

girl scouts 
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Lynchburg Campbell County
Girl Scout Service Unit

Amherst/Appomattox
May 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.

We want our girls to thrive in the outdoors. We want to inspire their sense of adventure, help them make new friends, strengthen bonds with old ones and challenge them in ways that will help them grow into their very best selves all while creating wonderful memories. As leaders, you are providing your scouts a unique opportunity to learn, grow and have fun in the great outdoors. They develop independence, learn new skills, make new friends, build self-esteem, foster teamwork, develop social skills, unplug from technology, improve physical health, develop sense of community and HAVE FUN!



Check out <https://volunteers.girlscoutsrv.org/2019/06/20/the-non-campers-guide-to-camping/> (*The Non-camper's Guide to Camping* from GS River Valley Council).

Check out *Destinations at Camp Sacajawea* for more ideas. (Later in this newsletter.)

The nesting season at Camp Sacajawea is in full swing.

Eagles – November to the end of April of the first of May

Other varieties – March through July



They are nesting in trees, shrubs, nesting boxes, under eaves or on a roof top. Most nests are well hidden so you might not know they are there when out and about. Lots of berries are at camp for the birds to eat so the volunteers have cut back on brushwork and pruning but have started



mowing and week trimming. Sacajawea is beautiful. The Pawpaws are blooming along with the irises planted by Karen and Colleen. Take time to listen to nature. Make Camp Sacajawea part of your summer plans. Picnics are wonderful. *The Dot* will be open mid-May.

Destinations at Camp Sacajawea

Eagles Nest

Observation between mid-November and first week of April. There are two good observation sites.

1. Near Gay Lodge campfire circle. Stand near the gold painted rock and look through the gold painted tree limbs shaped like a triangle. The nest is located between the two red dots on the trees.
2. Along Mama Stump Trail in the Observation Area, there is a rock that tells you where to stand. The Mama Stump Trail Activity Tub is located at Sunspot with information on earning the Mama Stump Trail Patch. Contact Rebecca (becka6778@aol.com) if you need assistance and for patches.

Sunspot Badge Barn

This is a great resource center, library and where all of the activity tubs are stored. Many tubs have been adjusted to serve multiple Scouting levels. Scavenger Hunt, Public Speaking, Trees, Fairy Trail Adventure (helps our girls earn the Trail Adventurer Badge for D, B, J on the Animal Tracker Trail), Eco-Action, Jeweler, Engineering Fun, Leave No Trace, Bugs, JGL Catch the Spirit game, JGL Daisy bingo, Astronomy/Space Explorer, Zink the Zebra, Mama Stump Trail, Outdoor Adventure, Hiker, How Pulleys Work, Earthquakes and Letterboxing. Reach out to Rebecca if something is missing. There is no charge to use Sunspot. We follow the honor system. Please clean up, sweep and take your trash with you.

Destinations at Camp Sacajawea (continued)

Skinny Dip Hole

Designed for wading in the Judith Creek, relaxing or maybe to enjoy a picnic (table is located on site). Look for the wider platform steps for easier access into the water. **Wading below knee:** when wading up to the knee, the presence of a life guard is recommended but not required.

Boats

There are 6 canoes and 3 kayaks and a storage building that holds paddles and life jackets. These are located near the mouth of Judith Creek where it enters the James River. You must be at least a level 1 “Paddle Sports” canoe/kayak certified instructor to use boats.

Meditation Area

A lovely place to reflect, listen to nature and enjoy a Scouts Own. Located on the Chapel Trail where it intersects with the Animal Tracker Trail.

Eleven Fairy Doors

These small fairy doors are located along the top ridge as you hike the Animal Tracker Trail. They are part of the “Fairy trail Adventure” program activity tub located at Sunspot which helps our D, B, J Scouts earn their Trail Adventure Badge. This was a Silver Award project for Emily Eden.

Destinations at Camp Sacajawea (continued)

James River Overlook

This is located at the intersection of the James River Trail and Pavilion Short Cut Trail (behind Pavilion campsite fire circle). It features a great seating area, fabulous view of the river and a large kiosk featuring information on the water cycle and animals that you might see at Sac. This was an Eagle Project for Bed E (Forest UMC) in March 2022.

