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### You're Invited!

**Register today** to attend the **Cookie Rally at Kings Dominion**-Girl Scouts will participate in Cookie Rally activities, try the new cookie, and see all the **Climb With Courage** Incentives.

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia office & shop will be closed starting at noon, November 19th through November 27th, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Monday, November 29th.

## Scholarship Opportunity

### Governor and First Lady Northam Announce Virginia Council on Women's 11th Annual High School Essay Contest

*Contest is a scholarship opportunity for high school females pursuing careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and healthcare*



The Virginia Council on Women will award scholarships to qualifying high

school seniors who plan to pursue a STEAM-H career at a community college, four-year college or university, trade or technical school, online, and/or through certificated STEAM-H oriented courses. The 11th annual contest will award one merit-based and one need-based scholarship in each of five geographic regions across the Commonwealth. Merit-based scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the essay submitted. Need-based scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the essay submitted and the individual's self-identified financial need. Award amounts may vary and are determined by the Council annually.

To be eligible, you must identify as female, be a Virginia high school senior, and must hold at least a 3.0 GPA for the merit-based awards and a 2.5 GPA for the need-based scholarships. Applications and guidelines are available online [here](#).

Entries must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, January 3, 2022. Essays will be judged by a panel of Council members and individuals who represent STEAM-H fields. Winners will be notified in March 2022. The scholarship awards will be presented in the spring of 2022.

## Girl Scouts National Service Project



More than 50 million adults, kids, and families in the U.S. are experiencing food insecurity, a number that has only increased since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and may include members of our own communities, friends and family, or members of our troops, making this a sensitive and important take action issue for Girl Scouts. To learn more about what Girl Scouts are doing and how you can help to fight food insecurity

visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone/national-service-projects.html>

## 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



In partnership with Virginia Credit Union, Girl Scouts will learn about money, personal finance, needs vs. wants, and how to prepare for their future as consumers.

### Money Counts leaf for Daisies

**When: December 11th | 9:00 – 10:00 am**

**Where: GSCV Service Center, 4900**

**Augusta Ave, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23230**

Find out about money. You can use it to buy things and you can use it to help other people too.

### Money Manager badge for Brownies

**When: December 11th | 10:30 – 11:30 am**

**Where: GSCV Service Center, 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23230**

Learn the difference between needs, like food and clothing, and wants, like games and movie tickets.

To register for either of these exciting program activities click on the linked picture or go to our [Events page on the GSCV website](#) and register your troop or your Girl Scout today!



## 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**

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

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

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Wednesday  
December 8th at  
9:00-9:45am  
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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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December 4th  
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4:30pm-7:30pm

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

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

Ron Rosner YMCA  
5700 Smith Station Rd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22307

Monday, December 6th -

GSCV Office

## Wells Fargo Account Holders

### Update regarding all current Troop Bank Accounts at Wells Fargo



The fee schedule and change in bank account type for all current Troop Bank accounts at Wells Fargo has been implemented. If 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.

The GSCV partner banks are Truist (formerly BB&T), Primis, and Benchmark. Contact the GSCV office first to either open a Girl Scout bank account or make any changes.

If questions or if your troop would like to choose a different GSCV partner bank, please contact the GSCV helpdesk at [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org)

## NEW Trefoil Two Tone Pom-Pom Hat & Gloves

### NEW Trefoil Two Tone Pom-Pom Hat & Gloves for girls!

Brighten chilly days with a touch of colorful coziness. Complete your comfy, cute look with our Girl Scout pom-pom hat and gloves (sold separately).



**Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!