

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

Important notice:

*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.

*The GSCV Office and Shop will be closed Monday, November 20, 2023 - Friday, November 24, 2023, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. GSCV Office and Shop will open Monday, November 27, 2023.

Thank you!



Staff from Ernst & Young volunteered at Camp Pamunkey Ridge recently. Find out more in this edition of S'more News.

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November 8, 2023 Edition

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Program Events & Activities

Real Life Academy

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

Real Life Academy (C, S, A)

Next up on our Real Life Academy series is Tips on Stress.

Everyone experiences stressful situations. Join this Real-Life Academy to learn some tips and strategies for managing those overwhelming moments.

[Sign up](#) here.

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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, \$10/90
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, \$10/90
Location: Virtual
Tuesday, Nov 28 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

What to Do If You Get Pulled Over
Narrow 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, \$10/90
Location: Virtual
Tuesday, Jan 15 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Balancing Social Media and Real Life
Is your screen time clicking up? Are you constantly worried about how many likes your last post got? Navigating the internet can feel like a lot. 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, \$10/90
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, \$10/90
Location: Virtual
Tuesday, Feb 27 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



Native American Heritage Month:

- Learn a Native American lullaby on your own or with your troop.
- Make a music playlist with ten artists from ten different Native American communities that includes songs or music that an artist, community, or producer has shared online.
- Learn about three different medicinal plants or herbs that Native American communities use for healing.
- Research Native American chefs to learn how they incorporate traditional foods into restaurant menus.
- Learn about four Native American leaders (doctors, scientists, activists, or any others you come up with), and present to your troop or family their contributions to our nation.
- Find three (or more) inventions that were created by Native Americans. Draw them and write a caption for each, providing the name of the item invented, the name of the inventor, and the tribe they're from.

“You can celebrate Native American Heritage Month by recognizing with your family and friends the histories, cultures, and contributions of the Native American communities that were the first inhabitants in the United States. Take this opportunity to learn more about the cultures of the Indian Nations in your state and across the country. We’ve got plenty of activities to choose from, so you can make new discoveries and have tons of fun while earning your patch!”

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

Program Events & Activities for all



Program Age Levels

Daisy (D) grades K-1

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 **NEXT MONDAY, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.**, for our virtual training via Zoom.

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, 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.

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.



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

<p>Saturday, December 2nd 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>New leader training GSCV office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230</p>	<p>In-person location</p>
<p>Saturday, December 2nd 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Experienced leader training (2 or more years managing the cookie program) GSCV office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230</p>	<p>In-person location</p>
<p>Saturday, December 2nd 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</p>	<p>New leader training GSCV office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230</p>	<p>In-person location</p>
<p>Saturday, December 2nd 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cookie packet pick-up GSCV office lobby 4900 Augusta Ave Richmond, VA 23230</p>		<p>In-person location</p>
<p>Sunday, December 3rd 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>New & Experienced leader training Victoria Christian Church 2100 Lee Avenue Victoria, VA 23974</p>	<p>In-person location</p>
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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!



Camp Pamunkey Ridge Service



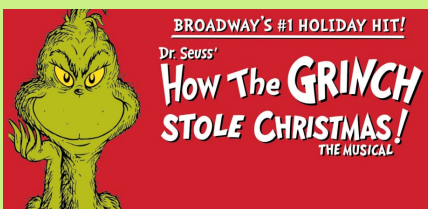
Last w, Camp Pamunkey Ridge was the beneficiary of the annual EY Connect Day, a company-wide day of service for the employees of Ernst & Young.

This year, as in past years, the EY team completed projects at camp which will benefit the Girl Scouts who enjoy our property for amazing outdoor activities and adventures. Contributing more than 60 hours of labor, the team painted three buildings, cleared pathways for the Juliette Gordon Low Campfire, and split firewood that will last the whole year! **Thank you to the employees of EY for your service.**



If you know of other businesses that would like to volunteer to hold a day of service at one of our camp properties, please contact gshelper@comgirlscouts.org and we will be happy to discuss the details involved in this valuable work.

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 30, 2023
Online via Zoom

Sync Your Knowledge

March 9, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Outdoor Cooking
registration coming soon!

**GSUSA Mental Wellness Patch
Program (on demand)**



Open 24/7
on-demand



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

Training for the Mental

Wellness Patch Program

Located in gsLearn, the Mental Wellness Patch Program training is a three-part learning experience that will provide best practices for holding a Mental Wellness Patch Program. This training is for Girl Scout leaders of Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador program age levels.



GSUSA **recommends** the training be taken in the following order:

First: GSUSA Mental Wellness 101

Second: GSUSA Delivering Inclusive Program

Third: GSUSA The Mental Wellness Patch Program: Why It Matters and How to Implement It.

The trainings above are located on your gsLearn dashboard and if you have any difficulty please contact the GSCV Help Desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org



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

Your year of
Giving

The best
gifts are here

Begin the season of joyful giving
with our holiday gift guide.

[SHOP 2023 GIFT GUIDE](#)

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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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