Amy's Overlook

There are 2 cleared areas at the end of the Mama Stump Trail that provide seating and more views of the James River. This part of the river seems to be a favorite fishing spot for our bald eagles. Location of Letterbox #9.

Archery

The new range is located near the entrance of the Sweetheart Tree Trail and directly across from the Archery Shed (home for the archery equipment). Use form #2150 for reservations. Level 1 archery certification required.

The Dot

Camp Sac's spray/splash pad. Open May through September. Reservations are required. Use form #2150. No life guard is needed. There is a nice seating area for leaders.

Destinations at Camp Sacajawea (continued)

The Griz

Located just off the playing field in Camp Sac's amphitheater. There is electricity. Reservations are not required. We follow the honor system. You provide clean up and pick up.

Little Sac's Orchard

Located near Gay Lodge and along the circle drive. It includes a lot of information on multiple trees and matches up well with the Trees activity tub which has been adjusted for all levels. This was a Bronze Award project for Troop 1315.

Bowen Playing Field

This and the adjacent Sports Shed (light colored building with bronze roof) is where you will find sports equipment to borrow while at camp. This also includes the pawns that go with the outdoor game board. The honor system is practiced here: that includes picking up, cleaning up and restoring all equipment appropriately. Leaders should be supervising this process so that it is ready for the next group's use.

. The project is scheduled to be completed May 18, 2024.

Guill's Hill/Trail '51

Along this trail is another great view of the James River and along with Amy's Overlooks is the peninsula of the 119-acre property.

Destinations at Camp Sacajawea (continued)

Chess/Checkers Outdoor Game Board

Located adjacent to the sports shed. Pawns are protected in special tubs. This 8' x14' board was the Eagle Scout project of William, Pack 29, Peakland UMC. Be very mindful about repacking the pawns

Hartley-Piper Connector

Animal Tracker Trail to the Hartley-Piper Connector, down Guill's Hill and the Mama Stump Trail incorporates our Letterboxing program and the 12 boxes. This was a Bronze Award project of Hartley and Piper in 2023.

Pollinator Garden

Located adjacent to Little Sac's Orchard. There is a bench close by, dedicate to Girl Scout Betty Zieger, where you can sit and enjoy this outdoor space.



Cookies Message from Detria, Area 8 & 9 instructor

We made it. What a wonderful coolie selling season. Like always, we faced some challenges, but also, like always, you rose to the occasion and we worked through them in order to have another successful season.

For those Scouts who have earned pearls, save the date for the String of Pearls Ceremony on June 21, 2024.

Again, thank you for another great cookie selling season. If you have any questions or need help with any matters, please don't hesitate to reach out.





We are so excited to share with you that Jayden, one of our troop 9424 co-leaders and Adventurer coordinator has completed Level 1 Archery and is certified to work with your girls (Juniors and Up). She is available to do this at Camp Sacajawea. Contact Jayden directly (jayden854@gamil.com) to discuss her availability, then complete Form #2150 to reserve the archery range

and equipment. A deposit is required as well as a copy of Jayden's certification. The new archery range is open and ready for you to enjoy.





Troop House is done! It is beautiful! It is open for business from meeting to trainings.!

It is another year round building with its split AC/Heat unit. There are plenty of tables, chairs refrigerator and a vacuum. There is a wonderful outdoor space under the shelter with 4 large picnic tables. The guys were able to preserve the old brick fireplace/mantel. It's been there for 65 years. Glo, our Fox Hill neighbor, artist and trail worker, created a beautiful fireplace insert.



Enjoy this gorgeous space.

The magic of Sacajawea Adventure Camp...

Providing many wonderful outdoor experiences for our Girl Scouts from stargazing and archery, to hiking and wading in Skinny Dip Hole. Whatever adventures your Girl Scout experiences, they'll return home with a lifetime of memories, more courage, confidence and character than ever. Camp builds problem solvers and creative thinkers! It improves social development and self-esteem.

Dates: July 19-21, 2024

Price \$115 campers (If registered by May 20, If register after May 20, price increases by \$25).

Registration closes June 19

All assistant positions have been filled.

