

S'more News

exclusively for leaders and volunteers

The GSCV Office & Retail Shop will close for the holiday break at 11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, December 18. We will reopen on Monday, January 6th.



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The 2025 Cookie Season Starts January 1st!



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE ON THE WAY!

**Important Reminder on use of Social Media in
the Cookie Program**

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ONLINE



An individual Girl Scout's Digital Cookie link may be shared with **family and friends** via personal social media pages, email, and text, but **never** on community social media pages or resale sites.

For example, a parent may post her daughter's link on their personal Facebook page that will be seen by family and friends. A parent cannot share their daughter's link through a public site such as Next Door, a school

Facebook page, or a neighborhood Facebook page or group. This would create an unfair advantage or confusion on a page or in a group where other girls' families may be members.

Troop leaders and families may share a troop's Digital Cookie link or advertise a booth sale on community social media pages. When sharing a troop's Digital Cookie link on community social media pages, be mindful of the following: Troop Digital Cookie sites should only be shared on community social media pages within the troop's Service Unit area.

No one may sell Girl Scout Cookies on a resale site including, but not limited to Craigslist, eBay, or Facebook Marketplace. This includes posting individual or troop Digital Cookie links.

Cookie Training Details and Registration Link

In-Person Training

Thursday, Dec. 12th: In-person training and packet pick-up

Chancellor Ruritan Club, 5994 Plank Rd., Fredericksburg, VA 22407
New Leader Training (Experienced leaders are welcome to attend)
6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

- Packet pick-up available from 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Recorded versions of both new and experienced Leader Training will be available on our website after December 14th.

Additional Packet Pick-Up Dates

- Wednesday, December 11th 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M., Stafford County Library - Porter Branch
- Fredericksburg TBD

Important Cookie Dates for 2025

January 1	Girls may begin taking orders both in-person and electronically
January 23	Troop orders are due in Smart Cookies
February 13 - 19	Traditional cookie deliveries in rural areas
February 13	Cookie drive-thru in Fredericksburg
February 14 AND 15	Cookie drive-thru at Dunmar Moving and Storage (Richmond/Chesterfield)

February 18	Cookie cupboards open
March 6	First ACH payment (50% of initial order)
March 28	Final day of main cupboard operations (smaller cupboards may close sooner)
April 3	Troop rewards due in Smart Cookies
April 3	Final ACH for remaining balance

Retail Shop



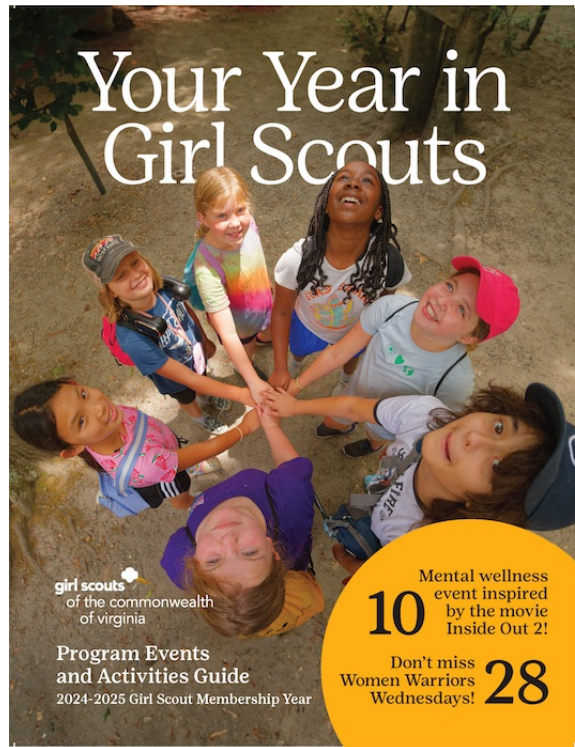
Our all-new bundles have everything you'll need for a successful cookie season.

