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Girl Scouts of the USA **shares simple ideas** to get ready to have one of your happiest holidays yet.

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## November 16, 2022 Edition

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**Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia's office and retail shop will be closed November 19, 2022, through November 27, 2022, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 28, 2022.**

## Program Event and Activity Guide

Girl Scout Program Age levels welcome to register for each program activity are indicated by a letter with each offering below.

- 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)



The deadlines for December activities are coming up soon. Take a look at the events below and make sure you sign up!

**[12/3 - The Valentine: Figures of Freedom \(B, J, C, S, A\)](#)**

**[12/7 - Real Life Academy: What To Do If You Get Pulled Over \(C, S, A\)](#)**

**[12/8 - Financial Literacy with Virginia Credit Union \(VACU\) for Girl Scout Brownies \(B\)](#)**

**[12/8 - Financial Literacy with Virginia Credit Union \(VACU\) for Girl Scout Juniors \(J\)](#)**

**[12/10 - CodeVA \(B, J, C\)](#)**

**[12/11 - Cookie Rally at Kings Dominion \(all Girl Scouts and their families\)](#)**

**[12/11 - Richmond Ballet-Nutcracker \(all Girl Scouts and their families\)](#)**



**Real Life Academy: What to Do If You Get Pulled Over (C, S, A)**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

It's going to happen sooner or later. Join Girl Scout volunteers and local community members to learn how to stay calm, know your rights and what to do if you are pulled over while operating a vehicle.



**Richmond Ballet- Nutcracker: Sunday, December 11, 2022**  
**5:30 p.m.**

Watch toy dolls come to life in this holiday classic. Girl Scouts and their families will enjoy a special post-show question & answer session with Company Dancers in the Carpenter Theatre at Dominion Energy Center.

Girl Scout Troop Leaders and families can order tickets as a group or on an individual basis through the link above or by calling the Richmond Ballet Box Office at 804.344.0906 x224.

**Coming in January!**



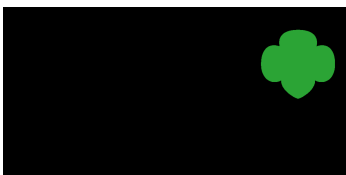
**Hairspray: Thursday, January 26, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

Can a girl with big dreams (and even bigger hair) change the world? HAIRSPRAY, Broadway's Tony Award-winning musical comedy, follows 16-year-old Tracy Turnblad in 1960's Baltimore as she sets out to dance her way onto TV's most popular show.

Girl Scouts can use this [link](#) to purchase group tickets online for 8 or fewer attendees.

Girl Scouts should contact the Broadway in Richmond office for assistance with a group purchase of 9+: [groups@broadwayinrichmond.com](mailto:groups@broadwayinrichmond.com) or 804-592-3401.

## Training Opportunities



New additions to your gsLearn dashboard include tips on facilitating the **Digital**

Have you seen your gsLearn dashboard?

It has more on demand learning opportunities, and they are all for you on your schedule!

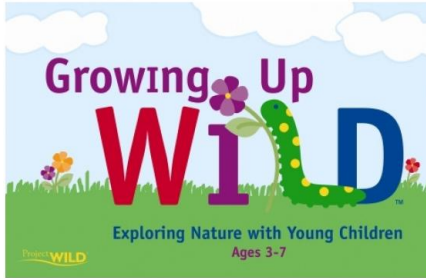
gsLearn is Girl Scouts' official online and on-demand training tool. It empowers

**Leadership Badge** with your troop. The Daisy to Ambassador program age levels each have easy-to-follow videos with links to helpful tools.

If your troop has not earned this badge, prepare today with gsLearn and use this convenient learning tool built just for you!

volunteers to complete trainings as it works best for them. Volunteers have access to Girl Scout-specific training that supports consistency across the Girl Scout Movement. gsLearn is accessible through your MyGS portal and in your home page menu under the Volunteer Toolkit option.

The courses available to you are located on your home page in gsLearn.



## North Region opportunity

### Growing Up Wild: training for Daisy & Brownie Leaders

**Date:** Saturday, February 4th, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embrey Mill Rd. | Stafford, VA 22554

**Cost:** \$10

**Discover** what's outside

**Connect** with nature

**Take Action** to learn about the outdoors

**Leaders will receive a troop copy of the *Growing Up WILD* guide filled with 126 pages of ideas, activities, fun facts, and the rest you will find in this exciting resource!** The *Growing Up WILD* activities support many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.

**Registration is open now** and closes Friday, January 27th, 2023

## Cookie Program

**Important  
Cookie  
Booth  
Reminder**



For the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program, the Walmart Corporation will require all of its stores to use a new online process for Girl Scout Councils to schedule cookie booth locations. **For the 2023 Cookie Program, any troop wanting to schedule a location at Walmart will go through our Cookie Management System, Smart Cookies.** We will alert you when those dates become available in Smart Cookies.

## Cookie Training and Packet Pick-Up

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.

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 Leaders 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 Cookie Program as well as tips for a smooth 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.

**Experienced Leader training** - Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with 2+ years of 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 Cookie 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.

**Cookie Packet Pick up** – This is the opportunity to "pick-up" materials and Cookie 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 cookie packet 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 Trefoil Cookie (formerly known as Shortbread). Please be aware the new Raspberry Rally cookie will not be available in the sample pack; this cookie will only be available online.

Saturday, December 3rd  
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Experienced leader training virtual  
<https://zoom.us/j/97133601026>  
Passcode: 593898



Saturday, December 3rd  
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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

In-person  
location

Saturday, December 3rd  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

In-person  
location

Saturday, December 3rd | 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Cookie packet pick-up  
GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond VA 23230

Monday - Thursday, December 5th-8th | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Cookie packet pick-up  
GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond VA 23230

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

Combined  
New & Experienced  
leader training  
Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embry Mill Rd.  
Stafford VA, 22554

In-person  
location

Monday, December 5th | 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Cookie packet pick-up  
Ebenezer United Methodist Church | 161 Embry Mill Rd. | Stafford VA, 22554

Tuesday, December 6th  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Experienced leader training virtual  
<https://zoom.us/j/96628203950>  
Passcode: 791499



Tuesday, December 6th  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

New leader training virtual  
<https://zoom.us/j/96628203950>  
Passcode: 791499



Wednesday, December 7th  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Experienced leader training virtual  
<https://zoom.us/j/98698336075>  
Passcode: 795218



Wednesday, December 7th  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

New leader training virtual  
<https://zoom.us/j/98698336075>  
Passcode: 795218



Saturday, December 10th | 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Cookie packet pick-up

## 2023 Important Cookie Dates

As you plan your troop 2022/2023 membership year, these are the most important cookie dates to assist in your planning.

Sunday, January 1st	Girls can begin taking orders and selling online
Wednesday, January 25th	Deadline for Troop Leaders to input girl orders in Smart Cookies
February 15th-22nd	Traditional deliveries (rural communities)
Thursday, February 16th	Cookie Drive Thru in Fredericksburg
Friday, February 17th	Cookie Drive Thru in Richmond
Saturday, February 18th	Cookie Drive Thru in Chesterfield
Tuesday, February 21st	Cookie Cupboards open
Wednesday, March 15th	First ACH draft (50% of initial order)
Friday, March 31st	Final day of cupboard operation, last day of program
Tuesday, April 4th	Second ACH draft (balance due) and Reward orders due in Smart Cookies by Troop Leaders

## Happy Thanksgiving



The Girl Scouts of the  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
wish you a  
Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Stop by and browse some of  
our holiday fun patches.

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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!