



girl scouts 
of the commonwealth
of virginia

PROGRAM GUIDE



COLOR YOUR YEAR WITH FUN!

2026-2027 GIRL SCOUT MEMBERSHIP YEAR

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO:

WELCOME!

Your Year in Girl Scouts Starts Here

Welcome to your next chapter of Girl Scouting with GSCV! Whether this is your first year in Girl Scouts, or you have been in the organization for decades, we are all excited about what our future holds for 2027 and beyond! We are bringing back events and programs for this generation that are refreshed from the past, like celebrating our Girl Scout Birthday and the Green Aide Brigade!

After years of being a Girl Scout growing up in the Girl Scout leadership experience, and then as a dedicated volunteer with troops, groups, camps, and events for all my adult life, joining the amazing team here at GCSV has been a dream come true for me. Committed to providing program events and supporting volunteers to help every Girl Scout gain courage,

confidence, and build their character to make the world a better place is what we are all focused on at GSCV!

As you decide what council-led programs to register for, plan and complete a Highest Award project, or simply find new Community Partners to reach out to, this Program Guide is designed to inspire everyone (volunteers, leaders, parents, and girls) to color in their year with all the fabulous fun that Girl Scouts can offer!

Thanks for trusting us, and thanks in advance for your support this year. Let's make it a colorful and memorable year!

—Leigh Davis Rooke, Director of Program

FRIENDS!

I was asked, in short form, to reflect on my first year. There is so much to say that I am afraid I could never do it justice! So here is a condensed list of my favorite things!

- ✓ OUR GIRLS - their energy, light, optimism, and spirit. They make me believe our future is in excellent hands!
- ✓ OUR VOLUNTEERS! We SEE you. We simply could not run this amazing organization without your commitment, passion, and dedication.
- ✓ OUR COMMITTED STAFF - every decision that is made starts with the question, "Is this in the best interest of our girls?"
- ✓ CAMP - nothing makes my heart sing like walking our campsites when girls and counselors are laughing, learning, being kind, and extending a hand to each other.
- ✓ OUR MISSION - courage, confidence, and character - will, in fact, make the world a better place. And if not you, then who?

So, what's to come?

We are in the discovery phase of a new strategic plan, so I don't want to spill the glitter quite yet. But here's what I will share: you will see new and innovative program and camp offerings! My focus is on older girl programming, camp, and the volunteer experience, so make sure you're reading S'more News so you don't miss out. And please use and enjoy the new service centers in Richmond and Fredericksburg. That space was created by you, for you.

Much more to come... please stay in touch.

Yours in service,

—Megan T. O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer



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GIRL SCOUT MISSION

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



GIRL SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

*Members may substitute for the word "God" in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.



GIRL SCOUT LAW

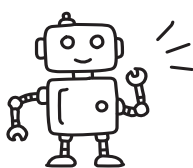
I will do my best to be:
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for
what I say and do,
and to:
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister
to every Girl Scout.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

At the heart of everything we do is the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), a research-backed Program designed to help girls grow into strong, compassionate leaders. No matter how she participates, every Girl Scout is building confidence, developing new skills, and making a difference in her world. Through every badge earned, event attended, and adventure explored, she's becoming a leader.

THE FOUR PILLARS OF GIRL SCOUTS

These four Program areas give every Girl Scout the freedom to explore:



STEM:
Code a game,
build a robot, or
explore space!



Outdoors:
Hike, camp,
and explore the
world.



Life Skills:
Learn to lead,
care for herself,
and give back.



Entrepreneurship:
Build a business
and set
big goals.

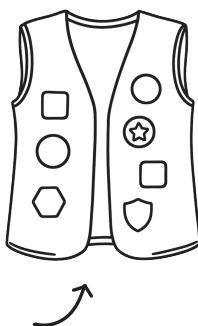
Badges vs. Patches: What's the Difference?

Earned badges and fun patches both recognize a girl's participation in Girl Scout experiences — but they serve different purposes and represent different levels of learning.

Earned Badges = Skill-Building



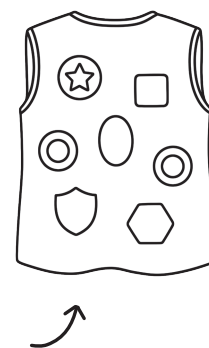
Badges are earned by completing specific sets of hands-on activities tied to Girl Scout Leadership Experience pillars, STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. When earned, these should be placed on the front of the uniform sash or vest.



Fun Patches = Participation



Fun patches are a way to remember the awesome things you try, like attending an event, helping in your community, or trying something brand new. These are worn on the back of your vest or sash and show your unique adventures as a Girl Scout.



The Five Outcomes of GSLE

When girls participate in Girl Scouts, they thrive in five key outcomes:

- 1) **Strong Sense of Self** – She believes in her abilities and knows her worth.
- 2) **Positive Values** – She acts with honesty, fairness, and kindness.
- 3) **Seeks Challenges** – She's not afraid to try, fail, and try again.
- 4) **Healthy Relationships** – She builds supportive friendships and communicates well.
- 5) **Community Problem Solving** – She takes action to improve her world.



Whether she's a Daisy just starting out, or an Ambassador working towards her Gold Award, GSLE grows with her every step of the way.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Whether she's looking for a tight-knit troop or a flexible schedule filled with exciting opportunities, there's more than one way to be a Girl Scout - and each one opportunity leads to confidence, leadership, and unforgettable memories.

Girl Scouting Levels

Younger Girls are in elementary!

Girl Scout Daisies
Grades K-1

Girl Scout Brownies
Grades 2-3

Girl Scout Juniors
Grades 4-5

Girl Scout Cadettes
Grades 6-8

Girl Scout Seniors
Grades 9-10

Girl Scout Ambassadors
Grades 11-12

Older Girls are in middle & high school!

TROOP MEMBER



The most popular Girl Scout experience! Girls join a local troop with others in their grade level — or in a multi-level troop with girls from different grades — to make friends, try new things, and grow together all year long. Troops meet regularly in schools, places of worship, libraries, or community centers - led by supportive volunteers. Together, girls build lifelong friendships, earn badges, explore the outdoors, and take the lead in making the world a better place.

OR

JULIETTE

Individually Registered Girl Scout (IRG)



Want flexibility?

This path is perfect for girls who:

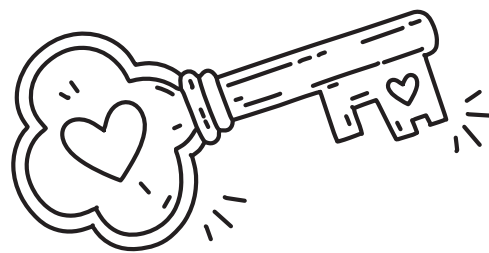
- ☒ Don't have a troop nearby
- ☒ Have busy or unique schedules
- ☒ Prefer to explore on their own timeline

Juliettes are Girl Scouts who participate independently — they still belong to a Girl Scout level (like Daisy, Brownie, etc.), but instead of being in a troop, they chart their own path. They can earn badges, attend council events, join camp experiences, and even take part in the Cookie Program — all on a schedule that works for them.

Juliettes are self-driven and supported by their families and Girl Scout staff to create a leadership experience that fits their life.

A Troop's Keys to Success

To ensure a successful Girl Scout troop year, these are the key actions that we encourage all troops to take. With these keys, your troop should have a fulfilling, well-rounded Girl Scout year.



START STRONG

- ☐ **Parents Meetings:**
 - Start the year with a meeting of all the parents/guardians to lay out the meeting schedule for the year; ask for help; and talk about troop finances.
 - Have a meeting of the parents/guardians before the Cookie Program begins. Go over the Parent/Guardian Guide and ask for help with booth sales.
 - Have a meeting at the end of the year to plan a couple activities over the summer and make sure everyone is returning for the next year.
- ☐ **Submit Leader Agreements & an ACH Form** for your troop in the fall.
- ☐ **Training:** Ensure Troop Leaders have completed all required trainings.
- ☐ **Bank Accounts:** Double-check that all signers for your troop bank account are registered Adult Girl Scouts and have a current background check.

PLAN TOGETHER

- ☐ **Plan with the girls:** Spend time at the first meeting of the year talking with the troop members about what they would like to do in their Girl Scout troop. What field trips would they like to take? What badges/awards would they like to earn? What new skill would they like to learn?
- ☐ **Service Unit Meetings:** Ensure your troop is represented at service unit meetings. This keeps you aware of things happening in the service unit and council that your troop can take advantage of. Make connections with other volunteers who can help and give advice when needed.
- ☐ **Have a Rededication and Investiture Ceremony in the fall.**



MAKE IT MEANINGFUL

- ☐ **Have at least one activity** during the year that focuses on each of the Four Pillars of Girl Scouting: STEM, The Outdoors, Entrepreneurship, Life Skills
- ☐ **Celebrate the Girl Scout holidays:**
 - Juliette Low's Birthday (October 31)
 - Thinking Day (February 22)
 - Girl Scout Birthday/Girl Scout Week (March 12)
- ☐ **Participate in the Product Sale Programs:**
 - Fall Product Program
 - Cookie Program
- ☐ **Go on at least one field trip** (appropriate for your troop's experience level).
- ☐ **Participate in a community service project.**

FINISH STRONG

- ☐ **Hold an Awards Ceremony** in the spring & invite the parents/guardians.
- ☐ **Submit your Troop End-of-Year Report in June.**

DID YOU KNOW?

Research from GSUSA shows troops that complete these key actions in a Girl Scout year have a more balanced, productive, and memorable experience with girls wanting to return year after year.



Troops that complete 12 of the 14 keys to success will receive a special fun patch for each girl in the troop. A survey link will be shared in S'More News starting in April 2027. Submit your troop's completed keys by June 15, 2027 to receive your patches.

OTHER TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- ☐ **Decide on a consistent way to communicate** with the troop parents and keep them informed of troop activities.
- ☐ **Check your troop bank account** at least once per month and fill in the Troop Finance spreadsheet with your income and expenses.
- ☐ **Ask for parents to help lead meetings** throughout the year.
- ☐ **Consider registering for Service Unit & Council Programs.** These activities can provide a wide variety of experiences and allow your troop to meet other Girl Scouts.

WHAT UNLOCKS YOUR BEST?

Think about a time you felt proud, brave, helpful, curious, or completely yourself.
What helped bring that out in you?



How to Register

Ready to join the fun? Here's how to register for Program events.