Includes five camp meals and two overnights (optional)

Camp ages: rising 1st graders through rising 6th graders

Camper registration: <https://gsvsc.campbrainregistration.com/?returnUrl=%252Flanding>

Adult volunteer registration: <https://gsvsc.campbrainstaff.com/> (No cost for adult volunteers)

Questions: daycampsacajaweava@gmail.com

Many, many thanks to hard working Troop 3333 from Wirtz, Virginia with the rebuilding of the Troop House fire circle. With the addition of the two new decks at the Sports Shed, a lot of rocks



were uncovered. These girls loaded up rocks in a wheelbarrow and made it happen. What a delightful group of young ladies

under the leadership of Stephanie.



Troop 1315 has enjoyed many of the programs provided by the Adventurers, an action oriented group of older Girl Scouts (grades 6 – 12) who are seeking exciting, stimulating activities to challenge their capabilities, broaden their horizons and increase self-confidence. Hailey participated in *Solder & Fuse*. Caitlyn and Cheyenne participated in *Forge & Anvil* in Dayton. Become a Skyline Adventurer.

Contact: adventurers1912@gmail.com





Troop 440 spent a lovely Sunday afternoon at Camp Sacajawea cleaning up the last remnants from the big tree that fell right across the fire circle about a

month ago. This is going to make it so much easier to mow the Troop House lawn.

Thank you!

Our older Girl Scouts from Troop 9424 highly recommend the CPR/Babysitting program provided by Brittany Litchford from Fire and Safety Equipment Company (Concord, Virginia). All of the girls earned their CPP/Baby Sitting certification.

Questions: blitchford@fireandsafety.com 434-993-2424

Additional trainings are listed on their calendar for adults and youth: <https://fireandsafety.com/training/>



Junior Troop 676 earned their think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey while spending the weekend at Camp Sacajawea, April 12/13. For their Take Action project, the girls focused on the erosion along the James River Trail from the bridge to the James River overlook. They shored up the high end of the trail to increase the width which had

decreased to 12 inches in various sections. They used 4' cut tree poles to shore up the trail, securing this with wooden dowels. It was quite an undertaking but what a job!



Our older Girl Scouts enjoyed their time at Nimble Merch, a screen printing and embroidery business in downtown Lynchburg. They learned about fabric and dyes while touring the facility. They each printed their own t-shirts. It was pretty amazing and most informative. They earned their Textile Artist Badge. Nimble Merch will be providing Scouts with a 30% discount.

Support@nimblemerch.com



Save the date

Sunday afternoon, June 2 at Camp Sacajawea for a Service Unit meeting/yearly wrap up and Leader Appreciation picnic. All Service Unit members are invited to attend. Girl Scout daughters are invited.

Please RSVP Rebecca (becka6778@aol.com). The Dot will be available.

Time: 3:00 – 5:30



Goodbye Mama Eagle
We have loved sharing our
camp with you and your
family.

See you in November!

Be safe.

Forms/documents

<https://www.gsvsc.org/en/members/for-volunteers/forms-and-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/members/for-volunteers/volunteer_resources.html

Questions:

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www.lburgccgirlscouts.weebly.com

<https://www.facebook.com/LSSGSSU>

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



Membership Renewal

SPRING REGISTRATION: APRIL 1 - JUNE 30

FREE membership RENEWAL promotions for EARLY SPRING RENEWALS:

Free Membership Renewal

- Girl Member Renewal - April 1 - May 1
- Free Troop Co-Leader Renewal - **Promotion ended April 15!**

T-shirts Renewal Incentive - May 1 until all claimed

To be eligible to claim a t-shirt, members must renew **by May 1**, THEN register [in gsEvents HERE](#) to CLAIM t-shirts.

Available t-shirts:

- 400 youth t-shirts (sizes up to 3XL)
- 200 adult t-shirts (sizes up to 3XL)

Once t-shirts are all claimed, the promotion ends!



Tree Promise: Tree Pick-Up

Fairy Stone State Park and Virginia Tech have donated 200 Red Maple tree saplings for the Girl Scout Tree Promise!



Tree Promise: Tree Pick-Up



**GIRL SCOUT
TREE PROMISE**



🌲 Girl Scout Tree Promise: Tree Pick-Up Request Form 🌲

Hey there, fellow Girl Scouts! Did you know we're on a mission to plant 5 million trees by 2026?

As part of our commitment to environmental stewardship and creating a greener future, we're excited to offer you the opportunity to pick up trees to plant in your community.

