

girl scouts 
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Lynchburg Campbell County
Girl Scout Service Unit

Amherst/Appomattox
February 2024
Update



Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.



Sunday afternoon, January 21 at Camp Sacajawea was the location of a combined Service Unit meeting and new leader investiture.



It was a nice celebration for old and new leaders., Lots of conversation and sharing! Our new leaders received their friendship ribbon, Girl Scout Trefoil pin, yellow leader pin and a hand crafted fun pin. There was

also a rededication of special Girl Scouts who received a "Honey Bee" pin to add to their ribbon. "Always here if you need to BEE HUGGED."

We had a good representation from our Service Unit at the GSVSC annual meeting on January 20. Thank you to our four delegates, Amy, Christine, Risë and Rebecca.

We have a pretty well connected Service Unit but we would like to build on its strengths through positive messaging and local stories. Our focus is to shine a light on our local troops (Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Lynchburg/Campbell service units) Please share a story, special outing or update. Please send your information along with a picture or two to Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) for our slide show.



Keep the 'outing' in Girl Scouting

Scouting can be the best out of doors experience the entire year. Try not to make it an "indoor spot" as soon as the frost comes and the foliage disappears, the girls will surely miss out on some fascinating things! The winter air gives pep to the step, sparkle to the eye and that rosy cheek complexion. Check out branch formations, share with your girls the joys of making the trees their friends all through the year. Look for the book *Trees in Winter* by Annie Huntington and check out the Trees activity tub at Sunspot...perfect for all ages. Identify budded twigs and seed pods, study the different kinds of nuts and other falling winter berries. Do you know a tree by its autumn colors? Now is a great time to study a bird's nest without endangering the lives of any offspring. There are plenty of abandoned nests at this time. Check out the three James River overlooks at Camp Sac...intersection of James River Trail and Pavilion Short Cut, Amy's Overlook at the end of the Mama Stump Trail and at the top of Guill's Hill. This is the perfect time to view the Eagles' nest. Encourage your girls to "work" trails such as picking up sticks and removing small branches, plan a treasure hunt using the description of trees, nests, rocks to guide their way. When the foliage is down a whole new world in the out of doors opens up. Winter cabin camping is So Much Fun! And be amazed by the surroundings at camp this winter.

Message from Brentz...

Thank you. Thank you to everyone who came January 12 and helped at the first cookie delivery for Lawrence Trucking. Moving over 1000 cases of cookies is never a small ask and you all helped sort, move and pack cars even after your own order was filled. THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! You all rock and truly are wonderful Girl Scouts. Special appreciation to Alys for suggesting the Oak Park location. This is perfect for easy in and easy out.



The Girl Scout Black History Month Celebration is February.

A fun patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to celebrate the cultural richness of black Americans and those whose ancestors originated in the African diaspora and to acknowledge the many contributions that the black community has made and continue to make across our nation. Girls and leaders have plenty of activities to choose from to earn their fun patch and we encourage girls from all ethnic backgrounds to participate. Download the Black History Month Activity Sheet. The fun patch is sewn on 2 1/4" x 1 1/4" and worn on the back of the uniform.



https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/activity-zone/all-ages-levels/multicultural/BHM_Patch.pdf

Wild Women's Weekend is a fun-filled weekend training to become an Adventurers Coordinator. This will include going through the steps to plan an actual event for our older Girl Scouts. The theme for this year's weekend is "Back to Basics" with a focus on flag ceremony, investiture/rededication, Girl Scouts' Own, SWAPs. S'mores, campfire, songs and skits, service projects and lots of good ol' Girl Scout traditions. Friday, March 8th, 7pm to Sunday, March 12th at 2pm. Mountain Shepherd Adventure School in Catawba, VA. More information and how to register on www.gsvsc.org-Adventurers.

Questions: Debbie Clark (denmotherfor3@yahoo.com)

Adventurers is an action-oriented group of older Girl Scouts who are seeking exciting activities to challenge their capabilities, broaden their horizons and increase their self-confidence. It is for girls 11-17 and in grader 6-12. Even if a girl is actively involved with her own troop, she can always participate with the Adventurers on her own.

GSVSC Fund Raiser *Tough Cookie Challenge Race*

Saturday, March 23 – 24

Greenfield Recreation Park, 160 Preston Park Road, Troutville, VA 24175.

