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



Are you ready to dive into the most exciting Girl Scout year yet?! It's time to rally together for the official start to Membership Year 2025 with some exciting details on the NEW GSCV Service Center and the 2024-2025 Program Events & Activities Guide!

Mark your calendars and join us virtually on **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 15th](#)

Make Your Voices Heard at a Special GSCV Town Hall



We're looking to gather your input as we prepare for the upcoming Special 57th National Council Session (NCS57).

One of the most important topics being discussed during this session is the proposed increase in membership dues to Girl Scouts of the USA.

We invite all members to join us for a virtual Town Hall on **Thursday, October 10th from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.** to discuss the potential national dues increase currently being considered. This is a great opportunity for you to share your thoughts and feedback directly with us.

Your input is important as we prepare for the upcoming Special 57th National

Council Session (NCS57), where our GSCV delegates will represent our council.

Take the Survey

Register for the Town Hall

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



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

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

Join Us on Cookie Lane!

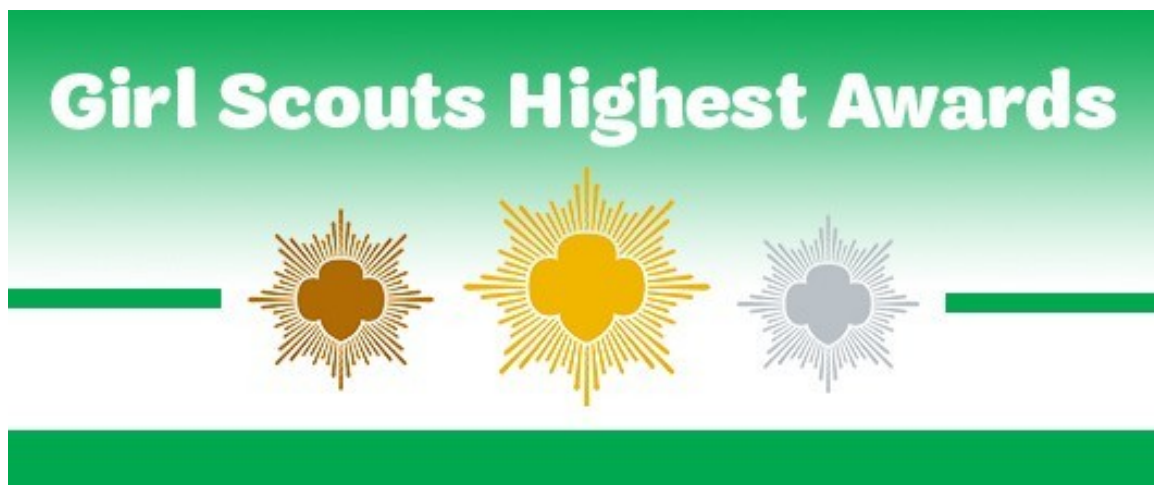


Attention to all girls who sold 1,000 or more packages of cookies in 2024!

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!

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!

Please note: The October 8th training has been rescheduled for

October 22nd, 2024.

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 for a Session Here](#)

Adventure Tower at Camp Pamunkey Ridge



***Adventure Tower at Pamunkey Ridge:* 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.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- **Junior: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**

- **Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

- **Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

Ballot Battle Walking Tour



Sunday, October 20th, 2024, 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Bolling-Haxall House, Richmond, VA

(Juniors, Cadettes, Juliettes)

Step back in time and explore a battle that divided Richmond social circles and families. Between 1909 and 1920, both pro-suffrage and anti-suffrage activists struggled tenaciously to persuade the public and the legislature of their views on women's right to vote. On this downtown walking tour, Richmond's most experienced tour guides will show you the iconic sites that were key to the fight, while exploring the diverse figures and perspectives that influenced the Richmond suffrage movement. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will gain a deeper understanding of the historic struggle for women's suffrage. This tour will help girls appreciate the power of activism and inspire them to appreciate and contribute to ongoing efforts for equality and justice.

\$16/ Girl Scout | \$4/ Adult Min/Max: 10/25 youth | 2/5 adults

Register by: October 10th, 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](#)

Real Life Academy – Ready to Vote



Thursday, October 24th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Virtual

(Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Juliettes)

Join us as we prepare for the upcoming election with insights on voter registration, understanding ballot measures, and making informed choices. This year presents a pivotal opportunity 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!

