

S'm*s*re 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 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday shop hours will be 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The shop only will be closed Saturdays from May 26th-September 2nd.

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia (GSCV) office and retail shop will be closed Monday, May 29, 2023, in observance of Memorial Day. GSCV will return to its summer operating schedule on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.



GSCV 110th

Ready. Set. Rally 110! Don't miss this event, <u>register</u> today.

Call for Volunteers

Our 110th Anniversary Rally is set to be a huge hit and we need your help! We are looking for volunteers who are willing to assist us with programmatic stations on that day. You can



volunteer the full day (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) or for a shift (9:30 a.m. - 12:30

p.m., 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)

Some of the activities we need help with include: parking, leading camp songs and dances, relay races, crafts and SWAPS. If you have any special skills or training such as a nurse/EMT, CPR certified, photography or artist, we'd especially love to have you volunteer!

Willing volunteers, please contact Naudy Solano-Daye, Director of Program, nsolano-daye@comgirlscouts.org.

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 we will provide a festival atmosphere for the entire family to enjoy. Some activities include:

> Inflatable Obstacle Course Petting Zoo Relay Races Kona Ice Food Trucks Face Painting Cannonball Contest "Bring a Friend" Contest Canoeing Axe Throwing Singalongs Giveaways Largest. Friendship. Circle. EVER.

Join hands on the playing field at 2:45 p.m. 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!

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

Program Events and Activities



Abigail is a proud 1st year Girl Scout Juliette that served her community this past weekend by donating 22lbs of peanut butter to the Fredericksburg Regional Food Bank on behalf of the Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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:

 $\cdot\,$ Visit the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art online to learn about Asian and/or Pacific Islander art and share with your family or troop a picture of your favorite piece.

• Create a poster displaying three quotes you love by three historical or contemporary Asian American and/or Pacific Islander figures.

 \cdot Fold a crane! Learn about the traditions of senbazuru (anyone who folds 1000 origami cranes will be granted their wish) and the origami. Get step-by-step instructions via a printout or a video, courtesy of the Asia Society of Texas - 1,000 Cranes for Hope website.

 $\cdot~$ Read a short story by an Asian American and/or Pacific Islander author.

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 the last weekly options from the **patch program**!



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 selfconfidence 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!

Cookie Program

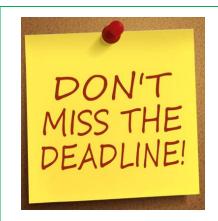
Volunteer Reward for 2023 Cookie Program The "It's Cookie Time" apron for volunteers whose troop met the girl average of 200 packages in the 2023 Cookie Program has been delayed. We expect them to be shipped to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager in mid-July. Your patience is appreciated.



It's Cookie Time Apron Volunteer Recognition

Training Opportunities	
June 8-9, 2023 Pamunkey Ridge 9:00 a.m 4:00 p.m.	Hurry, 2 days left to register! 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	gs Learn

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



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.

<u>Register today!</u>

Limited space, registration closes Friday, May 26th.

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*

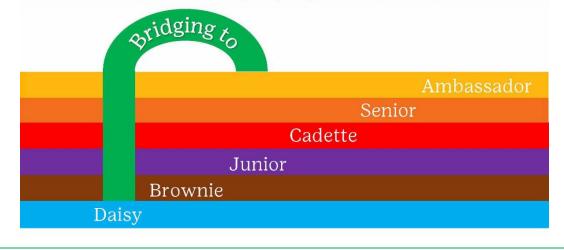


Girl Scout Camp. So, save the date and join us for exciting Girl Scout leader focused workshops, a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp, and a Georgia inspired menu. This adults-only weekend is just for you! Watch S'more News for more details and the link to register.

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: $\frac{24/7}{7}$

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