Cost:

The 5K race is \$45 and includes long sleeve t-shirt for adults and short sleeve for youth, medal, cinch sac, race patch and 1 box GS cookies.

The 1 mile “fun” run is \$35 and includes long sleeve t-shirt for adults and short sleeve for youth, medal, cinch sac, race patch and 1 box GS cookies.

The virtual packet (includes mailing) is \$50.

The GSVSC registration link is open.

<https://www.gsvsc.org/en/sf-events-repository/2024/toughcookie.html>

Registration closes March 13.



Two for Spring / Summer Field Trips

Elena Black, DDS, PhD, Appalachian Orthodontics of Lynchburg has created a most informative program on dental health. This 90 minute program takes place at her office at 3700 Old Forest Road, Lynchburg, VA 24501. Perfect for D-B-J but can be adapted for older girls. The program includes many interesting facts about teeth/jaw, dental care/health, what to do expect during a dental visit and much more. Dr. Black provides a special snack, unique participation patch and take home goodies. Suggested program time 10-11:30am on a Saturday. Reservations are made directly with Dr. Black (dr.elenaback@gmail.com)

Consider the fascinating program and tours at the College Hill Treatment Plant on Taylor Street or Water Resource Recovery Facility (formerly known as the Waste Water Treatment Plant) to learn about our water infrastructure, history of water in Lynchburg, water quality and water chemistry. Fascinating! They can accommodate up to 20 or so at a time. To schedule a time to visit 434-455-4251 which is their educational department.

Camp Sacajawea Summer Adventurer Camp July 19-21, 2024



Camp Sacajawea Summer Adventure Camp under the leadership of Captain Buttercup (Amy McCarty) will take place midsummer this year but the impact last-year round. The things we do, the people we meet, the skills we learn, the memories we make all contribute to our wonderful camp experience...it becomes a BIG part of our own tool box, share with others the things about camp...you're thankful for as we prepare for and epic '24 camp experience at Camp Sacajawea.

Every outdoor adventurer grows girls' "I've got this" attitude. And once we unlock that confidence they will aim as high as the stars they see.

*Side note from Rebecca: need clean gently used lighter colored flat sheets (any size) contact becka6778@aol.com



Virginia State Parks

Provide a wonderful opportunity for our older Girl Scouts to work outdoors as a crew member with the Virginia State Park Youth Conservation Corps Program. Crew members (age 14-17) will serve a 2-week period of living and working in a Virginia State Park receiving a \$750 stipend. Several of our own Girl Scouts from this area have greatly benefited from these amazing outdoor work opportunities.

“I can’t say enough about this program it will change your child’s life for the better. Without a doubt, this program is what put Lora’s life in motion. She spent 4 years as a crew team mentor and 2 years as a crew leader. It is a fabulous program and a great way to leave a work ethic and make a fair amount of money.”

<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/youth-conservation-corps-application>

Like the program Facebook page for more updates; Virginia State Parks Conservation Corps



Who pays in Girl Scouting?

Girl/Parent Volunteer

- Yearly membership to GSUSA (\$32.00 for girls, \$25.00 for adults) \$32 broken down to \$25 for GSUSA and \$7 to Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council
- If a brand new troop member (girl) – uniform, insignia and troop number
- Yearly troop dues for girl members – about \$25 per year
- Fees for day/resident troop camp – such as Camp Sacajawea Adventure Camp this summer
- Fall and Cookie program

Troops pay for

- Material needed for troop's GS program
- Supplies and equipment needed for basic operation
- Required trainings for the registered troop adult such as CPR/First Aid or Outdoor Education (optional)
- Earned pins, patches, badges and insignia awarded by troop and some of the expenses related to outings, programs, trips (Troops earn funds through product sales)

Adult Volunteer pays for

- National membership of \$25 to GSUSA
- Uniform and maintenance
- Transportation and mileage
- Parking and road tolls
- Fees where applicable for trainings or workshop which benefits the volunteer personally

Local community

- Provides meeting place

Badges/Field Trips, etc.

