

# S'more News

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## Cookie Program is Underway!

The 2022 Cookie Program has officially begun. Girls are actively taking orders both online and in person.

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## Cookie Program FAQ

### Is there a fee that troops must pay if they accept credit cards through Smart Cookies?

Troops that choose to process credit cards through Smart Cookies will not be charged any transaction fees. Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia is underwriting these costs. In order to use the Smart Cookies electronic payment at a booth sale, the booth must be listed in the Smart Cookies system. See below on how to secure a booth through Smart Cookies.

### If our troop is collecting online payments through Smart Cookies when does the money appear in our account?

You can track the payments your troop has received through the Smart Cookies system. The electronic payments will offset the amount due by the troop at the time of the ACH draft. If your troop is only collecting payments or a balance is owed to the troop it will be credited to your troop bank account at the end of the cookie program. In the event you are currently waiting for your new bank account please note the funds will be held until your account is available.

## 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.

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

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

## **First Come, First Serve - Council Sponsored Booths**

The first come, first serve cookie booths will go live in Smart Cookies on Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. **for troops that participated in the Fall Product Program** only. On Thursday, January 20th booths be available to all troops at 7:00 p.m. We will continue to add more booth locations as they become available; check back with Smart Cookies regularly.

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.

# Cookie Booth Set Up Information

Stores Troops Can Contact	Stores Troops Should Not Contact	Stores Working With GSCV - Troops Should Not Contact
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dunkin' Donuts</li><li>- Kroger</li><li>- Lowe's</li><li>- Sam's Club</li><li>- Tractor Supply</li><li>- Walmart</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Food Lion <i>(this may change)</i></li><li>- Kohl's</li><li>- Publix</li><li>- Target</li><li>- Wawa</li></ul> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- 7-eleven <i>(Woods Edge Rd, Colonial Heights location)</i></li><li>- Children's Museum of Richmond</li><li>- GNC</li><li>- JOANN Fabrics</li><li>- Triangle Rock Climbing Club</li></ul>

## Important Dates for the Cookie Program

Wednesday, January 26, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Troop orders are due in Smart Cookies</li></ul>
Thursday, February 17, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cookie drive thru (cookie pick up) in Fredericksburg</li><li>• Traditional deliveries in rural areas</li></ul>
Friday, February 18, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cookie drive thru in Chesterfield</li><li>• Traditional deliveries in rural areas</li></ul>
Saturday, February 19, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cookie drive thru in Richmond at The Diamond</li><li>• Traditional deliveries in rural areas</li></ul>
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cupboards open</li></ul>
Wednesday, March 9, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First ACH payment (50% of initial order)</li></ul>
Friday, April 1, 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Final day of main cupboard operation (smaller cupboards may close sooner)</li><li>• Troop recognition orders due in Smart Cookie</li><li>• Last day for online sales</li><li>• Final ACH draft</li></ul>

# Highest Awards



## Gold Award Brainstorming

Have an idea for your Gold Award? Not sure if your project is sustainable? Join the Gold Award Review Committee for a brainstorming session.

When: Sunday, January 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Where: From the comfort of your own home on Zoom

### [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 95275525256  
Passcode: 211638

## Gold Award Training

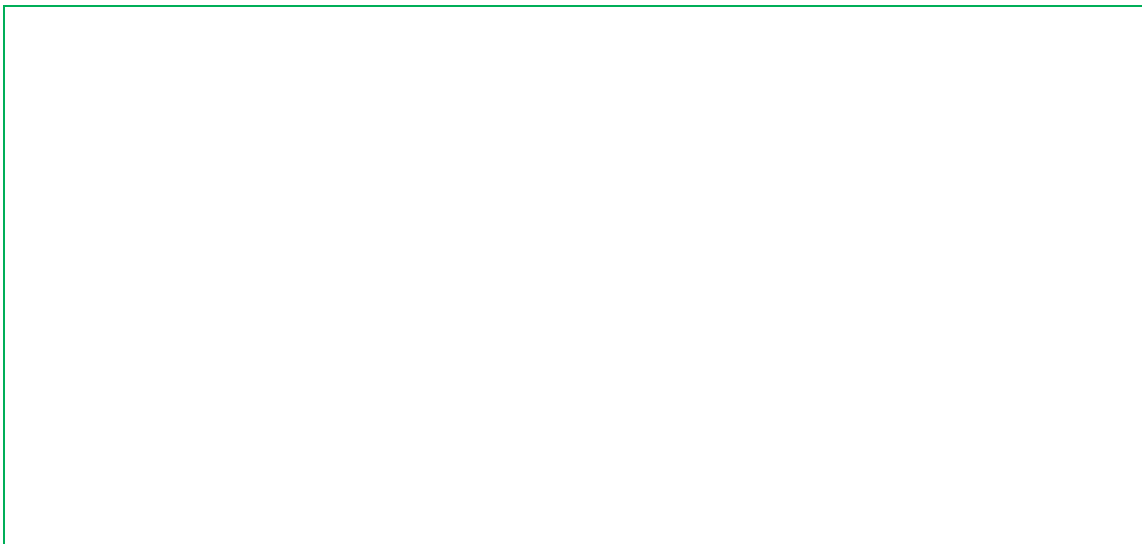
Thinking about going for the Gold?

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.

### [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 92938587184  
Passcode: 783358

## 2022 Summer Camp Book Coming Soon!





We are so excited to have girls back at Pamunkey Ridge this summer! The 2022 Summer Camp book will be available on our website and in hard copy. It is cold outside now, but the crackle of the fire and exploring the outdoors is just around the corner. Make sure you are on the look out for the launch of the 2022 Camp Book coming soon!

## Girl Scout Troop/Service Unit Bank Accounts



### Troop Bank Accounts

The banks are currently experiencing a high volume of requests but as soon as your banking request is complete you will be notified directly by the bank.

For Girl Scout bank accounts at Wells Fargo: The fee schedule and change has been implemented.

If you choose to open an account with another Council partner bank and have not contacted [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org), or you decide to stay with Wells Fargo, the service fees will be incurred by your troop or service unit.

The GSCV partner banks are Truist (formerly BB&T), Primis, and Benchmark. Contact the GSCV office first to either open a Girl Scout bank account or make any changes.

Any questions or if your troop would like to choose a different GSCV partner bank, please contact the GSCV helpdesk at [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org)

**Come Visit our Store or Order Online!**

# Stay cozy in Girl Scout style!

Shop winter wardrobe essentials from plush socks to comfy layers & more.



**Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!