

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



The Cookie Program is wrapping up soon - important next steps in this edition of S'more News.

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Girl Scout Scholarship Opportunities

GSCV 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!](#)

GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

Gold Award Girl Scouts who are graduating high school seniors are invited to apply for a chance to be GSCV's national scholarship

Calling all
Gold Award
Girl Scouts:



Apply for
a \$10,000
scholarship!

recipient and receive a \$10,000 scholarship.

Gold Award Girl Scouts are eligible to apply if they are a high school senior or graduate who earned the Gold Award between 4/1/22-3/31/23 and have their final report on file and approved in **GoGold**.

This means:

- *Gold Award Girl Scouts who are not yet in 12th grade will have the opportunity to apply in their senior year.*
- *High school graduates must have earned their Gold Award between 4/1/22-9/30/22.*
- *This year's eligibility starts at 4/1/22 because all Gold Award Girl Scouts (grades 9-12) who earned prior to that date were eligible to apply for the scholarship in prior years.*
- *The deadline to apply is **April 17th**; there will be no exceptions.*

For more information visit [Gold Award Scholarship | Girl Scouts](#)

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 has 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:

Collect historic Girl Scout items or an historic photograph to share with GSCV.



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

Make a video of you and other Girl Scouts talking about the reasons you love Girl Scouts. Upload your video [here](#).



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

Design Girl Scout uniforms for the year 2038

READY. SET. RALLY. 110

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 and 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

What does it mean to vote? Is it important? Why or why not? Does voting make you a good neighbor?

Connect

Speak with an adult in your family and ask what they vote for.

Take Action

Record yourself speaking about why voting is important.

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Discover

Learn who represents you in the United States Congress and how to contact them to express your opinion on an issue important to you.

Learn about the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

How do they connect to suffrage?

Connect

Learn who your elected officials are and what they do for the following positions:

Local—mayor, school board member, city council member

State—governor, state senator, and state representative

National—United States president, United States senator, and United States representative

Take Action

Create a public service announcement about the importance of voting using audio, visual, or written mediums and present it to others.

Some ideas are: Create a song about voting using a familiar tune. Design a webpage. Make a mini-movie. Write a newspaper article or op-ed piece. Create a vlog.

Cookie Program

Key Next Steps in the Cookie Program

As the cookie program winds down, there are several key steps that each troop needs to take. In addition to the details provided here, you can also check out this training video.

<https://vimeo.com/528345106>

Check your on-hand inventory.

- 1) Log in to Smart Cookies.
- 2) Click on *Reports*.
- 3) From the column on the left, choose *Inventory & Delivery*.
- 4) From the column on the right, choose *Troop On Hand Inventory*.
- 5) Click *Go to Report*, then *View Report*.
- 6) This report shows the cookies your troop owns that have not yet been assigned to girls. This means no one is currently getting credit for those cookies.
- 7) The next step is to transfer those cookies to girls.



Check to see if you have direct ship cookies that need to be assigned to a girl.

- 1) Log in to Smart Cookies, then click on *Orders*, then *Direct Ship Orders*.
- 2) If you have any orders that say "Pending Distribution", click them, then
- 3) Click on the button at the bottom that says *Distribute Orders to Girls*.
- 4) Choose the girls and continue.
- 5) Click save once all cookies have been distributed.

Transfer cookies to girls.

- 1) Log in to Smart Cookies.
- 2) On your dashboard, go to "Orders".
- 3) Click on *Transfer Order*.
- 4) Choose *Troop to Girl transfer*.
- 5) Assign the cookies from your on-hand inventory to the girls who sold them or who participated in booths where the cookies were sold.
- 6) Be sure to click *save* after you update each girl's record.

Review the reward information.

- 1) Log in to Smart Cookies.
- 2) Click on *Rewards*.
- 3) Click on *Manage Recognition Orders*.

- 4) You will see two different types of recognitions: "Troop" and "Main".
- 5) If the section on the right says complete, then you do not need to do anything. If it's incomplete, then you need to click on the edit icon (*the pencil*) and review the needed information.
- 6) If there are reward choices that a girl needs to make, then you should contact her family for her preferences.
- 7) If your troop qualifies for a troop reward based on the per-girl average, then you can enter the number of tote bags your troop would like. Two is the maximum.
- 8) When both the "Main" and "Troop" recognitions are identified as complete, you are finished.
- 9) You can still edit this information through March 31st.

Final ACH Cookie Payment

The second and final draft will take place on Tuesday, April 4th for cookies picked up after the initial order and the balance of the remaining 50% of the initial order.



To determine the balance due:

1. Log into Smart Cookies
2. Click on *Reports*
3. From the left column choose *Finance*
4. From the right column choose *Troop balance summary*
5. Click *View report*
6. Scroll to the bottom of the report and you will see the balance to be drafted. If you see a negative number, funds will be transferred back to your troop through ACH.

If for some reason you need additional time or to adjust the amount being drafted, please contact our help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org no later than Monday, April 3rd at 12:00 p.m.

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.

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.



Cheers To Volunteers

Cheers to our Volunteers

We want to recognize our volunteers by hosting two social events as an appreciation for all your dedication to Girl Scouts. Please plan to join us at the location and date that works best for you. An invitation with the opportunity to RSVP to this **adult only function** is to follow. Make sure you are reading S'more News for the invitation!



Cheers to Volunteers!

Save the date!

Come enjoy a different type of craft with us

11 MAY 2023 • FREDERICKSBURG
SIX BEARS & A GOAT
6:00-8:00 P.M.

18 MAY 2023 • RICHMOND
TRIPLE CROSSING - FULTON
5:00-7:00 P.M.

Training Opportunities

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.

[**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.**



Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course? Contact the GSCV help desk: gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Our New Spring Favorites Are Here!



It's time to start thinking about sunny days and a wardrobe refresh.

[New Girl Scout Gear for Girls | Girl Scout Shop](#)



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office hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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!

