

# S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

**The GSCV Office & Shop will be opening late on  
Thursday, May 9th for staff training.  
We will open at 2:00 P.M.**



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**May 8th, 2024 Edition**

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**Exciting Girl Scout Camp Updates!**

**TWO NEW CAMP SESSION OFFERINGS!**



**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.

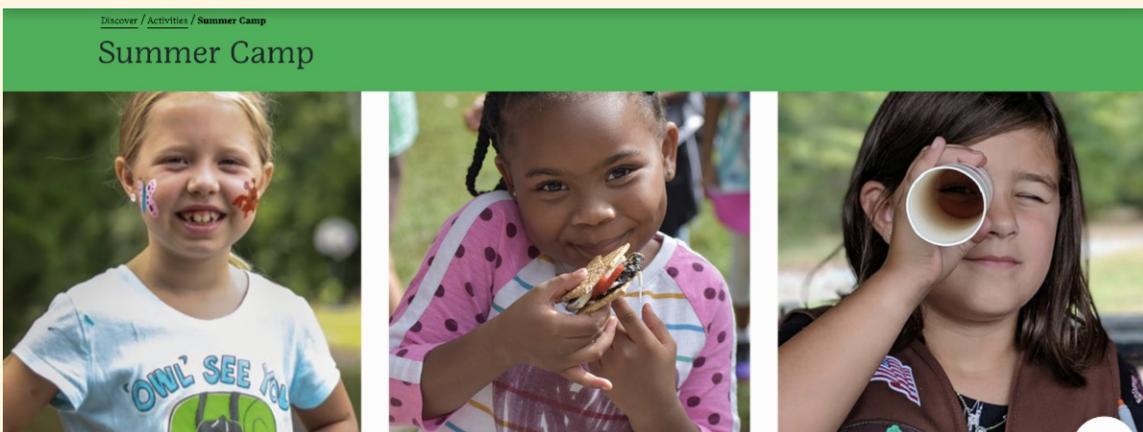
**Ultimate Slumber Party:** A week of rest and relaxation - see above for details.



**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)

[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.

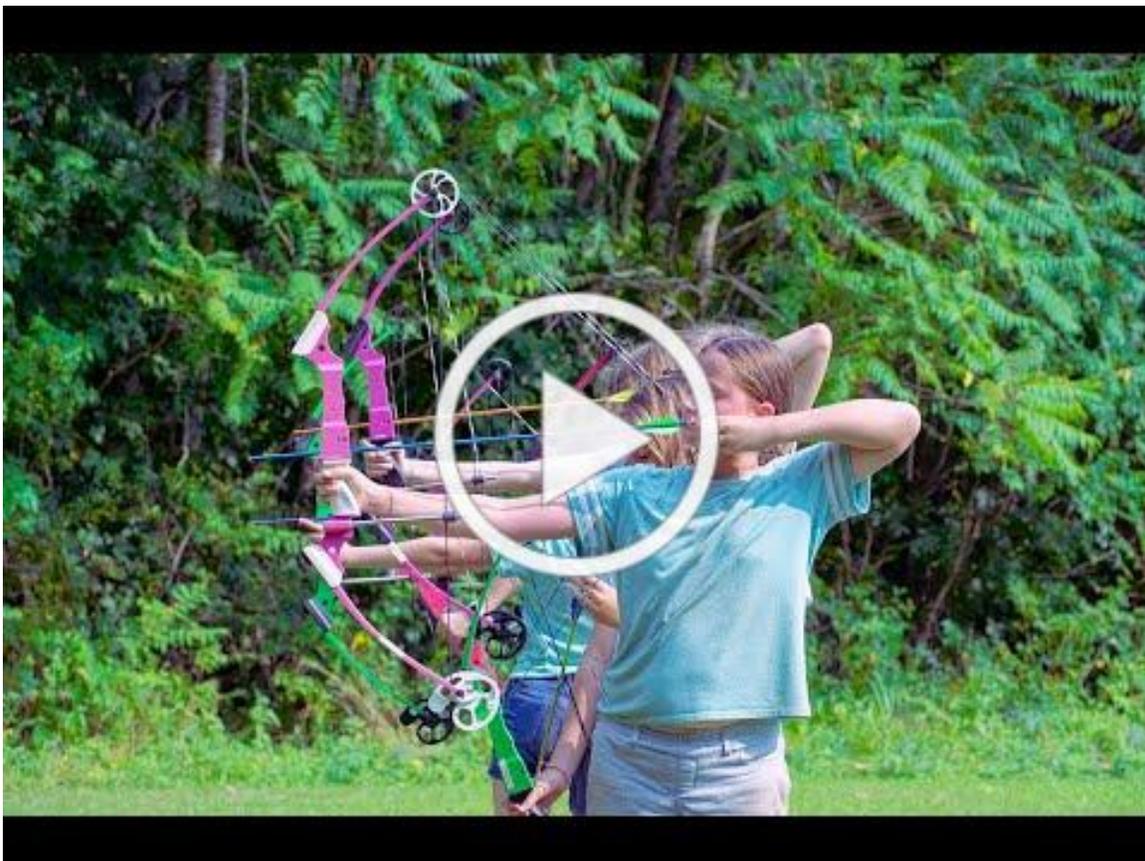
[Check Out Our New Summer Camp Page!](#)