- Created by leader, parents, troop chaperones and troop assistants – more parental help, the more the girls get to do

Distinction between GS badges and patches

Badges (GSUSA or Council's own) are earned via specific requirements that are usually listed online. These are different shapes per age level (for example: brownie badges are triangle shaped while Junior badges are circle shaped). GS badges are worn on the front of the uniform vest or sash. Patches are for "fun" and are presented for participating in a fun event or activity (for example: if visiting a place on a field trip, you could commemorate this visit with a patch of the place). Patches are worn on the back of the uniform vest or sash. A good source of fun patches is snappylogos.com.

Girl Scout badges for cookie season

- Daisy: *My First Business* and *Cookie Goal Setter*
- Brownie: *My Cookie Customer* and *Cookie Decision Maker*
- Junior: *My Cookie Team* and *Cookie Collaboration*
- Cadette: *My Cookie Venture*, *Cookie Market Research* and *Cookie Innovator*
- Senior: *My Cookie Network* and *Cookie Boss*
- Ambassador: *My Cookie Business Resume* and *Cookie Influence*



The Torch Award

This award recognizes a Girl Scout who acts as a leader in her community such as her GS community. These are individual awards.

Cadette – Silver Torch Award

To earn this award, a Cadette must:

1. Complete one Cadette Leadership Journey
2. Serve for one full term in a leadership position at your school, place of worship, library, town council, community center, after school club or a similar organization. For example: School yearbook or assist with event planning for a GS program. The length of your service will depend on the term specified by the organization.



Senior – Silver/Gold Torch Award

To earn this award, a Senior must:

1. Complete one Senior Leadership Journey
2. Serve for one full term in a leadership position at your school, place of worship, library, town council, community center, after school club or a similar organization. For example: School yearbook editor, co-teach a youth class at your church or serve on a Girl Scout Board, possibly plan a GS event.



Ambassador – Gold Torch Award

To earn this award, an Ambassador must:

1. Complete one Ambassador Leadership Journey
2. Serve for one full term in a leadership position at your school, place of worship, library, town council, community center, after school club or a similar organization. For example: School yearbook editor, co-teach a youth class at your church or serve on a Girl Scout Board, possibly plan a GS event.



It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings.

— Ann Landers



Forms/documents:

<https://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/forms---documents.html>

Volunteer Resources Tab for trainers, delegates, troop leaders, service units, info/suggestions on first six troop meetings (D, B, J)

<https://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/volunteer-resources.html>

Questions:

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www.lburgccgirlscouts.weebly.com

www/facebook.com/LCCGSSU

Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit
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Lynchburg, Virginia 24503

Contact Council: info@gsvsc.org or 540-777-5100



Join us for the sweetest race in the Roanoke Valley! This annual event supports Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council and we are excited to challenge participants again on the cross-country course at Greenfield Recreation Park in Botetourt County.

DATE: Saturday, March 23, 2024 (rain or shine; no refunds)

TIME: 9 AM: 1-mile Fun Run

9:45 AM: 5K race

Awards immediately after race

LOCATION: Greenfield Recreation Park Cross Country Course (near Botetourt Sports Complex), 160 Preston Park Road, Troutville, VA

REGISTRATION CLOSES: March 13, 2024

REGISTER [HERE](#)

Marketing & Communications



*Help us celebrate
Volunteer
Appreciation Month!
Send in your
thank you & earn
a FREE thank you
fun patch.*



Help Us Thank Our Girl Scout Volunteers in April!!

We are creating a video to thank our Girl Scout volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Month this April, and we need your help! Please send in videos or photos of you and/or your Girl Scout thanking your troop leader or service unit team or camp staffers or any Girl Scout volunteer who has made a difference in your life! Troops, girls, and families can send in submissions.

Send in your thank-you's by Feb. 29 to communications@gsvsc.org and we'll send you a free "Thank You" star fun patch to thank YOU for helping us!

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Girl Scout INSERT for GS Sunday, Sabbath/Sabbath, Jummah

Girl Scout Sunday, Sabbath/Shabbat, and Jummah give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. If a place of worship is the group sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths.

