

S'more News

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**Today is World Thinking Day
Celebrate Our
International Sisterhood**

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Cookie Program

Thank You Volunteers!



Check out our own Betty Robinson on WRIC news. She's a long time Girl Scout Leader in Bermuda Heights Service Unit.

Thank you to all the amazing people who picked up cookies in the rain and cold. We appreciate your extra patience during challenging weather.

Important Cookie Program Updates

Our girls are rocking and rolling this year's cookie program. If you need additional cookies, please consider placing a **planned order or visit a cookie cupboard** in your area. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of our cookie cupboards.

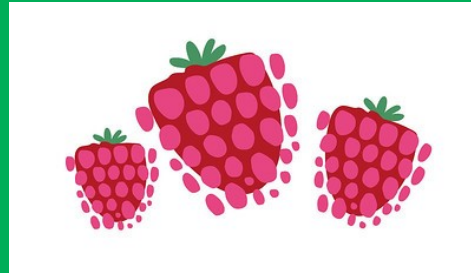
We have one additional cupboard located in Prince George not listed in this resource. Please text Ashley Huggie at 804 858-3108 for availability.

The
**Peanut
Butter
Sandwich
(PBS)** is



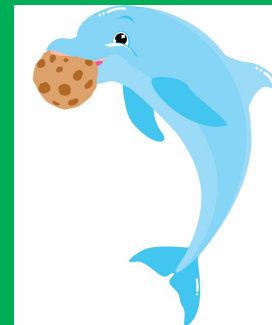
having a popular moment. Unfortunately, we can't always predict the amount of each variety of cookie we will need and for this reason we have turned off the PBS on planned orders for next week. As of today, we don't know when more will be available. Depending on the individual cupboard there may be some available for walk in customers.

The **Raspberry Rally** is proving to be a very popular cookie. After a second release, the cookie sold out again but will be available again for direct ship on March 4th and is predicted to sell out quickly. That will be the last release of the cookie this season.



Cookie Booths: important reminders and exciting updates!

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, dispensaries, and other establishments/events that primarily sell products that girls cannot legally purchase.



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

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

- Log into Smart Cookies
- Click on Booth at the top of your dashboard
- Click on Troop Secured Booths
- Enter the location with the complete address
- Enter the day and time of the booth

- Click Save

Each booth will need to be approved by a member of the GSCV staff before it shows on the Cookie Finder site or as a booth in your troop listing. Booths are approved daily.

Cookie Booths Update

We added more booth opportunities in Smart Cookies. **Troops now are eligible to sign up for 25 council sponsored booths in the Smart Cookies system.** Please remember if you sign up for a booth but then are unable to be there, please release that booth in Smart Cookies so another troop can have that opportunity.

To register for one of these booths follow the steps below:

1. Log into Smart Cookies
2. Click on Booth at the top of your dashboard
3. Click on Schedule Booth
4. Select a booth out of the available opportunities

Below is an update on the status of some of our community partners and cookie booths:



Stores **Troops Can Contact** to set up cookie booths:

Kroger (except Willow Lawn)
Dunkin Donuts
Sam's Club
Tractor Supply
small locally owned businesses



Stores who are currently not allowing booths to be scheduled - **Troops should not contact them:**

Wawa
Kohls
Target
Publix



Stores working with the council for booth opportunities - **Troops should not contact them:**

will be available in Smart Cookies- first come/first serve.

Walmart
JoAnne Fabrics
Triangle Rock Climbing Club
GNC
Food Lion
7-11 Travel Center (Colonial Heights)
more updates coming

First Troop Payment

Your troop's first payment for cookies will be drafted from your troop bank account on Wednesday, March 15th. The Smart Cookies system calculates the payment amount by pulling the balance due from your initial order January 26th and subtracting the amount of money that was collected electronically from online payments. The balance is split in half for



this first payment. Two days prior to the draft, you will receive an email detailing the amount to be drafted. If your troop is unable to accommodate the scheduled draft, please notify the help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or by calling (804)746-0590 x316 no later than Tuesday, March 14th by 10:00 a.m. If your troop currently doesn't have a Girl Scout bank account, please let us know by emailing the help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or calling (804)746-0590 x316.