This year, we've got something awesome to share: Fairy Stone State Park and Virginia Tech have donated 200 Red Maple tree saplings! 🌲 🌳 It's all part of our mission to make our world a better, greener place by planting, protecting, and celebrating trees. We can't wait to share these trees so we can make a real difference for our planet! Let's go, green team!



[Google Form](#)

Scheduling closes Sunday, May 5

OR

When the 200 tree seedlings are claimed!

Tree Promise: Tree Pick-Up

Pick-up times and locations available are:

Camp Icimani

Tuesday, May 7th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 7th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday, May 8th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Wednesday, May 8th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Thursday, May 9th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, May 9th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Monday, May 13th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, May 13th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday, May 14th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 14th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Thursday, May 16th, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, May 16th, 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Camp Sacajawea

Tuesday, May 7th, 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Monday, May 13th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 14th, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Camp Sugar Hollow

Wednesday, May 8, 3:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Adventurers Programs

May 3: Color My World at JMU Edith Carrier Arboretum

May 5: Float Your Boat: Roanoke River

May 25-27: Pack'N'Boots: Triple Crown, Roanoke

June 1: Float Your Boat Maury River

June 1: Registrations Due for Prairie Pioneers 2025: Wagon Trip

June 7-9: Adventure in Appomattox

June 23-29: High Knoll Backpacking Adventure, Pulaski Co.

June 19-21: Camp Adventurers, Giles Co.



Upcoming Events & Save the Dates

June 21: String of Pearls at Massanutten

July 24: Red Sox Day in Roanoke, VA

August 10: S'mores Day at Icimani

September 7: Spellbound Spectacular at Camp Sacajawea

September 14: GS Love State Parks at Fairy Stone State Park

September 30 - November: Future Voter Virtual

October 5 - 6: Fall Camporee at Camp Sacajawea

October 19 - 20: Girls and Ghouls at Camp Sugar Hollow

November 9: River Rock Climbing Gym Overnight Lock-In in Roanoke, VA

Summer Camps



June 10-14: Singing Cedars Day Camp (Reg. Closes June 1st)

June 17-21 and June 24-28: Dark Hollow Day Camp (Reg. Closes June 1st)

June 20-23: Campfire Sisters Weekend Camp (Reg. Closes June 7th)

July 8-12 and July 15-19: Sugar Hollow Day Camp (Reg. Closes June 1st)

July 12-14: Rainbow's End Girl Scout Camp (Reg. Closes June 7th)

July 14-20: Trefoil Academy (Reg. Closes June 14th)

July 19-21: Camp Sacajawea Summer Adventure Camp (Reg. Closes June 19th)

July 19-21: Camp Adventurers (Reg. Closes June 7th)

July 22-26: Cave Hill Day Camp (Reg. Closes June 21st)

July 22-26: Friendly Hollow Virtual Camp (Reg. Closes June 30th at 8 am)

July 29-August 3: Friendly Hollow Day Camp (Reg. Closes June 30th at 8 am)

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



2024 Cookie Program



- Cookie sales-\$2,716,242, Yay, that's a whole "lot!" cookies!
- 91% of LY & 81% of the budget
- Digital Sales-\$808,949 11% above LY
- Troops participating-192, 88% compared to LY
- Girls participating-1,755, 91% of LY
- Top Achievers will be announced soon and the String of Charms/String of Pearls celebration will be June 21. Recipients of the awards will be contacted soon with more details
- Rewards were ordered today, they should ship from LBB in 4 weeks to the SU Cookie Managers for distribution to the troops

Skyline Shop

- The Skyline Shop will continue to be open by appointment. Insurance and safety regulations necessitate this at this time.
- Dates for opening will continue to be announced in the GS Connection
- We will fill orders for pick up from April 29 to May 17 while the water project is ongoing but there will not be any shop openings during this time. We will be open on Wednesday, May 22 from 12 to 5:30 pm and on Saturday, June 1 from 10 am to 2 pm by appointment
- You can continue to place orders with the shop at skylineshop@gsvsc.org for pickup or shipment
- The GSUSA online shop is open 24/7 at girlscoutshop.com
- Many special discounts and online products only are available online
- GSVSC receives approximately 35% of the revenue from the online shop which is very similar to the revenue for the Skyline Shop

GSUSA

Girl Scout Experience Boxes

For NEW Daisy Troops!

