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September 13, 2023 Edition

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**Two Kickoff 2023 Dates Remain:
Register Now!**



October 3, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

- Molly T. Fuller, Chief Executive Officer, State of the Council address
- Program Event & Activity Guide
- Camp Reservation Platform
- Mental Wellness Programming
- Looking Ahead...Cookie Program

October 5, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

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- Camp Reservation Platform
- Mental Wellness Programming
- Looking Ahead...Cookie Program

Tuesday | October 3, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

Thursday | October 5, 2023 | 6:30 p.m.

[Secure your spot here](#)

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We will be sharing the same content with you Tuesday, October 3rd and Thursday, October 5th, so choose which evening you would like to attend. See you at Kickoff!

It's Time to Renew!



Your Year of

Fun

- ✓ Gear up for cool field trips.
- ✓ Make forever friends.
- ✓ Dream up a game to teach your troop.

The start of the new Girl Scout year is just around the corner, and we don't want you to miss a minute of ***Your Year of Fun!*** On-time registration is now open through September 30th. The new membership year begins on October 1st.

Click here to renew your Troop, individual Girl or Adult membership now. If you have questions, call or email the Help Desk at 804-746-0590 or gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.

Program Events and Activities

NEW EVENTS ARE HERE!

It's almost time for a new membership year here at GSCV and WE. ARE. READY! We have so many exciting events and activities planned that we cannot wait to share with you in our Program Events & Activities Guide.

Registration for Ready to sign up for October's the first two weeks' events? Check out the list of the newest events available for you:

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7PM TONIGHT!

[10/9 – Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt Workshop \(J\)](#)

[10/9 – Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt Workshop \(C\)](#)

[10/9 – Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt Workshop \(S,A\)](#)

[10/12 – Do the Robot! \(D,B,J\)](#)

[10/14 – Do the Robot! \(D, B, J\)](#)

[10/14 – Do the Robot \(C, S, A\)](#)

[10/14 – Tough Cookie \(D,B,J\)](#)

[10/14 – Tough Cookie \(C,S,A\)](#)

[10/14 – CodeVa \(B\)](#)

[10/14 – CodeVa \(J\)](#)

[10/14 – CodeVa \(C\)](#)

[10/14 – RVA Paddlesports \(B,J\)](#)

[10/14 – RVA Paddlesports \(C,S,A\)](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Join Us!
**Inhale Confidence,
Exhale Doubt
Workshop**

Monday,
October 9, 2023
6:00 PM
@
GSCV Office

**REGISTER
NOW!**

Juniors
Cadettes
Seniors
Ambassadors

10/9 – Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt Workshop (Junior - Cadette)

Older Girl Scouts will learn tactics for practicing self-care, coping with difficult situations, and helping themselves and others.

Juniors receive the Knowing My Emotions Patch. **Cadettes** receive the Finding My Voice Patch. **Seniors and Ambassadors** receive the Showing Up for Me and You Patch.

[Register for Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt - Junior](#)

[Register for Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt - Cadette](#)

[Register for Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt - Senior & Ambassador](#)

SPOTLIGHT

10/14 – RVA Paddlesports (Brownie - Ambassador)

Explore the James River while rafting in Virginia! All water levels can have an amazing journey rafting the James River from Pony Pasture to 14th Street. Enjoy the beautiful scenery, the city skyline, thrilling rapids, and

lunch on an island. Lunch will be provided.
Difficulty: Class I-IV Rapids



Register for RVA Paddlesports - Brownie & Junior

Register for RVA Paddlesports - Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



Do you know why Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th through October 15th each year? The celebration begins in the middle of the month because it coincides with the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico on September 16th, Chile on September 18th, and Belize on September 21st.

The month celebrates the histories, cultures, and contributions of U.S. Latinos who are of Spanish, Mexican, Caribbean, and Central or South American origins.

Let's come together to honor and embrace the rich cultural traditions of the Hispanic community! Ready to kick off your celebrations? Check out the below activities and unlock the special Girl Scouts Hispanic Heritage patch here: <https://bit.ly/43ZOWqx>

- Learn a Hispanic or Latin dance (try salsa, merengue, flamenco, or tango!) then teach it to your friends or family.
- Make a music playlist featuring 10 different artists from 10 different Hispanic countries. Share the list (and some info about the artists) around!
- Find a recipe you can make with your friends or family that originates in one of the 21 countries generally included in Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. Then make and enjoy it and talk about its origin!
- Learn about the differences between the term Hispanic and Latino/a.
- Discover all you can about Our Cabaña: its history, location, style, and the programs offered. Share it with your friends.

Pathway Passes

Pathway Passes earned in the 2023 Cookie Program will expire on Saturday, September 30th. Come to the Girl Scout retail shop to use your passes, or call our Help Desk (Monday- Friday 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.) to redeem for your membership registration.

GSCV Treat Yourself: Fall Product Program

Materials for the upcoming Fall Product Program were mailed the week of August 21st.

The Fall Product Program is a fun and simple way for Girl Scout troops to finance adventures, give back to the community and learn the five essential skills of Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics. Troop packets were mailed to leaders this summer.

