

# S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

## Summer hours coming soon!

Beginning Friday, May 26, 2023, through Saturday, September 2, 2023, the office and shop hours each Friday will be 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday - Thursday office hours will be 8:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

The shop only will be closed Saturdays from May 26th-September 2nd.



**Who won the latest Early Bird contest, and will you be next? Find out right here in this edition of S'more News.**

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## May 10, 2023 Edition

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## Get Ready for Your Year of Fun!

### Early Bird is April 10th - May 19th



Congratulations to Troop 5315 in New Kent County & Troop 409 in

Spotsylvania County! They won the Early Bird drawings for troops on April 28th and May 5th. Troop 5315 won an Ice Cream Party for their troop. Troop 409 won an Experience at Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

There is one more drawing for a troop to win for Early Bird. The drawing will be this Friday, May 12th, and one lucky troop will receive a Camping “Survival Kit” including a First Aid Kit, propane stove, Canopy Tent, and more. For your troop to qualify for the drawing, renew 100% of your Girl Members and two Adults by Friday morning!

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### Early Bird now for MY24

Early Bird is your first opportunity to renew your Girl Scout membership. Celebrate the big moments and look ahead to even more extraordinary ones with your troop. Join us for another exciting year at GSCV. You are going to love the benefits available for renewing your membership during Early Bird!

**Amazing incentives are available throughout the Early Bird season from April 10th-May 19th.**

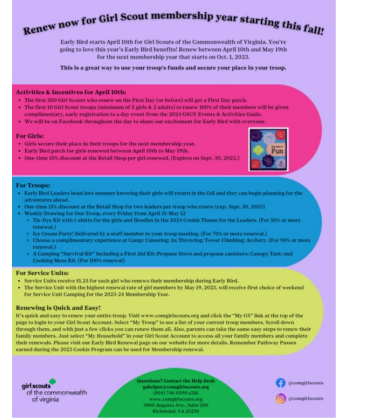
1) Early Bird patch for every Girl Scout who

renews.

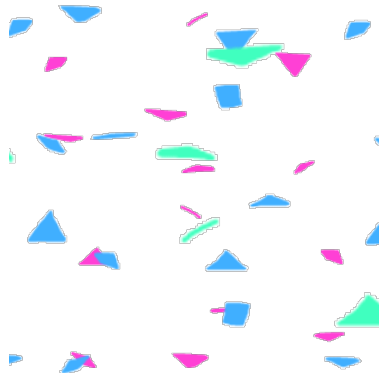
2) Discounts in the GSCV Retail Shop.

3) Weekly drawings for troops that renew their memberships.

And many more. See them all by clicking on the flyer or Early Bird patch.



# GSCV's 110th



## Time to celebrate 110 years the Girl Scout Way!

### Register to attend the 110 Rally today.

#### READY. SET. RALLY. 110

Did you hear the news? Registration is now open 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! This event is all



about celebrating ourselves and as such, we will provide a festival atmosphere for the entire family to enjoy. Some activities include:

- Pose for a photo with Juliette Gordon Low
- Make a splash in the cannon ball contest in the pool – bring your swimsuit and towel
- Sharpen your aim with ax throwing
- Explore the lake in a canoe
- Marvel at the skills of Jonathan Austin juggler and magician
- Challenge your family and friends in an inflatable obstacle course
- Show off your athletic abilities in the potato sack race, water games and other relay race fun
- Sing along throughout the day with your favorite Girl Scout songs
- SWAP with other Girl Scouts – bring SWAPS to trade and make SWAPS at our art station
- Get your face painted
- Enjoy sweet frozen treats

- Bring a picnic or purchase a meal from one of the visiting food trucks
- Ambassador Girl Scouts will bridge to adults in a special ceremony
- Experience the decades (of our 110 years) through Girl Scout challenges at our pavilions

Join hands on the playing field at 2:45 to be a part of the Largest. Friendship. Circle. Ever. at GSCV as we wrap up our day of celebration!

P.S. Don't forget your sunscreen!

**Register here** for the 110 rally and visit the **110th Anniversary page** on the GSCV website for more information.

## Program Events and Activities

### Asian American Pacific Islander Fun Patch



May is Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month, an annual celebration of the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States. It's a time where we join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian American and Pacific Islanders who

have enriched the history of the United States and are instrumental in its future success.