## **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**



**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.

## Early Bird Renewal Incentives Await!



### **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:**

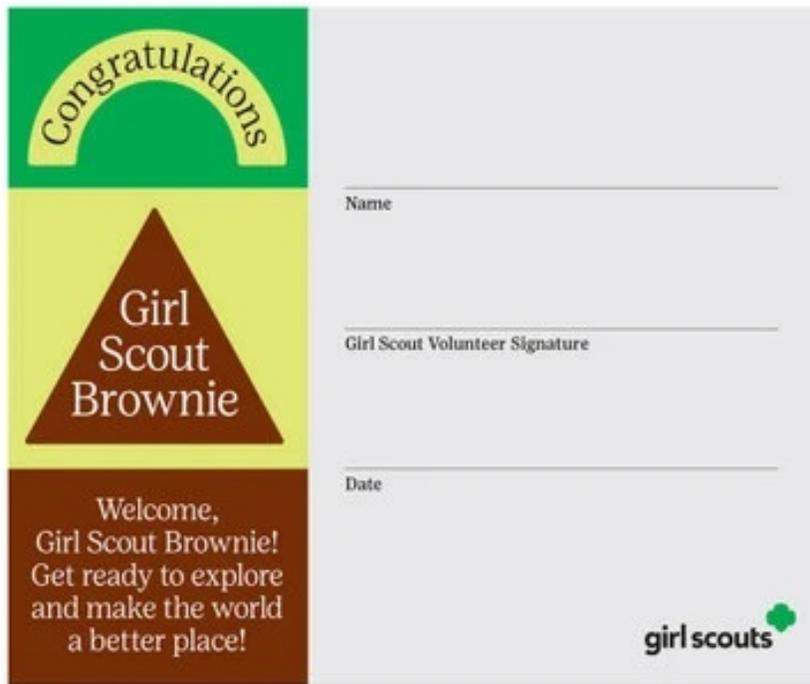
- Two leaders per troop who renew will receive a one-time-use 15% discount to the GSCV Shop.
- All troops that renew 75% or more of their girls (at least 5 girls and 2 adults) will receive a \$25 voucher for a Program Event or Activity hosted by GSCV for Membership Year 2025 (list of options will be 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.

## 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

**Congratulations to our 5 for 5 Winner!**



Congratulations to the first of our five 5 or 5 contest winners! She ordered five packages of cookies at a booth sale and was entered into a drawing to win five cases. We appreciate her support of the Girl Scout Cookie Program!

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## 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 have been printed and will be mailed this 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](mailto: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**.

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### **Girl Scout Night at the Diamond**

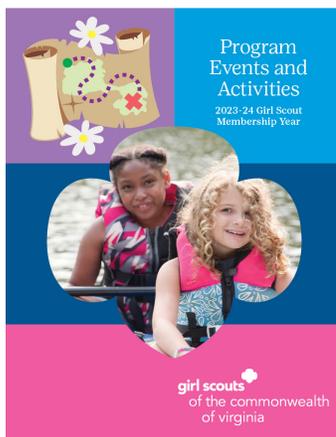
Girls not attending the baseball games as a cookie reward or families who want to attend are welcome to purchase tickets on their own.

### **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**

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



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

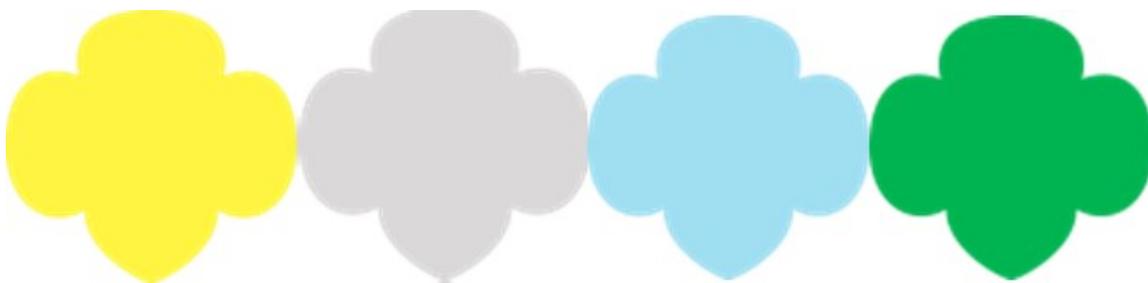
Park gates open at 11:00 A.M. Meet at the Eiffel Tower to check in; bridging ceremony begins at 12:00 P.M.

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!

## **Training Opportunities**



**September 27-28, 2024**  
**Pamunkey Ridge**

**T.R.E.K. Weekend**

**Open 24/7**

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



Are you ready for **T**raining, **R**elaxing, getting **E**nergized for the upcoming troop year, and re-**K**indling friendships with your Girl Scout sisters? If so, then join us for this year's **T.R.E.K.** leader's weekend on September 27th and 28th at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp. You will have the opportunity to **network around the campfire** or in the dining hall with excellent food prepared by one of the TREK committee volunteers. In addition, there will be a variety of classes to choose from that may provide a new hobby for you or to share with your girls. Watch this space for other possible courses.

Registration coming soon! Watch S'more News.

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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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