

# S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



Hurry, deadline fast approaching -  
March 8th! Come to Camp Pamunkey  
Ridge and do some fun science  
experiments.  
Registration in this S'more News.

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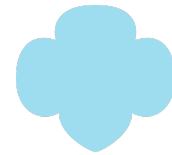


Retail Shop will be closing at 4:30 p.m. on  
Monday, March 6th. We apologize for any  
inconvenience this may cause.

## Cookie Program



**Important Cookie  
Program Updates**



Exciting News! We are pleased to share that the Peanut  
Butter Sandwich should be back in cupboards by March  
10th.

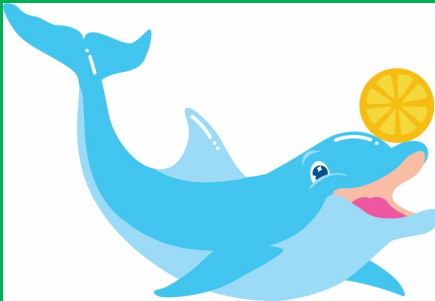


We learned late last week that the Raspberry Rally, due to  
its popularity, will not be available again during the 2023  
cookie season. Although we are disappointed by this news,  
we are happy the new cookie has been so well received.

We have one additional cupboard located in Prince George not listed in this resource. Please call Ashley Huggie at 804-859-3108 for availability. Please note this number was shared incorrectly in last week's edition of S'more News.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

Wednesday, March 15th

First ACH draft (50% of initial order)

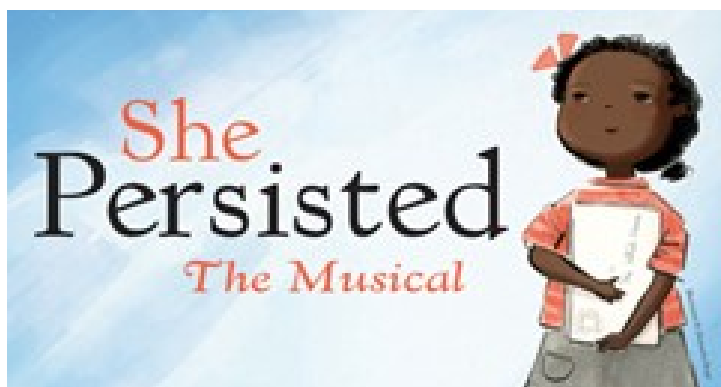
Friday, March 31st

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](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.

On March 18th, come have a STEMazing time with Mad Science at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Girls will conduct experiments at different science stations. Make your own bouncy ball and receive a Mad Science patch to take home.



## GSCV Flaming Arrows Competitive Archery Team

We know it's hard to schedule anything during cookie booth season, and not everyone that was interested was able to attend the parent information meeting for the GSCV Flaming Arrows Archery Team.





Therefore, there will be two Zoom meetings offered for anyone interested in the Flaming Arrows Archery Team. All Girl Scouts (10 years of age and older), new to archery or currently on the Flaming Arrows team, who would like to participate on this year's team needs to have a parent/guardian attend one of the Zoom meetings being held

Monday, March 6, 2023, and Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

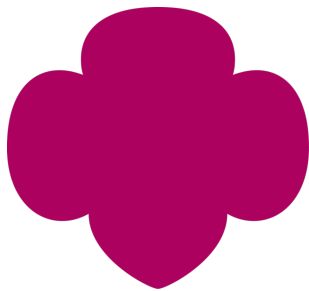
**Let us know you will be attending by emailing the GSCV Help Desk at [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org) and you will be sent the Zoom link.**

**We look forward to seeing you there and on the range!**



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

- [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 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)



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

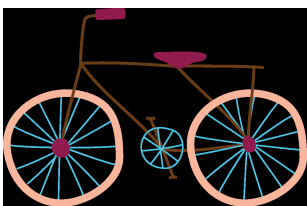


In celebration of the 110th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, we will host a **Girl Scout Rally** on Saturday, June 10th at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout

these games. After the cookie program, girls will be sent a link to choose the best location for her family or troop.

Camp. Invite your troop's alums to participate too. 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](mailto: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



**Registration closes Tuesday,  
March 14, 2023**

#### 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-

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!](#)**

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!](#)** Registration closes Friday, March 31st.



**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!](#)** Registration closes Friday, April 14th.

## Girl Scout Pride

### Show your Girl Scout Pride

Look your best during cookie season with Girl Scout uniform options that



are in step with today's trends and active lifestyles. Stop into the Girl Scout retail store or shop online 24/7.



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## Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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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!