

## GIRL SCOUTS your vote counts!

Vote for your choice and help decide which will be the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Mascot! Cast your vote in this edition of S'more News.



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Edition**

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### Important notice

The GSCV Shop will be closed Saturday, November 5, 2022, due to events at Pamunkey Ridge that day: Wellness Day and Juliette Gordon Low Campfire.

## Program Event and Activity Guide



**Ready. Set. Register!**

**November events are right around the corner!  
Make sure you sign up to enjoy all the fun!**

**11/11-11/13 - Outdoor Journeys in a Weekend**

**11/17 - Real Life Academy: How to Say NO**

**11/19 - Ambassador Climb On**

**11/19 - Senior Climb On**

**11/19 - Richlands Dairy Farm**

Head over to the western side of our council to Richlands Dairy Farm on November 19th. Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will tour the milking parlor, cow barn, and nursery calf barn. Girls will also get to see a robotic calf barn and milk a cow!

## **Treat Yourself Fall Product Program**

### **ACH for Fall Product Program**

ACH for Fall Product will be here soon. If your troop has a balance for the Fall Product Program, we will draft that balance from your troop account on November 11th.

**Not sure if your troop has a balance?**  
Login to [www.gsnutsandmags.com/GSCV](http://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 are picking up 2nd chance orders or have additional online and magazine sales, this amount may change. So, check back on November 10th.

## Important Dates

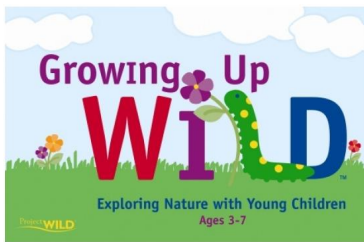
**November 10th**

Last date for magazines and nuts online purchase

**November 11th**

ACH Draft  
Rewards submitted by troops

## Training Opportunities



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

Ready to explore nature with your troop? What can be explored just outside your troop's meeting place?

### **See the outdoors a whole new way from nature's experts that are Growing Up Wild!**

Girl Scouts has emphasized the importance of getting outdoors for the past 110 years. Learning about the environment and having fun outdoors helps Girl Scouts build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. *Growing Up WILD* builds on Girl Scout Daisy's and Brownie's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, explore differences between living and non-living objects, basic needs and characteristics of plants and animals.

**Leaders will receive a troop copy of the *Growing Up WILD* guide along with other resources to help conduct the activities with their troop.** The 27 *Growing Up WILD* activities support many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.

**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**

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

## Cookie Program

### **Which will it be?**

Voting is NOW OPEN for the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program Mascot! Already see your favorite? Make sure

Vote on the 2025 Mascot!



to cast your vote here: <https://bit.ly/3zgOzvr>

## Time to register for this year's Cookie Rally

This year's Cookie Rally will take place at Kings Dominion's Winterfest on December 11th. The registration / ticket purchase will take place through the link to the Kings Dominion website. All tickets include early admission to the park and parking. Girl member tickets include the Cookie Rally activities: ice skating, cookie decorating, a patch, and fun cookie themed activities for \$30 per Girl Scout.

The pictures below will assist you in purchasing what you need for all the fun!



**Girl Scout Day  
Admission**



**Admission &  
Parking**



**WinterFest  
Cookie Decorating**

**\$30**

Choose this option to purchase tickets for Girl Scouts (girl members only) who are not season pass holders.

**\$10**

All Adults including Girl Scout troop leaders & non Girl Scout family members.

**\$10**

Choose this option to purchase tickets for Girl Scouts who are season pass holders and would like to participate in Cookie Rally activities.



## 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

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  
Ron Rosner YMCA parking lot  
5700 Smith Station Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407

### 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

## Girl Scouts and My Little Pony Make Your Mark Challenge and Fun Patch



### NEW! Make Your Mark activity book is available

Girls will have the option of completing one or both of the **Girl Scouts and My Little Pony** challenges to unlock the limited-edition fun patches. The age-appropriate, activities are for girls in grades K–3 (i.e., Daisies and Brownies). The My Little Pony fun patches will be available for purchase at our retail shop and **online** (\$1.50 retail).

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!