

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

Important notice:

*The GSCV Shop will be closed Saturday, November 4, 2023, due to events at Camp Pamunkey Ridge that day: Welcome Back Fiesta and Juliette Gordon Low Campfire.

*The GSCV Office and Shop will have a delayed opening on Thursday, November 9, 2023. GSCV Office and Shop will open at 2:00 p.m. The office will close at 4:30 p.m. and the shop will close at 5:30 p.m.

GSCV is DC Bound!



Girl Scout Brownies & Juniors will visit the National Zoo, National Museum of Natural History, and much more. Details and registration in this edition of S'more News!

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November 1, 2023 Edition

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GSCV Travel

Discover, Explore, and Create Memories in the Heart of DC!

Attention Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts! Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure in the nation's capital? Join us on November 18th for a day brimming with excitement, laughter, and exploration!

Wild Encounters at the National Zoo: Get up close and personal with incredible creatures from around the world at the National Zoo!

From playful pandas to majestic lions, embark on a wild journey through this animal kingdom.

Journey Through Time at the National Museum of Natural History: Dive into the wonders of our planet as we unearth ancient treasures and unravel the mysteries of the natural world. This museum is a treasure trove of knowledge and awe-inspiring exhibits!

Step into History at the National Museum of American History: Travel back in time and witness the captivating story of our nation. From iconic artifacts to interactive exhibits, get ready to be inspired and amazed by the incredible journey of the United States.

Scavenger Hunt Extravaganza: Sharpen your detective skills as you participate in a thrilling scavenger hunt across our three stops. Solve clues, unravel mysteries, and receive an exclusive fun patch for all of your fun work!

Girls can register with their troop (troops should ensure they have the proper adult supervision based on Safety Activity Checkpoints for their age level) or they can register to attend with a parent/guardian as a chaperone.

The cost is \$65 per person (adults and girls) and covers round trip bus transportation from Richmond or Fredericksburg. Snacks on the bus and a patch. Lunch and souvenirs will be at the individual's expense.

For more information contact our helpdesk at GSHelper@comgirlscouts.org or [register here.](#)



CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUT
BROWNIES & JUNIORS!

EXPLORE Washington, DC!

NOVEMBER 18, 2023

- National Zoo
- Museum of Natural History
- Museum of American History
- Scavenger Hunt Extravaganza
- Lunchtime Bonding
- FUN PATCH!



To register, see link in S'more News.

girlscouts
of the commonwealth
of virginia

Program Events and Activities



Join us on **Saturday, November 4th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**, to celebrate the **beginning of another awesome Girl Scout year with a fiesta and s'mores.** Girl Scouts' family and friends are invited to enjoy activities from the Hispanic Heritage Month fun patch program before heading over to the fire circles for an evening 'round the campfire to celebrate our Founder.



Saturday, November 4th, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. After attending the welcome Back Fiesta, end the evening celebrating our Founder round the campfire roasting marshmallows, singing lots of Girl Scout songs, making SWAPs (special whatchamacallits affectionately placed somewhere), and sharing in Girl Scout sisterhood.

Register Now for
Welcome Back Fiesta!

Register Now for the
Juliette Gordon Low
Campfire!



Animal Habitats! (D)

Tour the facility and meet an animal in the SPCA's care. This event is great for both animal lovers and those who might be unsure around animals. Enjoy hands-on learning about pet health and overall pet care, and tour the Richmond SPCA Humane Society to see what it takes to run an animal shelter. And new this year: Animal Habitats! Find out more about where animals live, how they play, and how humans can help them.

[Daisies earn participation patch](#)
[Saturday, Nov 11th | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM](#)

Real Life Academy (C, S, A)

The First Real Life Academy is right around the corner and there is still time to sign up!

First up: **“Ready to Vote”**. Casting your first vote is an important milestone. As you prepare to make your voice heard, learn about researching the issues and candidates on the ballot, finding your voting location, and casting your vote.

[Sign up here](#) or email **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org** for assistance.

Real Life Academy

These virtual sessions are designed to inspire confidence in an ever-changing world.

