

# S'more News

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## December 4, 2024 Edition

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## The 2025 Cookie Season is Coming Soon!



The Cookie Rally at Winterfest will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets today using the button below!

Girl Scouts and their families will have exclusive use of the park with some rides and attractions, open from 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

### **Ticket options:**

- Girl Scouts: \$28 – early admission to the park, parking, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus and Girl Scout Cookie-themed activities between 2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.
- Girl Scout Season Pass Holders: \$10 – includes early entrance to park and Cookie Decorating with Mrs. Claus.
- Family and Friends \$20 - includes admission, parking and early entrance.

Ice Skating will not be included in this year's Cookie Rally. Anyone wanting to participate in ice skating should purchase a separate ticket through the park.

[Get Cookie Rally at Winterfest Tickets](#)

## **The Girl Scout Cookie Program**

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.

**Troop Leaders and Troop Cookie Managers with less than 2 years managing a cookie program are encouraged to attend New Leader Training.**

This training will cover the basics of the Cookie Program, including the two software platforms used to manage the program.

**Experienced Leaders with 2 or more years managing a cookie program are recommended to attend the experienced leader training to learn about some minor changes to the program this year and for a quick refresh of the basics.**

In addition to training, we will offer multiple opportunities to pick up your Troop Cookie Packet. If you choose to attend an in-person training, you will pick up your materials at training. If you attend virtual training, you will be able to pick-up your materials quickly at one of the designated Cookie Packet pick-up locations.

A variety sample packages of cookies will be available for \$10 at packet pick-up.

## Cookie Training Details and Registration Link

### In-Person Training

**Saturday, Dec. 7th:** In-person training and packet pick-up

GSCV office, 4900 Augusta Ave., Richmond, VA 23230

- New Leader Training 9:00 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.
- Experienced Leader (2 or more years managing the program) 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- Packet pick-up available from 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

**Thursday, Dec. 12th:** In-person training and packet pick-up

Chancellor Ruritan Club, 5994 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407

New Leader Training (Experienced leaders are welcome to attend)

6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

- Packet pick-up available from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

### Virtual Trainings

- Tuesday, December 10th: New Leader Training 9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.
- Tuesday, December 10th: Experienced Leader Training 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
- Tuesday, December 10th: New Leader Training 6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

The link for all virtual trainings can be found here:

<https://zoom.us/j/98374970623>

Recorded versions of both new and experienced Leader Training will be available on our website after December 14th.

### Additional Packet Pick-Up Dates

- Monday, December 9th - Friday, December 13th 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., GSCV office: 4900 Augusta Ave., Richmond, VA 23230
- Wednesday, December 11th 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., Stafford County Library - Porter Branch
- Fredericksburg TBD

## Important Cookie Dates for 2025

January 1	Girls may begin taking orders both in-person and electronically
January 23	Troop orders are due in Smart Cookies

February 13 - 19	Traditional cookie deliveries in rural areas
February 13	Cookie drive-thru in Fredericksburg
February 14 AND 15	Cookie drive-thru at Dunmar Moving and Storage (Richmond/Chesterfield)
February 18	Cookie cupboards open
March 6	First ACH payment (50% of initial order)
March 28	Final day of main cupboard operations (smaller cupboards may close sooner)
April 3	Troop rewards due in Smart Cookies
April 3	Final ACH for remaining balance

## Retail Shop



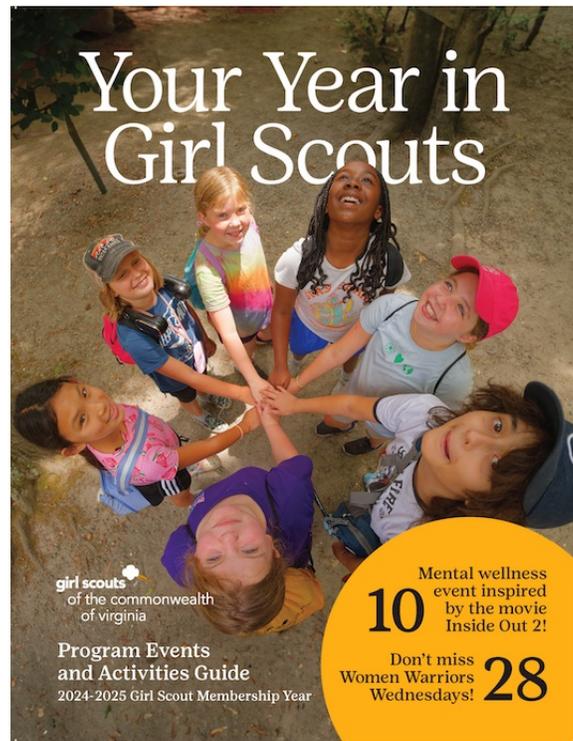
Today's Girl Scout proudly celebrates her individuality, identity and voice. Showcase what makes you, *you* with I AM pins.

