



## We Appreciate You!

We would not be Girl Scouts without you the volunteer! Do you know a volunteer that goes above and beyond? Let us know below! Please take a few minutes to make a nomination so great volunteers get the recognition they deserve.

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## Staff Spotlight

Please help us welcome one of our new staff members: Madison Finke! Madison is one of our great Community Engagement Managers!

Madison graduated from The Hartt School of Music in Connecticut in 2021 where they majored in Vocal Performance.

Prior to starting with GSCV, Madison was a preschool teacher. In addition to their career, Madison is a fantastic opera performer. You can find them performing at many showcases in Virginia.

In addition to their career, Madison volunteers with many wonderful organizations such as Hampton Roads Pride and Virginia Beach Guinea Pig Rescue. When not in the office, you can find Madison enjoying a concert, trying out a new recipe, and most importantly spending time with their fiancé and



friends.

Madison was a Girl Scout for 12 years! Not only were they a Girl Scout, but they were a Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Recipient during their time in Girl Scouts. Madison is most excited about expanding events and support to the Northern Region of our Council and helping volunteers.

We are thrilled to have Madison on our team! If you have not yet met Madison, make sure you do at the next Girl Scout event.

## Fall Product Program Begins!



This year's Fall Product Program begins on Saturday! Girls will have access to the M2 operating system beginning September 10th; troop leaders have access now. If you are having issues, please contact the help desk, [gshelper@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:gshelper@comgirlscouts.org).

The theme is Go Bright Ahead, and the Hawaiian Monk Seal is the Mascot. Check out this [fun activity guide](#) for girls focusing on this year's mascot.

## Important Dates

**September 10th**

Start Date

**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

**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

**OR**

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

**[Register here!](#)**



## **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!**



## GSUSA Mental Wellness 101

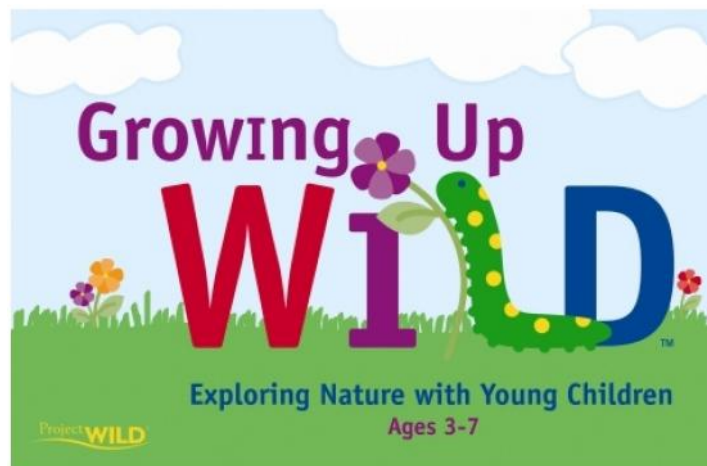
The GSUSA Mental Wellness 101 course is now available through your gsLearn account. In this course, you will learn what mental health is and how to recognize the signs of mental health challenges. You will explore different scenarios that young people may experience and learn how you can promote an environment within Girl Scouts for you and others to thrive and grow. This course is perfect for troop leaders and other adult volunteers who work directly with Girl Scouts. The course will take approximately 25 minutes and you can go at your own pace.

## Growing Up WILD

### Training for Daisy & Brownie Leaders

Girl Scouts has emphasized the importance of getting outdoors for the past 110 years. Learning about the environment and having fun outdoors

helps Girl Scouts build courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place. *Growing Up WILD* builds on Girl Scout Daisy's and Brownie's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, explore differences between living and non-living objects, basic needs and characteristics of plants and animals. Leaders will receive a troop copy of the *Growing Up WILD* guide along with other resources to help conduct the activities with their troop. The 27 *Growing Up WILD* activities support many of the Daisy and Brownie badges, including the Outdoor Art, Math in Nature, Camping and more.