Mar. 10-16: Girl Scout Week 2024

Mar. 10: GS Sunday

Mar. 12: GS Birthday

Mar. 15: GS Jummah

Mar. 15-16: GS Sabbath

Marketing & Communications



Your Girl Scout Calendar

FEBRUARY

9-11: Super Bowl Weekend (#1 cookie sales)

14: Valentine's Day (#2 cookie sales)

16-18: National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend

22: World Thinking Day

22: SU Roundtable

MARCH

10-16: Girl Scout Week

10: GS Sunday

12: GS 112th Birthday

15: GS Jumma

16: GS Sabbath/Shabbat

18: GS Cookie Program ends



23: Tough Cookie (Botetourt Co.)

28: GSVSC Town Hall

DETAILS HERE:

www.gsvsc.org/calendar

Mission Delivery




Your Year of

Fun

- ✓ Gear up for cool field trips.
- ✓ Make forever friends.
- ✓ Dream up a game to teach your troop.

FREE MEMBERSHIP!
Now until March 1, 2024.
JOIN TODAY: www.gsvsc.org/fun



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FREE Membership for New Girl Members!

Hurry! Promo ends March 1st!

Please pass along to your friends in grades K-12 and encourage them to join you in the fun and friends of Girl Scouting. **Sign-up FREE HERE** or call 540-777-5100 or email info@gsvsc.org

Staff will reach out to register new members and assist with placement.

Marketing & Membership

Discover Girl Scout Event Helpers

From Jan. 1 to March 30, help with just 1 Discover Girl Scouts event in your community and receive a FREE “recruiter” fun patch PLUS adults receive a GSVSC tote bag.



ISO: Helpers for Discover Girl Scout Events

Help with Discover Girl Scouts events from January to March 31 and receive a fun patch! For girl members who help at a Discover GS event, you'll receive a FREE “Recruiter” fun patch. The first 300 adult volunteers who sign up to help will receive a GSVSC-branded tote bag (8” wide with long handles) and a “Recruiter” fun patch. Here's how to sign-up to help:

1. Find your local Discover Girl Scouts event on [Facebook HERE](#).
2. RSVP by contacting your council community engagement manager (Elisabeth Copp, Mary Alice Mouk, or Emily Stoltzfus); don't know who that is, [please check-out this directory](#).

If you don't see a Discover Girl Scouts event in your area and want to host one, please reach out to your community engagement manager.

On April 1, we'll host a drawing from all of our helpers to give away three collapsible folding wagons!

NOTE: Each event is limited to two adult volunteers and five girl helpers (all grade-levels welcomed). Totes are limited to 1 per adult helper.

CONGRATS! Winners of our parade banners drawing from the holiday/Christmas parade kits are:

- Beth Raynes, Rockburg Service Unit
- Diann Smith, Galax/Carroll Co SU
- Shannon Wallace, Orange Co. SU

Membership Recruitment Rally

Help keep the
fun going!

Join Us.
Girl Scouts.



Membership Recruitment

Girl Scout Strong.



[Join the GSVSC Membership Recruitment Rally!](#)

Community Engagement Managers also post council-wide recruitment opportunities for volunteers to help with recruitment efforts. Service Units can post their recruitment opportunities! This is how we GROW!

Check the [Rally calendar](#) for dates or [reply to requests](#) for help.

Recruitment events are a great opportunity for older girls to earn their **Service to**

Adult Membership Requirements

Council Policy A5: Adult participants **attending** a Girl Scout (girl) program, trip, or overnight should be registered Girl Scout members and have a cleared background check on file with GSVSC prior to their participation in these Girl Scout activities.

If asked whether a parent/caregiver must be a registered Girl Scout, the answer is:

Yes. Parents/caregivers must have a membership and cleared background check in order to **(be present)** stay at troop meetings and attend field trips, overnights, campouts, cookie booths, or other travel experiences, etc. —*even when adults are not participating in the actual activities.*

2023/24 Fall Product Program

- The total sales for the Fall Product Program was \$223,471, 79% of Last Year and of Budget
- The product ranking was Top seller Holiday Tin, next Peace Out Tin and the Dark Chocolate Caps, Hot Cajun Crunch was 8th place
- The # of girls participating in the program was 813 and 139 troops
- We have extra product available if needed
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



2024 Cookie Program

- The total sales currently are \$1,634,316, 86% of last year to date and 49% of budget
- Digital Cookie is 1% above last year to date
- Booth, in person and online orders end on March 18, 2024
- 178 Troops are participating, 94% of registered troops
- Reminders:
 - All parents/guardians participating in GS activities such as troop meetings, trips or cookie booths must be a FY24 member with a clear CBC and a volunteer role
 - The interim payment in February has gone from 30% to 50%



Thanks to you, the troops, parents and especially the girls for braving the cold weather we have had!!