This exclusive pin set shows everyone the friendship and special bond you share with your bestie! Made with gold tone metal and enamel.

Wear up to 3 of these pins on the front of your Girl Scout uniform above earned awards and badges or on your favorite jacket, cap, backpack, or shirt.

Shop Now!

## Program Events & Activities



Our 2024-2025 Program Events and Activities Guide is packed with excitement for EVERY Girl Scout!

This year's guide is our best one yet, and it's ready for you to dive in and start planning your epic Girl Scout year.

Registration OPEN!

[Access the Guide Here!](#)

[Register for Events Here!](#)

## Machines and Contraptions



**Saturday, December 14th, 2024, 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Snapology, Glen Allen, VA

(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Did you know you can use LEGO bricks to become an engineer? At Machines and Contraptions, you'll build, explore, and understand mechanical movement and simple machines in a fun, interactive way. You'll build different machines and contraptions, test physics concepts, and play exciting games, all while discovering the magic of engineering through the creativity of LEGO. Whether you're a budding builder or a curious thinker, this event is a fantastic opportunity to become an engineer in a unique way!

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will gain hands-on experiences with LEGO-based engineering, a deeper understanding of how machines work, and the excitement of learning through play.

You'll earn: Mechanical Engineering Badge

\$25/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 15/25 youth | 2/10 adults

**Register by: December 11th, 2024**

[Register Here!](#)

**Richmond Ballet – The Nutcracker**

# *the* Nutcracker



Richmond Ballet welcomes the Girl Scouts!

With its stunning choreography, lavish sets and costumes, and Tchaikovsky's iconic score, *The Nutcracker* is a magical experience for audiences of all ages! Girl Scouts and their families will enjoy a special post-show Q&A session following the show.

**This offer is ONLY valid for the Sunday, December 15, 2024 5:30PM performance of *The Nutcracker*.**

Discount excludes price levels 1 (\$142.00) and 6 (\$27.00) and is available through December 15th at 3:30 PM. Discount is not available on previously purchased tickets and cannot be combined with any other discounts. Standard online convenience fees apply. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

[Get Tickets Here!](#)

**Richmond Ballet - Cinderella**



Richmond Ballet welcomes the Girl Scouts!

This offer is ONLY valid for the Saturday, February 15, 2025 2:00PM performance of *Cinderella*.

Discount excludes price levels 1 (\$142.00) and 6 (\$27.00) and is available through February 15th at 12:00PM. Discount is not available on previously purchased tickets and cannot be combined with any other discounts. Standard online convenience fees apply. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

[Get Tickets Here!](#)

## BrickBot Builders



**Saturday, January 4th, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA

(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Unleash your creativity and engineering skills with our BrickBot Builders workshop, where you'll design and build your very own LEGO robots. At this Program event, you'll learn the basics of robotics and coding in a fun and unique way! This workshop is perfect for any Girl Scout interested in STEM and looking to explore the exciting intersection of LEGO building and robotics. You'll gain: A strong foundation in robotics and coding that can spark a lifelong interest in STEM, practical skills in creative problem-solving and teamwork, and the confidence to tackle future challenges in technology and engineering. This workshop is designed to inspire the next generation of innovators, showing how fun and impactful STEM can be.

You'll earn: Robotics Badge

\$10/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 10/25 youth | 5/15 adults

**Register by: December 21st, 2024**

[Register Here!](#)

## In the Spotlight – Musical Theater



**Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA

(Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Juliettes)

Lights, camera, ACTION! Get ready to take center stage at our In the Spotlight theater workshop series! From stage makeup to singing and improv, you will have the opportunity to engage in hands-on activities to discover and cultivate the performer in you, on AND off stage. No experience needed—just bring your enthusiasm! Don't miss out on this chance to shine! You'll Gain: Girl Scouts will gain confidence, creativity, and teamwork skills as they explore various aspects of musical theater, including stage presence, vocal performance, and improvisation. Participants may even discover a new passion and/or career path.

You'll earn: Brownie Dancer Badge (Workshop 4)  
\$10/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult  
Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/15 adults

**Register by: December 24th, 2024**

[Register Here!](#)

## Women Warriors - January



**Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Virtual  
(All Welcome)

Join us for "Women Wednesdays," a captivating series celebrating remarkable women who have made significant achievements in various fields! Each month, we spotlight inspiring figures whose accomplishments align with our theme, ranging from science and arts to leadership and mental wellness. Engage in insightful discussions, interactive activities, and discover how these women have paved the way for future generations. Don't miss out on this empowering journey every Wednesday — because together, we learn, grow, and celebrate extraordinary women!

