

S'm*s*re News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

The Girl Scout Shop will be closed on Saturday, October 12.



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October 2, 2024 Edition

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A New Era for GSCV: Join Us for a Special Virtual Meeting!



Mark your calendars and join us virtually on **Monday, October 7th OR Tuesday, October 15th from 6–7 PM**. This is a can't-miss event that will energize and motivate you for the year ahead.

Let's launch the next chapter of Girl Scouts together. It's our Year of Creativity, Innovation, Opportunity, and FUN!

Register Here for October 7th

Register Here for October 15th

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 Event 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



TOMORROW, October 3rd, is the last day for Troop Leaders to enter paper orders into the M2 system!

Orders that were placed online for girl delivery are already accounted for in the system and will be part of the delivery in October. The only product you need to enter into the system are the hard copy paper orders.

If you need help getting those in by the deadline, please let us know at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**.

Fall Product Delivery

We're so excited for this year's Fall Product Drive-Thru!

This year, our drive-thrus will take place at **The Fredericksburg Expo Center on Friday, October 18th**, and at **Dunmar on Saturday, October 19th.**

Due to construction and logistical changes with our delivery agent, we won't be hosting our usual Fall Product Drive-Thru at The Diamond this year.

Thank you for your flexibility and continued support as we navigate these changes together—your dedication truly makes all the difference!

Program Events & Activities

HAPPENING TONIGHT! Women Warriors



October 2nd, 2024 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Virtual

Join us for "Women Warriors," a monthly event celebrating the strength and contributions of women throughout history and today. Each month, we'll spotlight women from that month's awareness focus. Through storytelling, discussions, and activities, we'll honor their achievements, resilience, and impact on our world. We'll learn about Famous Girl Scout alums and women who have made impacts in our four pillars: Life Skills, STEM, Entrepreneurship, and Outdoors.

This is a chance to learn, share, and celebrate the diverse and powerful women who have shaped history and continue to inspire us all. Don't miss out on this empowering journey with Women Warriors!

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will gain inspiration from a diverse range of women who have made significant impacts in our society. This event will help girls see the many ways women can shape the world and inspire them to explore their own path with confidence and creativity.

\$0/Girl Scout | \$0/Non-member | \$0/Adult Min/Max: All Welcome

Register Now!

Register Here

Registration's now OPEN! Join us in October at Camp Pamunkey Ridge!

October Fun at Camp Pamunkey Ridge



These upcoming events are perfect for Girl Scouts just beginning to explore the outdoors and for all those ready for adventure!

Archery Day at Pamunkey Ridge: Saturday, Oct. 12 \$10/Girl Scout and \$0/Adult

Come out to have some fun at the Pamunkey Ridge archery range! Perfect for beginners or girls just looking to spend some extra time with a bow in hand.

Click the links below to register for your desired time slot!

- Brownie/Junior: 9:00 AM 10:30 AM
- Brownie/Junior: 11:00 AM 12:30 PM
- <u>Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 1:00 PM 2:30 PM</u>
- <u>Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 3:00 PM 4:30 PM</u>

Adventure Tower at Pamunkey Ridge: Sunday, Oct. 13 & Saturday, Oct. 19 \$30/Girl, \$0/Adult

Gear up and take on Pamunkey Ridge's Adventure Tower! Learn how to participate safely and hone your skills in these fun-filled sessions. Juniors and older can enjoy the tower's six different climbing routes and zipline. Cadettes and up can also take on the extra challenge of our five high ropes elements. All while earning your Climbing Adventure Badge!

Click the links below to register for your desired time slot.

Sunday, Oct. 13

- <u>Junior: 9:00 AM 11:00 AM</u>
- <u>Junior: 12:00 PM 2:00 PM</u>
- <u>Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 3:00 PM 5:00 PM</u>

Saturday, Oct. 19

- Junior: 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
- <u>Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 12:00 PM 2:00 PM</u>
- <u>Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 3:00 PM 5:00 PM</u>

RVA Paddlesports

VA Paddlesports: Class I-II Rapids (Brownie, Junior, Juliette)

<u>RVA Paddlesports: Class I-II Rapids</u> (Brownie, Junior, Juliette) Saturday, October 12th, 2024 10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

RVA Paddlesports, Richmond, VA

Explore the James River while rafting in Virginia! All class levels will have an amazing journey rafting the James River from Pony Pasture to 14th Street. Enjoy the beautiful scenery, the city skyline, thrilling rapids, and lunch on an island.

