

# S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

**Summer hours have begun!**  
**Friday, May 26, 2023 - Saturday, September 2, 2023**

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

### Shop Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

**PLEASE NOTE:** Today marks the start of S'more News' biweekly summer schedule. The next issue will send to leaders and volunteers on June 21st.

**REGISTRATION  
ENDS TODAY!**

**3 DAYS UNTIL**

**110**

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## June 7, 2023 Edition

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## GSCV 110th

**The. Best. Celebration. Ever. is happening  
THIS WEEKEND.**

**Register Today!**

**LAST CALL: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**



GSCV needs your help! As our 110th Anniversary Rally rapidly approaches, we're putting out a FINAL CALL for volunteers. Saturday's event is set to be a huge hit, so we are looking for volunteers who are willing to assist us with programmatic stations on that day. You can volunteer the full day (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or for a shift (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Some of the activities we need help with include: parking, leading camp songs and dances, relay races, crafts and SWAPS. If you have any special skills or training such as a nurse/EMT, CPR certified, photography or artist, we'd especially love to have you volunteer!

Willing volunteers, please contact Naudy Solano-Daye, Director of Program, [nsolano-daye@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:nsolano-daye@comgirlscouts.org).

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**WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SATURDAY!**  
**We've got lots of activities planned for the entire family.**

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# SCHEDULE

TIME	AMPHITHEATER SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	PLAYING FIELD SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	AVAILABLE ALL DAY
10:45am		Sing-along	<b>STELLAR SELLER AT COOKIE LANE</b>  Stellar Seller photos with Molly T. Fuller, CEO & Ellen Marie Hess, Board Chair 10am - 11am & 12:30pm - 1:30pm
11:15am	Formal welcome with Molly T. Fuller, CEO and Ellen Marie Hess, Board Chair  Giveaway (cookie reward cups) to the first 50 people at amphitheater		1910s-1930s at Dance Studio  1940s-1950s at Dance Studio Pavilion  1960s-1970s at Dining Hall Pavilion  1980s-1990s at Arts and Crafts Pavilion  110th Birthday Party at Dining Hall
11:30am - 11:45am	Bronze Awardee recognition		Inflatables
11:45am - 12:00pm	Bridging Ceremony - Ambassadors		Relay Races 12pm, 1pm, or 2pm
12:00pm-12:10pm	Dance through Decades: 1910s-1930s	Starting at 12:00pm - Relay Races	SWAPS Station
12:10pm-12:20pm	Dance through Decades: 1940s-1950s	Relay Races	Pool <i>Please note: You will receive a wristband with a time for this event.</i>
12:20pm-12:30pm	Sing-along	Relay Races	Adventure Tower
12:30pm-12:40pm	Dance through Decades: 1960s- 1970s		Axe throwing
12:40pm - 12:50pm	Sing-along		Canoeing
12:50pm-1:00pm	Dance through Decades: 1980s - 1990s		Petting Zoo
1:00pm - 1:30pm		Relay Race	DJ
2:00pm - 2:30pm		Relay Race	
2:30pm		Final Sing-along	
2:45pm		Largest. Friendship. Circle. EVER.	

## 110 MORE Reasons to Attend the 110 Rally

Still on the fence about joining us at Camp Pamunkey Ridge for the 110 Rally?

Here are 110 reasons you and your Girl Scout Crew **must** join us on June 10th.

**Register here** for the 110 rally and visit the **110th Anniversary page** on the GSCV website for more information.



## 2023 Summer Camp

There is no s\_mmer camp without u!



**It's almost time. Summer is nearly here!**  
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.



## Program Events and Activities



# GIRL SCOUT NIGHT

\*First 500 Girl Scouts  
at the game will  
receive a  
Chili Peppers patch!

**SHEPHERD STADIUM**  
**FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH**  
**GATE OPENS @ 5:45PM.**  
**GAME STARTS @ 7PM.**

\*On field parade  
@ 6:30pm



**GET YOUR  
TICKETS  
TODAY!**



## Pride Month



June is LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Pride Month, an annual celebration of the achievements, impact, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in the United States. In June we also commemorate the Stonewall uprising which marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans. As Girl Scouts we deeply value diversity and inclusion. A Girl Scout is a friend and ally to all families.