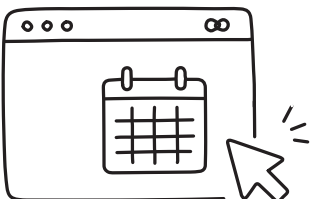


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Visit

www.comgirlscouts.org

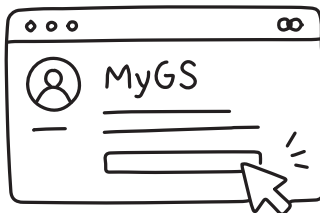
Click the **Calendar icon** at the top of the page (hover text: "Events").



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Or log in to MyGS

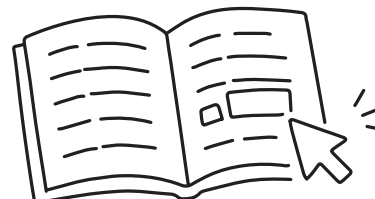
Go to My Account, select My Events from the left-hand menu, and then click "Register for another event."



3

And use this guide!

Clicking on any event title in the digital version of this Program Guide will take you straight to that event's registration page.



IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFO!



- ☆ Registration opens Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 PM. Visit **www.comgirlscouts.org** to view all available Program events and register.
- ☆ Registration deadlines are set by the Program Team and typically fall between 7 and 14 calendar days before the event.
- ☆ Deadlines are listed in both this Program Guide and MyEvents. Registration will automatically close on the listed deadline and will be enforced to ensure and maintain quality experiences for all registrants.
- ☆ All registrations must be completed online to secure your spot. *GSCV reserves the right to turn away any unregistered participants at the door. We appreciate your understanding as we work to provide safe, high-quality events.*
- ☆ Confirmation emails are sent one week before each event. Please ensure your email address is accurate in your MyGS account.
- ☆ New Community Partner offerings and new Program events will be added throughout the year, so watch for the troop leaders' email (S'More News), and the parents' email (Gazette) coming out monthly with these exciting opportunities all over the council!

Good to Know!

PLANS CHANGED?

Here's what to know if you need to cancel your registration:



30+ Days Before the Event: You may request a full refund or transfer your payment to a future event.



14-29 Days Before the Event: You may transfer your payment to a future event. A \$5 processing fee will apply per girl.



Less than 14 Days Before the Event: Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.

REFUNDS



Refund Requests

For all refund requests, please reach out to our helpdesk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org

If Council Cancels

If GSCV cancels a Program event, all registrants will automatically receive a full refund.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Some events in this guide are girls-only and will be supervised by council staff or approved volunteers. Other events require that adults register and attend with girls. If an event requires adult participation, the adult must:

- ☒ Register for the event
- ☒ Be a current Girl Scout member
- ☒ Be at least 18 years old
- ☒ Successfully complete a background check in accordance with council policy

All groups must follow the volunteer-to-girl ratios listed below. These ratios show the minimum number of volunteers needed to ensure girls' safety and well-being during events. At least two unrelated, approved volunteers must always be present. One of these adults must be female, and additional volunteers may be required depending on group size.

	Volunteer-to-Girl Ratio	D	B	J	C	S	A
Troop or Group Meetings	Two unrelated volunteers (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	12	20	25	25	30	30
	Plus one additional volunteer for each additional number of this many girls:	1-6	1-8	1-10	1-12	1-15	1-15
Events, Travel, Camp	Two unrelated volunteers (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls:	6	12	16	20	24	24
	Plus one additional volunteer for each additional number of this many girls:	1-4	1-6	1-8	1-10	1-12	1-12

Community Partners

Girl Scouts love discovering new experiences — and that's where our Community Partners come in! Community Partners are local businesses and organizations who collaborate with Girl Scouts to provide enriching, memorable opportunities that support our mission and bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to life. These partnerships fall into three main tiers:



Program Partners

deliver Girl Scout-aligned programming, often tied to badges or patches. These experiences are typically structured, hands-on, and designed to support skill-building and leadership.

Experience Partners offer exclusive access, discounts, or activities that feel extra special because of Girl Scout membership — like museum tours, theater performances, or fun adventures. These may not always align with badge work, but they create meaningful memories.

Service Partners help us connect girls with their communities through impactful service opportunities. These partnerships give girls the chance to make a difference and take action.



We're always looking to grow our network of partners! Interested in becoming a Community Partner?

Some Program events are hosted in partnership with outside organizations. These events may have separate registration links or special requirements that GSCV is required to follow. If a community partner cancels or changes their portion of an event, GSCV is not responsible for those changes. We'll always do our best to notify you as quickly as possible and suggest alternative opportunities when available.

MAKE
MEMORIES!
BUILD
CONFIDENCE!



Want to lead a badge workshop, or have your Older Girls provide fun stations at one of our Service Centers, or camp properties? Have a special skill that could bring one of our events to life? Or maybe you're just great at jumping in where needed.

Episodic Volunteers step in to support events on a one-time or short-term basis, based on their interests and availability. Your time and energy can make a big impact.

Open to PA & CIT Girl Scouts, as well as our Adult Volunteers!



Interested in joining the Green Aide Brigade? Email Lrooke@comgirlscouts.org to learn more!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

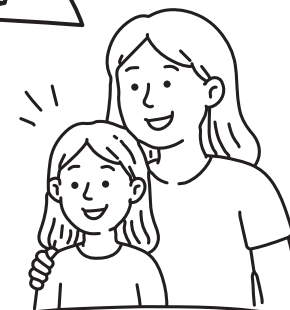
WHO CAN GO?

Let's start with who can register and who needs to be a member.



TROOP LEADERS

can register their troop (full or partial) through MyEvents.



FAMILIES

can register their Girl Scout and themselves through their MyGS account.

Do adults need to be registered members?

YES!

Unless listed as a Family event or otherwise noted, all girls and adults attending an event must be current, registered Girl Scout members.

Certain GSCV events will be open to non-registered family members. *Details on which events are open to non-registered family members are provided within their respective event descriptions listed in this Program Guide.*

HOW DO I ATTEND?

Can I drop off my Girl Scout?

Only at events labeled as “drop-off.”

Otherwise:

- Troops must meet girl-to-adult safety ratios.
- Individually registered girls must attend with a registered adult.
- Family events require a registered adult to attend with the girl.

Can I attend if I didn't register for an event?

No.

All attendees must be registered in advance. GSCV reserves the right to turn away unregistered participants at the event.

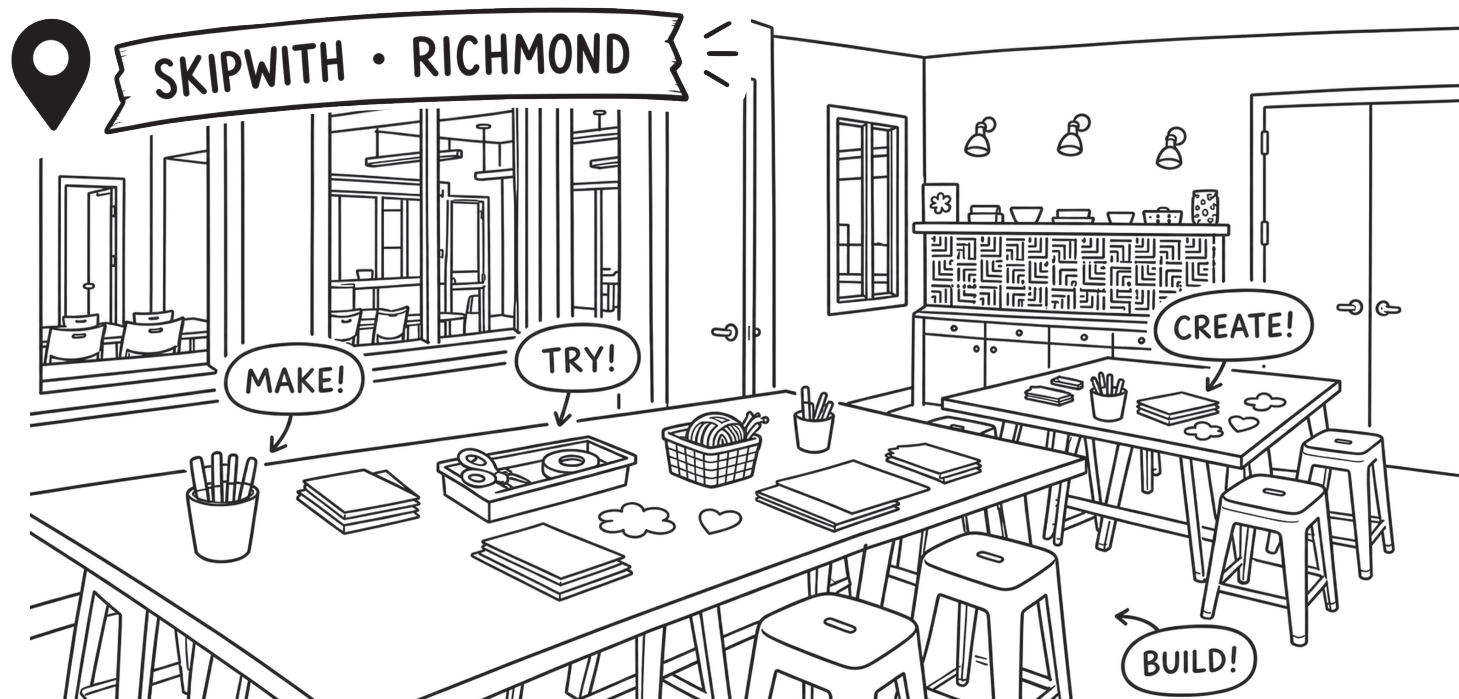
UH-OH... DID I MISS IT?

Can I register for an event after the deadline? Late registrations will not be accepted, unless approved by the Director of Program & the Program Team for extenuating circumstances. (If registration can be opened again, a 30% fee will be added to accommodate the late request.)

Is there a waitlist if registration is full or closed? If you miss the deadline, you may request to join a waitlist if one is available for the event.

What if a community partner cancels the event? Some events are hosted with community partners and may follow their own registration or cancellation policies. If a partner cancels, GSCV will communicate any updates—but is not responsible for third-party changes.

Your Space to Make Something Happen!

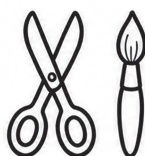


WHAT'S HERE?



TEACHING KITCHEN

Cook, create, and earn deliciously.



MAKER SPACE

Tools, supplies, and space to bring ideas to life.



MULTIMEDIA STUDIO

Create content, record, and share your voice.



