

# S'more News

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## October 11, 2023 Edition

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**The Program Events & Activities Guide is HERE!**



The 2023-2024 Program Events & Activities Guide is here!

**REGISTRATION FOR ALL EVENTS IS NOW OPEN.**

Thank you all for your patience as we worked hard to get this year's guide to you. We've got almost 200 Program Events & Activities for all levels and have added more multi-troop options than ever before. We're truly proud of the way our staff and Community Partners have worked together to bring more programming to you this year.

Printed Program Events & Activities Guides are in the mail; look out for your copy in the coming week!

[Download the Guide Now!](#)

**Program Events and Activities**

**Highest Award Trainings**



Are you a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador who is interested in earning the Gold or Silver Award? If so, join us on **October 16th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM** for our first in-person training!

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.**

Please note:

We will have another in-person meeting on **Monday, November 6th at 6:00 PM** at Ebenezer United Methodist Church in Stafford.

Upcoming virtual (Zoom) training dates:

- **Monday, November 13th, 5:00 PM**
- **Monday, January 29th, 5:00 PM**

**[Click here to register](#)** for any of the above trainings.

## GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program

### Fall Product is Arriving Next Week!



Don't forget to pick up your Fall Product to distribute to girls:

- **Friday, October 20th, 8:00a.m.- 12:00 pm** at Fredericksburg Expo Center
- **Saturday, October 21st, 8:00am-12:00pm** at Richmond (The Diamond) and Chesterfield (Dunmar Moving and Storage)

Rural deliveries will take place **October 23<sup>rd</sup>-October 24<sup>th</sup>**.

If the troop leader is unavailable to pick up the product, it's fine to send another adult related to the troop to do so. If you encounter an issue and can't pick it up, please let us know and make other arrangements at [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org).

If this is your first time experiencing one of our product drive-thrus, these tips will be helpful:

- Plan for the weather. If you are bringing a pick-up truck, make sure you can cover the product if it rains.
- It never hurts to clean out your vehicle ahead of time to ensure you have

enough room.

- As much as we love dogs, it might be best to leave yours at home on delivery day.
- Remember to stay in your vehicle until you get to the count and sort section.
- You don't need to bring a list of the products you are picking up, but it's helpful to know your troop number.

## Second Chance Orders

Did a girl get her order card to you too late to enter in the M2 system? Haven't participated up to now but would like to?

Never fear; it's not too late to participate or to get additional product! If you need additional nuts and candy, use this link **use this link** to place your order.

Product will be available to order as long as supplies last or until Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.

## Key Dates for 2023

**October 20:** Fredericksburg Drive Thru

**October 21:** Richmond and Chesterfield Drive Thru

**October 23 -24:** Rural Deliveries

**October 26:** Second Chance Order pick up Fredericksburg

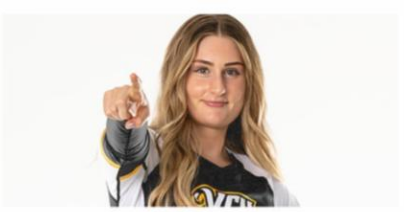
**October 27:** Second Chance Order pick up Richmond and Chesterfield

**November 9:** Last Date to purchase magazines, nuts and candy online

**November 10:** ACH draft for troop payment

**November 10:** Deadline for rewards selections

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VCU VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS  
**GIRL SCOUT DAY**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH**  
**AT 1:00 P.M.**  
VS. GEORGE MASON

girl scouts   
of the commonwealth  
of virginia

Join Rowdy Ram Nation for VCU Girl Scout Volleyball Night. For only \$5 a ticket, you can cheer on the Rams and receive a VCU fun patch!

[Snag Your Tickets Here](#)

## Girl Scout Nights at the Altria Theatre!



Disney will offer a 30% discount on group tickets (10 or more) to Girl Scouts for the **Thursday, October 19 at 7:30 PM** performance of Frozen at Altria Theater.

[Get Your Tickets!](#)

# the Nutcracker



The Richmond Ballet presents *The Nutcracker* on **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM!

Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!

## Celebrate Excellence



# Adult Awards

Volunteers are the heart of Girl Scouting, and it is time to nominate the exceptional volunteer(s) you know in your service unit! **Nominations for the 2023 membership year close November 1st.**

**[Nominations for these awards are entered here.](#)**

- Volunteer of Excellence
- Appreciation Pin
- Honor Pin
- Thanks Badge
- Thanks II Badge
- Community Award

**[Adult Numeral Guards or Years of Service Pins are entered here.](#)**

**[Visit our website here for more detailed information on each award.](#)**

## 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 Director of Marketing & Communications, Janna Joyner, at [jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org). We can't wait to feature them!



## Training Opportunities

**October 28, 2023  
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping

**November 11, 2023  
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking

**Open 24/7  
on-demand**



**Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?  
Contact the GSCV help desk: [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org)**

### Beginning Camping

Let's get your troop outside! The Beginning Camping course is designed for leaders and troops who have little camping experience and want to take their troop camping. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified to take your Girl Scout Troop on a camping trip in the backyard, in a permanent structure such as a cabin at a state park, or Girl Scout Camp. The course follows progression in the outdoors and is specifically designed for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Leaders. We can't wait to see you at training! This course takes place in a single day with a required prep video to watch prior to training. You will be sent the video after registration is completed and processed.



#### **Beginning Camping Training:**

October 28th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge  
**registration closes October 16, 2023**



[Register here!](#)



## Outdoor Cooking

**Saturday, November 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Camp Pamunkey Ridge**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**Registration closes November 3, 2023**

Tired of cooking the same old meals each time your troop goes camping? Join experienced GSCV Outdoor Trainers for a day of cooking and eating! You will have the opportunity to try out a variety of cooking techniques, as well as sample what you cook. Included will be the use of a Dutch Oven, Box Oven, Foil Packs, Stick Cooking, as well as just-for-fun methods such as baking rolls in a flowerpot. Participants will receive copies of recipes cooked during the session.

Please note that course participation space is limited, so please consider one adult volunteer from your troop attending.

[Register here!](#)

## Retail Shop

**Fun and Functional Fashion for Daisy, Brownie,  
and Junior**



The Daisy, Brownie, Junior official apparel and accessories collection pairs cute nostalgic styles with comfy eco-conscious materials. Just for girls in grades K-5, this collection features comfortable apparel and matching accessories created for each grade level.

Stop in to our Retail Shop soon!

[Shop Now!](#)

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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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