

# S'm re News

# exclusively for leaders and volunteers

# **Juliette Gordon Low** Quarter



What an incredible celebration of Juliette as a historical figure and tribute to the amazing power of Girl Scouts! Read more about this exciting recognition of our Founder in the GSUSA blog.

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CALLING ALL GIRL SCOUT

**EXPLORE** Washington, DC!

**NOVEMBER 18, 2023** 

National Zoo

### **GSCV** Travel

#### **Discover, Explore, and Create Memories in the Heart of DC!**

Attention Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts! Are you ready for an unforgettable adventure in the nation's capital? Join us on November 18th for a day brimming with excitement, laughter, and exploration!

Wild Encounters at the National Zoo: Get up close and personal with incredible creatures from around the world at the National Zoo! From playful pandas to majestic lions, embark on a wild journey through this animal kingdom.

Journey Through Time at the National Museum of Natural History: Dive into the

• Museum of Natural History • Museum of American History Scavenger Hunt · Lunchtime Bonding • FUN PATCH! To register, see link in S'more News.

wonders of our planet as we unearth ancient treasures and unravel the mysteries of the natural world. This museum is a treasure trove of knowledge and awe-inspiring exhibits!

Step into History at the National Museum of American History: Travel

back in time and witness the captivating story of our nation. From iconic artifacts to interactive exhibits, get ready to be inspired and amazed by the incredible journey of the United States.

**Scavenger Hunt Extravaganza:** Sharpen your detective skills as you participate in a thrilling scavenger hunt across our three stops. Solve clues, unravel mysteries, and receive an exclusive fun patch for all of your fun work!

Girls can register with their troop (troops should ensure they have the proper adult supervision based on Safety Activity Checkpoints for their age level) or they can register to attend with a parent/guardian as a chaperone.

The cost is \$65 per person (adults and girls) and covers round trip bus transportation from Richmond or Fredericksburg. Snacks on the bus and a patch. Lunch and souvenirs will be at the individual's expense.

For more information contact our helpdesk at <a href="mailto:GSHelper@comgirlscouts.org">GSHelper@comgirlscouts.org</a> or register here.

#### **MUST-ATTEND EVENTS**



Join us on November 4th to celebrate the beginning of another awesome Girl Scout year with a fiesta and s'mores.

Girl Scouts' family and friends are invited to enjoy activities from the Hispanic Heritage Month fun patch program before heading over to the fire circles for an evening 'round the campfire to celebrate our Founder.

| ☐ Learn a Hispanic or Latin dance (try salsa, merengue, Bachata)   |
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| $\Box$<br>Make maracas—percussion instruments that are native to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela                  |
| $\Box$ Decorate paper bags with paint, fill them with dried rice, and fasten with a rubber band. Then, shake away! |
| ☐ Draw or paint three flags from Latin American countries  |
| ☐ Try hot cocoa from different countries in Latin America  |
| ☐ Story time and activity  |
| ☐ Dia De Los Muertos   |
| ☐ Learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law in Spanish  |
| REGISTRATION CLOSES OCTOBER 30th.  |

Register Now for Welcome Back Fiesta!



After attending the welcome Back Fiesta, end the evening celebrating our Founder round the campfire roasting marshmallows, singing lots of Girl Scout songs, making SWAPs (special whatchamacallits affectionately placed somewhere), and sharing in sisterhood.

Register Now for the Juliette Gordon Low Campfire!