Ready to Vote
Casting your first vote is an important milestone. As you prepare to make your voice heard, learn about researching the issues and candidates on the ballot, finding your voting location, and casting your vote.
Cost: GS/Adult, \$0/NO Location: Virtual Tuesday, Nov 7 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ●●●

Tips on Stress Management
Everyone experiences stressful situations. Join this Real-Life Academy to learn some tips and strategies for managing those overwhelming moments.
Cost: GS/Adult, \$0/NO Location: Virtual Tuesday, Nov 28 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ●●●

What to Do If You Get Pulled Over
You see the red and blue lights in your rearview mirror. How do you stay calm? Learn your rights and what to do if you are pulled over while driving.
Cost: GS/Adult, \$0/NO Location: Virtual Tuesday, Jan 16 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ●●●

Balancing Social Media and Real Life
Is your screen time taking up? Are you constantly worried about how many likes your last post got? Navigating the internet can feel like a job. Whether you're looking for a full detox or just trying to find balance, learn how to create a healthier relationship with social media.
Cost: GS/Adult, \$0/NO Location: Virtual Tuesday, Feb 6 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ●●●

Ace the Interview
Whether you're interviewing for a job, college, or a spot in a specialty in high school, learn the basics of what will set you apart and make you stand out.
Cost: GS/Adult, \$0/NO Location: Virtual Tuesday, Feb 27 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ●●●

24 Program Events and Activities | 2023-24 Girl Scout Membership Year



November events are open for
registration. **[Sign up now!](#)**

**Program Events & Activities for all
Program Age Levels**

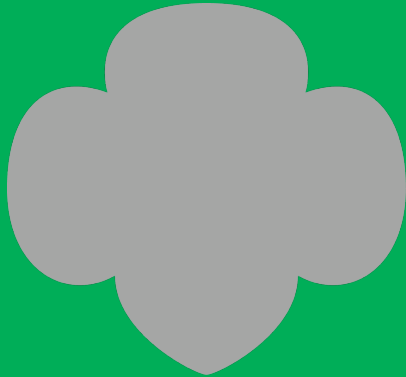
Daisy (D) grades K-
Brownie (B) grades 2-3
Junior (J) grades 4-5
Cadette (C) grades 6-8
Senior (S) grades 9-10
Ambassador (A) grades 11-12

Highest Awards



There is still time to sign up!

Are you a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador who is interested in earning the Gold or Silver Award? If so, join us **THIS MONDAY, November 6th at 6:00 pm**, for our in-person training at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Stafford VA!



This training will cover everything you need to know to get started on your award journey, including:

- * How to identify a community need
- * How to develop a project plan
- * How to get your project approved
- * How to track your progress
- * How to celebrate your success!

This is a required training to begin your journey to earning the highest awards in Girl Scouting.

To register for these trainings, please email Cierra Hall at chall@comgirlscouts.org. You will then be provided with the Zoom Link. Additional Virtual Trainings are scheduled for:

- Monday November 13th, 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 29th, 5:00 p.m.

And a recorded training will also be available [on our website](#).

GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program

ACH for Fall Product Program will be here soon. If your troop has a balance for the Fall Product Program, we will draft that balance from your troop bank account on November 10th.

Not sure if your troop has a balance? Login to www.gsnutsandmags.com/GSCV

1. Look for Financials and Reporting on your troop dashboard.
2. Click on Banking and Payments for a full breakdown of your troop sales and the balance due.

Keep in mind if you have additional online and magazine sales, this amount may change so check back November 9th.

If for some reason your troop is unable to have the payment drafted from your troop bank account, please notify our helpdesk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org by Tuesday, November 7th at 12 noon.

Key Dates remaining for the 2023 Fall Product Program

November 9: Last Date to purchase magazines, nuts and candy online

November 10: ACH draft for troop payment

November 10: Deadline for rewards selections

2024 Cookie Program



New Digital Cookie Platform

In Girl Scouts, girls engage in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of being a Girl Scout. Research shows that girls are interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a meaningful impact on the world. As cookie entrepreneurs, they sharpen their business savvy and work as a team to accomplish common goals and solve problems, while building the confidence they need to shine as girls, as young women, and as future leaders. And did we mention fun? They have lots of that along the way, too. Every year, Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to have amazing experiences in their communities and beyond.

Digital
Cookie®

This cookie season,
superpower your
sale by adding
Digital Cookie®
to your toolkit.

This year it's more important than ever for Leaders to take part in Cookie Training. GSUSA is launching Digital Cookie, one unified platform for all girls and their parents to manage the cookie program.



Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with less than 2 years managing a cookie program are encouraged to attend New Leader Training.

This training will cover Digital Cookie as well as Smart Cookies, the system leaders will use to manage the troop's experience. Experienced Leaders with 2 or more years managing a cookie program are recommended to attend the experienced leader training to learn all about Digital Cookie.

In addition to training, we will offer multiple opportunities to pick-up your troop cookie packet. If you choose to attend an in-person training, you will pick-up your materials at training. If you attend virtual training, you will be able to pick-up your materials quickly at one of the designated cookie packet pick-up locations. A variety sample package of cookies will be available for \$10 (at packet pick-up).

