

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



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Girl Scout Week Activities

There's never been a better time to be a Girl Scout. This March we celebrate Girl Scout week, March 12th -18th, and we kick off our celebration of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia's 110th Anniversary. If that is not enough, we are also celebrating Women's History month. Hold on to your berets, it's going to be a great time.

Sunday March 12th

Girl Scout week often kicks off with Girl Scout Sunday. Consider printing a Girl Scout church bulletin to enclose in your house of faith weekly handouts (links below). Attending a religious service anytime this week? Consider wearing your uniform.

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- Supporting girls
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- Building compassionate leaders

Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith honors the powerful link between Girl Scouting and Faith. Girl Scouts are encouraged to connect their faith to the Girl Scout Law and carry the religious obligations of their faith. Let's honor the Girl Scouts and adult volunteers who give their time and talents in service of others!

Visit us at girlscouts.com/faith for more info.

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Visit us at girlscouts.com/jumah for more info.

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Girl Scout Sabbath

**Monday
March 13th**

In celebration of the Girl Scout week all purchases at the GSCV retail shop are eligible for a 12% discount. Why 12%? It's in honor of the Girl Scout Birthday March 12th. Simply mention Girl Scout week at the time of check out to receive your discount. This offer will not apply to online purchases but can be applied to in person and phone orders.

**Tuesday
March 14th**

Wear your Girl Scout pin to work, school or anywhere you go, take a photo of yourself and share it to our **Facebook**. A few select people will receive a prize for Girl Scout spirit.

**Wednesday
March 15th**

Contact a fellow Girl Scout you appreciate and send them a text letting them know you value them as part of your Girl Scout Sisterhood.

**Thursday
March 16th**

Post on social media "Because of Girl Scouts I am..." with the hashtag #Becauseofgirlscouts, #GSCV. A few select people will receive a prize for Girl Scout Spirit.

**Friday
March 17th**

We know you may be wearing green today in honor of St. Patrick's Day so why not wear your favorite Girl Scout merchandise?

**Saturday
March 18th**

Wrap up Girl Scout week by doing a random act of kindness in the name of Girl Scouts.

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:

Attend the musical *She Persisted* March 11th at Virginia Repertory Theatre



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

Write letters to Juliette Gordon Low expressing appreciation, sharing your experiences in Girl Scouts and send letters to GSCV.



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

Plant a tree in honor of GSCV and complete the tree promise.



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!

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

- 1) Have you ever been to a voting booth? What was it like?
- 2) Ask an adult in your family what they do in a voting booth.

Connect

Find out where a voting location is in your town.

Take Action

Create a song using a familiar tune about something that is important at your school.

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Discover

- 1) Why is it important to vote?
- 2) Ask a female adult about their first-time voting. Whom did they vote for and why?

Connect

Educate yourself on the importance of voting and civic engagement.

Take Action

Select a local issue that will be voted on in an upcoming election and think of ways you can educate others about it or write a letter to your elected official about this issue.

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) We have more Peanut Butter Sandwiches arriving in our cookie cupboards this week. Although they are not available on planned orders, they will be available on a first come first serve basis on Friday, March 10th.
- 3) 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.

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 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 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

Important Announcement

**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT !**

GSUSA will be performing some critical platform updates to our favorite Girl Scout systems. Beginning Friday, March 10th, 4:30 p.m. through Monday, March 13th, 12:00 p.m. the following platforms will be offline: MyGS, gsLearn, Volunteer toolkit, and MyEvents.

During this time period membership registration, event & activity registration, and summer camp registration will be available using the links below. We apologize for any inconvenience during this time. Any questions, contact gshelper@comgirlscouts.org for

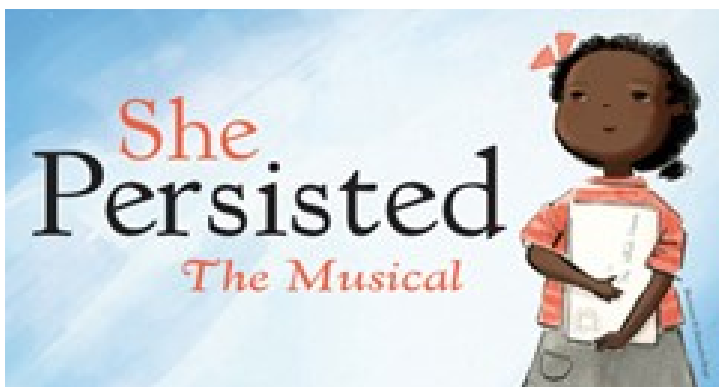
assistance.

[Girl membership](#) | [Adult membership](#)

[Program Event & Activity registration](#) | [Summer Camp registration](#)

Program Events and Activities

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!



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

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 Saturday, March 25th, step into the past to explore the struggles that helped shape America. Discover stories of Richmond's earliest Indigenous inhabitants, enslaved people fighting to be free, Dr. Mary Walker's demands for equality for women and more. Girls will take home a Valentine Patch. Registration link under March events below.

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.

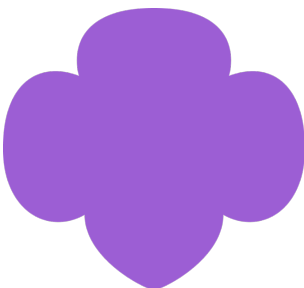
Let us know you will be attending by emailing the GSCV Help Desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org and you will be sent the Zoom link.

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)

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

Camping Training

Hurry, 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-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!](#)



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.

Girl Scout Week Celebration

**Instore-Promotion 12% off all purchases
March 12 – March 18**



It's a Girl Scout Week Celebration!



Girl Scout Week is March 12th - March 18th. This is when girls really want to show their Girl Scout Pride. We are offering 12% off on all purchases. Stop into our Retail Shop and see Liz. Select your favorite apparel and accessories just in time to celebrate being a Girl Scout.

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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!