(Available in English + Bilingual
Spanish/English)

First boxes ship Aug. 2024

New Troops will receive a special link from their CEM to sign up for their GS Experience boxes once confirmed troop has 5 girls & 2 Troop Co-Leaders.
Only one signup per troop permitted!



SU Team members will see sample boxes & recruitment activities at the SU Team Campout!

The collage features five sample boxes and recruitment activities:

- Meeting Guide:** A card with a large pink flower illustration and two columns of text.
- Contents Card:** A card titled "Daisy Welcome Meeting Box!" with a list of items and a "Don't forget" section.
- Family Handouts:** A card titled "All About My Troop" with a photo of girls and several sections of text.
- Showing You're a Daisy:** A card titled "Showing You're a Daisy" with illustrations of uniforms and a list of items.
- Additional Card Directing to Council Webpage:** A card titled "Explore What's Happening Near You" with a QR code and a photo of girls.

+ all supplies needed to complete the activities!

Standard box: Troops with 8 or fewer registered Girl Scouts will receive 12 sets of supplies.

Supplemental box: Troops over 8 registered Girl Scouts will receive additional 5 sets of supplies.

New Rally!

Click here to Join! <https://rallyhood.com/247932>

GSVSC Rallyhood Success Center

Need help with Rallyhood? Not sure where to get started?
Check out the [YouTube videos](#) and [User Guides](#) and more in the GSVSC Rallyhood Success Center Rally!



What to know!

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Progression allows girls to learn the skills they need to become competent travelers, including how to plan and organize trips. Travel fun can be endless when girls lead.

Overnights can include camping upon completion of Outdoor Education

Local Field Trips

Get your travel feet wet! Walk to a nearby garden, or take a short ride to a firehouse or other local spot.

Keep it girl-led: girls choose the location.

Day Trips

Take an all-day trip! **Keep it girl-led:** girls choose the location and activity (perhaps working toward a badge) and make plans for lunch.

Overnights

Start with one night, maybe at a camp or museum. Progress to a weekend trip in a nearby city or state park.

Keep it girl-led: girls plan the activity and meals, create travel games, and pack their own overnight bags.

Regional Trips

Spend three to four nights away somewhere a few hours from home.

Keep it girl-led: girls plan key details of the trip, such as the activities, the budget, the route, and brging.

(Extended trip insurance required.)

National Trips

Travel the country! Trips often last a week or more. Girls should think beyond a typical vacation location and consider historical sites, museums, or national parks!

Keep it girl-led: girls lead the entire planning process and might add a community service or take Action project.

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International Trips

Travel the world! These life-changing trips usually take one to three years to prepare. Consider visiting a WAGGGS World Center!

Keep it girl-led: girls download the Global Travel Toolkit and plan their entire trip (including learning about the language, culture, passports and visas, exchange rates, etc.).

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Independent Travel

Cadettes, Senior, and Ambassador girls with travel experience can travel nationally or internationally independently through council-offered travel opportunities or GSUSA's Destinations program. Check with your council, or visit the Girl Scout Destinations website!

Check with your council about age requirements. Girls should have experience at every level of the progression before moving on to the next level. For regional travel, girls must be Juniors or older.

For national and international trips, girls must be Cadettes or older.

When moving up to each level of the progression, consider girls' independence, flexibility, decision making, group skills, and cross cultural skills.

Be Prepared. Complete Required Training:

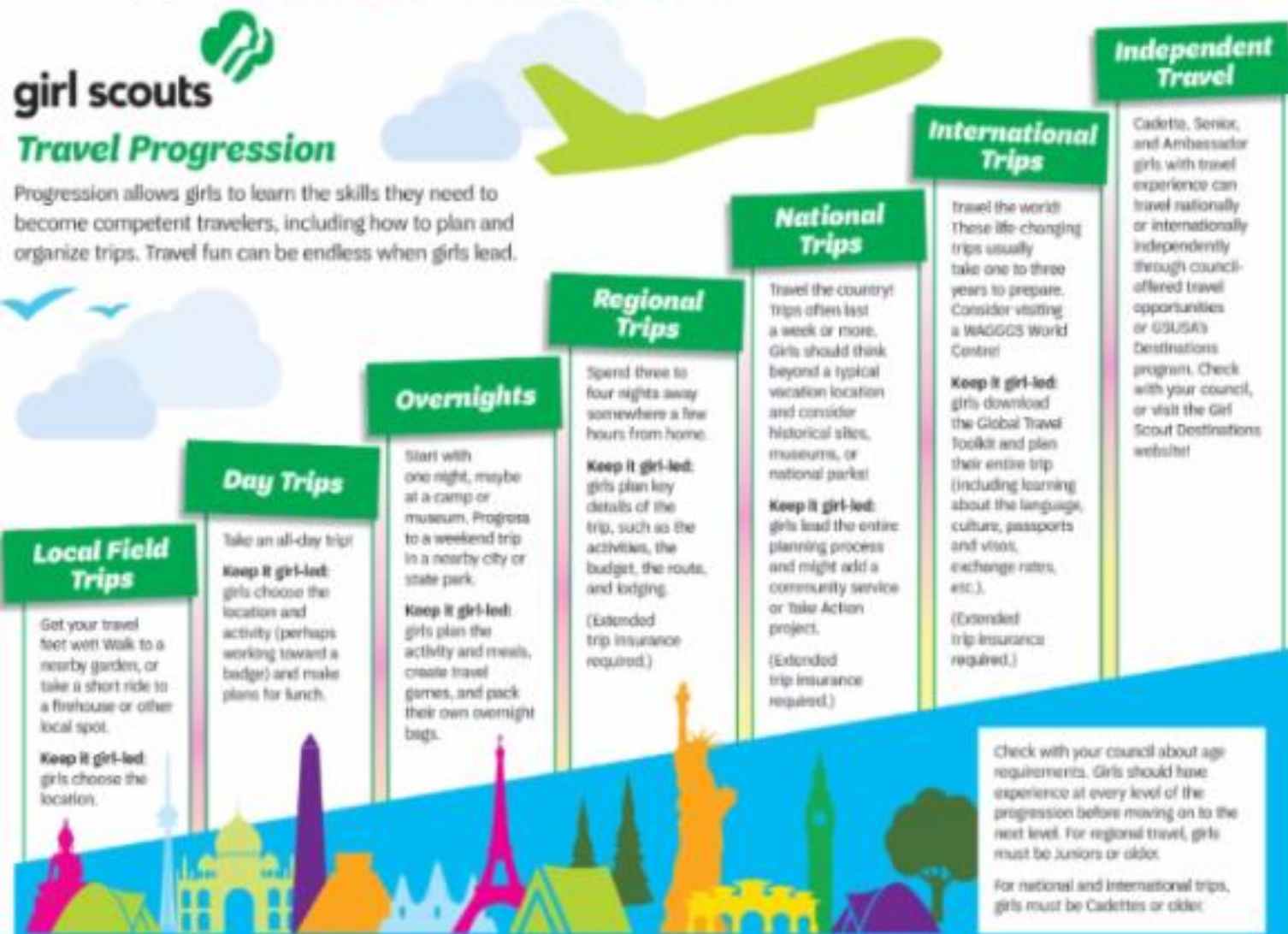
Before moving away from the Troop Meeting place for Local Field Trips, Day trips, & Overnights, Regional, and National Trips (that do NOT include CAMPING), leaders must complete GS 201 Trips & Overnights in gsLearn. See [Travel/Trips Safety Activity Checkpoint](#) for complete details.

Before a Troop/Group can go Camping, and participate in Campfires and Outdoor Cooking, leaders must complete GS 301 A Outdoor Education Planning in gslearn AND GS 301 B Overnight in person. See [Camping](#) and [Outdoor Cooking](#) Safety Activity Checkpoints for complete details.

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Before planning begins for **CRUISES**, Travel to **ALASKA, HAWAII, or INTERNATIONAL*** travel, leaders must complete GS 203 International Trip (and Cruise) Training.

**International travel includes travel outside of the 48 contiguous U.S. states, which includes travel to Alaska, Hawaii, any U.S. territories, and all travel by cruise ship.*

Training is to be completed a minimum of **18-20** months before the tentative trip date and **BEFORE** girls and volunteers begin planning their first international trip.

**For first-time Girl Scout international trips, allow thirty-six (36) months for planning. Some trips take longer to plan, adjust accordingly.*

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We need mentors!