RVA Paddlesports: Class I-IV Rapids (Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Juliette) **Saturday, October 12th, 2024 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

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Explore the James River while rafting in Virginia! All class levels will have an amazing journey rafting the James River from Pony Pasture to 14th Street. Enjoy the beautiful scenery, the city skyline, thrilling rapids, and lunch on an island. Following lunch, Girl Scouts in this session will continue down the remainder of the river to take on the bigger rapids!

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will develop resilience, confidence, and leadership skills as they navigate the rapids, fostering a lifelong appreciation for outdoor adventures and environmental stewardship.

Click <u>HERE</u> to register!!



Meal included! \$99/Girl Scout | \$99/Adult Min/Max: 4/100 youth | 4/100 adults Register by: October 2nd, 2024

Register NOW: Brownie, Junior, Juliette

Register NOW: Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Juliette

Design Your Digital World



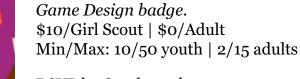
Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. GSCV Service Center, Richmond, VA (JCSA, Juliettes)

Have you ever spent hours playing games like Roblox, Minecraft, or Candy Crush? Have you wondered what goes into designing a game like your favorites?

Join us at Design Your Digital World! You'll explore the basics of User Interface & Experience (UI/UX), play with color palettes, design cool layouts, and discover key features for awesome apps. Let your creativity flow as you learn how to bring your app ideas to life. Who knows--you might just design the next big thing!

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will gain essential skills in UI/UX design, critical thinking, and creativity, laying a foundation for future careers in technology and digital innovation.

You'll earn: All Girl Scouts will gain steps towards earning their Digital



RSVP by October 5th, 2024.

RSVP 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



October 11th is International Day of the Girl (IDG). It's a day where, all around the world, we celebrate the amazing power of being a girl! It's also a time when the global community comes together to highlight, discuss, and take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere.

SHOP NOW: International Day of the Girl 2024 Sew-On Patch

Feature Your Girl Scout Troop!





WE WANT TO FEATURE YOUR GIRL SCOUTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!









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!

Adult Awards

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

Adult Numeral Guards or Years of Service Pins are entered here.

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Visit our website here for more detailed information on each

October 20, 2024 Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Training

Beginning Camping

November 2, 2024 Pamunkey Ridge

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Level 1 Archery Training

Sunday, October 20th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Camp Pamunkey Ridge | \$40 Registration closes October 14th.

Archery is a Girl Scout staple and a confidence-boosting experience for girls. The Level 1 Archery Training is for instructors and those interested in becoming an instructor. In this training you will become certified to bring this experience to girls in your troop, service unit, and special events! Adult instructors are required for Girl Scout archery activities.

Certification for GSCV's archery program is provided through USA Archery. USA Archery offers Level I Instructor courses in a blended learning format. Volunteers will need to complete the knowledge portion of the course online prior to completing the in-person session at Camp Pamunkey Ridge.

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.



Registration for USA Archery Level I starts at the link below. You will receive the information to complete the required online course, then attend the in-person course on Sunday, October 20th.

Register for Archery Level I here!

Beginning Camping

Beginning Camping Training: November 2nd | 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM | Camp Pamunkey Ridge **Registration closes October 23, 2024.**



Let's get your troop outside! The Beginning Camping course is designed for leaders and troops who have little camping experience and want to take their troop camping. Upon completion of this course, you will be certified to take your Girl Scout Troop on a camping trip in the backyard, in a permanent structure such as a cabin at a state park, or Girl Scout Camp. The course follows progression in the outdoors and is specifically designed for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Leaders. We can't wait to see you at training! This course takes place in a single day with a required prep video to watch prior to training. You will be sent the video after registration is completed and processed.

Register here!

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

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Shop hours: Monday - Friday | 10:00 AM - 5:30 PM Saturday | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Sunday | CLOSED

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Girls and volunteers can text NEXT to 59618 to join!

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