GIRL CHILL + LEADER RESOURCES

Relax, connect, recharge, and find support and inspiration.



RETAIL SHOP

Stock up on badges, patches, gifts, and Girl Scout essentials!

FOUND YOUR SPACE? RESERVE IT!

1 REQUEST



Contact our GSCV Helpdesk to request a Registration Form. gshelper@comgirlscouts.org
804-746-0590 ext. 316.

2 COMPLETE



Fill out the form and send it to the Front Desk Admin Specialist.

3 CHECK



We'll check the center calendar to see if your requested space is available.

Need room to meet, make, celebrate, create or try something new? GSCV Service Centers are ready for all your big plans.



WHAT'S HERE?



GIRL PROGRAM SPACE

A bright, flexible space for meetings, ceremonies, badge work, activities, and more.



RETAIL SHOP

Stock up on badges, patches, gifts, and Girl Scout essentials!

OUR TROOP WOULD USE THIS SPACE TO:



4 HOLD



If available, we'll email you a heads-up that we're holding it for you. (The date is not locked in until we receive and approve your form.)

5 CONFIRM



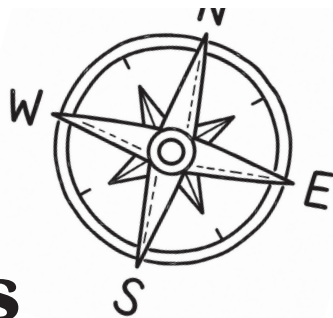
Once confirmed, you'll get a confirmation email and the building access code for the front door.

6 WRAP UP



After your visit, do a quick clean-up so the space is ready for the next Girl Scouts!

ALL LEVELS AND FAMILIES



Girl Scouts Love State Parks

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES
🤝 COMMUNITY 🌲 OUTDOOR 🛡️ PATCH



WHEN:

Friday through Sunday, September 11-13, 2026



WHERE:

All over the Commonwealth of Virginia
(Options include Pocahontas State Park,
Lake Anna State Park, Powhatan, Belle
Isle, Westmoreland, and more!)



COST:

Cost: No fee to GSCV; Cost of State Park entrance
varies by park

Join Girl Scouts from all over Virginia in the great outdoors for a day full of adventure, exploration, and outdoor skill-building! Virginia is home to 44 state parks with over 700 miles of trails, 5 state forests, 3 national historic parks, and 2 national parks, and this special Girl Scouts LOVE State Parks weekend is all about celebrating nature. Over 60 special events have been planned and are available for registration at Girl Scouts Love Virginia State Parks or the QR code above.

From park ranger talks and guided hikes to plant identification, campfire building, backpacking basics, ceramics, and more, this weekend is packed with engaging activities to help Girl Scouts build confidence and develop new outdoor skills. Most programs require registration through the park and a parking fee for entry.

Each Girl Scout can proudly earn and wear the GSUSA Girl Scouts LOVE State Parks Patch for participating, available for purchase at the GSCV Shops and online.

Min/Max: None; Register through State Parks

Register by: No deadline

**OUTDOORS
CHALLENGE!**

Also check out the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge 2026 where girls can pick from 50 different activities through September and earn this patch! Some Virginia State Parks are offering this patch as activities throughout the weekend.



Juliette's Birthday Celebration

✓ ALL LEVELS  PATCH



WHEN:

Friday, October 23, 2026

5:30 - 8 PM: Full Event

5:30 - 7 PM: Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

6:30 - 8 PM: Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

(Multi-Level Troops and families with girls in both age groups are welcome to stay for the full event.)



WHERE:

GSCV Skipwith (Richmond, VA)



COST:

\$15/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult • \$15/Tagalong

Celebrate the birthday of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, with interactive games, a meaningful SWAP station, cupcake decorating, and time to learn more about our original Girl Scout “Daisy”! Bring a friend and show her all about being a Girl Scout! The Girl Scout will receive a fun participation patch.

MEMORY KEEPER ♥

What is your favorite way to celebrate your birthday? Write about it!



A Little Bit of Camp & Juliette Gordon Low Campfire

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES



WHEN:

Saturday, November 7, 2026



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

A Little Bit of Camp

\$10/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult • \$10/Tagalong

Campfire

\$5/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult • \$5/Tagalong

Staying All Day?

\$15/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult • \$15/Tagalong

All are welcome for the fun day, and at an affordable cost!

You're invited to a full day of fun and exploration at Camp Pamunkey Ridge! Whether you're curious about camp or already missing summer, this is the perfect way to reconnect with friends and celebrate the spirit of Girl Scouts in the outdoors.

Not a drop-off event. Troop leaders in ratio, or parents need to be in attendance.

A LITTLE BIT OF CAMP

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Try out all the best parts of camp in one exciting afternoon! Girls will canoe, climb the Adventure Tower*, craft, sing, play games, and more. It's a great introduction for first timers and a fun reunion for returning campers. Bring a friend and share the adventure!

**Only Juniors and up may participate in the Adventure Tower.*

JULIETTE GORDON LOW CAMPFIRE

6:00 - 9:00 PM

As the sun sets, gather around the fire to honor the birthday of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low. We'll sing, share stories, enjoy s'mores, and celebrate the legacy of Girl Scouts together.

★ STAYING ALL DAY? ★

1:00 - 9:00 PM

We encourage full-day attendees to bring dinner and enjoy a picnic on our beautiful playing field between events.

Legislative Day at Virginia State Capitol

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES  COMMUNITY  PATCH



WHEN:

Wednesday, March 24, 2027

(tentatively 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
depending on Chamber sessions)



WHERE:

Virginia State Capitol, Richmond, VA



COST:

\$40/Girl Scout • \$40/Adult

Step inside the iconic Capitol building, crafted by Thomas Jefferson's vision, and experience history like never before. Explore the Capital grounds & the grand halls where decisions that shaped our nation were made, dive into the lawmaking process with hands-on activities, and take your turn casting a real (mock) vote in the Chambers. This is your chance to walk in the footsteps of lawmakers, feel the power of democracy, and see government come alive right before your eyes!

All Girl Scout participants (girls & adults) will receive a Legislative Day 2027 fun patch and a catered box lunch.

Max: 140 participants

A BILL FOR A BETTER WORLD



If you could make one change to help your community, what would it be? Write it, draw it, and find someone who supports it!

NAME YOUR BILL: _____

MY BILL WOULD...

IT WOULD HELP:

☐

PEOPLE

☐

ANIMALS

☐

THE PLANET

☐

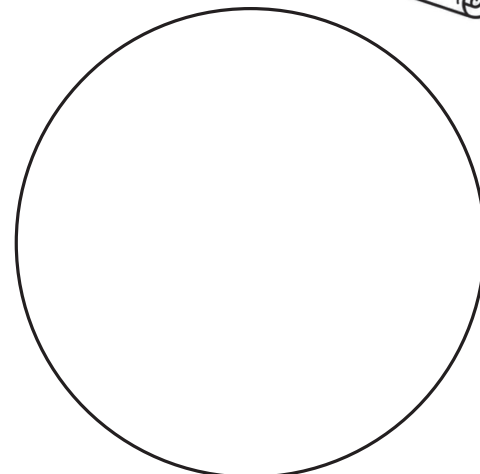
MY COMMUNITY

☐

SOMETHING ELSE



DESIGN A SYMBOL FOR YOUR IDEA



MY FIRST SUPPORTER:

Ask someone to sign if they support your idea!

ALL LEVELS AND FAMILIES

Cookie Rally

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES

💡 ENTREPRENEURSHIP 🛡️ BADGE



WHEN:

Saturday, December 12, 2026

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

(Staggered admission times at locations)



WHERE:

- GSCV's Richmond Service Center
- Fredericksburg, Virginia
- Alberta, Virginia



COST:

\$10/Girl Scout • \$5/Tagalong

Get ready for cookie-themed fun and adventure as we launch the 2027 Cookie Program at three locations in our GSCV council!

This year's rally promises to be better than ever, with plenty of space to explore, play, and get energized for cookie season. Girls will rotate through interactive stations throughout our spaces where they'll:

- Learn top cookie-selling tips
- Get creative with cookie crafts
- Practice their pitch and teamwork
- Work toward earning Entrepreneurship badges through hands-on activities

Let's get ready to succeed!

Max: Depending on location
(More information to be shared soon!)

Register by November 28, 2026

Discover Field Hockey WITH PANTHER FIELD HOCKEY!

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES 🤝 COMMUNITY



WHEN:

Sunday, September 20, 2026

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Sunday, November 15, 2026

Sunday, December 20, 2026

Sunday, February 21, 2027

Sunday, March 21, 2027

4 PM - 5:30 PM



WHERE:

7505 Ranco Road, Panther Field Hockey

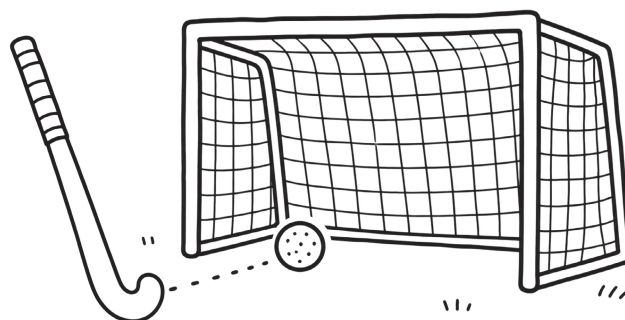


COST:

\$25/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult

Field Hockey is the 3rd most popular sport in the world! Come out to their facility in Henrico County and learn the fundamentals of field hockey played with a stick and a ball on the grass, indoors, or turf! The discovery session will teach the basics of moving the ball, passing and receiving, and gaming fun! USA field hockey fun patch included!

Min/Max: 3/10 (with 5 adults max.)



2nd Annual SUPER STEAM Carnival

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES  COMMUNITY  STEM



WHEN:

Saturday, May 15, 2027

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

\$15/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult • \$15/Tagalong

Camp Pamunkey Ridge will once again be transformed into a STEAM carnival! Booths packed with hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math... and a few just-for-fun surprises along the way. Some of our community partners will be there too, bringing cool gadgets, exciting experiments, and hands-on activities to help take the fun to the next level. (Bring your bagged lunch with you and stay on camp to have your picnic in nature!) Not a Drop-off event. All girls must be with a troop leader in ratio, or a parent.

Max: 150 Girl Scouts, Friends & Tagalongs
Register by April 30, 2027 (No late registrations accepted.)