We've got plenty of activities for you to choose from as you join the AAPI Heritage Month celebration this May. Check out these few options for you this week:

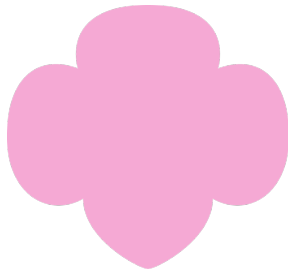
- Memorize a poem (or part of one) by the 2021 National Youth Poet Laureate Alexandra Huynh.
- Learn about traditional Asian and Pacific Island music and instruments, like the Hmong flute/Qeej, Japanese taiko drumming or traditional Korean music to name a few.
- Learn about three different food items and share with your troop, friends, or family.
- Learn about a famous Asian American and/or Pacific Islander chef.
- Read a children's book featuring Asian and/or Pacific Islander characters, written by Asian and/or Pacific Islander authors, or illustrated by Asian and/or Pacific Islander artists. Here are a few recommendations: *Bear Came Along*, by Richard T. Morris (Author) and LeUyen Pham (Illustrator), *What Will You Be, Sara Mee?* by Kate Aver Avraham (Author) and Anne Sibley O'Brien (Illustrator), *Apple Pie 4th of July*, by Janet S. Wong, or find one on your own.

We've got plenty of activities for you to choose from as you join the AAPI Heritage Month celebration this May so stick around for weekly options from the **patch program!**

Don't miss your chance to attend our fun May events. Be sure to sign up soon!

**5/19-5/21 - Service Weekend at Camp Kitty (D, B, J, C, S, A)**

**5/20 - Fredericksburg Food Bank**



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 Bridging & Day at Kings Dominion June 3rd

Girl Scouts family and friends are invited to celebrate their sisters in the **Council-wide Bridging Ceremony**. Stay after the ceremony to enjoy a discounted day at Kings Dominion. Girl Scouts and families who are season pass holders can use their pass for access to the event.



- Girl Scout Day at Kings Dominion Saturday, June 3, 2023
- Park gates open at 11:00 a.m., meet at the Eiffel Tower to check-in, bridging ceremony begins at 12:00 p.m.

***The purchase ticket link from Kings Dominion will be available and posted in next week's S'more News.***

- Girl Scout Admission: \$40.00 Admission to Kings Dominion, **includes parking.**
- There will be a *Buy Now* button on the website.

## 2023 Summer Camp

**Summer Camp sun is waiting for you - register for camp today!**

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.

## Feature Your Troop on Social Media

Want to see your Girl Scout Troop featured on our social media? Share your photos with us! We know Girl Scouts in our Council are making MAJOR waves in their community, and we're excited to show the world just what a girl can do. Send in your photos with a short description, and we'll spread the love on our Facebook & Instagram.

Submit all photos to  
Janna Joyner,  
Director of Marketing  
& Communications, at  
[jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org)



See you over on the 'gram!

## Training Opportunities

**June 8-9, 2023**  
**Pamunkey Ridge**  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Paddlesports training (canoe, kayak, paddle board)  
Registration closes Friday, May 26th.

**September 29-30, 2023**  
**Pamunkey Ridge**

TREK Weekend 2023  
Watch S'more News for workshop details and registration.

**Open 24/7**  
**on-demand**



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

**Paddlesports training (canoe, kayak, paddle board)**

Thursday & Friday, June 8-9, 2023, at  
Pamunkey Ridge Camp  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (both days)

By taking the Canoe|Kayak|Paddle board 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 paddle boarding 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!](#) Limited space, registration closes Friday, May 26th.



**TREK Weekend 2023**  
September 29-30

**Join us for a *TREK Through Georgia* at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp!**

- Learn about The Birthplace, Girl Scout travel and more
- Experience the highlights of camp
- Network with fellow leaders
- Take away new troop ideas

This adult-only training weekend is for new and seasoned leaders alike. Make memories and new friends. Do not miss out on this weekend of fun!



Join us for TREK Weekend 2023!  
Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. (optional overnight)  
Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
\$40 (includes meals, class supplies, and event patch)  
Watch S'more News for list of classes and registration link.



## TREK Weekend 2023...save the date! September 29-30, 2023

TREK Weekend is 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.

## Double Up in Style

Double your fun with matching Spring apparel designed for girls and adults.



Mix and match and create your own look!

**Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

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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!