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Early Bird Renewal Incentives Await!



Your Year of

Growth

It's time to renew your Girl Scout memberships! Early Bird has begun and goes until May 17th.

This is a time to renew your troop Girl Scout memberships while earning incentives and planning for a wonderful year ahead. Remember that troop funds can be used to purchase your 2024-2025 Girl Scout memberships.

Check out all the exciting incentives we've got for girls, troops, and service units.

Incentives for girls:

- Every girl who renews during Early Bird will receive a 2025 Early Bird patch.
- Each girl's family will receive a one-time-use 10% discount to the GSCV Shop.

Incentives for troops:

- Two leaders per troop who renew will receive a one-time-use 15% discount to the GSCV Shop.
- All troops that renew 75% or more of their girls (at least 5 girls and 2 adults) will receive a \$25 voucher for a Program Event or Activity hosted by GSCV for Membership Year 2025 (list of options will be provided).
- Weekly drawings for prizes will be held on Fridays from April 19th-May 10th for troops that have renewed at least 75% of their girls and two adults (one troop wins each week). Prizes include a Tie-Dye Kit & Cookie-themed hoodies for the troop leaders; a troop experience at Camp Pamunkey; and a Camping Survival Kit.

Incentives for service units:

- Service units receive \$1.25 per girl who renews during Early Bird.
- Service units that renew 75% or more of their girl memberships will receive a parade banner.

*Discounts cannot be combined.

Countdown to Girl Scout Camp!



Girl Scout Summer Camp kicks off **Friday, June 7, 2024!**

We've got a summer *filled* with sessions for every Girl Scout level. Whether your Girl Scout is a first-time camper who wants a Little Bit 'o Camp or a resident camp regular, we're excited to welcome her to Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp for a summer she'll never forget.

Check out our full Summer Camp 2024 book for a detailed list of camp sessions, summer camp FAQs, instructions on how to register, and hear from "Almond", our Summer Camp Director.

[View/Download the 2024 Summer Camp Book](#)

Girl Scout Camp at a Glance

Check out our quick and easy guide to planning your Summer of Fun at Girl Scout Camp. We've got something for all grade levels, and your family, too!

Sessions at a Glance



Resident Camp - Pamunkey Ridge

Theme	Entering Grades	Dates	Cost	Page
Maker Space	2-8	June 16-21	\$430	9
Potions and Pixies	2-8	June 23-28	\$430	10
Pamunkey Pals	1-8	June 30-July 2	\$250	11
Camp-tastic / Game On	2-12	July 7-12	\$430	12-13
Paddle On / Around the World	2-12	July 14-19	\$430	14-15
Ultimate Slumber Party	2-12	July 21-26	\$430	16
Splash Zone	2-12	July 28-Aug 2	\$430	17

Little Bit O'Camp - Pamunkey Ridge

Theme	Entering Grades	Dates	Cost	Page
Potions and Pixies	1-8	June 26-28	\$250	10
Ultimate Slumber Party	1-8	July 24-26	\$250	16

Family Camp & Troop Fun - Pamunkey Ridge

Theme	Entering Grades	Dates	Cost	Page
Troop/Family Camping	K-12	June 7-8	\$50	18
Me and My Gal	K-12	July 26-27	\$50	18

Older Girl Only Session - Pamunkey Ridge and Camp Kittamaquond

Theme	Entering Grades	Dates	Cost	Page
Rustic Ramblers	6-12	July 21-26	\$430	18

Leadership Opportunities for Older Girls - Pamunkey Ridge

Theme	Entering Grades	Dates	Cost	Page
CIT 1	10-12	July 14-19 AND July 21-26	\$500	19
CIT 2	11-12	June 23-28 AND July 7-12	\$500	19

Bring a Buddy to Girl Scout Camp!



Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem!

We understand that sometimes, having a bestie by your side makes camp memories *that* much sweeter. That's why we're welcoming ALL GIRLS to Girl Scout camp, even if they're not a registered member!

If a girl is not a registered Girl Scout, add \$35 to your registration. It's that easy!

We can't wait to see your Girl Scout--and her crew--at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp this summer!

Girl Scout Camp Roll Call: We Want to Hear from You!

Is your girl attending Girl Scout Camp this summer?

Yep, we're all signed up!

Not yet, but we plan to register.

We don't plan on registering for Girl Scout Camp this season.

We're still undecided on Girl Scout Camp.

Important Camp Staff Update

Josh Swatzell, our Outdoor and Property Manager, is moving to Minnesota with his family for an exciting new chapter in their life.

Josh has agreed to work with us during a brief transition period; however, effective immediately, he will *not* be the point of contact for troop camping and resident camp.

