

S'more News

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Your troop's initial order for cookies is due by Wednesday, January 25th by 11:59 p.m. Easy how-to in this week's Smore News!

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Cookie Program



It's time to place your initial order for cookies!

To create your initial order in Smart Cookies:

- 1) Click on "Orders"
- 2) Click on "Troop Initial Order"
- 3) Click on each girl's name and enter her orders by variety
- 4) Add extra cookies for your first booth under the "Booth" section



If you need assistance placing the initial order, please contact the GSCV help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or by calling (804)746-0590 x316. **New this year** we will offer an Initial Order Zoom from 7pm-8pm on Wednesday, January 25th. This is an opportunity to log

- 5) Click "Save"
- 6) If it applies, you will be asked to select your cookie pick up site
- 7) Select delivery location, day and time
- 8) Click "Save"

in and get in real time support placing your initial order. Use the link below to join our Live Initial Order Support Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/91022808688>
 Meeting ID: 910 2280 8688
 Passcode: 708370

Don't forget to include your Girl Delivery orders in with your initial Cookie Order!

Girl Delivery orders

Follow these steps to determine if a girl in your troop has cookies sold online for girl delivery (paid for or not) to identify if they need to be added to your initial order or cupboard pick up.

- 1) Check with the girl's family to see if they included the girl delivery orders with the order they submitted to you. If not, then continue to step #2.
- 2) Log into Smart Cookies
- 3) Click on Reports
- 4) Click on Mobile and eCard summary report
 - See image below – the troop needs to account for (order the cookies) all orders listed on the report under the highlighted categories. Remember, anything Direct Ship has already been shipped to the customer and applied to the Troop sales/financials and to the girl sales and rewards.
- 5) Once the cookies are picked up by the girl, the troop leader will need to transfer those cookies to the girl to ensure she receives credit for the sale.

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia

Troop	Girl Name	Grade Level	# Invites	# Orders	CShare	ADV	TY	LEM	TRE	TM	PBP	CD	PBS	GFC	RR	TOTAL
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	Social - Direct Ship		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	10
	Girl Total		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	10
Troop Total	Ecard - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ecard - Direct Ship		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Keyed - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Keyed - Direct Ship		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Social - Direct Ship		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	10
	Social - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Door-to-door		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	10
Council Total	Ecard - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Ecard - Direct Ship		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Keyed - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Keyed - Direct Ship		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	Social - Girl Delivery		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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			0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	1	1	10

Opting Out of Recognitions

If your troop is made up of just Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors, and your girls have decided to opt out of recognitions, it is important you do

this prior to placing your initial order. Follow these steps to complete this process:

- On your Troop Dashboard, click on My Troop
- Click on Troop Information
- Click on Main Recognition Plan and choose Opt Out. This will change to opt out in both the main recognition line and the troop recognition line.
- If Opt Out doesn't appear and you can't make the choice, it may mean your troop isn't strictly older girls and is not eligible to opt out, or you may have already created a recognition order and will need the Help Desk to assist you. You can contact the Help Desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Cookie Program Frequently Asked Questions

Can my troop purchase the online exclusive Raspberry Rally cookie and then upcharge to cover the cost of shipping?

Troops are asked not to purchase the online exclusive Raspberry Rally with the intent of reselling the cookies. **Under no circumstances can troops charge customers above the \$4 set price (\$5 for Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip).** Any troop doing so will be asked to stop immediately and may jeopardize further participation in the Cookie Program.

My troop is setting up a virtual booth and we have orders in the system. Why do those orders say pending when I look at the "View Booth Credit Card Payments" tab under "Booths"?

The cookies ordered from a virtual booth are identified as "pending" until the troop leader approves the order or declines the order. This is a precaution to ensure the troop has the cookies to fill the order and the booth is still happening. For example, someone can place an order from the link for the virtual booth. They may have ordered a full case of their favorite cookie and paid for the order. The troop leader then views the "View Booth Credit Card Payments" section. By accepting you are ensuring you will have the full order available. If you do not have the cookies to fill the order or an emergency arises, you have the option to decline the order and the customer will not be charged for the cookies. The customer's credit card is only charged for the order once you approve the order in Smart Cookies.

Some of the girls in my troop are sharing their social link, but it's not giving them the option for girl delivery. What do we do?

The girl delivery feature through social link is available for activation during the girl registration process. If the parent/guardian wishes to turn girl delivery via social link on or off AFTER the registration process, the girl/parent will need to log into Smart Cookies, navigate to "My Profile" and either check or uncheck the box that says, "Opt in for Social Link Delivery Option".

NOTE: any changes made to girl delivery opt in/out will NOT change the status of existing orders, only future

orders placed by customers using the girl social link. As a reminder, the girl social link will always offer "Direct Ship" as an option, even if "Girl Delivery" is turned on/off.

Cookie Booths: important reminders and exciting updates!

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.



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:

- 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.

The first-come first-serve cookie booths will go live in Smart Cookies on Monday, January 23rd at 7pm for all troops. We will continue to add more booth locations as they become available so be sure to check back with Smart Cookies regularly. Initially, we will limit troops to one booth, so everyone has a chance of getting one. Then we will expand the amount a troop can sign up for as we add more opportunities.

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

- Log into Smart Cookies
- Click on Booth at the top of your dashboard
- Click on Schedule Booth
- 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

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.

Wednesday, January 25th

Deadline for Troop Leaders to input girl orders in Smart Cookies

February 15th-22nd

Traditional deliveries (rural communities)

Thursday, February 16th

Cookie Drive Thru in Fredericksburg

Friday, February 17th

Cookie Drive Thru in Richmond

Saturday, February 18th

Cookie Drive Thru in Chesterfield

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

Congratulations Bridging Waters Service Unit!