We are looking for international travel mentors! If you have traveled internationally with a group of Girl Scouts, have planning and international travel experience, and willing to mentor others, reach out to us at info@gsvsc.org.

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Intent to Travel for International Trips & Cruises (#2279)

Twenty-four (24) months in advance of travel dates for international travel and cruises **AND** prior to specific troop/group planning, Intent to Travel for International Trips (#2279) form must be submitted and approved by council.

18-20 months before International or Cruise travel, GS 203 International Trip training must be completed.

Intent to Travel form DOES NOT provide approval for international travel, only approval to begin planning, and ensure the troop/group has completed required training and be assigned a mentor.

2150 Program Center & Equipment Reservation Form

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ACCESSING/ENTERING COUNCIL PROGRAM CENTER PROPERTY

RESERVATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED **10 BUSINESS DAYS*** (MON-FRI) PRIOR TO YOUR DESIRED ARRIVAL DATE

Reservations cannot be processed until all required forms and fees arrive at council headquarters. Reservations are first-paid, first-served. For availability, preview Program Center Calendar below or call council headquarters at (540) 777-5100 or email info@gsvsc.org to check available dates. Previewing calendar, emailing or calling for available dates does not guarantee your reservation.

Note: A confirmed council reservation must be on file before access will be granted to council property. Being on council property without a council-confirmed reservation is not allowable and may warrant suspension of privileges or legal action.

***Reservation submission timelines are to be adjusted based on activity/trip permission requirements**

Not all property use requires an activity/trip permission. See Council P1 Policy for these requirements.

2129 Activity/Trip Permission Form

Council Policy P1 states that Activity/Trip Permissions are required for the following reasons:

- a) a day or overnight trip that includes non-registered participants (**4 weeks**)
- b) a day or overnight trip outside council boundaries (**6-8 weeks**)
- c) trips or overnights of 2 nights/3 days or more (**4-12 weeks**)
- d) travel outside the continental US (**12 weeks**)
- e) camping activities, including backyard camping, campfires, outdoor cooking and cabin camping (***This means activity/trip permission is required no matter the venue/location, program event, or who is facilitating the activity***) (**4-12 weeks**)
- f) programs that include human sexuality and related health issues (**3 weeks prior to date of program**)
- g) activities that present a greater risk than usual to participants (**4-12 weeks**)

***Timelines vary based on duration, location, type of program, and participants**

Submission timeline for 2129 Activity Trip Permission Form*:

Four (4) weeks processing is required for local field trips within in-council boundaries and activities that do NOT require vendor approval. (This includes high risk activities, camping, or programs that include human sexuality or related health issues.)

Six (6) weeks processing is required for trips out-of-council boundaries but within the state of Virginia or any activities requiring vendor* approval based on Safety Activity Checkpoints. (This includes high risk activities, camping, or programs that include human sexuality or related health issues.)

Eight (8) weeks processing is required for trips out-of-state but within the continental US and for stable vendor approvals.

Twelve (12) weeks processing is required for international trips outside of the continental US, including Alaska, Hawaii, and US territories **and/or cruises**. Must have approved Intent to Travel on file with council.

***Submit 2129 based on P1 activity/trip requirements**

Timeline Adjustments

Troop camping, campfires, and outdoor cooking on council property requires submission of a property reservation request **AND** of an activity/trip permission form.

The property reservation should be submitted first to ensure property is available for use on preferred dates.

This means the reservation submission timeline needs to be adjusted **from 10 business days to at least 4 weeks in advance** for troops/groups camping at council properties because Council P1 policy & Activity/Trip Permission form timelines would dictate this adjustment.

We are unable to make timelines match for property reservations and activity/trip permissions because ***not all property reservations require an activity/trip permission.***

We have varied groups that use council properties, not only for camping but for troop meetings, service unit meetings, take action or highest award projects, training, social gatherings, etc., some of which may not require an activity/trip permission. We also have the general public reserving council properties. We do our best to make the reservation timelines reasonable for these purposes.

Varied User Case Scenario: Council Trainers must submit reservations on a different timeline because training registrations and publicity for training needs to be shared well in advance prior to the training date. For instance, Outdoor Education, CIT, CPA, hiking, backpacking training must be submitted 4 months in advance of the training date. Trainer timelines are listed in GSVSC Council Trainer Procedures in the Training Publicity section.



