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Vote on the New Service Center's Girl Chill Space & Leader Resource Room Designs!

We're making exciting progress on our new Richmond Metro Service Center! This space is *for* girls, so we want to make sure it's also designed *by* girls.

Our Girl Chill Space was the most popular request when it came to must-have features of our new service center, so we want to make sure their voices are heard when it comes to how their space will look and feel. We encourage all leaders and volunteers to share this with their Girl Scouts so they can cast their vote.

We've got two options to choose from: Plant Vibes or Out of this World. Girls can cast their vote using the button below!

Option 1: Plant Vibes

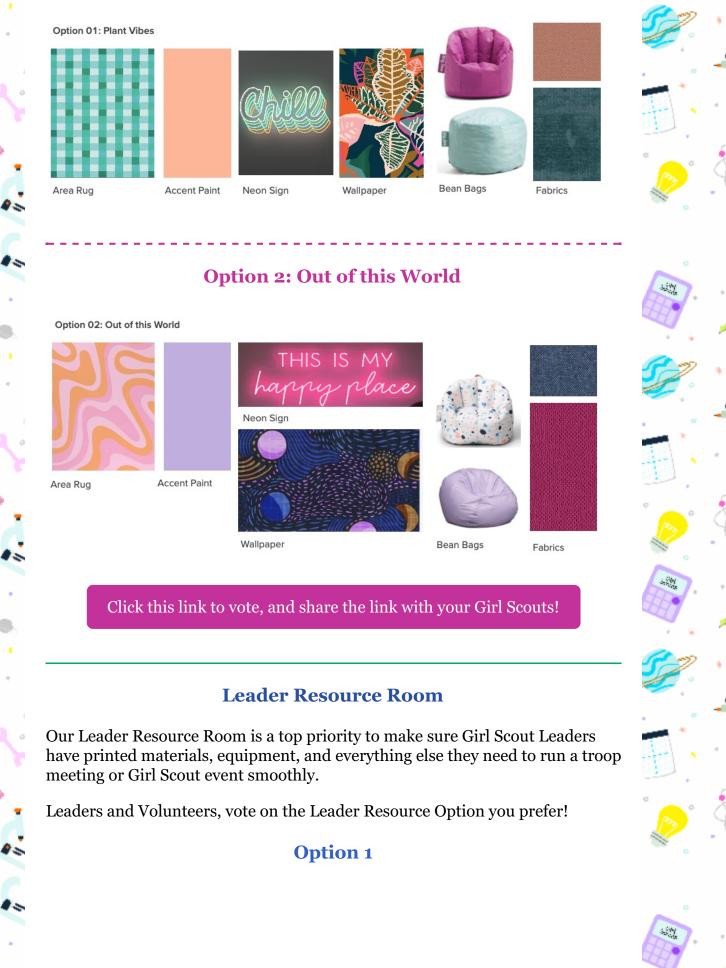


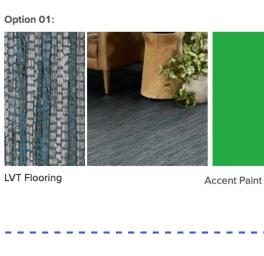


















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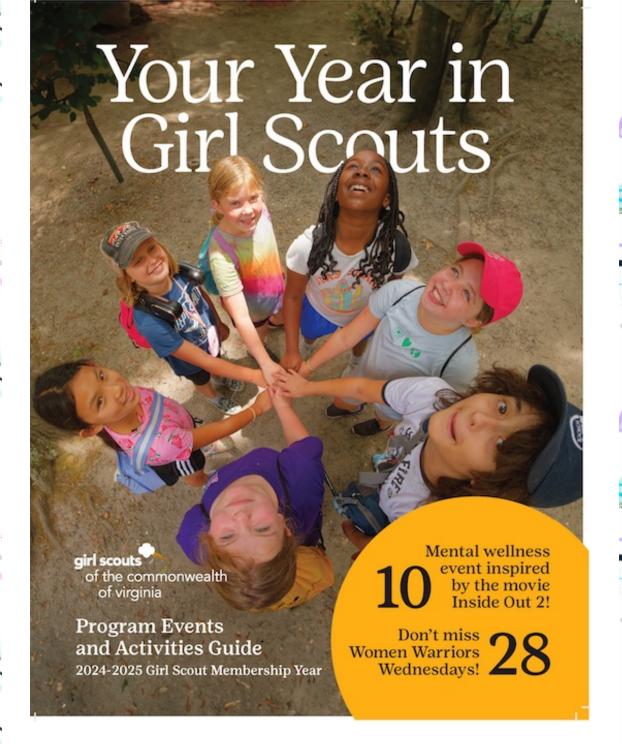
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Click this link to vote on the Leader Resource Room!

