

# S'more News

**exclusively for leaders and volunteers**

## **Summer hours begin THIS Friday!**

**Beginning Friday, May 17, 2024, through Saturday, August 31, 2024,**  
the office and shop hours each Friday will be 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Monday - Thursday office hours will be 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.

The shop will be closed Saturdays from May 17th-August 31st.

**The GSCV Office & Shop will be closed Friday, May 24th and  
Monday, May 27th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.**



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## **May 15th, 2024 Edition**

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**Early Bird Renewal Incentives Await!**



Your Year of

## Growth

**There are 3 more days to renew your Girl Scout memberships during Early Bird! May 17th is the last day to earn Early Bird incentives.**

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.

For the first four weeks of Early Bird, drawings were held for Troop prizes. The following troops won:

- Troop 689 in SU 811-Chickahominy: STEM slime-making kit
- Troop 398 in SU 805-Richmond: Midtown-West: tie-dye kit
- Troop 1189 in SU 811-Chickahominy: camp experience
- Troop 217 in SU 833-Prince George/Sussex: camp survival kit

**There is still time to participate in Early Bird. The incentives below can be earned for renewing until May 17th.**

### **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).

### **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.



# Exciting Girl Scout Camp Updates!

## TWO NEW CAMP SESSION OFFERINGS!



### Chillax by the Pool

Splash Zone is a HOT session this summer! We've now added our CHILLAX bonus session to that week. Join us as we sip slushies, soak up sun, and turn up our favorite tunes by the pool every day (July 28-August 2).

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**The Ultimate Slumber Party** was the most popular session of all—campers enjoyed a week of rest and relaxation at Pamunkey Ridge. In addition to all the classic camp fun, we enjoyed a movie night slumber party, pajama/lounge wear breakfast, a DIY spa night, and a game night. ***This session was so nice, we're offering it twice!***

**That's right—we're offering the Ultimate Slumber Party for TWO weeks this year.**

In our 2024 Camp Book, you'll see that Ultimate Slumber Party is scheduled for July 21-26. We're now adding another Ultimate Slumber Party session to our Choose Your Own Adventure Week!

This means, July 14-19 will now offer three resident camp

options:

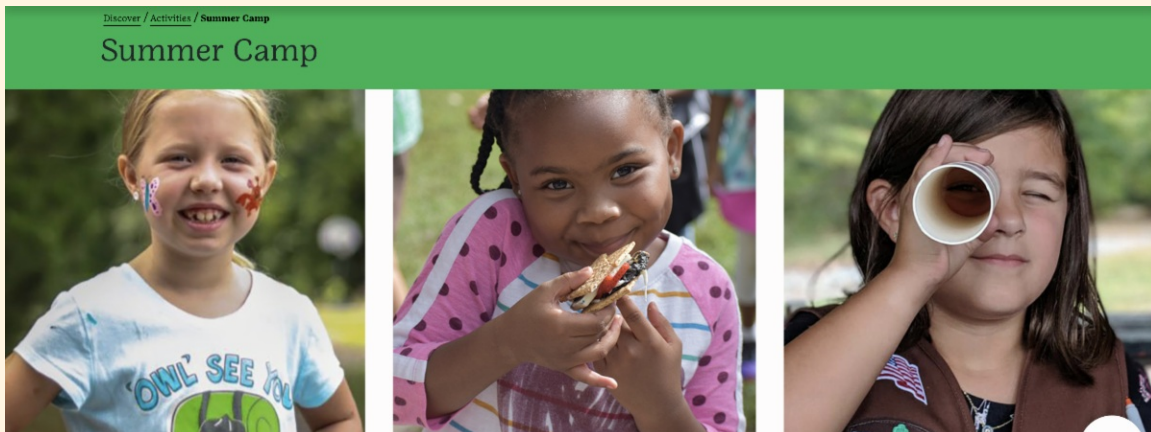
**Paddle On:** For the water lovers who want to explore the great outdoors with views of the Pamunkey River. Enjoy canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding on the lake, along with fun in the sun at the pool.

**Around the World:** Learn about global cultures through art and food, as well as trying your hand at Letterboxing and Geocaching – two worldwide exploration games. Travelers will put their new skills together as they take a worldwide tour around camp, racing against other groups.

**Ultimate Slumber Party:** A week of rest and relaxation - see above for details.

[Register for Splash Zone & Chillax HERE](#)

## New & Improved Summer Camp Website



Things are heating up over on our website...just in time for SUMMER!

We're thrilled to introduce our new Summer Camp page, which makes browsing and registering for camp easier than ever before, whether you're on your mobile device or desktop.

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.



