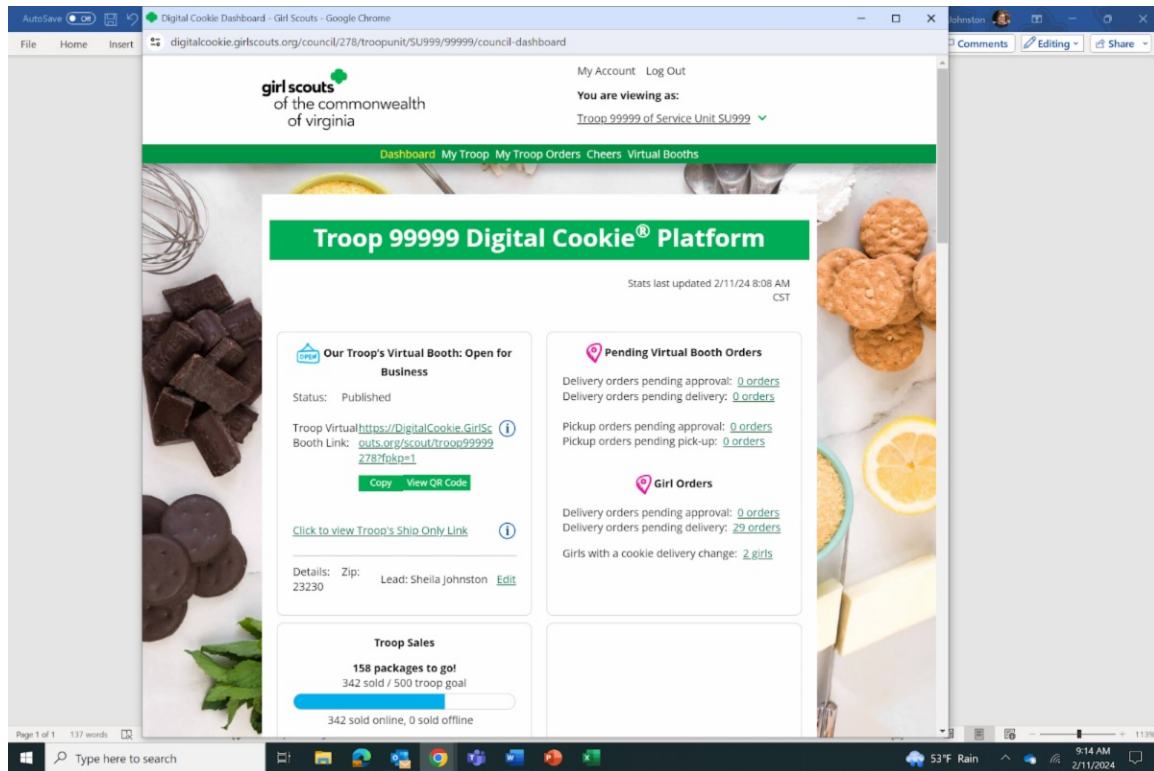
How will we take electronic booth payments this year?

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.



The screenshot shows the Digital Cookie Dashboard for Troop 99999. The dashboard is titled "Troop 99999 Digital Cookie® Platform" and is updated as of 2/11/24 8:08 AM CST. It features several key sections:

- Our Troop's Virtual Booth: Open for Business:** Status is Published. The booth link is <https://DigitalCookie.GirlScouts.org/Scout/Troop/99999/2787?token=1>. There are buttons for "Copy" and "View QR Code". A link to "Click to view Troop's Ship Only Link" is also present. Details include Zip: 23230 and Lead: Sheila Johnston.
- Pending Virtual Booth Orders:** Delivery orders pending approval: 0 orders; Delivery orders pending delivery: 0 orders; Pickup orders pending approval: 0 orders; Pickup orders pending pick-up: 0 orders.
- Girl Orders:** Delivery orders pending approval: 0 orders; Delivery orders pending delivery: 29 orders; Girls with a cookie delivery change: 2 girls.
- Troop Sales:** 158 packages to go; 342 sold / 500 troop goal; 342 sold online, 0 sold offline.

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.

CONTEST: Bling Your Booth!



