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## October 27, 2021 Edition

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## Silver Award Project



**The highest  
honor  
a  
Girl Scout  
Cadette  
can  
achieve.**

Amanda P.'s Silver project was centered around her interest in camp. She recognized that at Camp Pamunkey there was a lack of storage around the pool area when groups went to swim each day. So Amanda decided to create a storage area that would benefit campers, counselors, parents & camp staff!



Working with GS staff and her team, she built 3 storage units by the pool in 3 different colors, each with 15 crates, held securely in pressure treated wood. Now, girls have a place off the ground to store their items and are less likely to lose items; counselors can now make a quick scan of the colored storage unit to see if their group has left anything behind; parents will have less lost & found to track down at the end of camp; and the grass in front of the pool will now be more visibly appealing to the staff and guests as they move around camp. Amanda worked hard at identifying a problem, developed a plan to solve that problem, and executed the plan.

## The Girl Scout Cookie Program

# Is Just Around The Corner

Through Girl Scouts, girls learn to think like entrepreneurs as they participate in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. Research shows that girls are actively interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a big impact on the world.



The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of the overall Girl Scout experience. Girl Scout Cookie Program lets girls show the world their business savvy as key members of the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program.

Every year Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to do amazing things in their communities and beyond. As cookie entrepreneurs, girls gain essential skills 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.

We ask leaders to participate in cookie training to best prepare to support girls in for the world's largest girl-led entrepreneurial program!

**New Leader training** - New Leader 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 program as well as tips for a smooth program 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 for in person training.

**Experienced Leader training** - Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with 2+ years' 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 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 for in person training.

Saturday  
December 4th at  
8:00-8:45am  
Virtual

## **Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced Troop Cookie Managers.**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93425226027>

Meeting ID: 934 2522 6027

Passcode: 389041

Saturday  
December 4th at  
9:30-10:30am  
In person

## **New Troop Leaders and New Troop Cookie Managers**

GSCV Office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23230

Saturday

**Experienced Troop Leaders and Experienced**

December 4th at  
11:00-11:45am  
In person

**Troop Cookie Managers**  
GSCV Office 4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23230

Monday  
December 6th at  
6:30-7:30pm  
In person

**New Troop Leader Training with Experienced Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers welcome to attend.**  
Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embrey Mill Rd, Stafford, VA 22554

Tuesday  
December 7th at  
6:00-6:45pm  
Virtual

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December 7th at  
7:00-8:00pm  
Virtual

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Wednesday  
December 8th at  
9:00-9:45am  
Virtual

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Wednesday  
December 8th at  
10:00-11:00am  
Virtual

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**Cookie Packet Pick-up** – This is the opportunity to "pick-up" materials and 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 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 new Adventurefuls.

Saturday  
December 4th  
8:30-11:30am

GSCV Office  
4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23230

Monday  
December 6th  
4:30pm-7:30pm

Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embrey Mill Rd  
Stafford, VA 22554

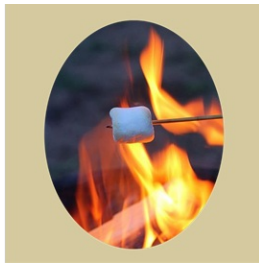
Saturday  
December 11th  
9:00am-11:00am

Ron Rosner YMCA  
5700 Smith Station Rd  
Fredericksburg, VA 22307

Monday, December 6th -  
Thursday, December 9th,  
8:30am-4:30pm

GSCV Office  
4900 Augusta Ave, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23230

## 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 [Juliette Gordon Low Campfire](#) - registration closes Thursday, October 28th at 5pm.

## Treat Yourself Fall Product Program

Our beautiful giant Emperor Penguin has officially been named Blizzard. Thank you to everyone who suggested names on Facebook.





Congratulations to Kristin B. for suggesting the winning name.

Each girl with \$50 in magazine sales by November 11th will be entered into a drawing to win Blizzard.

## Treat Yourself Fall Product Program Important Dates

**November 11:** Last day for nuts and magazines online purchase

**November 11:** Automatic electronic withdrawal (ACH) from troop accounts

**November 11:** Deadline for troops to choose recognitions and submit rewards

## 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](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org)

## Adult Award Nominations



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 2021 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.](#)**

## Layers Made to Mix and Match

Find your favorite fall layers for back to troop and beyond! Check out our comfy eco-conscious official apparel collection for looks that will last from season to season. Visit the GSCV Shop today!



### The New Daisy Collection

Made with cozy and eco-conscious fabrics, the Daisy collection pairs fun colorful designs with functional features like built-in shorts and elastic waistbands.



### The New Brownie Collection

Made with modern eco-friendly materials and retro flair, this collection features '90s-inspired style from the fuzzy flocked letters to the throwback color palette.



### The New Junior Collection

Inspired by iconic '90s fashion, this wardrobe-ready collection offers a range of fun yet functional styles you can dress up or keep casual.

**Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!