After choosing the best day and time for your schedule, let us know which cookie training you will attend so we can ensure plenty of materials are there!

Cookie Training Registration

Saturday, December 2nd
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

New leader training
GSCV office
4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23230

In-person
location

Saturday, December 2nd
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Experienced leader training
(2 or more years managing the
cookie program)
GSCV office
4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23230

In-person
location

Saturday, December 2nd
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

New leader training
GSCV office
4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23230

In-person
location

Saturday, December 2nd | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Cookie packet pick-up
GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond, VA 23230

In-person
location

Sunday, December 3rd
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New & Experienced leader
training
Victoria Christian Church
2100 Lee Avenue
Victoria, VA 23974

In-person
location

Sunday, December 3rd | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Cookie packet pick-up
Victoria Christian Church | 2100 Lee Avenue | Victoria, VA
23974

In-person
location

Monday, December 4th
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

New leader training
Virtual



Monday, December 4th
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Experienced leader training
Virtual



Monday, December 4th
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New & Experienced leader training
Virtual



Tuesday, December 5th
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New & Experienced leader
training
Tabernacle United Methodist
Church
7310 Old Plank Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

In-person
location

Tuesday, December 5th | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cookie packet pick-up

Tabernacle United Methodist Church | 7310 Old Plank Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22407

In-person
location

Wednesday, December 6th
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New & Experienced leader
training
Rappahannock Community
College
52 Campus Drive
Warsaw VA, 22572

In-person
location

Wednesday, December 6th | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cookie packet pick-up

Rappahannock Community College | 52 Campus Drive
Warsaw, VA 22572

In-person
location

Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Cookie packet pick-up

GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond, VA 23230

In-person
location



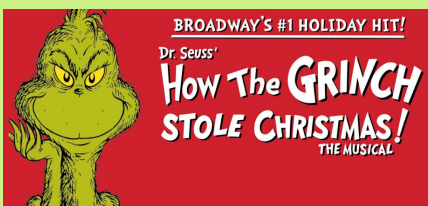
Cookie Rally @ Kings Dominion

December 10, 2023

Link to purchase tickets coming soon!



Girl Scout Nights at Altria Theatre



GRINCH Tickets are still available!

Exclusive offer for Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia to purchase group tickets for "The Grinch"

Girl Scout Night on Thursday, December 14th only.

Grinch Tickets Still Available!

The Richmond Ballet
presents *The Nutcracker* on
Sunday,
December 17th at
5:30 PM!

**Exclusive Girl Scout
Tickets Here!**



Feature Your Troop on Social Media!

**WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR
GIRL SCOUT TROOP ON OUR
SOCIAL MEDIA!**



Has your Girl Scout troop completed a project, taken a trip, or done something worthy of a shout out? Let us know!

**We're looking for more
incredible Girl Scouts to feature
on our social media.**

Submit your photos and a short description to our **Help Desk** at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org. We can't wait to feature them!

Training Opportunities

**November 11, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking

**November 30, 2023
Online via Zoom**

Sync Your Knowledge

**Open 24/7
on-demand**



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



What's for dinner?

Girl Scout Outdoor Cooking course

Calling all Girl Scout culinary pioneers - what will your troop cook for dinner at your next camping adventure?

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Cost: \$10.00

Registration closes November 3, 2023

Tired of cooking the same old meals each time your troop goes camping? Join experienced GSCV Outdoor Trainers for a day of cooking and eating! You will have the opportunity to try out a variety of cooking techniques, as well as sample what you cook. Included will be the use of a Dutch Oven, Box Oven, Foil Packs, Stick Cooking, as well as just-for-fun methods such as baking rolls in a flowerpot. Participants will receive copies of recipes cooked during the session.

Please note that course participation space is limited, so please consider one adult volunteer from your troop attending.

[Register here!](#)



Sync Your Knowledge is open for registration.

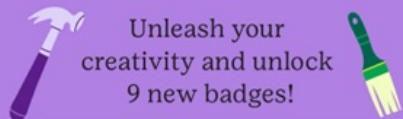
You decide what we cover at Sync Your Knowledge. **[Register today and let us know what you want to learn more about.](#)**

As always, there will be plenty of time for your questions.

Retail Shop

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Make Your World



Unleash your
creativity and unlock
9 new badges!



GET BADGES

Girl Scout Pick:

STMT DIY Alphabet Jewelry Kit



Create 10 premium pieces of personalized
jewelry with this Alphabet Jewelry kit!

**SHOP
NOW**

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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

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!

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