Cookie Contest!

The graphic features a central illustration of a pink and white tent with a white flag on top, set against a blue background. Surrounding the tent are various cookies: a round chocolate chip cookie, a round chocolate cookie with a bite taken out, a round chocolate cookie, and a round chocolate cookie with nuts. Below the illustration is a pink rounded rectangle containing the text "2024 COOKIE CONTEST" and "Whole-Lotl" Cookie Booths. Below that is a white rounded rectangle containing the incentive details.

2024 COOKIE CONTEST
“Whole-Lotl” Cookie Booths

Host 12 booths = earn 1¢ more per cookie boxes sold
OR
Host 15 booths = earn 2¢ more per cookie boxes sold
OR
Host 20 booths = earn 3¢ more per cookie boxes sold

Another Cookie Contest!

Thank you for being so brave and going out again in the wind and cold last weekend. We have another opportunity for troops to earn profit and Juliettes to earn program credits. Join your friend "Bubbles the Axolotl", and host a "whole-lotl" of cookie booths. Here is the incentive for troop or Juliette booths as follows during the cookie season (individual girls in troops hosting a booth does not qualify for this promotion):

- **Host 12 booths = earn 1¢ more per cookie boxes sold**
- **Host 15 booths = earn 2¢ more per cookie boxes sold**
- **Host 20 booths = earn 3¢ more per cookie boxes sold**

[DETAILS HERE](#) (under For Cookie Sellers, Cookie Contests 2024)

Program Updates



Upcoming Program Calendar

Grade-Levels Key: Daisy (D), Brownie (B), Junior (J), Cadette (C), Senior (S), Ambassador (A)

**Feb. 10th - Scout Night with the Rail Yard Dogs
(All)**

**Feb. 22nd - Virtual WAGGGS World Thinking
Day (All)**

March 2nd - Coding for CSA at Icimani (C/S/A)

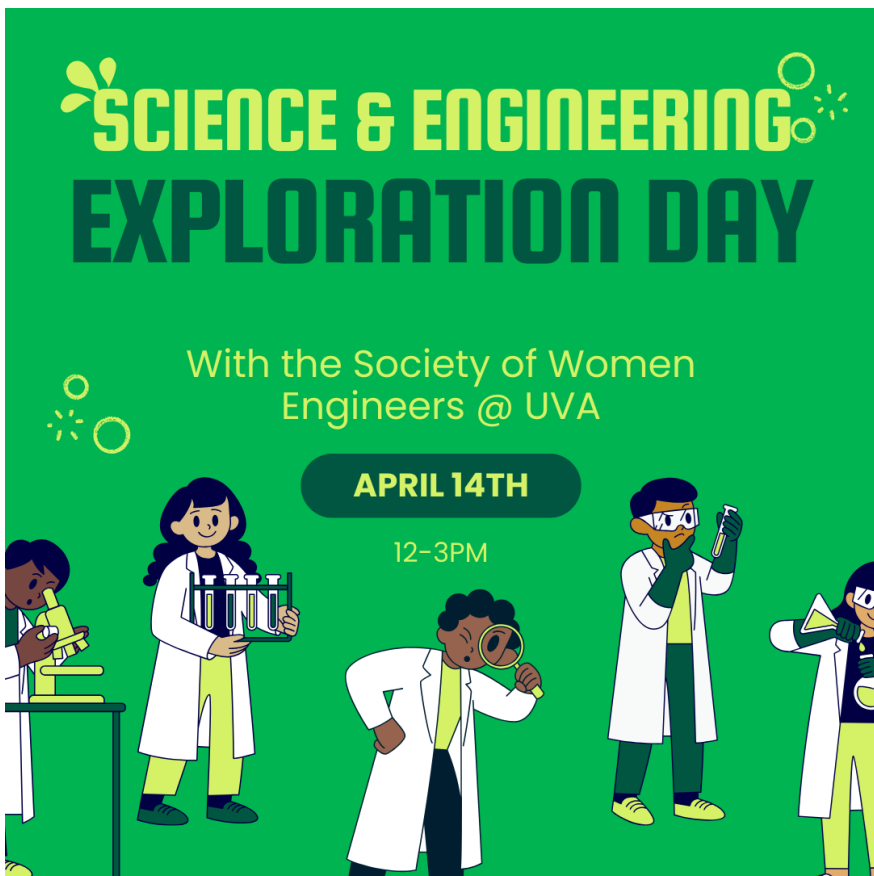
March 3rd - UVA vs. VT Women's Basketball (All)

