

# S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

The GSCV Office & Shop will be closed Monday, January 15, 2024, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Happy New Year!

**Cookie University** is ready for your questions and our expert Axolotl is ready with answers in this edition of S'more News.

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Edition

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## 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**

## 2024 Cookie Program



## How do girls accept payment for cookies at booths or from customers purchasing cookies on hand?

Using the Digital Cookie Mobile App girls and leaders will be able to accept payment at booth or from a customer purchasing cookies on hand. Girls will be able to select the booth location (that was previously populated by the leader in Smart Cookies). Girl Scouts will be able to scan a card or enter the number from the customer. For more information, [please see the linked tip sheet detailing the payment features of the app.](#)

## After the initial order period when girls can start accepting “girl delivered” orders, how is the leader aware of the cookies needed?

Prior to the initial order being placed, the cookies ordered for girl delivery (paid for virtually) will populate in the troop's orders in Smart Cookies. Once the initial order is submitted after a brief lock out period, girls will be able to begin accepting girl delivery orders again. Those additional orders will not populate into Smart Cookies. The girl or parent/caregiver will need to make the leader or cookie manager aware of the cookies needed to fill orders. Leaders may already have cookies on hand or may recommend the girl and her parent visit a local cupboard. Once the cookies are secured, the troop leader will complete a transfer in Smart Cookies giving the girl the financial responsibility of those cookies and the cookies will go toward her rewards.

## I heard girls can earn pins and badges through Digital Cookie.

The girls have the ability to work on several entrepreneurship pins and badges and track their progress in Digital Cookie. At the completion of the program, Troop Leaders will have the ability to view any pins or badges completed and provide the girls with the earned recognition. [For more details check out this tip sheet.](#)

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 \(comgirlscouts.org\)](#)



**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.

## Feature Your Troop on Social Media!

**WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA!**



Has your Girl Scout troop completed a project, taken a trip, or done something worthy of a shout out? Let us know!

**We're looking for more incredible Girl Scouts to feature on our social media.**

Submit your photos and a short description to our **Help Desk** at [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org). We can't wait to feature them!

## Training Opportunities

**January 20, 2024**  
Chester, VA

**Growing Up WILD and Flying WILD**

**March 9, 2024**  
Pamunkey Ridge

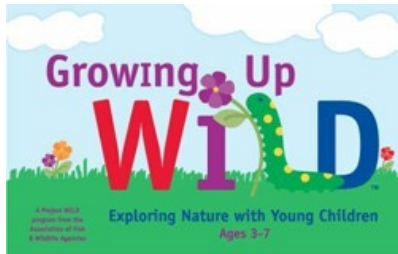
**Outdoor Cooking**

**Open 24/7**

Coming Soon!

Archery training

**Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?  
Contact the GSCV help desk: [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org)**



Looking for activities that enhance and support the outdoor and environmental badges?

If so, join us for a hands-on training session. Leaders attending will receive personal copies of both Flying WILD and Growing up WILD activity guides from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.



**Saturday, January 20, 2024  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Chester United Methodist Church  
12132 Percival St, Chester, VA 23831**

**Registration closes Friday, January 12, 2024**

The Flying WILD guide contains 43 activities about birds, their habitat and issues facing birds worldwide. The guide includes activities suitable for developing a Wide Game based on birds. Growing Up WILD contains 27 activities that include crafts and songs on a wide range of wildlife species and their habitats. The Growing Up WILD program is perfect for Daisy and Brownie leaders and is a useful resource for Junior and other levels.

This workshop is suitable for Daisy through Ambassador Leaders. Participants must attend the entire workshop to receive the guides. Please bring a bag lunch | Minimum 12 – Maximum 25  
Cost: \$5.00 to offset cost of supplies

**[Register here!](#)**

## **Girl Scout Outdoor Cooking course**

**Calling all Girl Scout culinary pioneers - what will your troop cook for dinner at your next camping adventure?**

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Camp Pamunkey Ridge**  
**Cost: \$10.00**  
**Registration closes March 1, 2024**

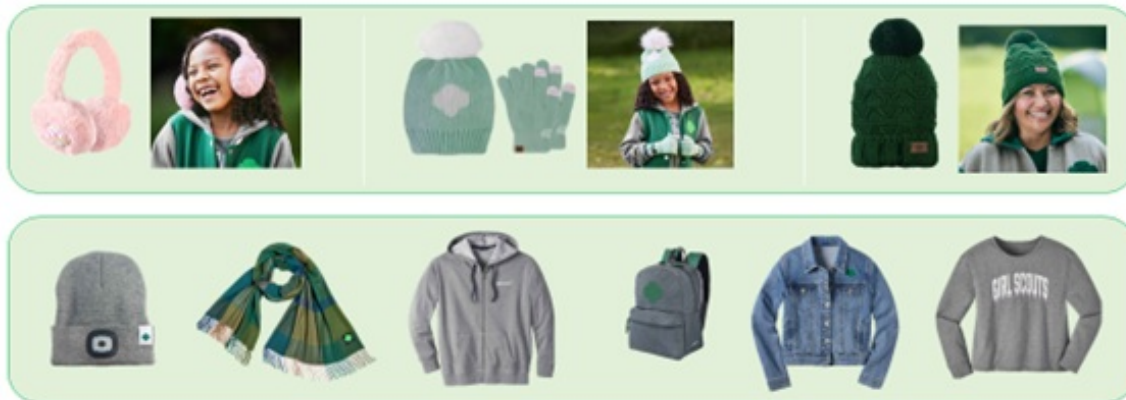
Tired of cooking the same old meals each time your troop goes camping? Join experienced GSCV Outdoor Trainers for a day of cooking and eating! You will have the opportunity to try out a variety of cooking techniques, as well as sample what you cook. Included will be the use of a Dutch Oven, Box Oven, 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!](#)

## Retail Shop



### Get Ready for January!

January is all about Cookie, Cold Weather, and Back to Basics. Time to purchase cold weather accessories and basic Girl Scout items that are great for wearing at Cookie Booths with uniforms.

### Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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Sunday | closed

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!

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