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Troop 354 Bronze Award



Dog and cat toys made by **Troop 354**

Girl Scout Troop 354 earned their **Bronze Award** earlier this year by making dog and cat toys from t-shirts they collected from friends and family

members. With COVID, the girls met and worked together virtually through Zoom. The toys were donated to the Richmond SPCA and the girls coordinated a Zoom with them to see a few of the animals enjoying their new toys.



Wells Fargo Account Holders

This is a timely announcement regarding Troop Bank accounts at Wells Fargo.

It has come to our attention, effective November 15, 2021, Wells Fargo will be

converting the Business Choice Checking account product currently held by GSCV troops and Service Units to an Initiate Business Checking account. The new account type will impose a \$10.00 monthly service fee that can be avoided by maintaining a \$500.00 minimum daily balance or a \$1,000 average ledger balance. This is a significant change from the current product, which includes a service fee waiver provision.

Council is working diligently with Wells Fargo to waive the monthly service fee. In the event this service fee cannot be waived, Council is advising troops to open accounts with one of our other partner banks. Should 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.

If questions, please contact the GSCV helpdesk at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**

2021-2022 Program Events & Activities



The Fall edition of the 2021-2022 Program Events and Activities Guide is now available on our website! There is something for everyone - events and activities are offered in three categories: self-guided, in person, and online. **Registration will open on Monday, October 25th at 8pm.**To register simply go to our website under **Events** or log into your **MyGS account** and go to MyEvents on the left hand side menu.

Program Activity

Older girls, this is for you! Develop your business skills and learn to think like an entrepreneur! **Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors** have the opportunity to work with the professionals from Virginia Credit Union to earn Financial Literacy badges. These special sessions for Girl Scouts are being hosted in-person at the GSCV office on November 6th. Cadette session is from 9:00am-10:00am and Senior/Ambassador is from 10:30am-11:30am. **Registration opens October 25th.**



Fall Product Arriving This Week

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

Friday, October 22nd, 8:30am-noon at Fredericksburg Expo Center

Saturday October 23rd 8:30am-noon at Richmond (The Diamond) and Chesterfield (Dunmar Moving and Storage)

Rural deliveries will take place on Monday October 25th.

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 up, please let us know at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org** to make other arrangements.



If this is your first time experiencing one of our product drive thru's these tips will be helpful.

Tips on picking up Girl Scout nuts and candy

- 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 product you are picking up, but it's helpful to know your troop number.

Juliette Gordon Low Campfire







Let's celebrate our founder's birthday with songs, s'mores, and sisterhood!

When: Saturday, October 30th at 5pm Where: Camp Pamunkey Ridge

All girls, troops, family and friends are invited to spend the evening 'round the campfire roasting marshmallows, singing Girl Scout songs, making SWAPS, and sharing sisterhood. Tagalongs are welcome to attend! The patch above will be available only at this event in the Trading Post.

Register here for the <u>Juliette Gordon Low Campfire</u> - registration closes Thursday, October 28th at 5pm.

NEW Junior Accessories



NEW Junior Accessories are now available in the shop! Wear the J-U-N-I-O-R necklace proudly along with the colorful scrunchie and topped off with a color coordinating backpack!

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