The Cookie Booth Décor bundle contains the below items:

- One pennant banner featuring some of our favorite Girl Scout cookies. 8 feet long.
- One tablecloth featuring cookie design on one side and trefoil on the opposite side. 60 inches by 60 inches.
- One "Cookies Sold Here" banner. Vinyl with corner grommets for hanging. 24 inches by 48 inches.

Shop Now!

Program Events & Activities



[Access the Guide Here!](#)

[Register for Events Here!](#)

We Need Your Input!

We're reimagining the way we deliver our Program Events and Activities Guide and Summer Camp Book to better meet your needs while being mindful of our resources. Moving to digital formats could save money, time, and trees!

We'd love your input on preferences like printed vs. digital guides and whether you'd prefer seasonal guides or an annual publication.

Take our quick survey and share your thoughts: **[Click here to complete the survey.](#)**

Your feedback helps us plan and create resources that truly serve our Girl Scout community. It only takes a few minutes, and your input makes a BIG difference. Let's work together to make planning your Girl Scout year even better!

Machines and Contraptions



Saturday, December 14th, 2024, 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Snapology, Glen Allen, VA
(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Did you know you can use LEGO bricks to become an engineer? At Machines and Contraptions, you'll build, explore, and understand mechanical movement and simple machines in a fun, interactive way. You'll build different machines and contraptions, test physics concepts, and play exciting games, all while discovering the magic of engineering through the creativity of LEGO. Whether you're a budding builder or a curious thinker, this event is a fantastic opportunity to become an engineer in a unique way!

You'll gain: Girl Scouts will gain hands-on experiences with LEGO-based engineering, a deeper understanding of how machines work, and the excitement of learning through play.

You'll earn: Mechanical Engineering Badge
\$25/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult
Min/Max: 15/25 youth | 2/10 adults

Register by: December 11th, 2024

[Register Here!](#)

Richmond Ballet – The Nutcracker

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!](#)

BrickBot Builders



Saturday, January 4th, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Stafford, VA

(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Unleash your creativity and engineering skills with our BrickBot Builders workshop, where you'll design and build your very own LEGO robots. At this Program event, you'll learn the basics of robotics and coding in a fun and unique way! This workshop is perfect for any Girl Scout interested in STEM and looking to explore the exciting intersection of LEGO building and robotics. You'll gain: A strong foundation in robotics and coding that can spark a lifelong interest in STEM, practical skills in creative problem-solving and teamwork, and the confidence to tackle future challenges in technology and engineering. This workshop is designed to inspire the next generation of innovators, showing how fun and impactful STEM can be.

You'll earn: Robotics Badge

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

Min/Max: 10/25 youth | 5/15 adults

Register by: December 21st, 2024

[Register Here!](#)

In the Spotlight – Musical Theater



Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, 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: Brownie Dancer Badge (Workshop 4)
\$10/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult
Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/15 adults

Register by: December 24th, 2024

[Register Here!](#)

Women Warriors - January



Wednesday, January 8th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Virtual
(All Welcome)

Join us for "Women Wednesdays," a captivating series celebrating remarkable women who have made significant achievements in various fields! Each month, we spotlight inspiring figures whose accomplishments align with our theme, ranging from science and arts to leadership and mental wellness. Engage in insightful discussions, interactive activities, and discover how these women have paved the way for future generations. Don't miss out on this empowering journey every Wednesday — because together, we learn, grow, and celebrate extraordinary women!

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

Min/Max: All Welcome

Register by: December 25th, 2024

[Register Here!](#)

Groove n' Glow



Friday, January 10th, 2025, 5:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Camp Pamunkey Ridge, Dance Studio
(Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Get ready for an amazing Girl Scout event where Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors can shine and groove! We'll have glow sticks, light wands, and black lights to bring the dance floor to life as we jump, dance, and move to express feelings like joy and curiosity. This event is all about having a blast, boosting our energy, and feeling fantastic inside and out. Come dance with us and discover how awesome it feels to move and shine!

You'll gain: This event will help Girl Scouts feel empowered and inspired, using dance and movement to boost both their inner strength and outward energy.
You'll earn: Brownie Dancer Badge, Junior Staying Fit Badge

\$5/Girl Scout | \$0/Adult
Min/Max: All Welcome

Register by December 27th, 2024.