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

Register by October 14th, 2024

[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

[Visit our Website](#)

Juliette Gordon Low Campfire



Saturday, October 26th, 2024, 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

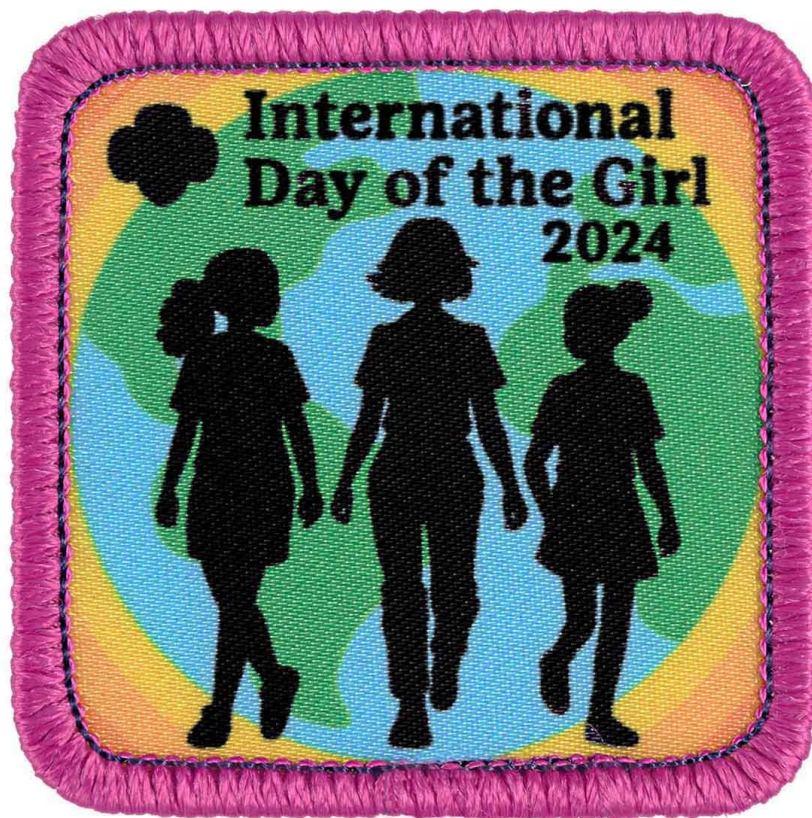
(All Levels, Juliettes, Families, Tagalongs)

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!

\$0/Girl Scout | \$0/ Family Member | \$0/Adult

Min/Max: All Welcome

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!



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.**

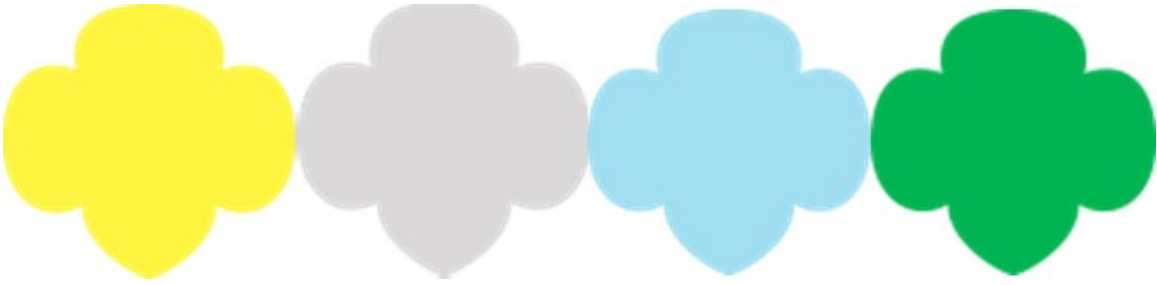
[Nominations for these awards are entered here.](#)

- 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.](#)

[Visit our website here for more detailed information on each award.](#)

Training Opportunities



October 20, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Archery Training

November 2, 2024
Pamunkey Ridge

Beginning Camping

Open 24/7
on-demand



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?
Contact the GSCV help desk: gshelper@comgirlscouts.org**

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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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