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!

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 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.

The 2025 Cookie Season is Coming Soon!



The Cookie Rally at Winterfest will take place on December 8 th. Get your tickets today using the button below!

Girl Scouts and their families will have exclusive use of the park with some rides and attractions, open from 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

Ticket options:

- Girl Scouts \$28 early admission to the park, parking, cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus and Girl Scout Cookie-themed activities between 2:30 P.M. and 4:30 P.M.
- **Girl Scout Season Pass Holders: \$10** includes early entrance to park and Cookie Decorating with Mrs. Claus.
- Family and Friends \$20 includes admission, parking and early

entrance.

Ice Skating will not be included in this year's Cookie Rally. Anyone wanting to participate in ice skating should purchase a separate ticket through the park.

Get Cookie Rally at Winterfest Tickets

Fall Product Program

Last day of the Fall Product Program is November 7th. Customers still have the chance to order nuts, candy, magazines and the bark box online.

The ACH for the Fall Product Program will take place on November 13th. Troops will have their Girl Scout bank account drafted for the balance owed to GSCV. Not sure what that balance is?

- Log into M2 media at www.gsnutsandmags.com/GSCV
- From the dashboard click on **Banking and Payments**

You will then see the total sales for your troop, the proceeds earned by your troop, the amount collected online and the balance due. The amount under **Balance** is what will be drafted. If it's a negative number, GSCV will ACH those funds back into your troop account.

If you have question or need help finding this balance, please contact our Help Desk at **gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**.



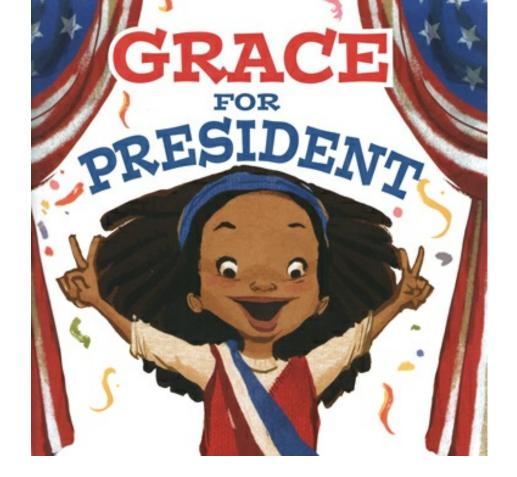
There is still time to be entered to win a giant Elephant stuffed animal!

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.

Program Events & Activities

LAST CHANCE! 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

Registration has been extended.

Register Here!

Women Warriors



Wednesday, November 6th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. Virtual (All Welcome)

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 that 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!

\$0/Girl Scout | \$0/Non-member | \$0/Adult Min/Max: All Welcome **Register by November 5**th, **2024**

Register Here!

Real Life Academy - Your Digital Footprint



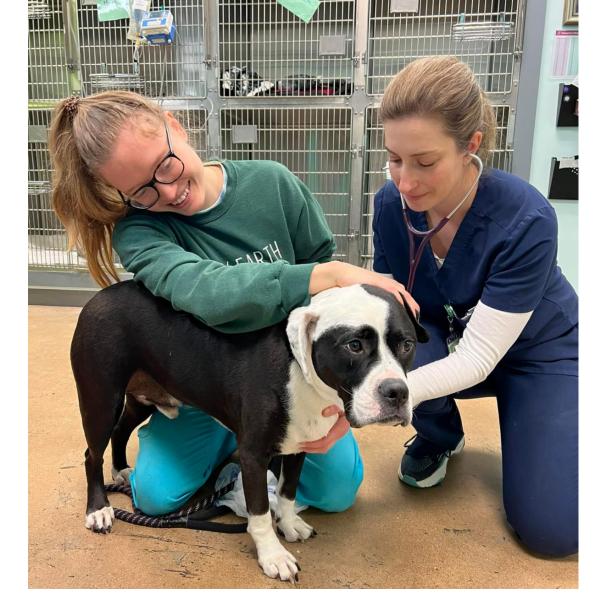
Social media is here to stay, and so is *your* digital footprint. Are you posting responsibly?

Join us for Real Life Academy on **Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.** to discuss the important topic of using social media in a way that's healthy for you and your peers.

Attendees will hear from our very own Director of Marketing and Communications, Janna Joyner, to understand the impact of your online presence, and learn tips and tricks on how to make social media work for youboth socially and professionally!

Register Here!

