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Edition**

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2024 Cookie Program



Final Week for Cupboard Planned Orders

Next week is the final week for cupboard planned orders!

Place your planned order by 11:30 P.M. on March 17th and we will do our best to guarantee its availability at the cupboard of your choosing.

The cupboards will remain open until Friday, March 29th. During the final week, check with your local cupboard manager for inventory and hours.

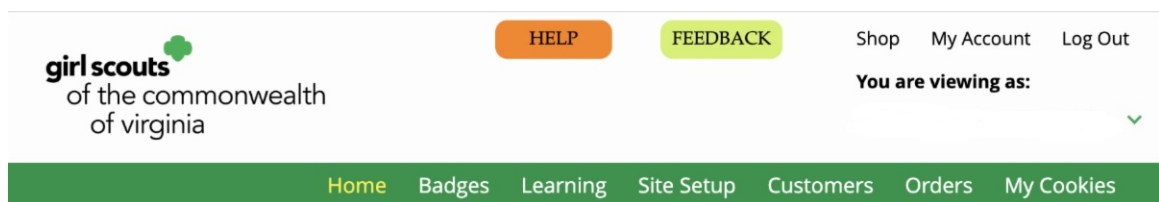
The 2nd and final ACH draft will take place on April 5th. Two days prior, you will receive an email from the Smart Cookies System with the amount due.

The best way to view the balance due is to:

- Log into Smart Cookies.
- Click on **Reports / Current**
- Click on **Finance** under **Report Categories**
- Click on **Troop Balance Summary**

At the very bottom of the Troop Balance Summary is the amount to be drafted from your troop account.

Please Share your Feedback on Digital Cookie



GSUSA and ABC Bakers are asking for ways to make our Digital Cookie experience a smoother one next season.

Next time you log into the Digital Cookie platform, look for the green button at the very top of the page that says FEEDBACK.

Then, take a few minutes to share your feedback with the Digital Cookies team on what improvements would be helpful for next season.

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



Correction in the *How to*

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)

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.

VOTE: Bling Your Booth!

We've got awesome #BlingYourBooth submissions pouring in. Check out the latest entries below and click the links to vote for your favorite!



Vote for Troop 5757's "Yay for Springtime" booth on March 12th, the Girl Scout Birthday!



Vote for these Daisies' FIRST EVER cookie booth, with colorful cookie crates and cookie costumes!

TO ENTER THE #BLINGYOURBOOTH CONTEST:

- Decide on a fun theme for your cookie booths.
- Snap photos of your troop and their creative booth in action.
- Submit photos to our Director of Marketing, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org.
- Photos will be shared on our Facebook page and in S'more News.
- Have friends and family vote on your troop's photo by "Liking" it on Facebook.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will go to the photos with the most likes.

Winners will be selected on Wednesday, March 20th.

Sweet Success: Share the Impact of Your Girl Scout Cookie Proceeds



Have a unique idea for how to use your Cookie proceeds? Share your plans with us! We are thrilled to announce an exciting new initiative that celebrates the incredible impact your hard work during the Girl Scout Cookie Program can have on your communities and personal growth. We invite all troops and individual girls to share their stories of how they are using their Girl Scout Cookie proceeds to make a positive impact.

Whether it's giving back to the community, supporting Gold Award projects, or engaging in other meaningful initiatives, we want to celebrate your efforts. Starting on March 10th, coinciding with the beginning of Girl Scout Week, simply **fill out this submission form** detailing your troop or individual contributions and provide any supporting materials. The form will be open until April 10th.

Three outstanding troops or individuals will be honored at our "Inspired by a Girl" ceremony.

We believe *every* Girl Scout has the power to create positive change, and we can't wait to hear about the incredible ways you're making a difference. Thank you for being a part of this inspiring journey!

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

STEAM-H Essay Contest



Each year, the Virginia Council on Women (Council) hosts an Annual STEAM-H Essay Contest. The Contest awards high school senior girls pursuing STEAM-H majors and careers with scholarships to aid with their tuition at institutions of higher education, to include but not limited to four-year colleges and universities, community colleges, and career and technical schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia and throughout the United States. Since the establishment of the Contest, the Council has awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships.

Contest Guidelines:

Essay Prompt

Write a 700-1,000-word essay responding to the following:

- Your motivation for pursuing a STEAM-H career
- Your anticipated course of STEAM-H study, trade, and/or profession

You can find the submission form [HERE](#). The deadline to submit is **April 1st, 2024**.

For more information on eligibility requirements, judging criteria, and more, click [HERE](#).

Karate 4 Girls



Calling all fearless girls! Unleash your inner strength and stand tall at Karate 4 Girls' empowering self-defense class, specially designed for girls who want to rock their confidence and learn essential skills to stay safe.

Classes will include exercise, basic drills, and self-defense.

Patch Received: Self Defense Patch

Cost: Girl/Adult, \$40/\$0

Location: Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Saturday, April 13th

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM D B J .

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM C S A .

Register Daisy/Brownie/Junior

Register Cadette/Senior/Ambassador

Training Opportunities

April 28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Level I

September 27-28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

TREK Weekend

Open 24/7
on-demand

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Are you ready to hit the mark?

Level 1 Archery Training
Sunday, April 28th
9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. Camp
Pamunkey Ridge | \$40
Registration closes April 11th



Archery is a Girl Scout staple and a confidence boosting experience for girls. The Level 1 Archery Training is for instructors and those interested in becoming an instructor. In this training you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Adult instructors are required for Girl Scout archery activities.

Certification for GSCV's archery program is provided through USA Archery. USA Archery offers Level I Instructor courses in a blended learning format. Volunteers will need to complete the knowledge portion of the course online prior to completing the in-person session at Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

USA Archery Level I Instructor certification is a required course for volunteers who wish to teach beginning archery skills to Brownies through Ambassadors. In Level 1, participants learn about range safety, range setup, the steps of shooting, equipment, and equipment repair. Girls 16 years of age and older are welcome to participate. This USA Archery certification is valid for three years and renewable online through USA Archery.

Registration for USA Archery Level I starts at the link below. You will receive the information to complete the required online course, then attend the in-person course on Sunday, April 28th.

[Register for Archery Level I here!](#)

TREK Weekend 2024... Save the Date!



September 27-28, 2024

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 adult only weekend is just for you! Watch S'more News for more details and the link to register.

Retail Shop

Build your My Girl Scout Kit and get a Free Gift!

Get all the essentials you need for a great troop year and a Free gift! Purchase a total of \$60 on program materials, uniforms, official apparel, insignia and choose your free drawstring bag (while supplies last).



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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!

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