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.

Tuesday, February 21st

Cookie Cupboards open

Wednesday, March 15th

First ACH draft (50% of initial order)

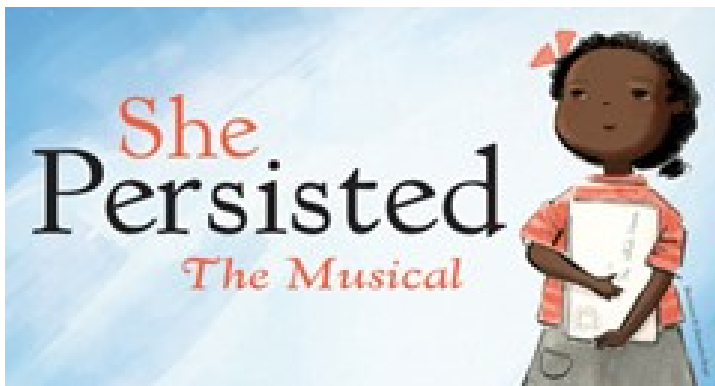
Friday, March 31st

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

Program Events and Activities



Fourth-grader Naomi's field trip to a Women's History Museum turns into a time travel adventure where she encounters inspirational women who have overcome barriers and made waves throughout U.S. history. From activists to athletes, artists and more, the

musical features the stories of famous female trailblazers.

Girl Scouts Day at "She Persisted" on Saturday, March 11th at 2:00 p.m. **Tickets will be \$18.00 per person, plus the 7% RVA Admissions Tax (regular price is \$21.00 plus the tax).**

To get the special price use the code - **GSD11**.

This code can be used to purchase discounted tickets for the show either online or by calling the box office. **You can purchase a maximum of 9 tickets online.** To purchase tickets online go to... <https://va-rep.org/she-persisted-arts-and-education.html>

If you want to purchase more than 9 discounted tickets, you may purchase tickets by calling the **Virginia Rep Box Office at 804-282-2620**. Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F. FYI – you may call the box office to purchase 9 tickets or less as well.

George Washington Foundation

Hurry! Just a few spots left for this March 4th program activity.

Did George Washington really chop down a cherry tree? **Brownies will earn their Outdoor Art Creator Badge** and **Juniors will earn their Outdoor Art Explorer badge** at George Washington's childhood home! What arts would his sister, Betty, learn and create? What animals would George and his siblings have seen? The grounds of Ferry Farm are the perfect setting to see nature through an historic lens. Plus, where else can you walk in the footsteps of a young GW?



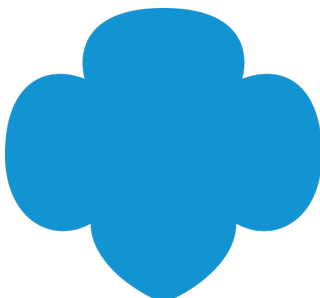
Black History Month Celebration GSUSA's "I'm A Girl Scout!" Fun Patch

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements and contributions of the African American and Black communities—a time (though not the only time!) for emphasizing the central role of this varied community throughout U.S. history.

Number of activities required to complete the patch: Daisy (3) • Brownie (4) • Junior (6) • Cadette (8) Senior (10) • Ambassador (12)

Here are three of the many activities you can do this week to celebrate and work towards getting your patch!

- 1) Identify five books written by African American authors that you would like to read—and start reading one of them!
- 2) Memorize a poem (or part of one) by an African American woman poet and recite it to your family or troop. You might consider “Rise” by Maya Angelou or Nikki Giovanni’s “Rosa Parks.” Learn more about your chosen poet’s career.
- 3) How did Black History Month get started? Learn more about National Freedom Day and Negro History Week.



