

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.



**Ready. Set.
Rally 110! Don't
miss this event,
[register](#) today.**

**3 weeks
to go!**

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May 17, 2023 Edition

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Early Bird Ends Friday!



**Early Bird ends
in 2 days on**

May 19th

DAYS LEFT

Your Year of Friendship

- ✓ Cheer on your Troop's successes.
- ✓ Bond during a troop sleepover.
- ✓ Find new ways to spread joy.

Celebrate the big moments and look ahead to even more extraordinary ones with your Troop. Join us for another exciting year in Girl Scouts!

Renew between April 10th and May 19th to...

- Start planning ahead with your Girl Scout Troop.
- Get exclusive access to GSCV Events & Activities.
- Earn extra Girl Scout swag and gear for Camp.

Renew Today

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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.

Renew now for Girl Scout membership year starting this fall!

Early Bird starts April 10th for Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Start planning to renew your membership between April 10th and May 19th for the next membership year that starts on Oct. 1, 2024.

This is a great way to renew your troop's funds and secure your place in your troop.

Incentives & Benefits for April 10th

- 1. Earn an Early Bird patch for every Girl Scout who renews.
- 2. Earn a 10% discount on all merchandise in the GSCV Retail Shop.
- 3. Earn a 10% discount on all merchandise in the GSCV Retail Shop.
- 4. Earn a 10% discount on all merchandise in the GSCV Retail Shop.

For Info

- 1. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.
- 2. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.
- 3. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.

For Troop Leaders

- 1. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.
- 2. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.
- 3. Renew your membership by clicking on the QR code.

Renewing to Quick & Easy!

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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!

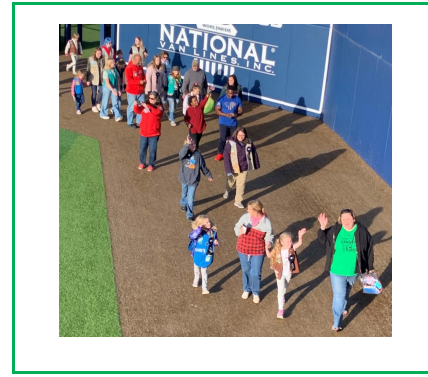
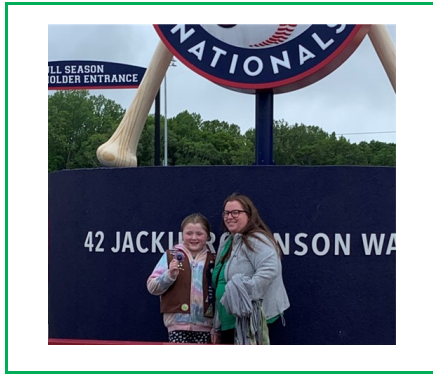
Register here for the 110 rally and visit the 110th Anniversary page on the GSCV website for more information.



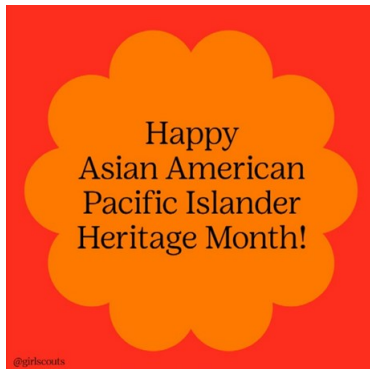
Program Events and Activities

Girl Scouts celebrated an evening at the ballpark with a fun but chilly

Fredericksburg Nationals game on May 3rd. No matter the weather, the parade of Girl Scouts led the way.



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:

- Make a music playlist featuring 12 Asian and/or Pacific Islander artists with your favorite styles of music.
- Learn about the style of folklore from three Asian countries and/or Pacific Islands, then share what you have learned with your troop, family, or friends.
- Have a watch party with your family or troop of PBS's five-episode series Asian Americans, currently streaming for free. You can earn a point for each episode you watch.

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](#)!

GIRL SCOUT NIGHT

*First 500 Girl Scouts
at the game will
receive a
Chili Peppers patch!