\$0/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: All Welcome

Register by: December 25th, 2024

[Register Here!](#)

## Groove n' Glow



**Friday, January 10th, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.**

Camp Pamunkey Ridge, Dance Studio  
(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Get ready for an amazing Girl Scout event where Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors can shine and groove! We'll have glow sticks, light wands, and black lights to bring the dance floor to life as we jump, dance, and move to express feelings like joy and curiosity. This event is all about having a blast, boosting our energy, and feeling fantastic inside and out. Come dance with us and discover how awesome it feels to move and shine!

You'll gain: This event will help Girl Scouts feel empowered and inspired, using dance and movement to boost both their inner strength and outward energy.  
You'll earn: Brownie Dancer Badge, Junior Staying Fit Badge

\$5/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: All Welcome

**Register by December, 27th**

[Register Here!](#)

# EmpowerMIND



**Saturday, January 11th, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.**

Augusta Avenue Service Center, Richmond, VA

(Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Juliettes)

EmpowerMIND is BACK! Start your day off on the right foot by joining us for a council-led morning of empowerment! Discover the magic of positive affirmations, feel the unity through music, seal your worries away in a worry jar, and create and take home your very own sensory jar. This will be a morning of self-care that you won't want to miss!

You'll gain: Techniques for positive thinking, a sense of community through music and shared experiences, and hands-on activities that promote emotional well-being.

You'll earn: Ready. Set. Strong Patch

\$10/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 10/50 youth | 2/20 adults

**Register by: December 28th, 2024**

[Register Now!](#)

**Real Life Academy – How to Get the Job**



**Thursday, January 16th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.**

Virtual

(Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Juliettes)

Learn some valuable tips and strategies for acing interviews, writing resumes, and navigating the job application process successfully directly from a hiring manager.

\$0/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: All Welcome

**Register by: January 3rd, 2025**

[Register Now!](#)

**Celebrating Community**



**Saturday, January 18th, 2025, 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.**  
The Valentine, Richmond, VA  
(Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Learn about your community by identifying state and local symbols and exploring the landmarks and monuments of Capitol Square. Girl Scouts will learn about the women who shaped our state's history, and explore Mantle, the tribute to Virginia Indians, and the First Freedom Center where the statute for Religious Freedom was signed. This event is a walking tour but will move indoors if the weather is too cold. We encourage Girl Scouts to meet after the event at One Way Cream & Goodies, a local ice cream shop that's a ten-minute walk from The Valentine!

\$16/Girl Scout | \$4/Adult  
Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/10 adults

**Register by: January 4th, 2025**

[Register Here!](#)

**Feature Your Girl Scout Troop!**

**WE WANT TO  
FEATURE YOUR  
GIRL SCOUTS ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA!**

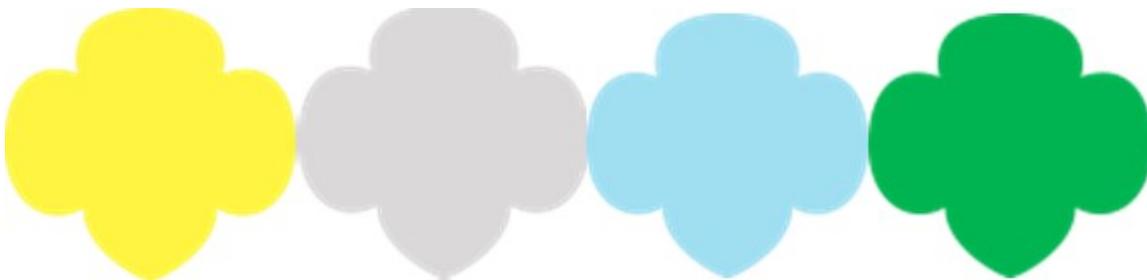


Do you know a Girl Scout who deserves recognition for making an impact in her community? Perhaps your Girl Scout troop hosted a fun event or created incredible memories this summer. Whatever the occasion, we're looking for Girl Scouts and Girl Scout troops to feature on social media!

Please submit all photos with a short caption to our Director of Marketing & Communications, Janna Joyner, to have your Girl Scouts featured online! Send all submissions via email: [jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org](mailto:jjoyner@comgirlscouts.org).

We can't wait to feature your girls!

## Training Opportunities



**Training dates for spring are here. Mark your calendars.  
Registration opens in 2025!**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025  
Pamunkey Ridge**

**Beginning Camping**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Pamunkey Ridge**

**Archery**

Friday optional  
Saturday - Sunday  
May 2-4, 2025  
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund

**Intermediate Camping**  
(required prep session Tuesday, April  
22, 2025)

Thursday & Friday  
June 5-6, 2025  
Pamunkey Ridge

**Paddle sports**

Open 24/7  
on-demand



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

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Office hours: Monday - Friday | 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Shop hours: Monday - Friday | 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Saturday | 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Sunday | CLOSED

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