

S'm*s*re News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



September 30th deadline!

Look for the "two weeks to go" reminder in this week's newsletter for important deadlines.

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NEW Membership Year

RENEW your Membership by 9/30



The start of the new Girl Scout year is just around the corner, and we don't want you to miss a minute of fun! On-time registration is now open through September 30th. <u>Click here</u> to renew your Troop or individual Girl or Adult membership now. With any questions, call or email the help desk at 804-746-0590 or gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

Ready. Set. Rally!

Inviting new girls into Girl Scout troops is just as important to us as making sure you, our current members, feel engaged and supported in the Girl Scout experience. Do you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who would love to be a Girl Scout? Bring them to one of our six recruitment rallies this fall!

Save the dates below, and join us for a fun-filled day of all things Girl Scouts.

Harry G. Daniel Park at Ironbridge Friday, Sept 30th, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

<u>Children's Museum</u> Saturday, Oct 8th, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

John Lee Pratt Park Saturday, Oct 8th, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

<u>Gillfield Baptist Church</u> Saturday, Oct 29th, 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

GSCV Office Parking Lot



Saturday, Nov 12th, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Rockwood Park Saturday, Nov 12th, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Pathway Passes

Pathway Passes earned in the 2022 Cookie Program will expire on Friday, September 30th. Come to the Girl Scout retail shop to use your passes or call our help desk to redeem for your membership registration.



Fall Product Program Off to a Great Start!



We've gotten off to a great start in our Fall Product Program. If your troop hasn't already created their avatars and gotten started, they can visit <u>www.gsnutsandmags.com/GSCV</u>

Don't miss out on this opportunity for girls to learn important life skills while earning money to fund their Girl Scout adventures. If you have questions, please contact the help desk at <u>gshelper@comgirlscouts.org</u>

September 10th

October 21st

October 5th

October 22nd

October 21-24th

October 26th

Important Dates

Start Date

Date orders should be in the system for girl delivery

Fredericksburg Nut Drive Thru & Delivery

Richmond & Chesterfield Nut Drive Thru & Delivery

Rural deliveries

Second chance orders pick up - Fredericksburg

October 28th

November 10th

November 11th

Second chance orders pick up - Richmond & Dunmar

Last date for magazines and nuts online purchase

ACH Draft

Rewards submitted by troops

Training Opportunities

Last chance for 9/24 class

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: September 24th | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge - **registration closes Sunday, September 18th**

OR

Beginning Camping Training: November 5th | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. | Camp Pamunkey Ridge

<u>Register here!</u>

Canoe/Kayak/Stand up Paddleboard Training

Saturday, October 29th, 2022 &

Sunday, October 30th, 2022 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. both days Camp Pamunkey Ridge Cost: \$70

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 today!



Thank You Girl Scout Volunteers for all that you do.

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 2022 membership year close November 1st.**

The nomination form can be found 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 for more detailed information on each award.

TREK - Registration closes soon



TREK through Virginia



Attention volunteers!

TREK Weekend will be held October 14-16th at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Join us for a weekend of camping, workshops, networking, exploring Camp Pamunkey Ridge and so much more. If you are a new leader, this is the

perfect weekend to build your confidence at camp while meeting other leaders. If you are a seasoned leader, this weekend will have many learning activities for you to try something new. Making memories and new friends is not just for the girls. Do not miss out on this weekend of fun, **register today!** Registration closes September 30th.

Weekend Pricing:

Full weekend - \$40 Saturday only - \$30

Cookie Program



It's C 🖉 🖉 kie Time

2023 Important Cookie Dates

As you plan your troop 2022/2023 membership year these are the most important cookie dates to assist in your planning.

Sunday, January 1st

Wednesday, January 25th

February 15th-22nd

Thursday, February

Girls can begin taking orders and selling online

Deadline for Troop Leaders to input girl orders in Smart Cookies

Traditional deliveries (rural communities)

Cookie Drive Through in Fredericksburg

16th

Friday, February 17th

Saturday, February 18th

Tuesday, February 21st

Wednesday, March 15th

Friday, March 31st

Tuesday, April 4th

Cookie Drive Through in Richmond

Cookie Drive Through in Chesterfield

Cookie Cupboards open

First ACH draft (50% of initial order)

Final day of cupboard operation, last day of program

Second ACH draft (balance due) and Reward orders due in Smart Cookies by Troop Leaders

Get Your Beret Today

Add the perfect accent to any outfit with this official beret! A traditional addition but made for today.

Stop by our retail store and check out this new beret and many "just arrived" adult apparel.



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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!