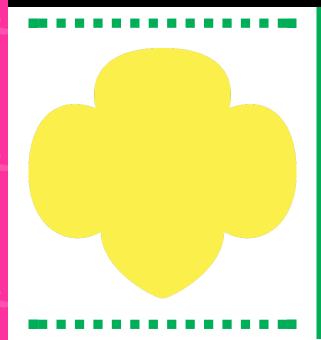


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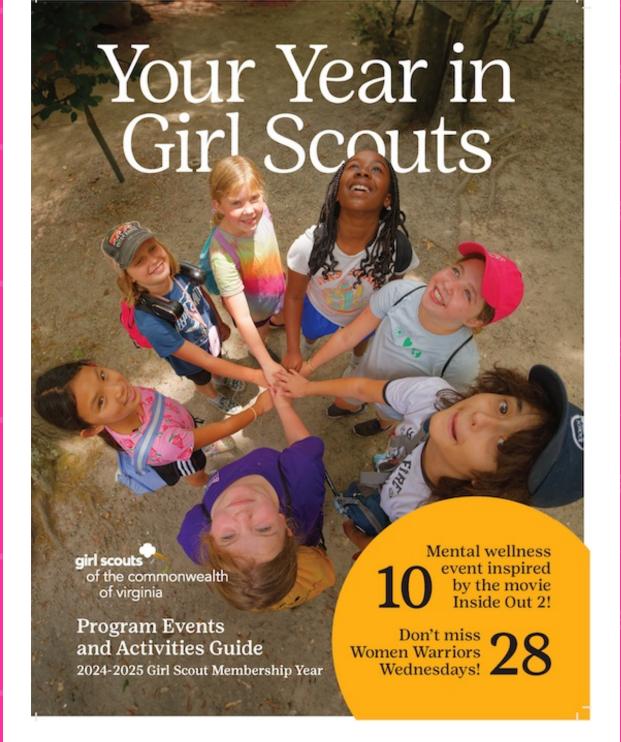


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The 2024-2025 Program Events & Activities Guide is Here!



It's here! Our 2024-2025 Program Events and Activities Guide has arrived, and it's packed with excitement for EVERY Girl Scout! Be on the lookout for your copy in the mail.

We gathered and incorporated valuable feedback from our Operational Advisory Task Groups to create a guide like never before. Whether your troop is ready to explore the great outdoors, dive into STEM, level up their entrepreneurship skills, or bond over family-friendly events, we've got it all. 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 is NOW OPEN. Start mapping out your year of fun, growth, and adventure TODAY!

Pathway Pass Expiration Date has been Extended through October 31, 2024.

This extension allows girls to use any remaining Pathway Pass to register for activities in the forthcoming Program Events and Activities Guide. To use your pass to register for an event, please contact our Help Desk at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**.

Passes can also be used in the GSCV Retail Shop, but only through October.

Fall Product Program



We have two adorable extra-large elephants looking for a home. How can your girl be one of the lucky ones to take one home?

All girls who sell **at least 40 magazines** in the Fall Product Program will be entered into a special drawing. One will take this giant stuffy home!

In addition, all girls who sell at least three BarkBoxes will be entered into a

drawing. One will win our second elephant.

Second Chance for Fall Product

Missed getting your Fall Product order into the M2 System? Received an order too late to enter last week? Never fear, you can still place a second chance order.

Use this link to order the items to help you troop reach its goals.

Second Chance orders submitted by October 14th will be available for pick up at the drive-thru. Orders submitted after October 15th and beyond will be available for pick up:

- **Fredericksburg:** Tuesday, October 22nd location will be emailed to people who submit an order.
- **Richmond:** Thursday, October 24th GSCV Headquarters, 4900 Augusta Ave, Richmond, VA 23230
- **Chesterfield:** Thursday, October 24th Dunmar Moving and Storage 8030 Whitepine Rd, Richmond, VA 23237.

Fall Product Delivery

Don't forget to pick up your fall product this week!

- Friday, October 18th: We will be at the Fredericksburg Expo Center parking lot, located at 2371 Carl D Silver Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. If your troop selected to pick up there, you are welcome any time between 8:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
- Saturday, October 19th: We will be at Dunmar Moving and Storage location, located at 8030 Whitepine Rd, Richmond, VA 23237. If your troop selected to pick up there, you are welcome any time between 8:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M.

If your troop takes part in the rural deliveries, you can expect to hear from your point of contact this week with pickup arrangements.

Program Events & Activities

Join Us on Cookie Lane!



Attention to all girls who sold 1,000 or more packages of cookies in 2024!

We will have a professional photographer at Pamunkey Ridge Girl Scout Camp during our Autumn Bliss Bash on **Saturday**, **October 26th between 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

Join us at Cookie Lane to celebrate your accomplishment! Photos will be sent to girls following the event.

Highest Award Trainings



Ready to make a difference in your community? Join us for a fun and informative session where we'll dive into everything you need to know about earning the Girl Scout Silver and Gold Awards. We'll walk you through the steps, share tips on planning your project, and answer any questions you have. Whether you're just getting started or looking for a little extra guidance, this training will give you the tools and confidence to take your project to the next level. Girls and their adult supporters are welcome!

In-Person Trainings:

- October 22nd, 2024 at the GSCV Service Center
- November 19th, 2024 at Ebenezer Methodist Church in Stafford, VA

Virtual Trainings:

- October 21st, 2024
- January 20th, 2025
- April 7th, 2025

All sessions are from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Register Here!

Event Reschedule Notice: Real Life Academy - Ready to Vote



Our Real Life Academy - Ready to Vote event for Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and Juliettes has been **rescheduled from Thursday**, **October 24th**, **2024**, **to Monday**, **October 28th**, **2024**, **from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M**.