**March 7th - Virtual Highest Awards Your
Questions Answered (J/C/S/A)**

**March 10-16 - Girl Scout Week Badge in a Box
(B/J/C/S/A)**



Science and Engineering Exploration Day for Brownies



💡 Think Like an Engineer
(partial journey requirements)

🔧 Hands-On Stations

📄 Take-Home Directions

🍿 Snacks



Details: <https://mygs.girlscouts.org/event-detail?id=218-04142024-RJ>

Skyline Readers Club



Winter Bingo Dec 1st- Feb. 16th

Registration Coming Soon:

Skyline Readers' Club Exclusive Event
April 6-7

Spring Bingo March 1st - May 15th



Junior Jam 🎬 Take 2 🎬



Movie-themed camporee

Reg. Opens:

February 15, 2024

For: Junior Girl Scouts

Dates: May 17-19

Details: <https://www.gsvsc.org/en/sf-events-repository/2024/junior-jam-2024.html>



Summer Camps



Singing Cedars Day Camp: June 10-14

Campfire Sisters Weekend Camp: June 20-23

Dark Hollow Day Camp: June 17-21 and June 24-28

Sugar Hollow Day Camp: July 8-12 and July 15-19

Rainbow's End Girl Scout Camp: July 12-14

Camp Adventurers: July 19-21

Camp Sacajawea Summer Adventure Camp: July 19-21

Trefoil Academy: July 14-20

Cave Hill Day Camp: July 22-26



[Click here for more summer camp details!](#)

Updated Approved Vendors List

[High Adventure Approved Vendors List \(#2147\)](#)

[Stables Approved Vendors List \(#2149\)](#)

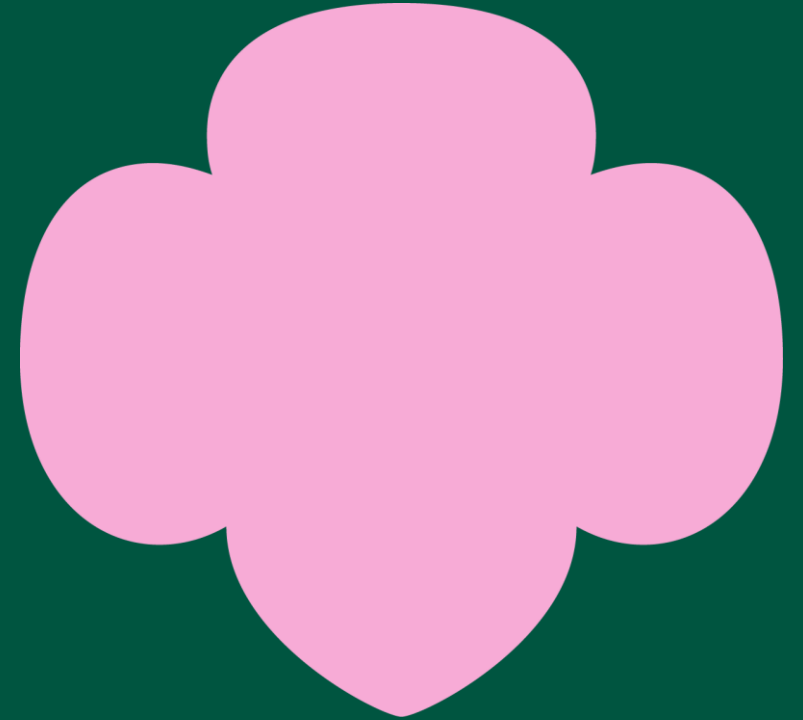
- Vendor approvals are based on Safety Activity Checkpoints (SACs) and require 8-10 weeks to hear back from the vendor for insurance compliance.
- The program team is actively working to renew expired vendors as well as acquire new high adventure and stable vendors
- If you would like to request a vendor email info@gsvsc.org ATTN: River Jones



