

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers



The GSCV Office and Retail Shop will be closed beginning Friday, December 15, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. through Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of the holidays.

GSCV Office and Shop will re-open Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

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December 13, 2023 Edition

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Neptune N. from the Caroline Service Unit. She is one of our lucky winners of the giant Ocelot from the Fall Product Program Magazine sale.



Program Events & Activities

Girl Scouts, come try out the same computer thinking skills that professionals use in programming careers!

Explore how computers improve the lives of others through hands-on practice designing games,

brainstorming 21st Century solutions to global issues, and learning new practical skills.

Badge Earned: Coding Basics Badge

Cost: Girl/Adult, \$20/\$0

Location: central region/ Richmond Metro/ CodeVA

Saturday, January 13, 2024

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Brownie

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Junior

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cadette



Registration closes Saturday,
December 30, 2023.

[This program activity is at risk of cancellation due to low registration, so register today if you are interested.](#)



Registration closes
Wednesday,
January 10, 2024.

[This program activity is at risk of cancellation due to low registration, so register today if you are interested.](#)

Get a head start on financial fitness. Girl Scouts have the opportunity to work with the professionals from Virginia Credit Union to earn an Entrepreneurship Financial Wellness Badge.

Cost: Girl/Adult, \$10/\$0

Location: Central region/Augusta Service Center

Saturday, Jan 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. - Cadette

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - Senior, Ambassador



2024 events are open for registration.
[Sign up now!](#)

Program Events & Activities for all Program Age Levels

Daisy (D) grades K-1

Brownie (B) grades 2-3

Junior (J) grades 4-5

Cadette (C) grades 6-8

Senior (S) grades 9-10

Ambassador (A) grades 11-12

2024 Cookie Program



Looking for Cookie Training? A recorded version of our online cookie training is available on our website under Helpful Videos: [For Volunteers | Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia \(comgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.comgirlscouts.org)



Parent/Guardian agreement
(pdf option)

Don't forget to have the parents/ caregivers in your troop sign the parent/guardian agreement.

Keep these on file for your troop and only submit if there is an outstanding balance at the end of the program.

Parent/Guardian agreement
(digital option - complete online)



Correction in the *How to Guide for Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers*

Under Options for customers on page 9 in the guide it refers to being able to order online and pay at the time of delivery. This season all cookies ordered online will be paid for at the time of the order. The only orders that are not paid for at the time of ordering are the orders taken on the hard copy order card.

New Digital Cookie Platform

In Girl Scouts, girls engage in activities that spark curiosity, confidence, and innovation. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the foundation of entrepreneurial experience in Girl Scouts and is an important (and exciting!) part of being a Girl Scout. Research shows that girls are interested in becoming entrepreneurs, developing financially stable futures, and using their skills to make a meaningful impact on the world. As cookie entrepreneurs, they sharpen their business savvy and work as a team to accomplish common goals and solve problems, while building the confidence they need to shine as girls, as young women, and as future leaders. And did we mention fun? They have lots of that along the way, too. Every year, Girl Scouts all over the country use their cookie earnings to have amazing experiences in their communities and beyond.

This year it's more important than ever for Leaders to take part in Cookie Training. GSUSA is launching Digital Cookie, one unified platform for all girls and their parents to manage the cookie program.



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Cookie®

This cookie season,
superpower your
sale by adding
Digital Cookie®
to your toolkit.



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 **Help Desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**. We can't wait to feature them!

Training Opportunities

**January 20, 2024
Chester, VA**

Growing Up WILD and Flying WILD

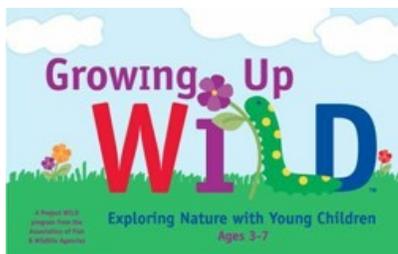
**March 9, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge**

Outdoor Cooking

**Open 24/7
on-demand**

gsLearn 

**Questions about training? Need assistance registering for a training course?
Contact the GSCV help desk: gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**



Looking for activities that enhance and support the outdoor and environmental badges?

If so, join us for a hands-on training session. Leaders attending will receive personal copies of both Flying WILD and Growing up WILD activity guides from the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources.

**Saturday, January 20, 2024
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**Chester United Methodist Church
12132 Percival St, Chester, VA 23831**



The Flying WILD guide contains 43 activities about birds, their habitat and issues facing birds worldwide. The guide includes activities suitable for developing a Wide Game based on birds. Growing Up WILD contains 27 activities that include crafts and songs on a wide range of wildlife species and their habitats. The Growing Up WILD program is perfect for Daisy and Brownie leaders and is a useful resource for Junior and other levels.

This workshop is suitable for Daisy through Ambassador Leaders. Participants must attend the entire workshop to receive the guides. Please bring a bag lunch | Minimum 12 – Maximum 25
Cost: \$5.00 to offset cost of supplies

[Register here!](#)

Girl Scout Outdoor Cooking course

Calling all Girl Scout culinary pioneers - what will your troop cook for dinner at your next camping adventure?

**Saturday, March 9, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Camp Pamunkey Ridge
Cost: \$10.00
Registration closes March 1, 2024**



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



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office hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

shop hours: Monday - Friday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sunday | closed

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!

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