□ We're excited to announce our 2024 #BlingYourBooth Contest! □

Does your troop plan to go all out this year for Girl Scout Cookie Season?

Girl Scouts are getting creative with their booths, and we want to celebrate some of our superstar troops with cookie merch and spotlights on our

social media channels.

TO ENTER THE #BLINGYOURBOOTH CONTEST:

- Decide on a fun theme for your cookie booths.
- Snap photos of your troop and their creative booth in action.
- Submit photos to our Director of Marketing, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org.
- Photos will be shared on our Facebook page and in S'more News.
- Have friends and family vote on your troop's photo by "Liking" it on Facebook.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will go to the photos with the most likes.

Winners will be selected on Wednesday, March 20th.

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

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith



Faith is at the heart of Girl Scouting, and it has been integral to the Girl Scout tradition since its founding in 1912. As part of the Girl Scout Promise, Girl Scouts pledge to serve God and help people at all times.

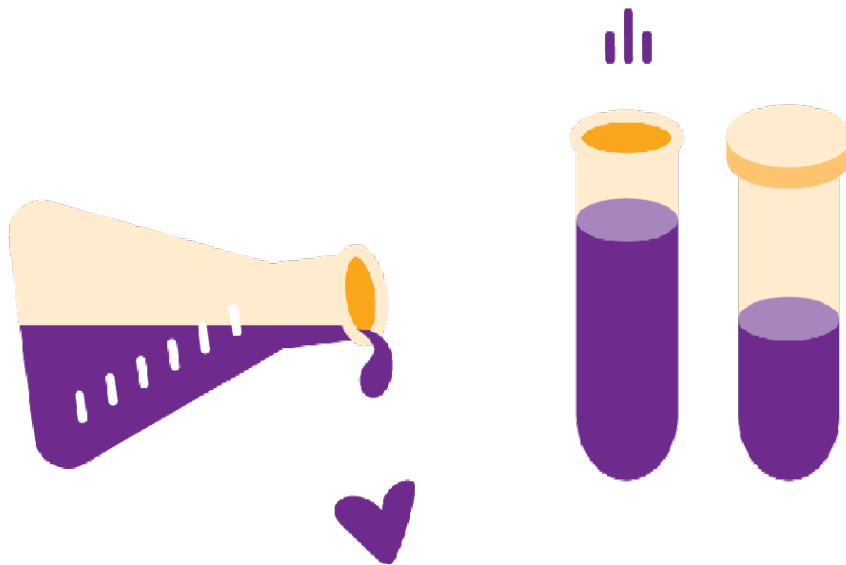
Each year, we lift up these shared values for **Girl Scout Sunday** (March 10, 2024), **Girl Scout Sabbath/Shabbat** (March 15-16, 2024) and **Girl Scout Jummah** (March 15, 2024), a longstanding tradition of girls exploring the powerful connections between their faith and Girl Scouting.

To celebrate their faith during Girl Scout Week (March 10-16, 2024), encourage members of your troop to:

- Wear their Girl Scout uniform when attending a religious service.
- Work with their house of worship to play an active role in the **week's worship service**.
- Explore earning a "**My Promise/My Faith**" Girl Scout pin
- Participate in a service project to support members of their religious community

Inserts for worship service bulletins are available from the Council office upon request. They can be emailed to you in .pdf format or printed for pick-up at the GSCV office. Please contact your Community Engagement Manager for assistance.

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

VCU RAMS Women's Basketball



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

February 22, 2024
Online via Zoom

Sync Your Knowledge

March 9, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Outdoor Cooking

March 23, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Beginning Camping

April 28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Level I

September 27-28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

TREK Weekend

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!](#)

TREK Weekend 2024... Save the Date!



September 27-28, 2024

For Volunteers - By Volunteers!

Our theme this year is *TREK Through Georgia, held at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp*. So, save the date and join us for exciting Girl Scout leader focused workshops, a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp, and a Georgia inspired menu. This adult only weekend is just for you! Watch S'more News for more details and the link to register.



Sync Your Knowledge is open for registration.

You decide what we cover at Sync Your Knowledge. [Register today and let us know what you want to learn more about.](#)

As always, there will be plenty of time for your questions.

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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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!

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