OUR NEXT TWO ADVENTURES



Choose two things in this guide you'd love to experience with your family. Turn them into adventure tickets—and make a plan to go!



1

WHAT WE WANT TO TRY: _____

WHY IT MADE OUR LIST: _____

WHO'S IN? _____

☐ ASK MY FAMILY

☐ CHECK THE DATE

☐ REGISTER

2

WHAT WE WANT TO TRY: _____

WHY IT MADE OUR LIST: _____

WHO'S IN? _____

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ALL LEVELS AND FAMILIES

Butterfly Day AT LEWIS GINTER BOTANICAL GARDENS!

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES  COMMUNITY



WHEN:

Tuesday, February 16, 2027

1:00 - 3:00 PM

(Snow date – Saturday, 2/20/2027)



WHERE:

Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens



COST:

\$16/Girl Scout

Experience the new permanent Butterfly exhibit with Girl Scouts, then rotate through butterfly themed craft and activity centers. Come early and have your lunch at the Garden Café (not included in the price of the event), or browse the gift shop. You are welcome to stay until 5pm when the gardens close! A new co-branded LGBG & GSCV Butterfly Fun Patch will be included.

Min/Max: 15/45

Also announcing a Special “Garden Fest of Lights” night for Girl Scouts in the Winter! Stay tuned for a date & pricing! Limited tickets will be available, and a fun patch will be included.



DESIGN A BUTTERFLY GARDEN

ADD TO YOUR GARDEN:

☐ FLOWERS

☐ SUNSHINE

☐ WATER

☐ A RESTING SPOT



SAVE THE DATE!

Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

✓ ALL LEVELS ✓ FAMILIES

Save the Date for Monday, January 18, 2027, for the GSCV Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service [(for All levels) Led by the Teen Leadership Circle Girl Scouts (TLC)] This day of service will coordinate all levels of Girl Scouts in our communities to give back in service & in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. all over the Commonwealth Council. Stay updated by S'more News and the Parents' Gazette emails for more details!



SELF-CARE SUNDAYS

RESET • RECHARGE • RECONNECT

PICK YOUR SUNDAY



BROWNIE + JUNIOR + ADULT

October 18 or
November 15, 2026
1-2:30 PM



CADETTE + SENIOR +
AMBASSADOR + ADULT

October 25 or
November 22, 2026
2-4 PM

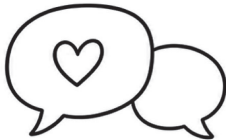


WHERE: A salon in Henrico County, Virginia

Come enjoy a relaxing self-care spa wellness experience to remember with your Girl Scout while creating lasting memories together through wellness, creativity, and connection.



WHAT'S INCLUDED?



TALK

Light group discussion
focused on self-care, confidence,
wellness, and positive habits.



CREATE

A fun, hands-on creative
activity that lets you express
yourself and spark joy.



RECHARGE

Relaxing self-care service
stations featuring facials and
specialty wellness experiences.



BADGE
REQUIREMENTS
INCLUDED



CREATE YOUR OWN RESET BUTTON

When life gets loud, what helps you feel like yourself again?

SOMETHING I CAN DO
WITH MY HANDS:

SOMEONE I CAN
CONNECT WITH:

SOMETHING THAT
HELPS MY BODY:

ONE KIND THING I CAN
TELL MYSELF:

RESET



Mad Science: Double Workshop Day!

✓ DAISY ✓ BROWNIE ✓ JUNIOR ✋ COMMUNITY ♣ SERVICE CENTER ★ PATCH ★ BADGE



WHEN AND WHERE:

Saturday, November 14, 2026

Fredericksburg Service Center

—AND—

Saturday, January 30, 2027

Richmond Service Center

Join Mad Science for a hands-on science adventure! In this workshop day, Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts will earn a STEM-themed badge through engaging activities and experiments with their grade level friends.

Min/Max: 15/25 participants

Registration Deadlines:

- Fredericksburg: Saturday, October 24, 2026
- Richmond: Saturday, January 6, 2027



COST:

\$30/Girl Scout

DAISIES

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Roller Coaster Design:

Daisy Girl Scouts can earn their Daisy Roller Coaster Design badge! Learn key engineering concepts, then design and test your own thrilling coasters. All participants receive a Mad Science Patch and a fun take-home item!

Daisy Roller Coaster Design Badge

BROWNIES

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Fling Flyer: How do birds and planes stay in the air? In this badge workshop, Brownies will learn all about lift, drag, thrust, and gravity, the key components to flight, and then build their own fling flyer. Once they have designed and built their fling flyers, they will measure the success of their design! They will meet some of the requirements for the Brownie Fling Flyer badge.

Brownie Fling Flyer Badge

JUNIORS

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Detective Science: Girls play detective roles and help crack a case! They will inspect their fingerprints, analyze mystery powders, test ink samples and create a composite from memory. They will take home a Personal Profile kit to build an identity. Some badge requirements will be met for the Junior Detective Science badge.

Junior Detective Science Badge



Cinematic Magic

☒ DAISY ☒ BROWNIE ☒ JUNIOR  PATCH



WHEN:

Friday, April 9, 2027

6:30 - 9:00 PM



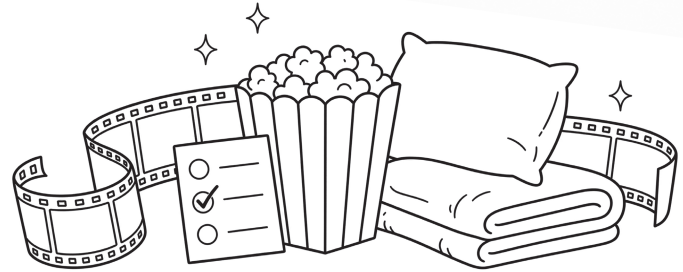
WHERE:

GSCV Skipwith Service Center
(Indoors or outdoors, weather permitting)



COST:

\$10/Girl Scout or Friend • \$5/Adult



Grab your popcorn — Cinematic Magic is back! Join us for an evening of movie magic, snacks, and fun. When you register an email will follow soon and you'll vote on which movie we'll watch from fan-favorite options! Bring a friend with you and share what it is like to have fun in Girl Scouting! Bring your blanket & pillow, or a camp chair, wear your coziest PJs, and settle in for an evening of relaxing fun with your Girl Scout community! All registrants will take home a Cinematic Magic Patch!

(Troop leader ratio or registered parent accompanying – not a drop-off event)

Min/Max: 15/150

Register by: March 26, 2027



ADMIT TWO!

3 ADVENTURES FOR ME + MY BESTIE



1

WE'RE GOING TO: _____



2

WE'RE GOING TO: _____



3

WE'RE GOING TO: _____



Daisy Day

✓ DAISY  PATCH



WHEN:

Sunday, October 18, 2026

1:30 - 3:00 PM



WHERE:

GSCV Skipwith Service Center,
Richmond, VA



COST:

\$20/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult

Step into a world of discovery at GSCV's Skipwith Service Center where we will invite new Girl Scouts in the Daisy level to experience various Girl Scout basics, skills, and activities that connect to the Daisy Petals.



Do you like to work with your hands? How about spending time outside in nature? Do you know how to "Use Resources Wisely"? Do you love to craft, or sing your heart out? How about learning new games?

Daisies will receive a fun patch for participation for the back of their tunic or vest.

Min/Max: 10/40 Girls (Troop leader ratio, or registered parent accompanying – not a drop off event – no tagalongs)

Register by: October 1, 2026.

Groove, Glow, and Grow Dance Party

✓ DAISY ✓ BROWNIE ✓ JUNIOR  PATCH



WHEN:

Friday, January 29, 2027

6:30 - 8:30 PM



WHERE:

GSCV Skipwith Service Center



COST:

\$10/Girl Scout • \$0/Adults

We're turning up the blacklights and the excitement with a dance party designed just for younger girls. Dance the night away at our fan-favorite glow party with your favorite music requested by you! With black lights, glow sticks, music, and movement, it's the perfect way to connect with friends and let your energy shine. A fun patch for the back of your vest or sash will be given to show how much fun you had participating in this popular event!

(Troop leader ratio, or registered parent accompanying – not a drop off event – no tagalongs - not a sleepover)

Min/Max: 15/100 participants

Register by: January 15, 2027

Girl Scout Science Day

☒ DAISY
 ☒ BROWNIE
 ☒ JUNIOR
 ☒ COMMUNITY
 ☒ PATCH

PRESENTED BY
WOMEN IN SCIENCE @VCU



WHEN:

Saturday, October 24, 2026

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Whether you're curious about the human body, fascinated by forensic science, or just love getting messy in the name of discovery - this day is made for YOU. Girl Scouts will take home a VCU Science Day fun patch!



WHERE:

Medical College of Virginia (MVC)
Campus, Richmond, VA

Min/Max: 80/150 participants

Registration deadline: September 24, 2026



COST:

\$35/registrant

LOOK CLOSER!

A 3-2-1 SCIENCE CHALLENGE

Choose something ordinary nearby and investigate it like a scientist. Look closely, ask questions, and imagine how you could test your ideas!

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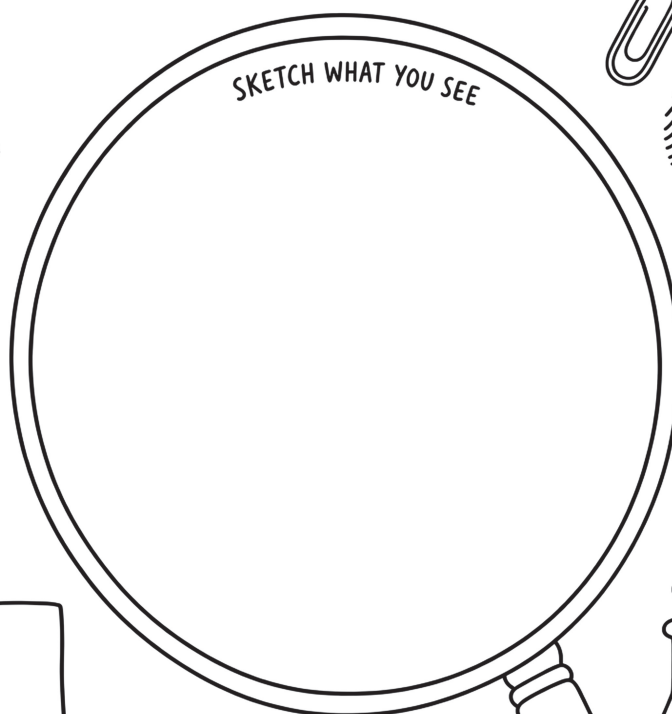
THINGS I NOTICE

2

THINGS I WONDER

1

WAY I COULD TEST IT



“Ready to Vote” Zoom

☒ SENIOR
 ☒ AMBASSADOR
  LIFE SKILLS
  COMMUNITY
  PATCH



WHEN:

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

6:00 - 7:00 PM



WHERE:

Zoom link will be sent to registrants



COST:

Free

Your vote and your voice matter. As you approach voting age, there are lots of things to think about as you prepare to cast your ballot. In this Zoom online workshop, girls will learn about how to research the candidates and issues, how to be sure that they are registered to vote, and what to expect at the polling place. Girls will also have an opportunity to discuss issues important to them with their sister Girl Scouts and brainstorm ways of bringing about positive change in their communities. Led by Dr. Brittany Keegan who is a long-time Girl Scout and leader, as well as the Assistant Professor & Director of Research Promotion and Engagement at the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Deadline for registration: October 20, 2026

YOU'RE IN CHARGE!
 YOUR TOWN HAS 10 STARS TO SPEND. WHERE WOULD YOU PUT THEM?