This year's theme is OWN YOUR MAGIC and the mascot is the Ocelot.

The Ocelot is a medium-sized wildcat found throughout the Southwest in the United States, Mexico, and Central and South America. They are agile climbers and love to swim. Their beautiful fur coats make them resemble a jaguar or leopard. Encourage your Girl Scouts to learn



more interesting things about these beautiful, endangered cats. New this year customers will be able to purchase Tervis products and a special Girl Scout themed Bark Box through the magazine portal.



Key Dates for 2023

October 3: Last day for parents/guardians to enter order form orders in the M2 site

October 5: Last day for troop leaders to enter order form orders in the M2 site

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

Calling All Older Girl Scouts!



Ready to speak your mind and use your voice to make Girl Scouting the best experience ever? Want to meet other older Girl Scouts from our council? Do you have ideas about events you would like to see council or your communities offer for older girls?

If so, then the Older Girl Advisory Group (OGAG) is for you!

The OGAG is looking for its very first members for the 2023-24 membership year! Don't miss out on this opportunity to share your ideas about events you'd like to see and trips you'd love to plan. This is a great opportunity to utilize your leadership skills and boost your resume!

If interested, fill out the application our [website](#) by **September 20th**. The first meeting is Oct 2nd!

Questions? Contact Naudy Solano-Daye at nsolano-daye@comgirlscouts.org.

Girl Scout Destinations



Sisterhood at Sangam

USA Girl Scouts Overseas Destination

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts, are you ready for your next great adventure?

Join your USAGSO sisters on a trip to the Sangam WAGGGS World Center in India in March 2024.

Applications due October 1st, 2023.

For questions, please contact
overseasasia@girlscouts.org

To apply or get more information, visit:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/members/for-girl-scouts/ways-to-participate/Travel/travel-events/sisterhood-at-sangam.html>

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!



BROADWAY'S #1 HOLIDAY HIT!

Dr. Seuss'

**How The GRINCH
STOLE CHRISTMAS!**
THE MUSICAL

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Altria will offer a 30% discount to Girl Scout groups for our Thursday **December 14th show at 7:00 PM** for [Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical!](#) Girl Scouts will also get fun patches and possibly a post-show talk with cast members!

*Stay tuned for the special ticket link!



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

[Exclusive Girl Scout Tickets Here!](#)



Join us at the Richmond Ballet for *Dracula* on **Saturday, February 17th at 2:00 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 Director of Marketing & Communications, Janna Joyner, at jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org. We can't wait to feature them!

Training Opportunities

**October 7-8, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training

**October 14-15, 2023
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund**

Intermediate Camping

**October 21-22, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training

**October 28, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping

**November 11, 2023
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking - registration coming soon!

**Open 24/7
on-demand**



**Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?
Contact the GSCV help desk: 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.

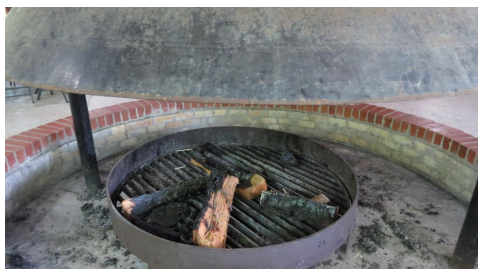


Beginning Camping Training:

October 28th | 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge

registration closes October 16, 2023

[Register here!](#)



Intermediate Camping

Required Prep Session: October 3rd | 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. | metro Richmond location

Training: October 14-15 | 9:00 a.m. Saturday - 1:00 p.m. Sunday (Friday night is optional) | Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund

Time to get outdoors! The Intermediate Camping Course is designed for leaders and troop volunteers seeking to take their troop tent camping. This course will give leaders hands-on experiences so they can successfully lead girls on outdoor experiences for multiple nights. Girl Scouts has a lot to offer through outdoor adventures and you will gain knowledge and practical training to prepare you to plan and manage overnight camping trips. You will learn a variety of safety techniques for fires, cooking and camps. You will also receive valuable tips for program planning, clean up, kapers and packing.

This training does require a Prep Session. The Prep Session will be held at a location in metro Richmond. Registration closes September 27, 2023

[Register here!](#)



Canoe/Kayak/Standup Paddleboard Training

**Saturday, October 7th, 2023 & Sunday, October 8th, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70 | Registration closes September 27, 2023**

Or

**Saturday, October 21st, 2023 & Sunday, October 22nd, 2023
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$70 | Registration closes October 11, 2023**

By taking the Canoe, Kayak, and Standup Paddleboard (SUP) Certification, you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Certified adult instructors are required for Girl Scout canoeing, kayaking, and SUP.

Space is limited so be sure to register right away!

You will receive an email from the trainer with details regarding what you will need to bring the day of the training. [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 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

**Looking for some back to troop fun?
Shop Our Trefoil Fun Finds!**



Spend \$60, Get a Free Bag!

Purchase a total of \$60 on program materials, uniforms, official uniform apparel, and insignia and choose your Free drawstring Teal or Purple cross body bag. Perfect fit for all your Girl Scout program materials!
*(\$15 retail value-while supplies last).****

[Shop Now!](#)

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