Form 2129 Activity/Trip Permission

Changes/Clarifications:

- Health exams are only required for international activities/trips
- Additional insurance is only required for international trips or to cover sickness
- All external training (First Aid and CPR/AED, WFA, high adventure training if not using a vendor, etc.) is required to be uploaded to gsLearn for verification
- The activity/trip leader needs to be a separate person from the first aider
- Every adult participating needs a membership and background check
- Helpful tips for filling out the form have been





Property

Icimani:

- Received the all-clear from VDH regarding the water.
- Gym reservations will be accepted from Virginia Skyline members March through June.

Sacajawea:

- New windows in Gay Lodge coming soon.
- Repairs scheduled for the program building (deck, doors and siding).
- Gutters will be installed soon at Troop House.

Sugar Hollow:

- Reminder: Trash service is suspended and the dumpster will be removed. Please pack out your trash when you are visiting camp.
- Gutters installed at Multipurpose and Rocky Top.
- The installation of the new trees is scheduled for March 2024.

SHOP TALK

The Skyline Shop Skyline Shop Open FEBRUARY 10th and 22nd



The Skyline Shop will be open for shopping on **Saturday, February 10th from 10 AM to 2 PM** and **Thursday, February 22nd from 12 PM to 5:30 PM** by appointment on the half hour. Schedule your time:
skylineshop@gsvsc.org

The shop will continue to process orders by email (skylineshop@gsvsc.org) for pickup or shipping. When you are notified that an order is ready for pickup, please come to the new headquarters location at 5488 Yellow Mountain Rd, Roanoke 24014. The office is open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM for pickups. Please continue to shop online at the [Girl Scouts of the USA's online store](#). The council receives credit for all sales within our council footprint. Watch here in *The Girl Scout Connection* for upcoming special discounts!

SHOP



Service Unit & Council Events

Updates are underway to improve the
Application for Event Approval (#1073)



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Service Unit & Council Events

Service Unit Program Events

A Service Unit Program Event is a program event planned and carried out by volunteers that provides activities for girls beyond the scope of regular troop activities and includes one or more of the following:

- Participation open to troops/groups within one specific service unit and publicized via service unit-specific social media groups or Rallies.
- Participation includes 3 troops or more
- Participation may also be open to individually registered girl members (Juliettes) within a specific service unit
- Involves pre-registration through [Rallyhood](#) or another council-approved site/method
- Involves creating a budget and collecting funds
- Program activities may include the GSLE (girl-led, hands-on, cooperative learning experiences)
- Program activities include one or more of the National Program Pillars
- Program activities may include earning a badge or journey



Service Unit & Council Events

Council-Wide Program Events

A Council Program Event is a program event that can be planned and carried out by staff or volunteers, and provides activities for girls beyond the scope of regular troop or service unit activities and includes one or more of the following:

- Participation open to more than one more specific service unit and is publicized council-wide (GSVSC Event Calendar & Social Media platforms, etc.)
- Participation is open to troops council-wide
- Participation may be be open to individually registered girl members (Juliettes)
- Involves pre-registration through [gsEvents](#) (**GSUSA Registration System**)
- Involves creating a budget and collecting funds
- May have additional complicated logistics
- Program activities include the GSLE (girl-led, hands-on, cooperative learning experiences)
- Program activities include one or more of the National Program Pillars
- Program activities may include earning a badge or journey



Service Unit & Council Events

Event Director and/or Trip Leader Key Responsibilities are to:

- Be present **ON SITE** for the entirety of the event or trip.
- Do their best to ensure the event or travel experience of all participants is positive.
- Oversee the health, safety, and well being of every participant.
- Develop and implement a Emergency Action Plan (EAP) applicable to the event. Share EAP with all participants at the start of event.
- Manage all unexpected issues, conflicts, emergencies, or crises as they pop up.

NOTE: The Event Director or Trip Leader MAY NOT be the First Aider.



Service Unit & Council Events

Service Unit & Council Event Approval Timelines:

- 2 months prior to the event date (repeated events)
- 4-6 months prior to event date for first-time small/simple (one day) events and events requiring vendor approval
- 6-12 months prior to the event date for large/complex (overnight) events or events that include a domestic travel experience (three overnights or more.)
- 12–24 months prior to events that involve international travel.