MY TOWN WOULD BE KNOWN FOR: _____

Democracy Day

☒ CADETTE
 ☒ SENIOR
 ☒ AMBASSADOR
  LIFE SKILLS
  COMMUNITY
  PATCH



WHEN:

Saturday, November 14, 2026

10 AM to 12 PM



WHERE:

GSCV Service Center, Richmond, VA



COST:

\$15/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 10/50 Girl Scout | 2/20 adults

Register by: November 1, 2026

Following the recent Election Day, take part in an inspiring morning of creativity, conversation, and civic empowerment led by Dr. Brittany Keegan who is a long-time Girl Scout and leader, as well as the Assistant Professor & Director of Research Promotion and Engagement at the Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at the Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

Together, we will:

- Dive into how state government works
- Explore democracy as a value rooted in justice, freedom, and inclusion
- Hear about opportunities for you to get involved in Virginia's state and local governments
- Reflect on issues important to you and create an art piece to express your values
- Learn how to speak with policymakers so they'll listen in an advocacy workshop



30-SECOND BIG IDEA

YOU'VE GOT THE MIC. WHAT WOULD YOU CHANGE?



MY IDEA: _____

WHO IT HELPS: _____

SAVE THE DATE!

Girl-Led Leadership Conference

Save the Date for the Girl-Led Leadership Conference on Saturday, September 18, 2027! The Teen Leadership Circle will be planning this amazing event all this year, and if you would like to join them reach out to Zcardwell@comgirlscouts.org for more information.

OLDER GIRLS

Virginia War Memorial

✓ CADETTE ✓ SENIOR ✓ AMBASSADOR  LIFE SKILLS  COMMUNITY  PATCH



WHEN:

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



WHERE:

Virginia War Memorial



COST:

\$5/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Learn about women's roles in the military during World War II. Girl Scouts will 'enlist' in the Women's Army Corps (WAC), Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), and Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). To earn the patch, participants will engage in various activities such as a scavenger hunt, team building exercises, and a victory garden activity.

Girl Scouts will take home a Virginia War Memorial fun patch!

Min/Max: 10/80 participants

Register by: September 12, 2026.

Girls in STEM Event & Dinner

PRESENTED BY CIGRE, WOMEN IN ENERGY
& DOMINION ENERGY

✓ CADETTE  COMMUNITY  PATCH



WHEN:

Monday, October 26, 2026

6:30 - 7:30 PM



WHERE:

Richmond Marriott
500 E Broad Street, Richmond



COST:

Free

Register today for this exclusive sponsored event for Cadettes sponsored by CIGRE (Women in Energy) & Dominion Energy which will include a dinner, an interactive power trivia activity, a wind turbine build activity, and a Women in Energy panel followed by an open Q & A session. Attendance includes a fun patch for the Girl Scout.

Learn more about CIGRE And Women in Energy at <https://cigre-usnc.org/>

Maximum: 50 Girl Scout Cadettes/50 adults
(Waitlist will be available.)

Deadline for registration with dietary information: October 4, 2026

2026-27 Teen Leadership Circle

Mission:

The GSCV Teen Leadership Circle (TLC) is a diverse, teen-led body made up of creators, advocates, and leaders representing Girl Scouts from across the Council. TLC serves as an advisory group that helps shape the vision for programming at GSCV. Members celebrate the Girl Scout Movement, plan events, collaborate with community partners, and develop new opportunities for Girl Scouts to engage with and explore their communities and beyond.

Beginning in the Membership Year 2027 (MY27), meetings will be on the 2nd Saturday of each month (unless otherwise notified) from 10:00–11:30 a.m. at the Richmond Skipwith Service Center.

Members of TLC are responsible for leading Council-wide service projects, assisting with planning & preparing for the Girl-Led Conference (fall of 2027) and “Inspired By A Girl” ceremonies (April 2027), and developing small, pop-up programming opportunities & experiences for Older Girls. Communication and updates will primarily be shared through emails and the BAND app.

MEET WITH US!

2ND SATURDAY • 10:00–11:30 AM •
RICHMOND SKIPWITH SERVICE CENTER

08/15/26 LAUNCH	09/12/26	10/10/26	11/14/26	12/12/26
01/09/27	02/13/27	03/13/27	04/10/27	05/08/27

WHAT WE’LL DO



Council-wide
Service Projects



The GSCV Girl Led Conference
(Saturday, September 18, 2027
from 9 AM to 3 PM)



Inspired By A Girl
Ceremonies
(April 24, 2027)

Join the Green Aide Brigade!

Ready to make things happen behind the scenes? The Green Aide Brigade is looking for girls in 7th grade and up who have completed Program Aide, or CIT 1 or 2 Training, plus parents, caregivers, and volunteers who want to help bring meaningful, fun experiences to life at GSCV program events. If you love Girl Scouts and want to give back, this is your chance!



Email the Director of Program, Leigh Rooke,
at lrooke@comgirlscouts.org to join today.

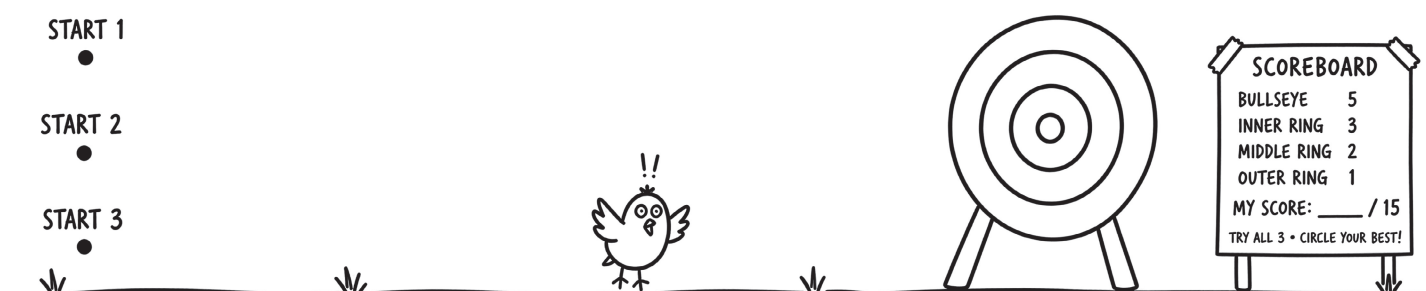


ADVENTURE WEEKEND

Ready for adventure? Take on the Adventure Tower, take on Archery, or for the extra bold – do it all on one day! On the dates listed below there will be both Adventure Tower and Climbing events – if your group is registered for both, feel free to pack a picnic and enjoy camp in between your sessions. Or make a weekend of it! Troop camping is available to reserve these weekends while space lasts.

THE NO-PEEK BULLSEYE

1. START AT A DOT.
2. STUDY THE BULLSEYE.
3. CLOSE YOUR EYES + DRAW A LINE TO IT!



Archery

☒ BROWNIE ☒ JUNIOR ☒ CADETTE ☒ SENIOR ☒ AMBASSADOR  OUTDOOR



WHEN:

Brownie/Junior:

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Sunday, March 14, 2027, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Saturday, May 8, 2027, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Cadette/Senior/Ambassador:

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Saturday, March 13, 2027, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Sunday, May 9, 2027, 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Come out to have some fun at the Pamunkey Ridge Archery Range! Perfect for beginners or folks just looking to spend some extra time with a bow in hand.

Min/Max: 3 youth min/25 youth max

Register by: One week prior to your session



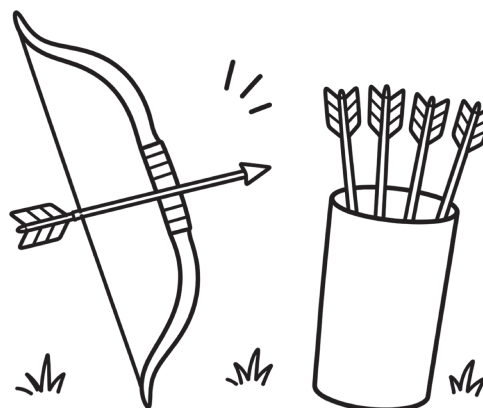
WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

\$10/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult



Adventure Tower

✓ JUNIOR ✓ CADETTE ✓ SENIOR

✓ AMBASSADOR  OUTDOOR

 BADGE



WHEN:

Junior:

Saturday, September 26, 2026, 10 AM - 12 PM

Sunday, March 14, 2027, 10 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, May 8, 2027, 10 AM - 12 PM

Cadette/Senior/Ambassador:

