

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



The Fall
Product Program
Monk Seal
has a name!
See this week's
S'more News to
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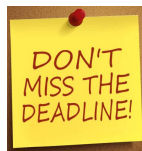
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RENEW your Membership by 9/30



On-time
renewal **8** days
left

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. [Click here](#) to renew your Troop or individual Girl or Adult membership now. If you've seen our latest Program Event and Activity Guide, you know that we have an amazing Girl Scout year ahead of us. Remember, to participate in our events and activities, you must be a registered Girl Scout. Renew your membership now so that you can sign up for the best community activities our council has to offer. 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! Our first fun-filled recruitment will be held at Harry G Daniel Park at Ironbridge [6600 Whitepine Rd, Richmond, VA 23237](#) on Friday, September 30th from 5pm-6:30pm. Save the date, bring a

friend, and see you there! Can't make it to the recruitment on the 30th? Don't worry, we have more planned. See the full schedule below, and call or email the help desk with any questions about registration at 804-746-0590 or gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

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.

Children's Museum

Saturday, Oct 8th
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

John Lee Pratt Park

Saturday, Oct 8th
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Gillfield Baptist Church

Saturday, Oct 29th
12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

GSCV Office Parking Lot

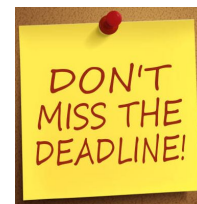
Saturday, Nov 12th
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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.



The Program Event and Activity Guide is on the way!



This year is all about member service. You spoke, we listened! We've made all our events and activities complimentary for adults and have covered over half of the cost for community partner events!

We have 13 new community partners, events in all our regions, plenty of adventure, and even more events for the entire family to enjoy. Be on the lookout throughout the year for even more programming for Daisies and Brownies and pop-up meditation and yoga sessions!

The Program Event and Activity

Guide is on the way! And the best part is – it is a **full year** packed full of events and activities! Be on the lookout for the guide soon to be in your mailbox.

Registration for all events & activities happening the first week of October are open now for registration on [MyEvents](#) and registration will be open for all remaining events & activities October 6th by 8:00 a.m.

10/8 - CodeVA

10/8 - Junior Climbing to New Heights

10/8 - Cadette Climbing to New Heights

10/8 - Sister Saturday: Coffee at Riverside Park

Be sure to save the date for these larger events that are sure to be **THE BEST** time!

November 5th, 2022

Juliette Low Campfire at Camp Pamunkey Ridge

November 5th, 2022

Wellness Day at Camp Pamunkey Ridge

December 11th, 2022

Cookie Rally at King's Dominion

May 7th, 2023

Wellness Day at Camp Pamunkey Ridge

June 3rd, 2023

Kings Dominion- Bridging Ceremony

Treat Yourself Fall Product Program



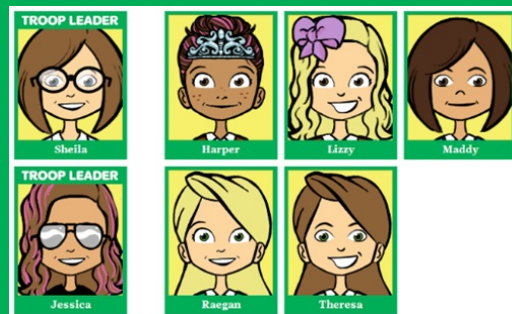
Coconut the Monk Seal is looking for her forever home.

Any girl participating in the Fall Product Program with \$50 in magazine sales will be entered into a drawing to bring this huggable 3-foot girl home. You don't need to do anything to enter, simply ask your family and friends if they would like to purchase or renew a magazine subscription in the M2 system and sell \$50 worth. The winner will be announced at the completion of the Fall Product Program in November.

Have you created your Avatar yet?

Remember once everyone in your troop has created their avatar, you can download a troop photo of your avatars. Just go to the troop dashboard and click on view troop photo.

October 5th is the date to have all your hard copy orders entered in the M2 system. October 5th is also the deadline for Cadette, Senior and Ambassador troops to opt out of girl rewards and receive an additional 3% of troop sales. To do this, log into your troop dashboard and click on "opt out" under rewards and patches. Once there, simply slide the bar over to show you've opted out.



Important Dates

October 5th

Date orders should be in the system for girl delivery

October 21st

Fredericksburg Nut Drive Thru & Delivery

October 22nd

Richmond & Chesterfield Nut Drive Thru & Delivery

October 21-24th

Rural deliveries

October 26th

Second chance orders pick up - Fredericksburg

October 28th

Second chance orders pick up - Richmond & Dunmar

November 10th

Last date for magazines and nuts online purchase

November 11th

ACH Draft

Rewards submitted by troops

Training Opportunities



Inhale Confidence, Exhale Doubt GSCV Mental Health and Wellness Training

GSCV is committed to providing ongoing support to our dedicated leaders. In response to the many requests, we've received from leaders we have created live virtual training sessions with a mental health expert. The training will be offered on two different dates and times to meet the specific needs of leaders with younger and older girls.

Tuesday October 18th at 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. for the Daisy-Junior session

Thursday October 20th at 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m. for the Cadette-Ambassador session

[Please use this link to register for either session.](#)

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: November 5th | 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. |

[Register here!](#)



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 Event- last week to register!



Explore Camp, experience Outdoor Cooking and more!

TREK Weekend will be held October 14-16th at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Join us for a weekend or the day. Camping, outdoor cooking workshops, networking, exploring Camp Pamunkey Ridge and so much more.

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

Save the Date

This year's Cookie Rally will take place at Kings Dominion's Winterfest on December 11th. The registration / ticket purchase will take place through

the Kings Dominion website and will include early admission to the park, ice skating, cookie decorating, a patch, fun cookie themed activities and parking all for \$30 per Girl Scout. Accompanying family members and season pass holders will be able to purchase tickets for only \$10. Keep watching S'more News for the registration link.



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

Girls can begin taking orders and selling online

Wednesday, January 25th

Deadline for Troop Leaders to input girl orders in Smart Cookies

February 15th-22nd

Traditional deliveries (rural communities)

Thursday, February 16th

Cookie Drive Through in Fredericksburg

Friday, February 17th

Cookie Drive Through in Richmond

Saturday, February 18th

Cookie Drive Through in Chesterfield

Tuesday, February 21st

Cookie Cupboards open

Wednesday, March 15th

First ACH draft (50% of initial order)

Friday, March 31st

Final day of cupboard operation, last day of program

Tuesday, April 4th

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



NEW Adult Girl Scout Apparel Collection

The secret to an awesome Girl Scout troop? Rockstar volunteers guiding the way to fun! Whether you're a first-time volunteer or you're proudly wearing a ten-year pin, the Girl Scout Shop has all you'll need for a great year – including the new adult official apparel collection.

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!