[Register Here!](#)

EmpowerMIND



Saturday, January 11th, 2025, 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Augusta Avenue Service Center, Richmond, VA

(Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Juliettes)

EmpowerMIND is BACK! Start your day off on the right foot by joining us for a council-led morning of empowerment! Discover the magic of positive affirmations, feel the unity through music, seal your worries away in a worry jar, and create and take home your very own sensory jar. This will be a morning of self-care that you won't want to miss!

You'll gain: Techniques for positive thinking, a sense of community through music and shared experiences, and hands-on activities that promote emotional well-being.

You'll earn: Ready. Set. Strong Patch

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

Min/Max: 10/50 youth | 2/20 adults

Register by: December 28th, 2024

[Register Now!](#)

Real Life Academy – How to Get the Job



Thursday, January 16th, 2025, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Virtual

(Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, Juliettes)

Learn some valuable tips and strategies for acing interviews, writing resumes, and navigating the job application process successfully directly from a hiring manager.

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

Min/Max: All Welcome

Register by: January 3rd, 2025

[Register Now!](#)

Celebrating Community



Saturday, January 18th, 2025, 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
The Valentine, Richmond, VA
(Brownies, Juniors, Juliettes)

Learn about your community by identifying state and local symbols and exploring the landmarks and monuments of Capitol Square. Girl Scouts will learn about the women who shaped our state's history, and explore Mantle, the tribute to Virginia Indians, and the First Freedom Center where the statute for Religious Freedom was signed. This event is a walking tour but will move indoors if the weather is too cold. We encourage Girl Scouts to meet after the event at One Way Cream & Goodies, a local ice cream shop that's a ten-minute walk from The Valentine!

\$16/Girl Scout | \$4/Adult
Min/Max: 10/40 youth | 2/10 adults

Register by: January 4th, 2025

[Register Here!](#)

Feature Your Girl Scout Troop!

**WE WANT TO
FEATURE YOUR
GIRL SCOUTS ON
SOCIAL MEDIA!**

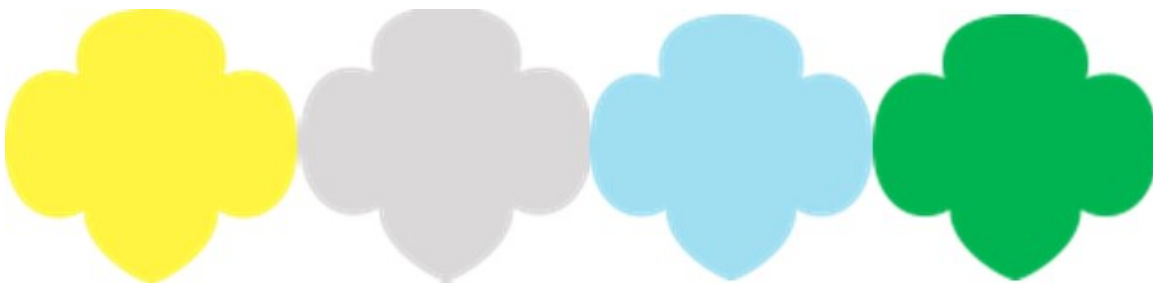


Do you know a Girl Scout who deserves recognition for making an impact in her community? Perhaps your Girl Scout troop hosted a fun event or created incredible memories this summer. Whatever the occasion, we're looking for Girl Scouts and Girl Scout troops to feature on social media!

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!

Training Opportunities



**Training dates for spring are here. Mark your calendars.
Registration opens in 2025!**

**Saturday, April 5, 2025
Pamunkey Ridge**

Beginning Camping

**Sunday, April 27, 2025
Pamunkey Ridge**

Archery

Friday optional
Saturday - Sunday
May 2-4, 2025
Camp "Kitty" Kittamaqund

Intermediate Camping
(required prep session Tuesday, April
22, 2025)

Thursday & Friday
June 5-6, 2025
Pamunkey Ridge

Paddle sports

Open 24/7
on-demand



**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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