



**Girl Scout Cadettes,
Seniors, & Ambassadors
Discover Monument
Avenue with The Valentine
Monument Avenue
Revisited**

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It's the most ADVENTUREFUL time of the year!!



Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, in partnership with Kings Dominion's Winterfest, is excited to announce an **exclusive Cookie Rally December 12th to kick off the 2022 Cookie Program.** This is going to be an exciting opportunity for girls to brush up on the Entrepreneurial skills as they head into the cookie program. Registration opens Thursday, November 4th at 1pm.

****\$40 – Cookie Rally Ticket includes****

- Exclusive Girl Scout early entrance (2:30pm – 4:30pm) for each Girl Scout and 1 accompanying adult (includes parking). Gate

- opens to general public at 4:30pm.
- Cookie Rally Event Patch
- Cookie Rally activities
 - Goal setting station
 - Review Cookie Program Rewards
 - Taste our new cookie
- Girl Scout Ice Skating from 3pm – 4pm
- Cookie Decorating with Mrs. Claus – 1 giant cookie per girl member

But the fun does not stop there. Once the main gates open to the general public, girls and their families are welcome to stay and enjoy the park for the rest of the evening. Family and friends can purchase additional entrance tickets for a reduced entrance fee of \$20.

****Cookie Rally Activities are for Girl members only****

Have Questions About The Cookie Rally?

Q. If my daughter and I have season passes to Kings Dominion, what is the cost for us to attend the Cookie Rally?

A. Any Girl Scout with a season pass to Kings Dominion will pay a discounted fee of \$20 to attend the Winterfest cookie rally. This will cover the cost of the additional two hours, the ice skating and the cookie decorating. If the accompanying parent also has a season pass, they will be able to enter the park with the daughter and will not need to pay. [Register in MyEvents starting Thursday, November 11th.](#)

Q. I would love to bring my entire family including my husband and sons. How will that work?

A. If the additional family members have a season pass, they will be allowed to enter the park early with the Girl Scout. However, they cannot participate in the Girl Scout-only activities such as ice skating and cookie decorating. If they do not have a season pass, they will need to pay a discounted entrance fee of \$20 to the park but can still enter the same time as the Girl Scout. [Purchase through MyEvents starting Thursday, November 11th.](#)

Q. I am a member of another Girl Scout Council and would like to bring my troop, can we register?

A. This event is designed for registered members of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia and is being underwritten by the council. For that reason, this invitation is extended only to our council members.

Q. I want to bring my daughter to this event, but we can't get there until 3:30pm.

A. That's fine. You can enter the park any time prior to the park opening for general admission, but you will need to purchase the tickets ahead of time.

Q. Since this is a Girl Scout event, do we need to follow Safety Activity Checkpoints ?

A. Yes, if you are attending as a troop you will need to follow all Girl Scout Safety Activity Checkpoints. Girls attending with a parent as a family event are the responsibility of the parent and do not need to follow the guidelines.

Program Activity

The Valentine Monument Avenue Revisited

When: Saturday, November 20, 10am-12pm

Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors: \$22 per girl

Adults: \$15 per adult



Girl Scouts will walk through the infamous sites that helped spark a national discussion on the role of monuments in today's culture. Girls will get to discover Monument Avenue by both investigating its origins and understanding its effects on Richmonders over time. After viewing and listening to archival sources, guests will dialogue about why Monument Avenue was created, who built it, and how it has changed physically and culturally. Go home with your very own Valentine patch.

Gold Award 101



Thinking about going for the Gold?

Gold Award 101 Virtual training will be held on Thursday, November 18th at 6:30pm.

This is a great first step on your journey to become a Gold Award Girl Scout. This training is for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, their leaders and project advisors. Please use the participation link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/94702177533>

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The Girl Scout Cookie Program Is Just Around The Corner

Through Girl Scouts, girls learn to think like entrepreneurs as they participate in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. Research shows that girls are actively interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a big impact on the world.



The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of the overall Girl Scout experience. Girl Scout Cookie Program lets girls show the world their business savvy as key members of the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program.

Every year, Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to do amazing things in their communities and beyond. As cookie entrepreneurs, girls gain essential skills 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.

We ask leaders to participate in cookie training to best prepare to support girls in the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program!

New Leader training - New Leader and Troop Cookie Managers with less than 2 years of experience are asked to attend the new leader training. This training will cover the basic operations of the program as well as tips for a smooth program and successful experience for your girls. Both virtual and in person new leader trainings will be offered. Link to the virtual trainings is below. No registration is required for in person training.

Experienced Leader training - Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with 2+ years' experience are asked to attend the experienced leader training but are welcome to attend the new leader training if they prefer. This training will offer a fast-paced refresher of the overall program and highlight new information. Both virtual and in person experienced leader training will be offered. Link to the virtual trainings is below. No registration is required for in person training.

Saturday
December 4th at
8:00-8:45am
Virtual

Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93425226027>

Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027

Passcode: 389041

Saturday
December 4th at
9:30-10:30am
In person

New Troop Leaders and New Troop Cookie Managers

GSCV Office, 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200
Richmond, VA 23230

Saturday
December 4th at
11:00-11:45am
In person

Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers

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Monday
December 6th at
6:30-7:30pm
In person

New Troop Leader Training with Experienced Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers welcome to attend.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
161 Embrey Mill Rd, Stafford, VA 22554

Tuesday

Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers

December 7th at
6:00-6:45pm
Virtual

Join Zoom Meeting
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Tuesday
December 7th at
7:00-8:00pm
Virtual

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Wednesday
December 8th at
9:00-9:45am
Virtual

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Cookie Packet Pick up – This is the opportunity to "pick-up" materials and program resources. 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 pick up locations.



Seven-variety sample packages of cookies will be available for \$10 (at packet pick up) and all troops will receive a complimentary package of the new Adventurefuls.

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8:30-11:30am

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Monday
December 6th
4:30pm-7:30pm

Ebenezer United Methodist Church
161 Embrey Mill Rd
Stafford, VA 22554

Saturday

Ron Rosner YMCA

December 11th
9:00am-11:00am

5700 Smith Station Rd
Fredericksburg, VA 22307

Monday, December 6th -
Thursday, December 9th,
8:30am-4:30pm

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Wells Fargo Account Holders

This is a timely announcement regarding Troop Bank accounts at Wells Fargo.

It has come to our attention, effective November 15, 2021, Wells Fargo will be converting the Business Choice Checking account product currently held by GSCV troops and Service Units to an Initiate Business Checking account. The new account type will impose a \$10.00 monthly service fee that can be avoided by maintaining a \$500.00 minimum daily balance or a \$1,000 average ledger balance. This is a significant change from the current product, which includes a service fee waiver provision.

Council is working diligently with Wells Fargo to waive the monthly service fee. In the event this service fee cannot be waived, Council is advising troops to open accounts with one of our other partner banks. Should you choose to open an account with another Council partner bank, we will assist in making the transition as convenient and seamless as possible. If any fees are incurred during the transition to another partner bank, please send a copy of your bank statement to Council to be reimbursed for the cost. **The transition needs to occur by December 1, 2021.** Should you decide to stay with Wells Fargo, the service fees will be incurred by your troop or service unit.

If questions, please contact the GSCV helpdesk at
gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Journal Your Memories

Cherish your Girl Scout Memories! Visit Liz in the Shop and pick up a memory book for your girls! Each level book lists all badges, Journeys and highest awards in a fun journal format for girls to customize and make their own!



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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!