Congratulations to the 61 Girl Scouts from Bridging Waters Service Unit who earned Financial Literacy badges at the annual Cookie Crumble event! Way to go, Girl Scouts!

Program Events and Activities

Hurry, registration closes January 25th!



I-Spy: Virginia's Hidden Histories (C)

There are still a few spots left for the February I-spy Event. Victory! Scandal and spies! Girl Scouts will learn the important role women played in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Learn about Virginia spies, write in code, practice different methods of invisible ink, and take part in games to hone your spy skills. Cadettes will earn their Special Agent Badge.

Moton Museum (D, B, J, C, S, A)

Did you know a teenage girl changed the world? You can too! Before Selma, before Montgomery, there was Farmville, where young people made history. The Civil Rights Movement came to Farmville, Virginia, thanks to the courage of students protesting inequality. Take home a fun participation patch from Moton Museum!



Looking to have fun with your troop or family member? Check what we have in store for February!

[2/4 - Moton Museum \(D, B, J, C, S, A\)](#)

[2/4 - I-Spy: Virginia's Hidden Histories \(J\)](#)

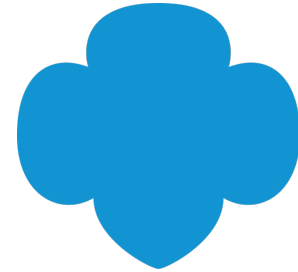
[2/4 - I-Spy: Virginia's Hidden Histories \(C\)](#)



- 2/11 - Sister Saturday: Hot Chocolate at Midlothian Mines Park (S, A)
- 2/11 - Pets Badge at the SPCA (B)
- 2/16 - Thrifting Your Way to a Better World (C, S, A)
- 2/17-2/18 - Camping 101 (B, J, C, S, A)
- 2/19 - Say Hello to Camp (B, J, C, 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)



2023 Summer Camp



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.

Look for the Summer Camp 2023 book in your mailbox!

Registration opens Wednesday, February 15th, 6:30 p.m. We hope to see lots of you at camp check-in this summer!

Training Opportunities

Smooth sailing into Spring with Girl Scout training!

Now open!

Sync Your Knowledge

January 26, 2023

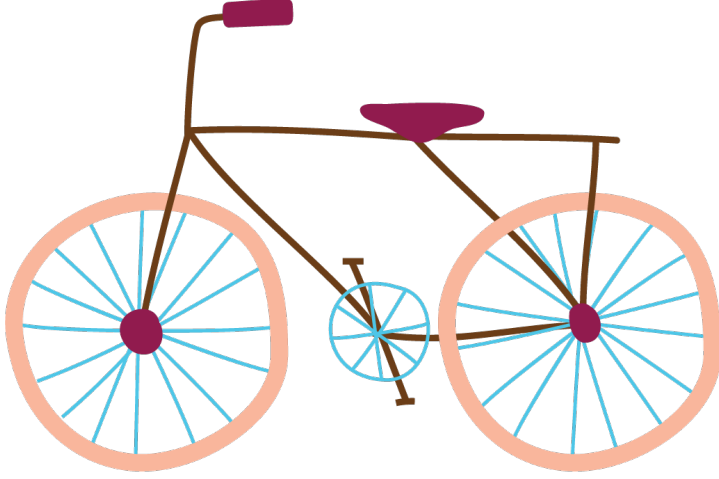
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Zoom

Coming soon!

Registration will open in the coming weeks for the training opportunities below.

Check your calendar to



Sync Your Knowledge is open for registration. You drive what we cover at Sync Your Knowledge. Register today and let us know what you want to learn more about. To kick us off, we will cover a quick look at one of a Girl Scout Leader's most important tools - Safety Activity Checkpoints.

Intermediate Camping Training

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!

1 week left to register!

North Region opportunity

Growing Up Wild: training for Daisy & Brownie Leaders | \$10

Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 161 Embrey Mill Rd. Stafford, VA 22554

Discover what's outside | **Connect** with nature | **Take Action** outdoors

Leaders will receive a troop copy of the *Growing Up WILD* guide! The *Growing Up WILD* activities support many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more. **Registration is open now** and closes Friday,

plan ahead and watch S'more News.

Paddlesports training (canoe, kayak, paddle boarding)

April 15-16, 2023, at Pamunkey Ridge

Paddlesports training (canoe only)

April 29, 2023, at Pamunkey Ridge

Beginning Camping

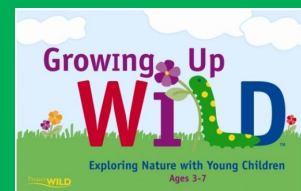
May 6, 2023

Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Level 1

June 10, 2023, at Pamunkey Ridge

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



Celebrate World Thinking Day 2023

Each year on February 22nd, girls celebrate international friendship with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world through activities and projects around an annual global theme. It is a special day in the Girl Scout year when we remember we are part of a worldwide movement.

The World Thinking Day 2023 Theme is "Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The environment, peace and security." In this year's activities, we'll explore what we can learn through the environment and how we can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. We will explore topics of stewardship, harmony and the role the environment plays in peace and security.

The World Thinking Day Award is an official award and therefore it may be worn on the front of the official uniform sash or vest and placed where other earned badges are worn. The award is a two inch round sew-on photo patch. Made in the USA. Patches available in the Retail Shop or online \$3.50.



2023 World Thinking Day Award activities:

[Activity Guide for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors](#) (PDF)

[Activity Guide for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors](#) (PDF)

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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!