## NEW! For Cadettes & Ambassadors

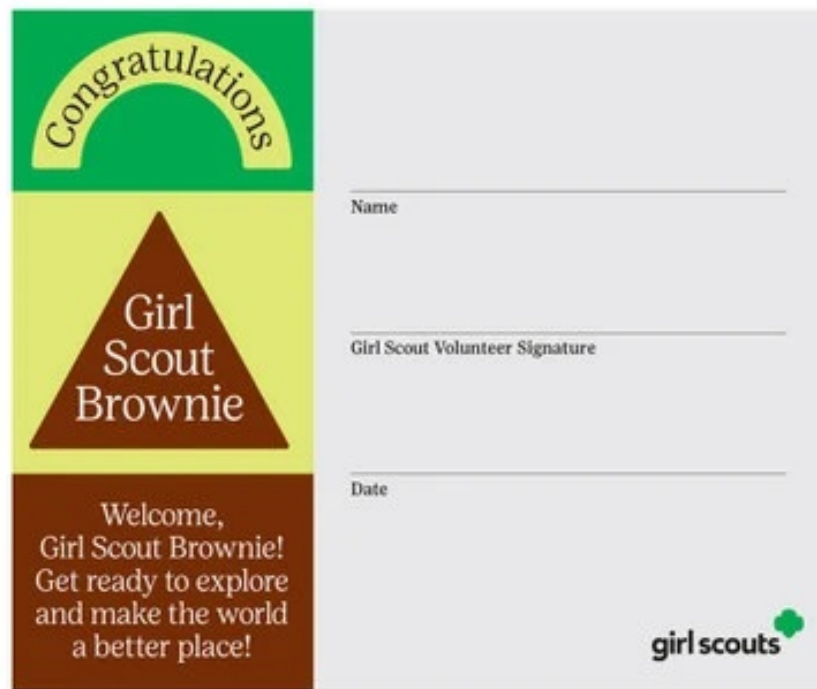
**CADETTES:** Get excited! This year, you can now participate in axe-throwing and the high ropes course on the epic Adventure Tower!

**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.

## WATCH: AMAZING ADVENTURES AWAIT AT GIRL SCOUT CAMP



Retail Shop



Bridging awards mark a girl's transition from one leadership level to the next. An exciting time in a Girl Scout's life, the earning of the award and completion of the activities are designed to emphasize the continuity of one Girl Scout program and to welcome girls to an anticipated "next level".

[SHOP NOW!](#)

## 2024 Cookie Program

### 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 last week. Please remind the girls in your troop to use them by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**.

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### **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**

