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GSCV is celebrating 110 years in central Virginia. The celebration is just getting started - details in this edition of S'more News.

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## Girl Scouts Celebrate Girl Scout Week



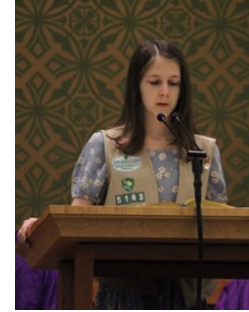
**Girl Scout Troop 43** went to the Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C. They navigated the train and the subway and of course all while following their Safety Activity Checkpoints!

### 39 Girl Scouts Earn Faith Awards

Girl Scouts from Tuckahoe Service Unit celebrated Girl Scout Sunday, March 12, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Bishop Knestout was in attendance and presented the Girl Scouts with their earned



awards.



## Calling All Troop Leaders!



We need your feedback. Please take this **short survey** and let us know your thoughts on what Girl Scout program events & activities your Girl Scouts love the most, are looking for, and any suggestions to assist us in planning the 2023-2024 Girl Scout year!

## GSCV 110th Anniversary

Introducing the 110th Anniversary series of patches. Earn one or earn all three. Each have different requirements and once completed can be found in April in our very own Girl Scout Retail Shop. For more information visit the **[110th Anniversary patch](#)** on our website.



One of the many things you can do to earn this patch is:

Create care packages for former Girl Scouts in a local senior living community.



One of the many things you can do to earn this patch is:

Create an original dessert using Girl Scout cookies.



One of the many things you can do to earn this patch is:

Create an elevator speech about Girl Scouts then record your message, share it with two prospective member families, or present at school club fair.

The countdown is on for GSCV's 110 Rally! Bring your water bottle, your siblings, parents, and your troop to Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp on June 10th to celebrate our council's 110th anniversary. Come ready to sing along, trade S.W.A.P.S., and have some good Ol' Girl Scout fun!

P.S. Don't forget your sunscreen!

Stay tuned to S'more News for more details and visit the [110th Anniversary page](#) on the GSCV website.



## Women's History Month



It's Women's History Month and GSCV is ready to recognize the drive and dedication of Girl Scouts who shine their courage, confidence, and character by addressing pressing issues globally and in their communities. To celebrate the month, we will be focusing on the Suffrage Centennial Patch!

To earn your patch, complete 3 of the options under "Discover"; 2 of the options under "Connect"; and 1 of the options under "Take Action".

Here are a few activities to focus on this week:

### **Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors**

#### **Discover**

Do you know what they have voted for?

#### **Connect**

Do the adults you know vote? Ask them why or why not?

#### **Take Action**

Create a bookmark or drawing about an issue you think is important.

### **Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors**

#### **Discover**

Learn about the local and national campaigns for women's suffrage.

Why were some people opposed to women voting?

Learn the definition of civil disobedience and research examples.

#### **Connect**

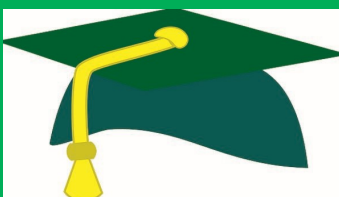
Find out where a voting location is in your community.

#### **Take Action**

Research an organization that supports an issue that is important to you.

Learn ways you can take action to make a difference in your community.

## Girl Scout Scholarship



Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia is happy to recognize several graduating seniors in our Council who exemplify the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and have proven themselves to be leaders in our organization, in academia, and in their community

with a \$1,000 scholarship to assist with future academic endeavors. Those selected will be presented at our 2023 Inspired by a Girl Celebration! Completed application packets must be received at GSCV no later than Monday, April 3, 2023, at 11:59pm.

[Click here to see if you're eligible to apply!](#)

## Cookie Program

### Important Cookie Announcements & Updates



1) The last day of operation for the Stafford Cookie Cupboard will be Friday, March 17th.

2) March 17th will be the last day planned orders will be available in several of our smaller cupboards. We will still have a good inventory of cookies available for walk-in customers the final two weeks of the cookie program.

3) 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.

### 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

### Startford Hall Hands-On History Days Saturday, April 15, 2023 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come explore what life was like in Colonial Virginia! Through a cooking demonstration and an African drumming jam session, you will experience the influence Black Virginians have had on our



state's history and culture.



**April is around the corner, but events and activities are filling up fast! Be sure to visit the MyEvents site and sign up!**

- [4/2 - Say Hello to Camp \(D, B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/8 - Sister Saturday: Meet Up at Maymont Park \(S, A\)](#)
- [4/8 - John Marshall House \(S, A\)](#)
- [4/15 - Wildlife and Forestry Management \(D, B, J, C\)](#)
- [4/15 - George Washington Foundation - Lets Dance \(B\)](#)
- [4/15 - George Washington Foundation - Numbers in Nature \(J\)](#)
- [4/15 - Stratford Hall \(D, B, J\)](#)
- [4/15 - Ambassador Climb On \(A\)](#)
- [4/15 - Senior Climb On \(S\)](#)
- [4/15 - The Valentine Ballot Battle \(J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/20 - Real Life Academy: The shifting nature of friendships \(C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/23 - Camp Pamunkey Ridge Service Day \(D, B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/29 - American Red Cross - Pillowcase Project \(J\)](#)
- [4/29 - American Red Cross - Prepare with Pedro \(B\)](#)
- [4/29 - Girl Scout Archery Day 9:00 a.m. \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/29 - Girl Scout Archery Day 11:00 a.m. \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/29 - Girl Scout Archery Day 2:00 p.m. \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/29 - Girl Scout Archery Day 4:00 p.m. \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)
- [4/29 - Richlands Dairy Farm \(D, B, J\)](#)



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**



## 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

### Time to Sync Your Knowledge

You drive what we cover at Sync Your Knowledge. **Register today and let us know what you want to learn more about.**



### 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 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!](#)

## 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.

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

## Boost Your Cookie Business





“Boost Your Sales” with these cookie products, from aprons, bags, carts, and thank you cards. We carry what you need to support *YOUR* cookie business.



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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!