**Date: Saturday, February 4th, 2023**

**Time: 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

**Location: Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
161 Embrey Mill Rd.**

Stafford, VA 22554

Cost: \$10

**Registration is open now** and closes Friday, January 27th, 2023.



# 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.**

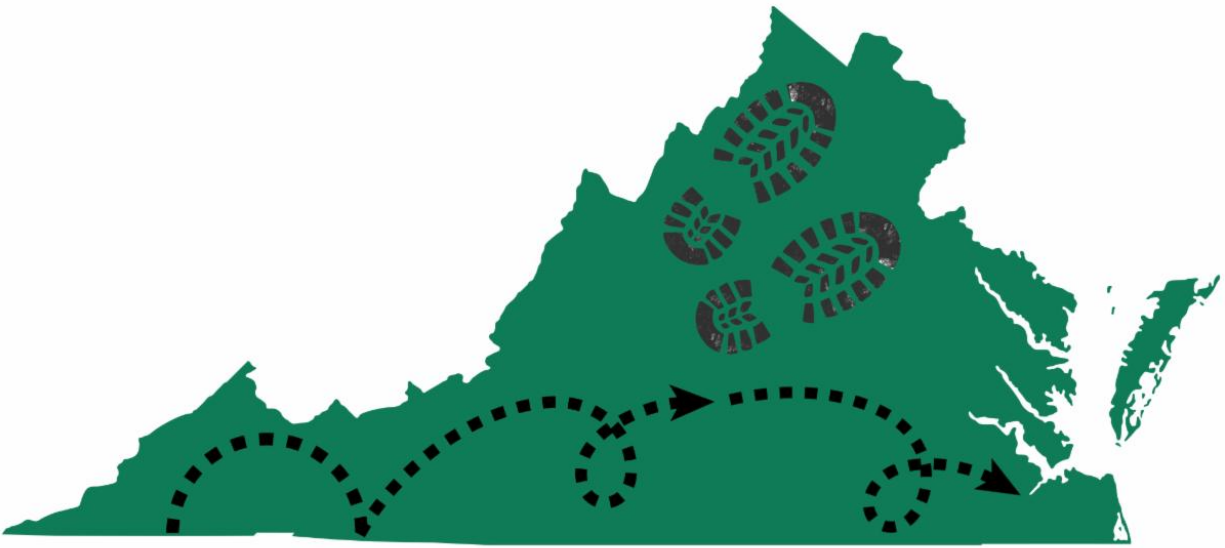
**The nomination form can be found here.**

- 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 - Register Today**



## 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!**

### Weekend Pricing:

Full weekend - \$40

Saturday only - \$30

## Troop Opportunity Catalog

Update your troop information today!

Every girl has a light that can shine brightly – all she needs is a spark to get her started. There are girls waiting to join Girl Scouts. You can be the spark for a girl who truly needs it by welcoming a new Girl Scout into your troop.

- Update troop meeting info
- Update troop openings
- Advertise volunteer openings
- Update your troop description

Get started today and update your troop information in the **Opportunity Catalog**.

## Cookie Product Program

### Pathway Passes

Pathway passes from the 2022 Cookie Program expire on September

30th, 2022. They can be used to renew your membership, register for activities and events, and in the GSCV Retail Shop.



# 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**

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

# Ready, set, rally!



Introducing the newest member of the Girl Scout cookie family: Raspberry Rally™! This thin, crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in chocolatey coating is sure to become a new favorite—some may even say it's the sister cookie to the beloved Thin Mints®. This cookie will be available for \$4 online only during the 2023 Cookie Program beginning January 1st, 2023. For more information be sure to attend cookie training in December and stay tuned to S'more News.

## Altria Theater Partner Event



We are happy to announce our partnership with Altria Theater! The Wicked Broadway show is offering a discount of 20% exclusively for Girl Scouts. Discounted tickets can be purchased for the September 8th show. To order your tickets, email [groups@broadwayinrichmond.com](mailto:groups@broadwayinrichmond.com) or call (804)-592-3401.

## Girl Scouts Love Virginia State Parks

GSCV is partnering with Virginia State Parks again this year!

As part of this year's national Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend, you are invited to use the [activity pages](#) to explore a park near you, find your nature connection, and receive a Girl Scouts Love Virginia State Parks patch while also meeting the requirements to earn the Daisy Outdoor Art Maker, Brownie



Outdoor Art Creator, or Junior Outdoor Art Explorer badge.

There are 21 events throughout the state. **This link** will take you to all of our Girl Scouts Love State Parks events. You can check with the parks in your region to see if they added any more events.



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### **Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia**

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!