Sunday, September 27, 2026, 10 AM - 12 PM

Saturday, March 13, 2027, 10 AM - 12 PM

Sunday, May 9, 2027, 10 AM - 12 PM



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

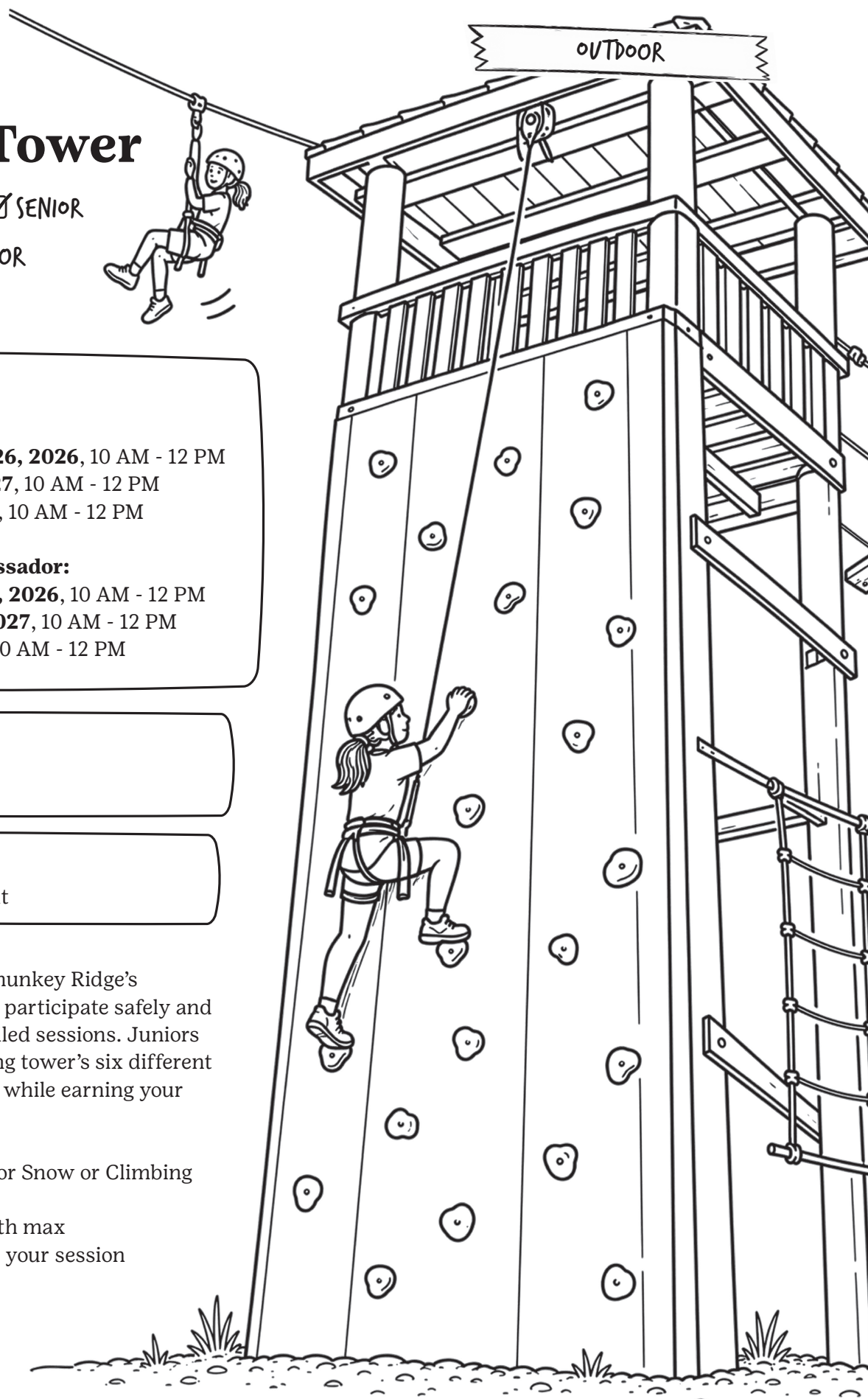
\$30/Girl Scout • \$0/Adult

Gear up and take on Camp Pamunkey Ridge's adventure tower! Learn how to participate safely and hone your skills in these fun-filled sessions. Juniors and older can enjoy the climbing tower's six different climbing routes and zipline. All while earning your Climbing Adventure Badge!

Badges earned: Brownie-Junior Snow or Climbing Adventure Badge

Min/Max: 5 youth min/20 youth max

Register by: One week prior to your session



OUTDOOR

Trail Mix Trek

☒ JUNIOR ☒ CADETTE ☒ SENIOR ☒ AMBASSADOR  OUTDOOR  BADGE



WHEN:

**Friday, October 23, 2026, 6:30 PM –
Sunday, October 25, 11 AM**



WHERE:

Camp Kittamaqund



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Enjoy the sights and sounds of Camp Kittamaqund as you work on your outdoor skills and earn your environmental stewardship badge! All participants will practice camping skills like outdoor cooking, shelter building, and orienteering while learning the importance of Leave No Trace. Enjoy boating on the cove and more before Saturday night, when campers will have the option to hike out for a night in camping hammocks or tents, before coming back together with everyone for breakfast in the morning followed by a service project to Camp Kitty.

Badges earned: Jr Eco Camper, Cd Eco Trekker, Sr Eco Explorer, Amb Eco Advocate

Min/Max: 5 youth min/25 youth max

Register by: October 14, 2026

Inner Artist Overnight

☒ ALL LEVELS  OUTDOOR  BADGE



WHEN:

**Friday, November 13, 2026, 6:30 PM –
Saturday, November 14, 4:30 PM**



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Pack your paintbrushes and your imagination, we're taking on outdoor art! This overnight is perfect if you find inspiration in nature or just love a hands-on project. We will explore a variety of mediums throughout the day including clay, making dye from natural materials, watercolor, and so much more. Make your mark and head home with your outdoor art badge!

Badges earned: D Outdoor Art Maker, Br Outdoor Art Creator, Jr Outdoor Art Explorer, Cd Outdoor Art Apprentice, Sr Outdoor Art Expert, Amb Outdoor Art Master

Min/Max: 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: November 4, 2026

Game On Overnight

✓ ALL LEVELS  OUTDOOR  BADGE



WHEN:

Friday, March 5, 2027, 6:30 P.M. –
Saturday, March 6, 4:30 PM



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

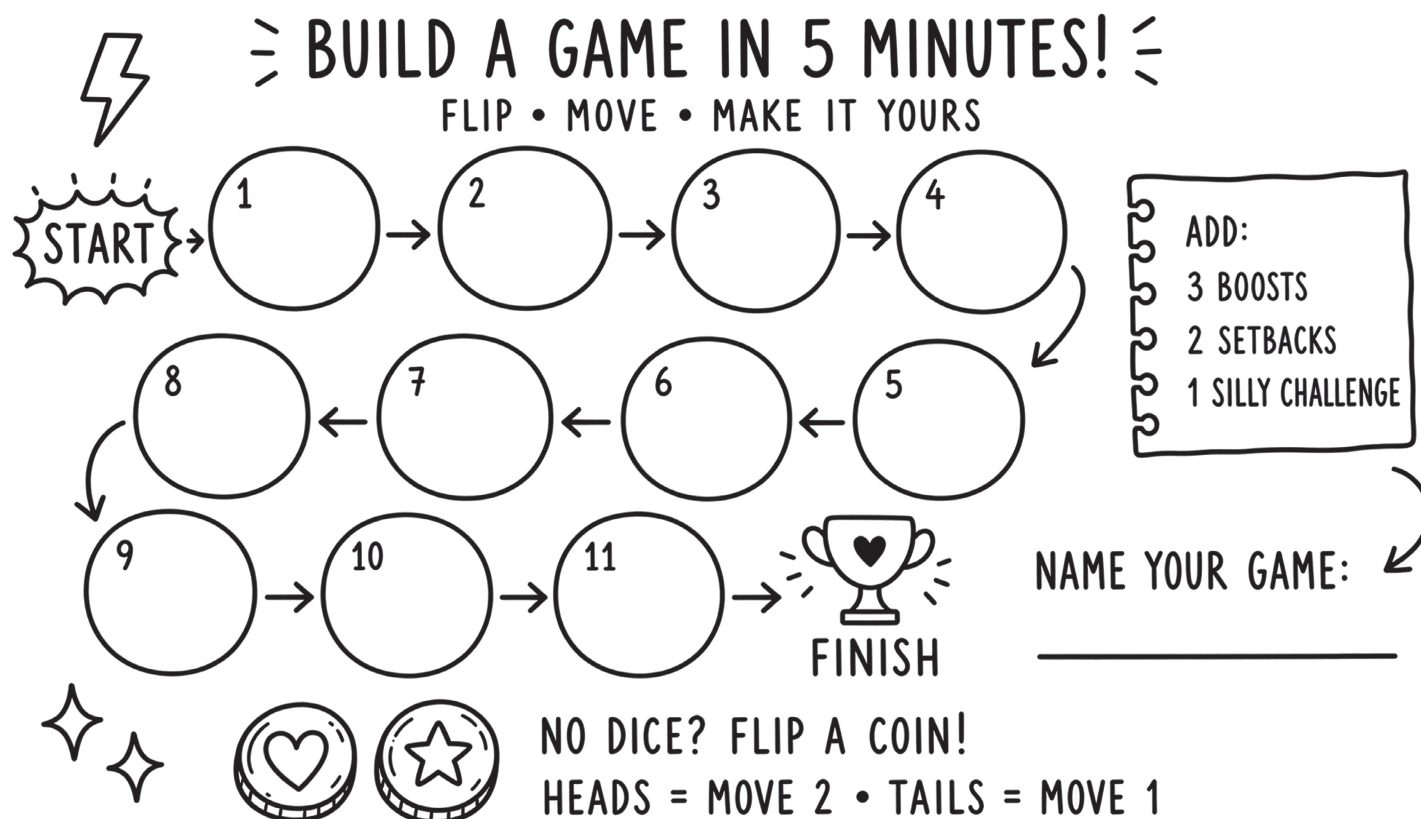
\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Getcha head in the game! Get ready for an action packed day full of just about every type of game imaginable – field games, card games, even a bit of video gaming as we take a spin playing Just Dance! To wrap up our fun-filled day, everyone will get the chance to design and create their very own custom board game to take home with them!

Badges earned: Br Making Games, Jr Playing the Past, Cd Field Day, Sr Game Visionary, Amb Ultimate Recreation Challenge

Min/Max: 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: February 24, 2027



OUTDOOR

Girls Night In Weekend

✓ ALL LEVELS  OUTDOOR  BADGE



WHEN:

Friday, March 19, 2027, 6:30 PM –
Sunday, March 21, 11 AM



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Grab your bestie and let's head to camp! This is a weekend all about relaxation and taking care of you. Explore self-care and mindfulness, take time to connect with friends new and old, and recharge surrounded by the peace of nature. After spending all day hanging with girls, get ready for the ultimate girls night in on Saturday as we enjoy some DIY spa treatments and the ultimate popcorn during movie night! Sleep in the next morning and then enjoy a pancake and pajama breakfast before heading home.