# **Program Events and Activities**

#### 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



### **Location update!**

SharkTank - (D, B, J)

November 9, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fredericksburg Baptist Church | 1019 Princess Anne Street Fredericksburg, VA 22401

# **GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program**

### **Key Dates remaining for the 2023 Fall Product Program**

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

# 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 packages 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** Saturday, December 2nd New leader training 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. GSCV office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230 Saturday, December 2nd Experienced leader training 10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. (2 or more years managing the cookie program) GSCV office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230 Saturday, December 2nd New leader training 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **GSCV** office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200 Richmond, VA 23230 Saturday, December 2nd | 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Cookie packet pick-up GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond VA 23230 Sunday, December 3rd New & Experienced leader training 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Victoria Christian Church 2100 Lee Avenue Victoria, VA 23974 Sunday, December 3rd | 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cookie packet pick-up Victoria Christian Church | 2100 Lee Avenue | Victoria, VA 23974 Monday, December 4th New leader training 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Virtual** Experienced leader training Monday, December 4th **Virtual** 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. New & Experienced leader training Monday, December 4th **Virtual** 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Wednesday, December 7th 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

New & Experienced leader training Rappahannock Community College 52 Campus Dr ive Warsaw VA, 22572

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Monday, December 4th - Friday, December 8th | 8:30 .m. - 4:30 p.m. Cookie packet pick-up GSCV office lobby | 4900 Augusta Ave | Richmond VA 23230



### 2023 Cookie Rally

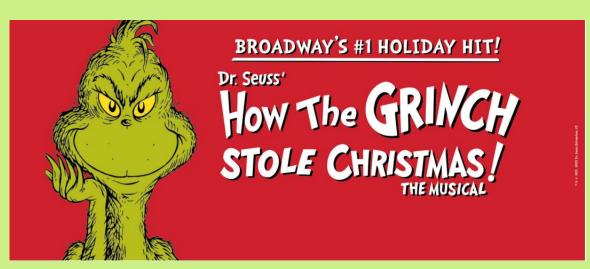
December 10th @ Kings Dominion
Link to purchase tickets coming soon!

# **Girl Scout Nights at the 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.



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

Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!



# Celebrate Excellence





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

<u>Adult Numeral Guards or Years of Service Pins are entered</u> here.

<u>Visit our website here for more detailed information on each award.</u>

**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**

October 26, 2023 Online via Zoom

**Sync Your Knowledge** 

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









#### **Girl Scout Outdoor Cooking course**

Calling all Girl Scout culinary pioneers - what will your troop cook for dinner at your next camping adventure?

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!



#### Sync Your Knowledge is open for registration.

You drive what we cover at Sync Your Knowledge. Register today and let us know what you want to learn more about. To kick us off, we will take a quick look at tips for a successful first new troop meeting and check out just one of a Girl Scout Leader's most important tools - Safety Activity Checkpoints. Then of course, we will take your questions.

# **VCU Research Participant Opportunity**

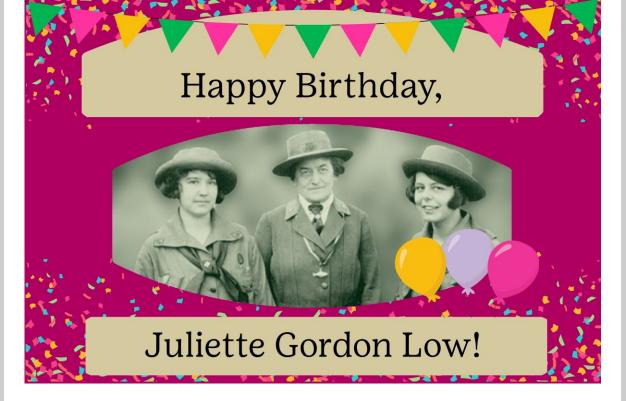
The Research Institute for Social Equity (RISE) at Virginia Commonwealth University is doing a study to learn more about the lived experiences of Black girls in the Richmond area. If you are interested, please see the QR code on the flyer provided below.

Want to join?
Scan the QR
code to the right
and see if you
qualify!





# **Retail Shop**



October is the month we honor the amazing legacy of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Discover our legacy collection and celebrate our shared heritage.

Stop in the Shop for patches, too!

 $\Box$  Fun Fact: Early in Girl Scouts' history, Juliette Gordon Low sold her strand of rare pearls to support the growing organization.

Shop Now!

#### Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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office hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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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