March events are here! Be sure to sign up soon to reserve your spot at these fun events!

3/4 - George Washington Foundation (B, J)

3/4 - Senior Climb On (S)

3/4 - Ambassador Climb On (A)

3/4 - Sister Saturday: Meet Up at the Capitol Gardens for Women’s History Month (S, A)

Girl Scout Program Age levels welcome to register for each program activity featured are indicated by a letter for the level.

- D - Girl Scout Daisy (K-1)
- B - Girl Scout Brownie (2-3)
- J - Girl Scout Junior (4-5)
- C - Girl Scout Cadette (6-8)
- S - Girl Scout Senior (9-10)
- A - Girl Scout Ambassador (11-12)

- [3/10-3/12 - Trail Adventure Weekend \(J, C\)](#)
- [3/14 - Financial Literacy Fun with VA Credit Union \(B\)](#)
- [3/14 - Financial Literacy Fun with VA Credit Union \(J\)](#)
- [3/16 - Real Life Academy Event: Tips on stress management \(C, S, A\)](#)
- [3/18 - Moton Museum \(D, B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [3/18 - Cadette Climbing to New Heights \(C\)](#)
- [3/18 - Junior Climbing to New Heights \(J\)](#)
- [3/18 - Cadette Archery Day \(C\)](#)
- [3/18 - Junior Archery Day \(J\)](#)
- [3/18 - Mad Science \(D, B, J\)](#)
- [3/25 - The Valentine \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [3/31-4/1 - Camping 101 \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)



Girl Scout Night at the Diamond
Friday, June 2, 2023
OR
Girl Scout Night at the
Fredericksburg Nationals
Wednesday, May 3, 2023

All girls selling 500 or more packages of cookies will earn two free tickets to one of these games. After the cookie program girls will be sent a link to choose the best location for her family or troop.



In celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia we will host a **Girl Scout Rally** on Saturday, June 10th at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp. Stay tuned to S'more News for more details.

2023 Summer Camp



Summer Camp registration is open!

2023 is here and you know what that means – camp season is fast approaching! We are excited to share with you the [2023 Camp Book](#), filled with exciting new offerings and classic camp fun. As you plan your summer break this year, consider giving the gift of summer camp! Each session is a chance for campers to

learn new skills, make new friends, and gain self-confidence all while having boatloads of unplugged fun in the great outdoors.

Training Opportunities

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

Camping Training



Beginning Camping Training Pamunkey Ridge

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:
May 6th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Registration closes Monday, April 24th.

[Register here!](#)



Intermediate Camping Training Camp Kitty

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 to be held.**

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
Kittamaqund "Kitty"

Time to get outdoors! The Intermediate Camping Course is designed for leaders and troop volunteers seeking to take their troop tent camping. Registration closes Tuesday, March 14th for Intermediate Camping Training.

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

Canoe/Kayak/Paddleboard Training



Paddlesports training (canoe, kayak, paddle boarding)

April 15-16, 2023, at Pamunkey Ridge
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. both days

By taking the Canoe, Kayak, and Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Certification, you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Certified adult instructors are required for Girl Scout canoeing, kayaking, and SUP. Space is limited so be sure to register right away! You will receive an email from the trainer with details regarding what you will need to bring the day of the training. [Register today!](#)

Paddlesports training (canoe only)

April 29, 2023, at Pamunkey Ridge
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

By taking the Canoe Certification, you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Certified adult instructors are required for Girl Scout canoeing activities.

Space is limited so be sure to register right away! You will receive an email from the trainer with details regarding what you will need to bring the day of the training. [Register today!](#)

World Thinking Day

Celebrate World Thinking Day 2023!

Our World, Our Peaceful Future:
The environment, peace, and security.



Get The Patch



World Thinking Day – February 22

Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day. It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls around the globe. Celebrate with a 2023 World Thinking Day patch for you and your troop! Available in the Retail Shop for \$3.50.

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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!