

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

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September 27, 2023 Edition

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Kickoff is Next Week... Register Now!



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

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- Program Event & Activity Guide
- Camp Reservation Platform
- Mental Wellness Programming
- Looking Ahead...Cookie Program

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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!

**Renew Now! Annual Membership Expires on
Sept. 30th**



Your Year of

Fun

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

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

Celebrate Excellence



Adult Awards

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

[Adult Numeral Guards or Years of Service Pins are entered here.](#)

[Visit our website here for more detailed information on each award.](#)

Program Events and Activities

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

If you were unable to attend our virtual Fall Product Training on September 12th, a recording is available on our website.

[Watch the Recording Here!](#)



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 www.gsnutsandmags.com/GSCV. 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 gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

It's time to name our Ocelot!

Have your girls learn about the endangered Ocelot and suggest names for our Fall Product Program Mascot. Send one fact about the Ocelot and a suggested name to gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.



The names will be voted on and the winner announced in October.

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

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR ALL OCTOBER EVENTS!

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.

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

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

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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)
10/20 – Camping 101 (B,J,C,S,A)
10/22 – Say Hello to Camp (D,B,C,S,A)

SPOTLIGHT

TOUGH COOKIE

KARATE 4 GIRLS

October 14, 2023
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM



daisies 

brownies 

juniors 

Calling all Tough Cookies!

Join us at Camp Pamunkey Ridge on October 14th... Karate 4 Girls will introduce **Daisies thru Juniors** to the basic skills, traditions and disciplines of karate with an age specific curriculum. Classes will include exercise, basic drills and self-defense.

Register for Tough Cookie - Daisy through Junior

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

Highest Awards



Are you a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador who is interested in earning the Gold or Silver Award? If so, join us on **October 16th from 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m.** for our first in-person training!

This training will cover everything you need to know to get started on your award journey, including:

- How to identify a community need
- How to develop a project plan
- How to get your project approved
- How to track your progress
- How to celebrate your success!

This is a required training to begin your journey to earning the highest awards in Girl Scouting.

To register, please email Cierra Hall at chall@comgirlscouts.org.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!



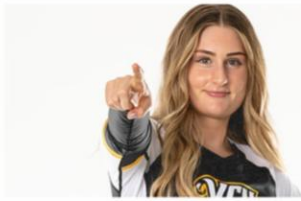
Do you know why Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15th through October 15th?

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>

- Choose three styles of Hispanic music (mariachi, salsa, bolero, etc.), and identify the countries of origin and other interesting details.
- Make maracas—percussion instruments that are native to Cuba, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Decorate paper bags with paint, fill them with dried rice, and fasten with a rubber band. Then, shake away!
- Research three ingredients that are prominent in Latin American cuisines and share the info with your friends or family.
- Sing “Our Cabaña Song” at three Girl Scout gatherings. Try it in Spanish.
- Visit the Library of Congress’s National Hispanic Heritage site and attend a featured exhibit or tune into a program. Then create art (in any form!) inspired by what you learn.



VCU VOLLEYBALL PRESENTS
GIRL SCOUT DAY
SATURDAY, OCT. 28TH
AT 1:00 P.M.
VS. GEORGE MASON

girl scouts 
of the commonwealth
of virginia

Join Rowdy Ram Nation for VCU Girl Scout Volleyball Night. For only \$5 a ticket, you can cheer on the Rams and receive a VCU fun patch!

[Snag Your Tickets Here](#)

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!

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 14-15, 2023
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaquond

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

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!](#)



Canoe/Kayak/Standup Paddleboard Training

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 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!](#)

Retail Shop

Dive into the troop year with exciting new badges and handbooks. Get ready for amazing adventures in art, science, and innovation.

Here's what's new for Back to Troop.



[Shop Now!](#)

Shop Hours

Monday - Friday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sunday | closed

[Shop online 24/7](#)

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