To get the quickest and most up-to-date information, the council contacts are as follows:

Service Unit/Troop Camping (with confirmed reservations) planning and questions

Anne Dupuis, Summer Camp Director

- Email: adupuis@comgirlscouts.org
- Phone: (804) 746-0590 Ext. 150

Summer Resident Camp questions

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Service Unit/Troop Camping Reservations (once the 2024-25 dates are released)

Kathleen Sestak, Senior Director of Member Services

- Email: ksestak@comgirlscouts.org
- Phone: (804) 746-0590 Ext. 388

Summer Resident Camp registration is through MyEvents.

Retail Shop

Congratulations Girl Scout graduates!



Personalize your graduation day look with a finishing touch that represents all the

adventures and achievements of your Girl Scout experience. Shop in store or online at girlscoutshop.com

The graduation cord is \$31.00, and the Tassel is 15.00.

SHOP NOW!

2024 Cookie Program

Girl Scouts Supports our Military Troops



Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia donated over 1,500 cases of cookies to the USO to be shared among multiple sites serving the military and their families. Thank you to Jackie Johnson, Amari R. (Troop 147), and Kai T. (Troop 714) for representing the Girl Scouts.

Cookie Rewards

The bulk of our cookie rewards are expected in the next couple of weeks. They will be sent to your local Service Unit Product Program Manager for distribution to troops.

For higher level rewards:

- Emails have been sent to girls' families who earned the Night at the Diamond asking them to RSVP. The deadline to RSVP for the Fredericksburg Nat's game has passed but there is still time to RSVP for the Flying Squirrels game on May 31.
- Emails have been sent to girls who earned the American Girl Doll (girls have choice between 4 dolls).
- Emails have been sent to girls who earned the Stellar Seller reward asking them to RSVP.
- Emails have been sent to girls who earned the Camp Session asking them to coordinate with the Help Desk their choice of session.
- Pathway Passes will be printed and mailed next week. If a girl wants to apply it to camp registration, she can contact our Help Desk and we can get that processed even before she receives the pass.

If your girl should have received one of these emails and didn't, please check your spam folder or contact our Help Desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or by calling 804-746-0590 ext. 316.

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**.

Congratulations to the following troops on winning a pizza party for hosting cookie booths on selected dates.

- Troop 102 of the James River Service Unit
- Troop 198 of the Clover Trails Service Unit
- Troop 252 of the Bermuda Heights Service Unit
- Troop 1102 of the Indian Rivers Service Unit
- Troop 3805 of the Mecklenburg Service Unit

Girl Scout Night at the Diamond

Girls not attending the baseball games as a cookie reward or families who want to attend are welcome to purchase tickets on their own.

Richmond Flying Squirrels Girl Scout Night: May 31st

Richmond Flying Squirrels May 31st tickets are \$13 per person. Girls who earned the Night at the Diamond reward through cookies will receive admission for two. The ticket also includes participation in the pre-game parade and a patch for registered Girl Scouts.

New this year: Girls and families attending the game at the Flying Squirrels will be invited to stay for a post-game kid-friendly movie with Kona Ice included.

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

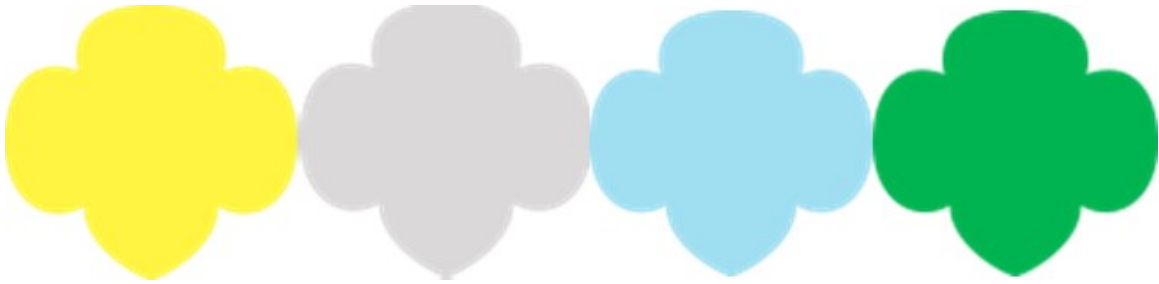
Junior (J) grades 4-5

Cadette (C) grades 6-8

Senior (S) grades 9-10

Ambassador (A) grades 11-12

Training Opportunities



**May 12, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge**

Archery Level I

**June 6-7, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Paddlesports training (canoe, kayak,
paddle board)**

**Open 24/7
on-demand**



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

Prepare to learn & aim for fun!

**Level 1 Archery Training
Sunday, May 12th
9:00a.m.- 4:00p.m. Camp
Pamunkey Ridge | \$40
Registration closes May 8th**



USA Archery Level I Instructor certification is a required course for volunteers who wish to teach beginning archery skills to Brownies through Ambassadors. In Level 1, participants learn about range safety, range setup, the steps of shooting, equipment, and equipment repair. Girls 16 years of age and older are welcome to participate. This USA Archery certification is valid for three years and renewable online through USA Archery.

Register for Archery Level I here!

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Registration coming soon! Watch S'more News.

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!

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