SHEPHERD STADIUM
FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH
GATE OPENS @ 5:45PM.
GAME STARTS @ 7PM.

*On field parade
@ 6:30pm



**GET YOUR
TICKETS
TODAY!**



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.

Email youthsales@kingsdominion.com with your troop information for a link to purchase Girl Scout Day admission for \$40 per person – parking included!

- Girl Scout Admission: \$40.00 Admission to Kings Dominion, **includes parking.**

2023 Summer Camp

There is no s_mmer camp without u!



It's almost time. Summer is nearly here!

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



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



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.



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!



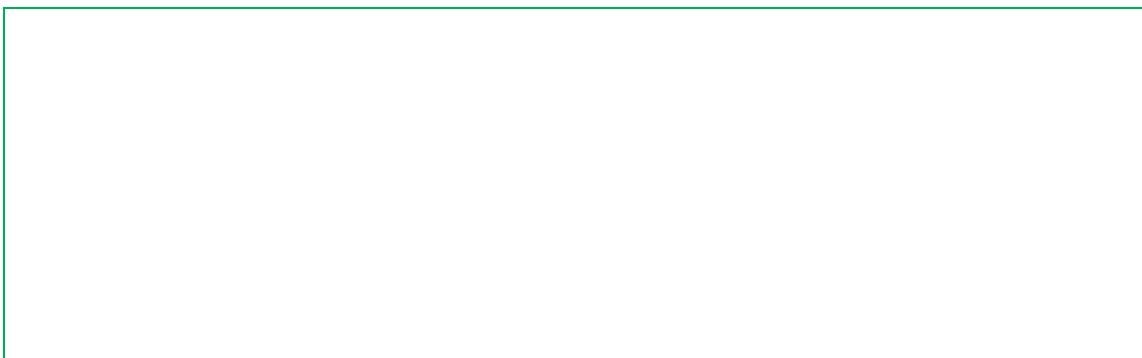
Join us for TREK Weekend 2023!
Friday, September 29, 6:00 p.m. (optional overnight)
Saturday, September 30, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
\$40 (includes meals, class supplies, and event patch)
Watch S'more News for list of classes and registration link.



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

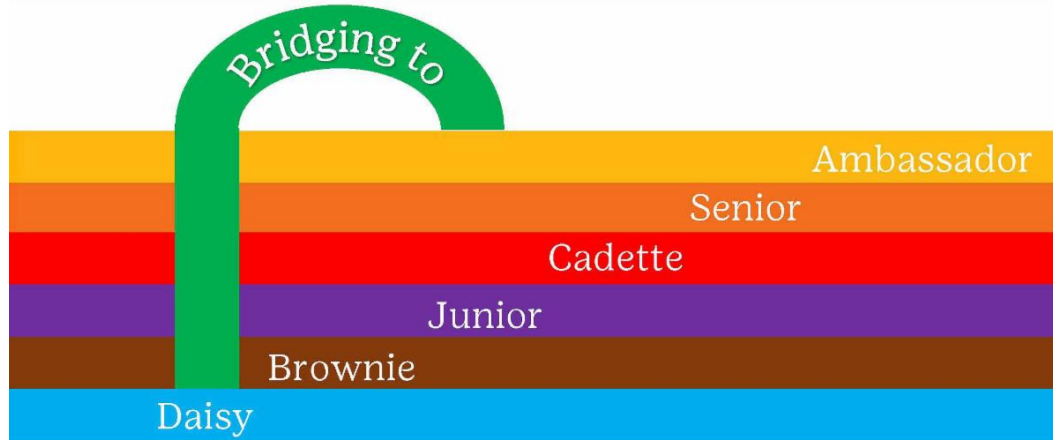
Retail Shop



Bridging Kits

Moving On To New Adventures

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. Celebrating this event should be fun, personalized, and memorable for everyone involved. And most of all, it should be designed by the girls in true partnership with adults.



Bridging season is here and the council has all your bridging needs. Stop by or call to place your order.

Shop hours now through Thursday, May 25, 2023

Monday - Friday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. | Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday | closed

Shop online:
[24/7](#)

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!