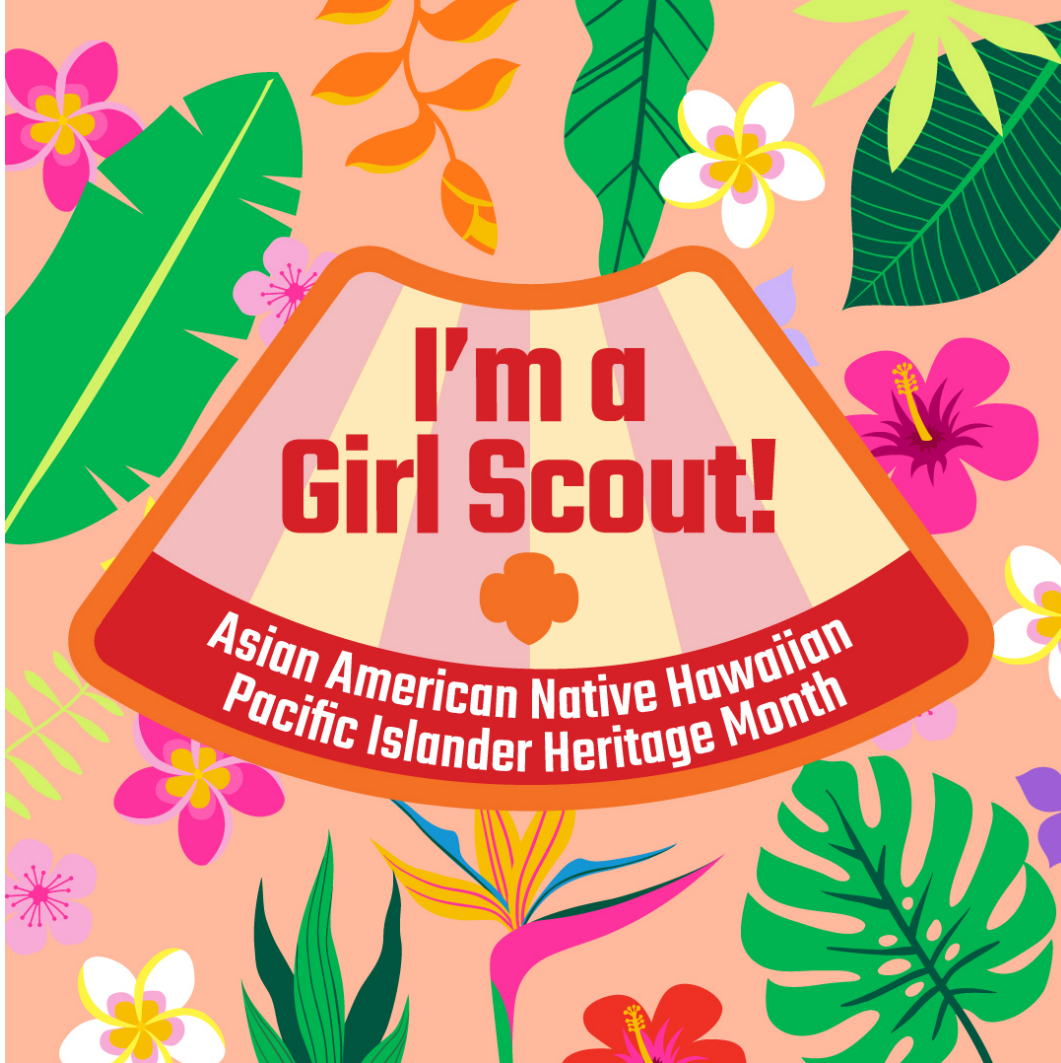
**Junior (J) grades 4-5**

**Cadette (C) grades 6-8**

**Senior (S) grades 9-10**

**Ambassador (A) grades 11-12**

**Celebrate Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific  
Islander Heritage Month!**



Embrace the rich heritage of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities every single day! ☐ Celebrate alongside your troop by unlocking a special patch.

[Get the Patch!](#)

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# Mental Wellness Patches

New!



@girlscouts

May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

Try activities from the Girl Scouts: Resilient. Ready. Strong. program to unlock a patch and strengthen your mental wellness. Nobody can snap their fingers and make the world all sunshine and lollipops, but you can take steps to be ready when things get tough. Go get 'em, Girl Scout!

Unlock your Special Patches!

**Girl Scout Bridging & Day at Kings Dominion**



### **Girl Scout Bridging Day at Kings Dominion: Saturday, June 1, 2024**

Park gates open at 11:00 A.M. Meet at the Eiffel Tower to check in; bridging ceremony begins at 12:00 P.M.

Girl Scouts, family, and friends are invited to celebrate their sisters in the council-wide Bridging Ceremony.

Stay after the ceremony to enjoy a discounted day at Kings Dominion. Girl Scouts and families who are season pass holders can use their pass for access to the event.

Email [youthsales@kingsdominion.com](mailto:youthsales@kingsdominion.com) with your troop information for a link to purchase Girl Scout Day admission for \$40 per person – parking included!

**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**

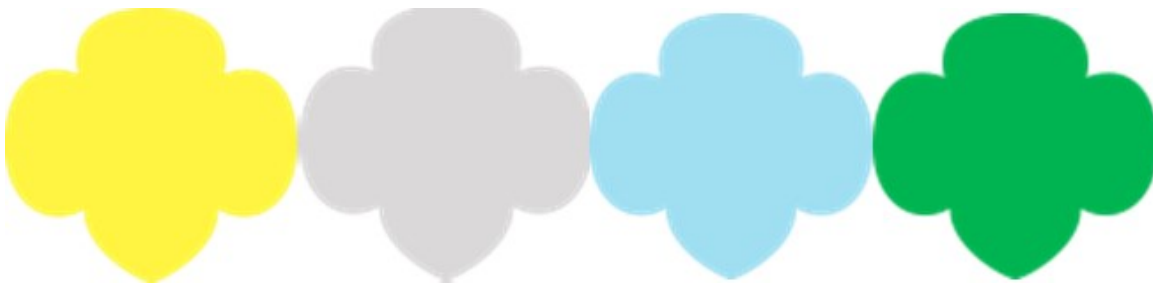
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Juniors

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Cadette

Registration for Juniors

Registration for Cadettes

## **Training Opportunities**



September 27-28, 2024  
Pamunkey Ridge

T.R.E.K. Weekend

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)

## T.R.E.K. Weekend Feature

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 the date, Sept. 27 & 28**, and join us for exciting Girl Scout *leader-focused* workshops, networking around the campfire and a chance to explore Pamunkey Ridge Camp. The Volunteer T.R.E.K. Committee is busy setting up classes that will not only increase your skills and also something to share with your troop. **Find out what to do with all those bandanas we tend to end up with as Girl Scouts in the 101 Things to do with a bandana class. Don't have a bandana? Then maybe the Jewelry Class is more your cup of tea.** Watch this space for other possible courses and the registration link is coming soon!



Registration coming soon! Watch S'more News.

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

Summer shop hours: Monday - Thursday | 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Friday | 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday | CLOSED

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