Finance

*REMINDER - MY 2024 Service Unit & Troop Finance reports are **due June 30th!***

*The MY 2024 VTK finance tab will be available starting **May 1st.***

The link to MY 2024 Finance Report tracking sheet will be emailed to all Finance Facilitators on or before May 1st.

For help or questions with finance reports please reach out to the GSVSC Finance Department via info@gsvsc.org.

Troop/Group End-Of-Year Reporting

REQUIRED: SUBMIT TO COUNCIL ANNUALLY BY JUNE 30TH*

1. **Finance Report (#4318)** – All income, expense, summary, and reconciliation tabs are to be completed
 - a. Finance report must be submitted in **Excel, Numbers, or Google Sheet** file format
 - b. Do **NOT** submit Finance Report as a PDF file
 - c. Do **NOT** print and mail to council office
 - d. Expenses **MUST** include name of merchant (place of purchase) and description (explanation) of each expense purpose
2. Copies of all bank statements for the fiscal year (May 2023 – May 2024)
 - a. Do submit bank statements **as PDF file(s)**
3. Copies of **ALL expense receipts**
 - a. Do submit expense receipts **as PDF file(s)**

All of above financial records MUST be submitted electronically through the VTK Finance Tab*

- b. Documentation file sizes (combined) must not exceed the total **25mb file limit**
- c. Pics/jpegs may keep files from being received
- d. Compress/zip files if combination of all files exceeds 25mb limit
 - i. If files are still too large, submit additional documentation after initial submission through VTK; Reply to automated email or email to info@gsvsc.org.
- e. Do **NOT** mail paper copies of any financial documents to council. **We only accept electronic/digital records**

***Volunteers will receive an automated email if submission is a success!**

First Aid Requirements

General First Aid requirements can be found in the [Intro to Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).

Before completing training, verify whether First Aid/CPR/AED certifications meet Girl Scout requirements.

Girl Scouts require that at least one adult volunteer be certified in Adult and Pediatric/Child First Aid, CPR, and AED. If youth being supervised are over the age of 8 and 55 lbs., then Adult-only First Aid, CPR, and AED certifications would suffice. Official documentation of First Aid, CPR, and AED certifications must be on file with the council to assist with activity/trip permission approvals.

You can take advantage of first aid/CPR training offered by:

- American Red Cross
- National Safety Council
- EMP America
- American Heart Association
- American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI)
- Medic Solo
- Other sponsoring organizations approved by your council

Caution. Internet first aid/CPR/AED training that is offered entirely online does not satisfy Girl Scouts' requirements. "Hands only" CPR is also not an acceptable certification. Such courses do not offer enough opportunities to practice and receive feedback on your life-saving techniques. If taking a course not offered by one of the organizations listed above, or taking any course that has online components, get approval from council prior to enrolling in the course to ensure you are using a council approved vendor and that an online training is acceptable.

See Intro to Safety Activity Checkpoints for [Advance First Aid](#) requirements.



GSVSC Training Dates

May Training Dates:

- May 4-5, 2024: [SU Team Campout](#) (V)
- May 13: [Virtual Silver Award Workshop](#) (C) (V) (Parents/Guardians)
- May 15: [SU Team Looker Training](#) (V)
- May 19: [Bronze Award Workshop](#) (J) (V) (Parents/Guardians)

June Training Dates:

- June 12: [Virtual Silver Award Workshop](#) (C) (V) (Parents/Guardians)

Registrations Coming soon!

- June 15: Virtual Gold Award Workshop (S/A) (V) (Parents/Guardians)
- July 12: Virtual Gold Award Workshop (S/A) (V) (Parents/Guardians)
- Sept 28: GS 301-B Outdoor Education Overnight Session @ Camp Sacajawea (V)



Save the Date!

GS 301B Outdoor Education Overnight

Saturday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 29th @ Camp Sacajawea, Lynchburg, Virginia





GSVSC Virtual Town Halls

GSVSC Virtual Town Hall schedule:

Date	Event	Location	Shared Zoom Links
May 23rd	GSVSC Virtual Town Hall	Zoom	GS Connections E-Newsletter & GSVSC Event Calendar

**All are welcome to join the GSVSC Virtual Town Halls!
Stay in the know!**

**Zoom links posted in the GSVSC Event Calendar & GS
Connections E-Newsletter**