Vendor approvals are based on Safety Activity Checkpoints (SACs) and require 8-10 weeks to hear back from the vendor for insurance compliance.



Service Unit & Council Events

PROGRAM EVENT PLANNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- For day-only service unit events, Event Director must complete GS 107 Service Unit Program Event Planning
- For council-wide events, Event Director must complete GS 106 Council Program Event Planning.
- For overnight events, Event Director must complete GS 106 Council Program Event Planning and GS 201 Trips & Overnights.
- For events involving camping, in addition to GS 106 Council Program Event Planning, the Event Director must also complete GS 301A Outdoor Education Planning and [GS 301B Outdoor Education Overnight](#) as well as **one adult from each troop or group participating.**

(Outdoor Education training is required before troops, groups, or programming involving individually registered Girl Scouts can include cookouts, campouts, and adventuring out activities that involve: packing gear, platform/cabinette/tent camping, building campfires, and cooking outdoors over a campfire or fire pit, portable stove or grill for any daytime or overnight outdoor camping activity. There must always be a trained Outdoor Ed. Adult per campfire circle/fire pit. There must always be at least one trained Outdoor Ed. Adult for every two portable stoves and/or grills.)

Additional Outdoor Ed. trained volunteers may be needed based on planned outdoor activities, and if including Juliettes.



Service Unit & Council Events

PROGRAM EVENT PLANNING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS CONT'D:

- For events involving domestic travel, Trip Leader must complete GS 106 Council Program Event Planning and GS 201 Trips & Overnights.
- For events involving international travel, Trip Leader must complete GS 106 Council Program Event Planning, GS 201 Trips and Overnights, and GS 203 International Trip Training.
- If an event involves serving food to the general public that must be kept hot or cold, ServSafe training may be required. Event Director must contact their local health department for specific training requirements.



TRAINING
TIDBIT



GSVSC Training Dates

February Training Dates:

- Feb. 4: [Virtual GS 106 Event Planning](#) (V) (Reg. closes Feb. 1, 2024, at 11:59 pm)
- Feb. 13: [Gold Award Workshop](#), (S/A)
- Feb. 17: [Virtual Silver Award Workshop](#) (C)
- Feb. 18: [Virtual Bronze Award Workshop](#) (J)
- Feb. 28: [Virtual SU Team Finance Orientation](#) (V)

March Training Dates:

- Mar. 2: [Cadette Program Aide: Icimani](#) (C)
- Mar. 5: [Virtual Gold Award Workshop](#) (S/A)
- Mar. 13: [Virtual Silver Award Workshop](#) (C)
- Mar. 16: [CIT Counselor-in-Training: Icimani](#) (S/A)
- Mar. 17: [Virtual Bronze Award Workshop](#) (J)

April Training Dates:

- Apr. 3: [Virtual Gold Award Workshop](#) (S/A)
- Apr. 13-14: [GS 301-B Outdoor Education Overnight Session: Sugar Hollow](#) (V) - **Prerequisite - Must complete GS 301A Outdoor Education Planning in gsLearn by MARCH 1, 2024**
- Apr. 13-14: [Training for Trainers: Charlottesville](#) (V) - [Reference required](#).
- Apr. 17: [Virtual Silver Award Workshop](#) (C)
- Apr. 20: [Cadette Program Aide: Sugar Hollow](#) (C)
- Apr. 20: [CIT Counselor-in-Training: Sugar Hollow](#) (S/A)

May Training Dates:

- May 4-5, 2024: [SU Team Campout](#) (V)
- May 13: Virtual Silver Award Workshop (C) - **Registration opening soon!**





Important Save the Dates

Service Unit Roundtable Dates (Zoom registration link will be posted in SU Team Network Rally)

Feb. 22, 2024 - Service Unit Team members should [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Apr. 25, 2024

Service Unit Team Campout

May 4-5, 2024 @ Camp Sacajawea - [SU Team Campout](#) (V) - REGISTRATION OPEN!

Virtual Town Halls Dates (Zoom registration will be posted on GSVSC Event calendar)

Mar. 28, 2024

May 23, 2024

No service unit talking points, roundtables, or town halls during the months of June, July or August.