Badges earned: D Fun with Movement, Br Me Time, Jr Uniquely Us, Cd Outside the Mirror, Sr Mind, Body, and Me, Amb Cheers for Every Body

Min/Max: 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: April 7, 2027

OUR TROOP'S WEEKEND WISH LIST

3 ADVENTURES WE WANT TO TRY TOGETHER

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WE WANT TO TRY:

BECAUSE:



2

WE WANT TO TRY:

BECAUSE:



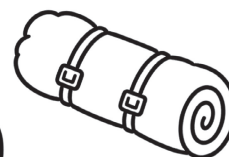
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WE WANT TO TRY:

BECAUSE:



CIRCLE THE STAR ON OUR FIRST PICK!



On My Honor Overnight

☒ JUNIOR
 ☒ CADETTE
 ☒ SENIOR
 ☒ AMBASSADOR
  OUTDOOR
  BADGE



WHEN:

**Friday, April 16, 2027, 6:30 PM –
Saturday, April 17, 4:30 PM**



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Time to turn back the clock and explore some Girl Scout traditions, while taking the first steps towards the brand new True North Award! Keep the Girl Scout Week fun going a bit longer and join us at camp to try your hand at vintage Girl Scout activities and celebrate Girl Scout sisterhood, while taking the planning steps of your True North award. Leave camp with your Girl Scout Way badge and a “courage plan” that you’ll complete at home to finish the True North award. As our founder said, “The work of today is the history of tomorrow and we are its makers” – let’s get to work!

Badges earned: Jr Girl Scout Way, Cd Girl Scout Way, Sr Girl Scout Way, Amb Girl Scout Way

Min/Max: 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: March 10, 2027

Forest Friends Weekend

☒ JUNIOR
 ☒ CADETTE
 ☒ SENIOR
 ☒ AMBASSADOR
  OUTDOOR
  BADGE



WHEN:

**Friday, May 14, 2027, 6:30 PM –
Sunday, May 16, 11 AM**



WHERE:

Camp Kittamaqund



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

This weekend is ideal for anyone who loves to spend time with their Girl Scout sisters surrounded by nature! Enjoy a peaceful weekend taking everything Camp Kitty has to offer while immersing yourself in the natural world. Learn more about the world around you and how we can care for it as you earn your level’s naturalist badge, but more importantly kick back and enjoy camp with your fellow Girl Scouts!

Badges earned: Jr Flowers, Cd Trees, Sr Sky, Amb Water

Min/Max: 5 youth min/25 youth max

Register by: May 5, 2027

OUTDOOR

Camp Sampler

☒ DAISY ☒ BROWNIE ☒ JUNIOR ☒ CADETTE

 OUTDOOR



WHEN:

**Friday, April 30, 2027, 6:30 PM –
Saturday, May 1, 4:30 PM**

Perfect for Girl Scouts and families new to overnight camping! Enjoy a campfire with s'mores and songs before spending the night in the cabins at Pamunkey Ridge. Wake up the next day and explore some of Pamunkey Ridge's offerings like canoeing, archery and slingshots, arts and crafts and more! You will also get to cook a simple campfire meal and sweet treat for lunch on Saturday!



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Min/Max: 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: April 16, 2027



COST:

\$35/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult

Explore Pamunkey Ridge

☒ DAISY ☒ BROWNIE ☒ JUNIOR  OUTDOOR



WHEN:

Sunday, May 2, 2027, 10 AM – 4:30 PM

Dive into the Pamunkey Ridge experience with this fun-filled day! Join us for canoeing, classic camp crafts, slingshots, and learn to cook a simple meal over the campfire. This event is perfect for those new to exploring the outdoors. Tagalongs welcome! This event is open to families and non-member siblings as well, all adults must be registered, and background checked.



WHERE:

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

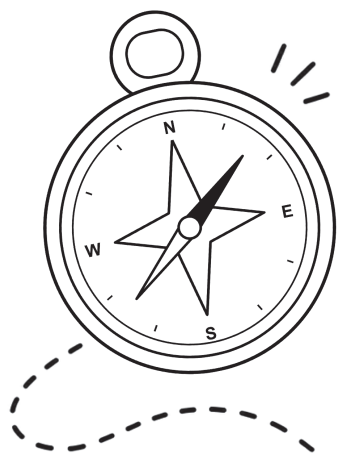
Min/Max: : 5 youth min/50 youth max

Register by: April 18, 2027



COST:

\$15/Girl Scout • \$5/Adult



2026 FALL PRODUCT PROGRAM

READY TO explore

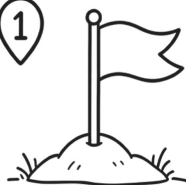
What Is the Fall Product Program?

The Fall Product Program combines fun program activities with money-earning opportunities that help girls fund troop adventures and experiences throughout the year.



FIVE SKILLS FOR THE TRAIL

1



GOAL SETTING

Girls set personal goals and create a plan to achieve them.

2



DECISION MAKING

Girls work together to decide how troop proceeds will be used.

3



MONEY MANAGEMENT

Girls learn to budget, take orders, and handle money responsibly.

4



PEOPLE SKILLS

Girls practice talking with customers, building relationships, and promoting products both in person and online.

5



BUSINESS ETHICS

Girls learn the importance of being honest, responsible, and accountable in all they do.

What's New for 2026?

We're excited to introduce two new products this year:

- Butter Toasted Peanuts
- Dill Pickle Peanuts

New Troop Incentive:

Any troop that reaches \$1,000 in total sales will be entered into a drawing to win one of three overnight experiences at Girl Scout Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

New Service Unit Incentive:

Any Service Unit that increases its total sales by 10% or more over last year will earn a private movie night at the GSCV Service Center, with an optional sleepover included.

MARK YOUR MAP

Important Dates & Activities:

September 5 – Fall Product Program begins

October 2 – Last day for girls and families to enter paper order card sales into M2

October 4 – Last day for troop leaders to enter paper order card sales into M2

October 16 – Fredericksburg area drive-thru pickup

October 17 – Richmond area drive-thru pickup

Week of October 19 – Rural deliveries

October 21-23 – Additional product available for pickup at Skipwith and Fredericksburg Service Centers

November 8 – Last day for online sales

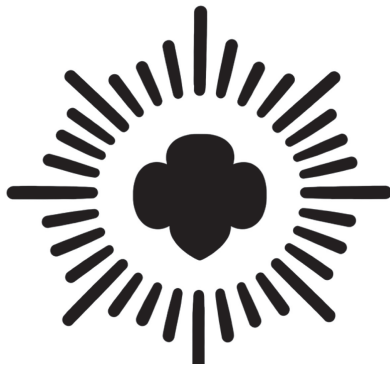
November 9 – Last day for troop leaders to make reward selections in M2

November 12 – ACH withdrawal for troop balances



Scan the QR code to get started, or visit gsnutsandmags.com/gscv
Click the Volunteer button to get started.
The system will open for girls on September 5.





READY, SET, LEAD. ✨

You've got what it takes to make a lasting impact—get started by earning your Highest Award in Girl Scouting!

There are so many great badges to earn in the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting! Each one helps you learn something new. Sometimes we want to go a little deeper and TAKE ACTION! Girls who are ready to flex their leadership skills above and beyond traditional badges and patches might be up for the challenge of earning one of the highest awards: Bronze as a Junior, Silver as a Cadette, and Gold as a Senior & Ambassador. All three awards give girls the chance to do big things while supporting the issues they care about.

HIGHEST AWARD TRAININGS

(for all levels eligible - Junior to Ambassador):

Come out to the service center for Highest Awards training, get all your questions answered, and leave our Brainstorming session with everything you need to start your award paperwork and planning! Bring your laptop or tablet, your favorite pen, and a notebook or some paper. We'll pull up our website together so you can save it as a favorite, and if you're going for your Gold Award, you can open your GoGold account on the spot!

Cost: \$5 (Includes handouts for your leveled award)

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 PM



At our Skipwith Service Center:

Thursdays on September 17, 2026; December 17, 2026; March 18, 2027

Min/Max: 3/50



At our Fredericksburg Service Center:

Tuesdays on October 13, 2026; February 16, 2027; May 11, 2027

Min/Max: 5/15

YOUR BIG IDEA STARTS HERE

Turn something you care about into a first step.



SOMETHING I CARE ABOUT:



WHAT WOULD I LIKE TO CHANGE?

A GIRL MAKING AN IMPACT

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2026 GSUSA
Scholarship Spotlight recipient
“Mental Health Advocacy Mural”

My Gold Award Project was aimed to bring awareness to subjects many people shun from talking about, Mental Health. Many people are not aware of the signs of suicide, substance abuse, sexual assault, anxiety, and mental disorders in both men and women. Even if they do see the signs, most don't know how to take initiative & help. My root issue was how people, mainly teenagers, are influenced by the stigma that “mental health can't be talked about.” I teamed up with my school mural club at Thomas Dale High School and we painted a mural paired with flyers including a QR code with links for resources to help raise awareness of those tools out in society already.



SAVE THE DATE!

2027 “Inspired By A Girl” Gold & Silver Ceremonies on Saturday, April 24, 2027

**Save the Date and time on your calendar for the
Gold Award Brunch from 10am to noon,
and the Silver Award Afternoon Tea from 2 to 4pm!**

If your Final Report is approved before March 1, 2027,
you will be invited to our annual recognition ceremony.

This year has two special events highlighting these
accomplishments! Invite your family & your Project
Advisor to come and spend time with you!

See you then!

LEARN IT. LEAD IT.

LEARNING LASTS A LIFETIME

On-demand training to fit your schedule!

Training is available through online courses in gsLearn, live/virtual classes, or in-person courses. Most training is free for adult volunteers, except for certain in-person certification courses in the areas of archery, paddle sports, axe throwing, etc. These in-person certification courses will have opportunities to sign up in S'more News as well as the registration link.

MANDATORY VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR ALL GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEERS

Protecting the emotional and physical safety and well-being of Girl Scouts is our shared top priority. Your partnership as a volunteer for Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia (GSCV) helps to ensure that Girl Scouting here at GSCV is a safe place for all girls.

The mandatory training is titled "Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course" and is easily located in gsLearn.



Accessing this training:

1. Log into your MyGS account.
2. Select gsLearn from the left side of the menu on the My Account dashboard.
3. The mandatory course should be visible in your course listing. The search feature can also provide a quick option to isolate the course.

NEW LEADER TRAINING - EASY AS 1,2,3!

The training courses required are listed below and are available on-demand to fit your schedule through gsLearn. These courses are all conveniently located on your dashboard when you log in to gsLearn from your MyGS account.