It's important for your troop meeting to be a welcoming place where all its members feel safe and included in their troop. Since this may be considered a sensitive topic, be sure to read over the Girl Scouts Volunteer Essentials for tips on creating a safe space for girls.

We've got plenty of activities for you to choose from throughout as you join the LGBTQ+ Pride Month celebration. Here are a few options for the week so you and your troop can discover and learn your way to earning a fun patch!

- Create a piece of art that celebrates how families come in all shapes, sizes, and kinds (mom(s), dad(s), grandparents, cousins, and/or close friends, etc.). Tell us one special thing about each person in your drawing. (All Levels)
- Identify five books written by LGBTQ+ authors that you would like to read—and start reading one of them! (All Levels)
- Watch *Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag* - Read Aloud Picture Book on YouTube for free and learn about the history of the rainbow flag. Draw a rainbow flag. (All Levels)
- Make a music playlist featuring 12 LGBTQ+ artists. Talk about which songs you like the most. (All Levels)

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## Girl Scout Night at the Diamond

Over 400 Girl Scouts and their families participated in the annual Girl Scout Night at the Diamond on June 2nd. Top Cookie Entrepreneur Avalon D. from Troop 3050 of the James River Service Unit was one of our girls who threw out a first pitch.



## Kings Dominion Bridging Ceremony

Girl Scouts from GSCV gathered at Kings Dominion on June 3rd to celebrate and bridge to the next Girl Scout level! From Daisies to Ambassadors, girls and their families celebrated this milestone in Girl Scouting.



## Volunteer Toolkit (VTK)

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital resource that supports volunteers in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and individually registered girls in managing their own experience with their caregiver. It ensures every Girl Scout has the opportunity she deserves to build a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure. Accessible from desktop and mobile devices, the VTK allows access to badges, Journeys, and programming across all levels at no additional charge!

**Volunteer Toolkit(VTK) will archive year plans on**

**July 9, 2023.** Make sure to print any archived year plans dating back 3 years or more if your troop wants to reference them as they will not be available after July 9, 2023. Should you need assistance, contact [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org).

Not renewed yet? Only leaders renewed for MY24 will have access to VTK after September 30, 2023.



## Feature Your Troop on Social Media!

**WANT YOUR GIRL SCOUT TROOP  
FEATURED ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?  
SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH US!**

Send in your photos with a short description, and we'll spread the love on our Facebook & Instagram.



Submit all photos to  
Janna Joyner,  
Director of Marketing &  
Communications, at  
[jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org).

## Cookie Program

### Volunteer Reward for 2023 Cookie Program

The "It's Cookie Time" apron for volunteers whose troops met the girl average of 200 packages in the 2023 Cookie Program has been delayed. We expect them to be shipped to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager in mid-July. Your patience is appreciated.



It's Cookie Time Apron  
Volunteer Recognition

## Training Opportunities

**September 29-30, 2023  
Pamunkey Ridge**

TREK Weekend 2023  
Registration is open!

**Open 24/7  
on-demand**



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





TREK Weekend 2023  
September 29-30  
at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp

**Join us for a *TREK Through Georgia*  
at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp!**

- Learn about The Birthplace, Girl Scout travel and more
- Experience the highlights of camp
- Network with fellow leaders
- Take away new troop ideas

This adult-only training weekend is for new and seasoned leaders alike. Make memories and new friends. Do not miss out on this weekend of fun.



Join us for TREK Weekend 2023!  
Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. (optional overnight)  
Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
\$40 (includes meals, class supplies, and event patch)

Register below!



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of the commonwealth  
of virginia

## TREK Weekend 2023 September 29-30, 2023

TREK Weekend is 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 adults-only weekend is just for you! Register below for a fun packed weekend of Girl Scout learning and networking.

[September 29-30 TREK Weekend Registration](#)

[Browse the TREK Weekend workshops](#)

Download the flyer above and share with your troop adults!

## Retail Shop

# Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge Patch

Unlock your love for the outdoors  
and unlock a fresh patch!



### Get out and get exploring by taking the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge!

To complete the Love the Outdoors Challenge, you can choose from 50 fun outdoor activities to keep you entertained and exploring new experiences this summer.

The Love the Outdoors Activity sheet is available in **English** and **Spanish**. Patch \$1.50.

### Shop hours now through September 2, 2023

Monday - Thursday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
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[Shop online 24/7](#)



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