

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

Summer hours have begun!

Friday, May 17, 2024 - Saturday, August 31, 2024

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Shop Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

The GSCV Office & Shop will be closed on Wednesday, June 19th in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.



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June 5th, 2024 Edition

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Join Us for Girl Scout Camp

NEW! For Cadettes & Ambassadors

CADETTES: Get excited! This year, you can now participate in axe-throwing and the high ropes course on the epic Adventure Tower!

AMBASSADORS: We're thrilled to offer Lifeguard Training! So many have expressed interest in lifeguarding as a summer job, so why not use your Girl Scout Camp experience to become well-equipped? We'll be providing sign ups to get Lifeguard Certification Courses during your resident camp session for girls aged 16 and older.

[Register for Camp Sessions](#)

Family Camping Spotlight: Me & My Gal



Join us for Me & My Gal, July 26 - 27!

This one night and full day is a perfect chance to introduce your camper to all the wonders of camp with the accompaniment of a special female adult.

Camp staff will provide a variety of fun program activities during the day showcasing all that camp has to offer. Cost includes program facilitators, activity materials, meals, and a whole lot of fun. Groups can choose to pitch their own tent or sleep in a fully enclosed cabin (space is limited).

All adults must be registered Girl Scouts who have successfully passed a background check.

[Register for Me & My Gal Here](#)

**PRESS PLAY: Hear What Girl Scouts Have to Say
About Their Girl Scout Camp Experience**



Program Events & Activities



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

Richlands Dairy Farm



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DAIRY *and* CREAMERY

• DINWIDDIE • VIRGINIA •

Try your hand at milking a cow! This family-owned farm provides the best possible care for their cows, practices good environmental stewardship, and provides an open and honest look into dairy farming. Stop by the creamery and purchase delicious ice cream!

Please note: This is not a drop-off event. Troops should plan to have enough adults to meet the girl-to-adult ratio outlined in the program guide, and any individual girl must have a registered adult on-site. All girl and adult attendees must be current members of Girl Scouts. To ensure the safety of all Girl Scouts, adults attending events must have a current Girl Scout membership and background check on file.

If you need to register an additional adult or have any questions about your membership status or background check, contact gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.

Saturday, June 15

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ALL LEVELS

[REGISTER HERE!](#)

**Virginia Museum of History & Culture I-Spy:
Virginia's Hidden History**



Learn about the important role women played in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War. Girl Scouts will learn about Virginia spies, write in code, practice different methods of writing in invisible ink, and take part in games to hone their spy skills at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.

Badge earned: Detective Badge

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

Location: Central region/ Richmond metro/ Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Virginia's Hidden History

428 N. Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond 23220

Saturday, June 8

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Juniors

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Cadette

Registration for Juniors

Registration for Cadettes

Celebrate Juneteenth with your Troop



What is Juneteenth?

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the United States. However, change was not instant after the proclamation. Nearly two and a half years later, on June 19th, 1865, the enslaved African Americans of Galveston, Texas got the news by way of the Union army troops that freedom had come at last.

The next year, the people of Galveston commemorated that day as Juneteenth, a celebration of freedom. Since then, it's been observed in communities and states as a holiday, but officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021.

Why is the holiday called Juneteenth? The name blends the month and the day this news reached the people of Galveston: "June" plus "nineteenth" is Juneteenth. It's also often called Emancipation Day or Freedom Day.

How can you celebrate Juneteenth with your Girl Scout Troop?

- **Make a Juneteenth feast.** Food is an important part of African American history and culture and has served as a way to unify and connect communities and families for generations. Make foods or snacks using Juneteenth colors: red, black, and green. Enjoy them together.
- **Read books about Black History.** Visit your local library as a troop and read books that celebrate the achievements of Black Americans in our country.
- **Attend a Juneteenth event.** Juneteenth was declared a national

holiday in 2021, but Juneteenth celebrations have been a tradition in cities around the country for decades. Visit a Juneteenth event or parade as a troop and celebrate Freedom Day with your community!

JUNETEENTH FUN PATCH COMING SOON TO THE AUGUSTA AVENUE SHOP!

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



The Girl Scout LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to honor LGBTQ+ history, to celebrate the diverse cultures and identities of LGBTQ+ people, and to acknowledge the many contributions of the LGBTQ+ community has made and continues to make across our nation.

Girls and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn this fun patch, and we encourage girls of all identities to participate.

[Get the Patch!](#)

Retail Shop



Do you have someone in your life who is Man Enough to Be a Girl Scout? Stop into the Augusta Avenue Shop and get him a shirt or lanyard, just in time for Father's Day!

2024 Cookie Program

Let's Stir Up Some PANDAmonium!



The Cookie Rewards voting for 2025 season is LIVE!

[Vote Now!](#)

2024 Cookie Rewards

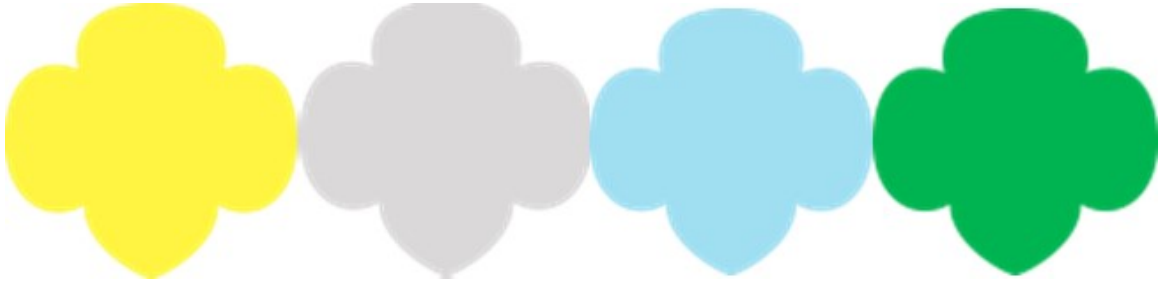
The axolotl-themed rewards from ABC Bakers have been delivered to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager. They will contact you to let you know the distribution process.

Other cookie rewards at the 750 level and above will be distributed at the Stellar Seller Event or mailed to the girls directly.

Pathway Passes have all been mailed directly to girls' homes. Please remind the girls in your troop to use them by September 30th.

If anyone needs clarification on rewards earned, we recommend using the reports in Smart Cookies. Using the **current reports**, click on **Rewards** then **Recognition Order Summary by Troop** or **Recognition Order Summary by Girl**.

Training Opportunities



September 27-28, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

T.R.E.K. Weekend

Open 24/7
on-demand



T.R.E.K. Weekend Registration is NOW OPEN!



Join us for this year's **T.R.E.K** weekend, where **T**roop leaders can **R**elax and **E**njoy while gaining **K**nowledge for themselves and their troop. **Save these dates: September 27 & 28**, and join us for exciting Girl Scout *leader-focused* workshops, networking around the campfire, and a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp. **A special session includes information on Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in Savannah, Georgia.** We are celebrating our founder, Juliette, with a Georgia-inspired menu and décor. This adult-only

weekend is just for you! Click the link below to register.

Register Here!

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

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