Course #1 – GSCV Troop Basics

Course #2 – (series) New Leader Onboarding Series (topics in this course are separated into shorter segments)

Course #3 – GSCV Bank Account Basics

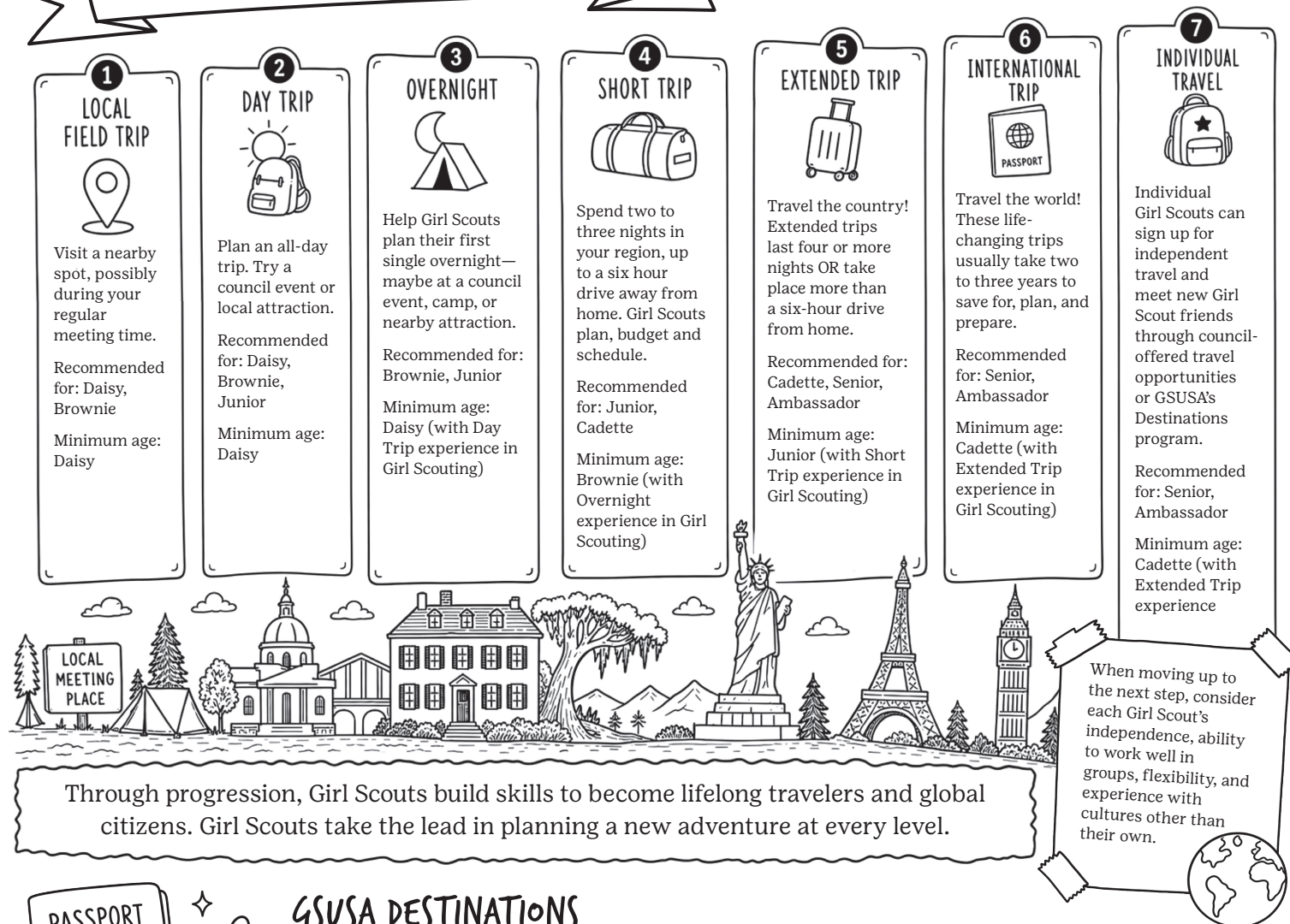


First aid/CPR certification can be taken locally to support busy schedules and convenience. Following the GSUSA-approved vendor listing below, you can obtain first aid/CPR training from the following vendors, which offer options in all GSCV regions:

- ☒ American Red Cross
- ☒ National Safety Council
- ☒ EMP America
- ☒ American Heart Association
- ☒ American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- ☒ Medic

START CLOSE. GO FAR.

TRAVEL PROGRESSION



GSUSA DESTINATIONS

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new faces. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone. For more information and additional trips visit "Girl Scouts Destinations" at www.GirlScouts.org.

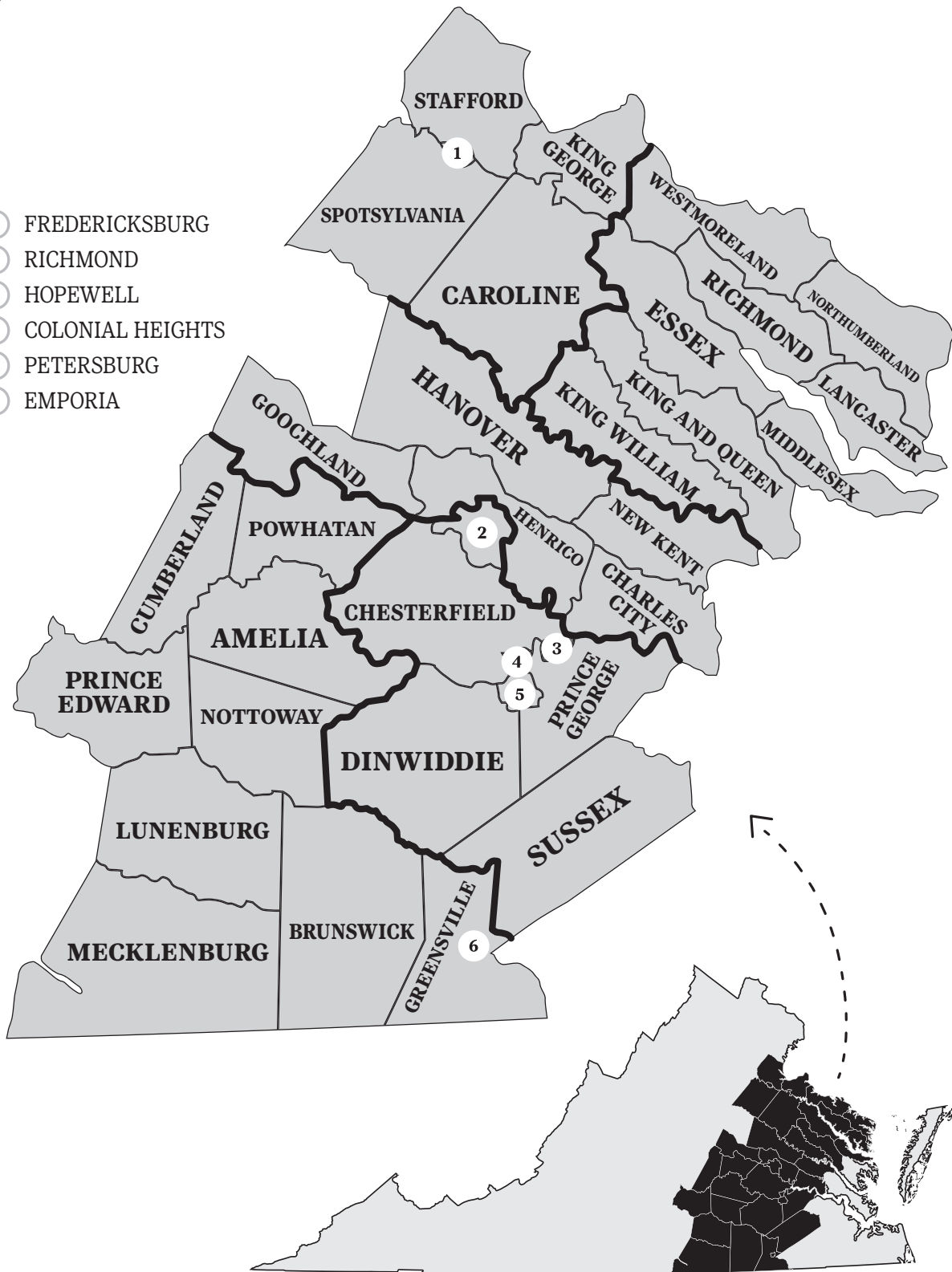


TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES WITH GSCV

Want to go to Savannah, Georgia and walk the city where Juliette Gordon Low lived? Want to visit her birthplace, her home, and experience this beautiful Southern city for yourself? Watch for information about our Summer 2027 Savannah Tour coming soon!

GSCV MAP

- ① FREDERICKSBURG
- ② RICHMOND
- ③ HOPEWELL
- ④ COLONIAL HEIGHTS
- ⑤ PETERSBURG
- ⑥ EMPORIA



Council Spotlight

HOW IT STARTED

About GSCV: On March 12, 1912, Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low brought 18 girls from Savannah out of isolated home environments and into the open air. Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, organized community service, went on camping trips and studied first aid.

A year later, Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia began with Troop #1 in Highland Springs. In 1932, the first African-American Girl Scout troop in the South was formed in Richmond, meeting at Virginia Union University. Today, there is a historical marker commemorating history-making Girl Scout Troop 34 on Virginia Union’s campus.

GSCV TODAY

With support from dedicated adult volunteers, parents and staff, we deliver the best Girl Scout experience to girls and adults in a 30 county and 6 city area within Central, Northern, Southern, Western and Eastern Virginia. Our council’s headquarters is located in the City of Richmond.

We have two Girl Scout Shops, located at both our Richmond and Fredericksburg Service Centers. We maintain two camp properties: Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp in Hanover County and Camp Kittamaqund in Northumberland County.

THE POWER OF EVERY GIRL

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia believes in the power of every girl. Our leadership Program is designed to help a girl discover who she is and what she can do and connects her with a powerful community of girls and mentors to make it happen. Girl Scouts explore, learn, succeed, and take action to make a difference in their community.

THE RIGHT PLACE

As your local council, we’re your partner in all things Girl Scout and we can’t wait for you to get started. If you are a girl looking for a place to fit in and have fun, an adult who wants to volunteer to make a real difference in girls’ lives, or a corporation, foundation, or organization that wants to support the good work of Girl Scouts, you’ve come to the right place!

LET’S CONNECT!

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NOT A MEMBER?

Join Today!