Join us virtually as we prepare for the upcoming election with insights on voter registration, understanding ballot measures, and making informed choices. This is a pivotal opportunity for Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and Juliettes to exercise your civic duty and make your voice heard. Let's explore the power of voting and get ready to participate in shaping our future!

We look forward to seeing you on the new date!

Register Here!

Autumn Bliss Bash



Saturday, October 26th, 2024, 2:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. Camp Pamunkey Ridge (All Levels, Juliettes, Families, Tagalongs)

Fall into FUN at this year's Autumn Bliss Bash. Make the most of the day by gathering with your fellow Girl Scouts, family, and friends before the Juliette Gordon Low Campfire! Enjoy games, pumpkin decorating, sack races, and more. We'll also have delicious fall-themed food and drinks to keep you energized. Have a friend that you want to join Girl Scouts? Bring her! This event is open to ALL and girls can even signup for the new membership year right at the event. Start the season off right at Autumn Bliss Bash!

You'll earn: Autumn Bliss Patch

\$5/Girl Scout | \$0/ Family Member | \$0/Adult Min/Max: All Welcome **Register by October 25th, 2024**

Register Here!

Juliette Gordon Low Campfire



Saturday, October 26th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Camp Pamunkey Ridge (All Levels, Juliettes, Families, Tagalongs)

End the evening with us at the J.Glow Campfire, now featuring a brand-new Glow-in-the- Dark Dance! Before the campfire starts, you'll get to create your own glowing gear, like cool lanterns, wands, and headbands. We'll dance and glow 'round the campfire to roast marshmallows, sing Girl Scout songs, make SWAPs, and share in the excitement of the upcoming year!

\$o/Girl Scout | \$o/ Family Member | \$o/Adult
Min/Max: All Welcome

Register Here!

In the Spotlight: Improv & Screenwriting



Tuesday, October 29th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Locations TBD, Richmond and Fredericksburg Metro Areas (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), Junior Practice with Purpose Badge (Workshop 2), Cadette Screenwriter Badge (Workshop 1)

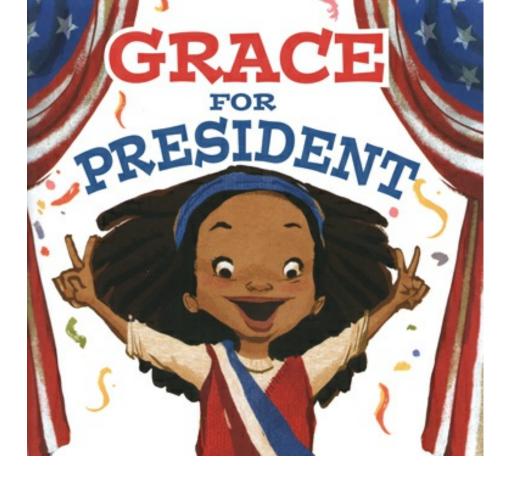
\$10/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/15 adults

Register by: October 22nd, 2024

Register Here!

Curtains Up, Light Out Overnight



Friday, November 1st, 2024, 5:00 P.M. to Saturday, November 2nd, 2024, 11:30 A.M.

Virginia Repertory Theatre, Richmond, VA (Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Juliettes)

Join us for an exciting overnight event at the Virginia Rep Center for Arts and Education. Enjoy engaging theatre workshops and activities, a sleepover in the theatre, a G-rated movie night, and a delicious continental breakfast. The experience concludes with tickets to the family season show, Grace for President, featuring a GSCV Gold Award Girl Scout Alum as a member of the cast! Don't miss this unique and fun-filled theatre adventure!

\$75/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: 15/35 youth | 2/35 adults

Register by October 25th, 2024

Register Here!

REGISTRATION OPEN: EXPLORE Patch Series at the Ashland Takeover



Saturday, November 9th, 2024, 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Discover, Connect, and Take Action with our exciting new EXPLORE Patch Series at the Ashland Takeover!

This event is open to Girl Scout troops and families, offering a fun and educational way to explore the unique aspects of Ashland, Virginia. Enjoy Girl Scout-friendly movies at the Ashland Theater*, visit Randolph-Macon College, decorate cookies (10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.) at the Sugarfix Bakery*, visit the Ashland Museum to learn about Secretariat the legendary racehorse, earn your Dance badge at the Ashland Dance Academy, and more.

Earn your EXPLORE Historic Ashland patch by participating in this event or visiting anytime with your troop or family. If your troop or service unit is interested in creating a patch for your local community, please contact our Program department.

Prior to the weekend, registered members will receive a detailed list of all activities and any associated costs.

Register Here!

Retail Shop



Stay cozy and chic this fall/winter with this sparkly hat, designed to make every day a little brighter. With subtle touches of lurex and sequins, and faux fur pom, this cable knit hat is the perfect accessory to keep you warm and fashionable during chilly days.

Shop Now!

Feature Your Girl Scout Troop!



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.

We can't wait to feature your girls!



Volunteers are the heart of Girl Scouting, and it is time to nominate the exceptional volunteer(s) you know in your service unit! **Nominations** for the 2024 membership year close November 1st.

Nominations for these awards are entered here.

- Volunteer of Excellence
- Appreciation Pin
- Honor Pin
- Thanks Badge
- Thanks II Badge
- Community Award

<u>Adult Numeral Guards or Years of Service Pins are entered</u> here. Visit our website here for more detailed information on each award.

Training Opportunities



Open 24/7 on-demand



Spring training dates coming soon!

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

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

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