SPCA



Saturday, November 9th, 2024

Daisies: 12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M., Brownies: 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Richmond SPCA, Richmond, VA

(Daisies, Brownies, Juliettes)

Discover the heart of animal care at the Richmond SPCA! Take a guided tour of the facility, meet some of the wonderful animals, and learn about their daily lives. Whether you're a lifelong animal lover or a bit unsure around pets, this interactive experience offers hands-on learning about pet health and shelter operations. Find out how the SPCA cares for the furry friends, the importance of their well-being, and how you can make a difference in their lives. This will be an enriching experience that brings you closer to understanding and supporting our animal companions!

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

Min/Max: 10/25 youth | 2/10 adults

Register by November 2nd, 2024

In the Spotlight: Stage Makeup



Tuesday, November 12th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA

(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: Junior Practice with Purpose Badge (Workshop 2)

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

Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/15 adults **Register by: November 5th, 2024**

Richmond Ballet - The Nutcracker



Richmond Ballet welcomes the Girl Scouts!

With its stunning choreography, lavish sets and costumes, and Tchaikovsky's iconic score, The Nutcracker is a magical experience for audiences of all ages! Girl Scouts and their families will enjoy a special post-show Q&A session following the show.

This offer is ONLY valid for the Sunday, December 15, 2024 5:30PM performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Discount excludes price levels 1 (\$142.00) and 6 (\$27.00) and is available through December 15th at 3:30 PM. Discount is not available on previously purchased tickets and cannot be combined with any other discounts. Standard online convenience fees apply. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Get Tickets Here!

Richmond Ballet - Cinderella



Richmond Ballet welcomes the Girl Scouts!

This offer is ONLY valid for the Saturday, February 15, 2025 2:00PM performance of *Cinderella*.

Discount excludes price levels 1 (\$142.00) and 6 (\$27.00) and is available through February 15th at 12:00PM. Discount is not available on previously purchased tickets and cannot be combined with any other discounts. Standard online convenience fees apply. We look forward to seeing you at the show!

Get Tickets Here!

RVA Financial



Wednesday, November 20th, 2024, 5:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. GSCV Service Center, Richmond, VA

(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Join us for an engaging and educational experience with RVA Financial! In this hands-on workshop, girls will learn the essentials of financial literacy, including budgeting, saving, and smart spending habits. Designed to empower our future leaders, this program encourages responsible money management and sets the foundation for lifelong financial success. Younger girls will engage in interactive games and activities that introduce the basics of budgeting and saving. Perfect for Girl Scouts eager to take charge of their financial futures!

\$5/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 5/15 adults

Register by: November 6th, 2024

Register Here!

Cinematic Magic



Saturday, November 16th, 2024, 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Camp Pamunkey Ridge

(All Levels, Juliettes, Families)

Have you ever wanted to taste the snow cones from Monsters Inc.? What about the empanadas from Encanto? Join us for an immersive movie experience at Cinematic Magic! During this special event, girls will not only watch a movie they love, but also immerse themselves in the world of the film like never before. From enjoying delicious dishes inspired by the movie to playing games and singing along to iconic songs, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Plus, you'll get to help choose the movie—keep an eye out for our social media poll and cast your vote! Come join us for fun, laughter, and cinematic magic as we create lasting memories together. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to bring the big screen to life with your fellow Girl Scouts!

The movie will begin at 6:30 P.M. sharp!

\$5/Girl Scout | \$5/Adult Min/Max: All Welcome

Register by: November 15th, 2024

Register Here!

REGISTRATION OPEN: EXPLORE Patch Series at the Ashland Takeover



You still have time to register for the Ashland Takeover!

All girl participants will earn the Explore Ashland patch at *no charge*. Bring the entire family along and enjoy this historic part of Virginia!

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





Embrace the cold weather in style with this beanie and scarf set, crafted for ultimate comfort and warmth.

The ribbed fold-over cuff cream color beanie is made from a soft and lightweight yarn, ensuring all-day comfort whether you're out on adventures or staying cozy indoors.

The navy scarf boasts a soft cashmere-like feel, crafted from brushed acrylic, perfect for everyday wear with its lightweight and comforting touch.

Both the beanie and scarf feature a faux suede "Girl Scouts" tab.

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!

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

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

Troop Banking Reminder



Friendly reminder - It takes two!

All Girl Scout Leaders should know that a troop bank account requires a minimum of two signers. Those two signers need to be currently registered members and have a current background check on file. Also, just like leading a troop, neither can be related or live at the same address. Once those two signers are on the troop bank account, don't forget:

- Both signers should actively know the account activity, as they are acting in their role to safeguard the troop funds.
- Neither signer should write checks to themselves for reimbursement or to anyone for reimbursement in the troop that is related to the signer.

Banking utilizes the buddy system, too. Happy banking, everyone!

Training Opportunities





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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