



program events and activities

COVID-19 uncertainties make it impossible to plan an entire year of events and activities, so Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia will provide regular updates to this publication.

**2020-21
Girl Scout
membership year**



supporting you

We are adjusting program events and activities and expanding online resources to better support girls and adult volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic. **Our council is now offering Girl Scout Leadership Experience events and activities in three categories:**

- **in person**
- **online**
- **self guided**

Page 3 of this publication provides an overview of what's included in those three categories, then the rest of this booklet

provides details of specific opportunities for the next few months. Because ongoing uncertainties connected to COVID-19 make it impossible to plan an entire year's worth of events and activities, we will publish updates to this publication throughout the 2020-21 Girl Scout membership year.

The world needs Girl Scouts more than ever, so we're working with our adult volunteers to keep girls engaged in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. **Whether in person, online or self guided, we have what girls want.**



We're delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience

We are adjusting and expanding to better support girls and volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

online



Badge Video Library

We've created an online library of engaging videos that go step-by-step through badge requirements. Available on demand, badge videos can work for virtual and in-person troop meetings and for individual girls. Sign up in COMAR.

Large-scale virtual events

Girls can connect with their sister Girl Scouts online, starting with a November dance party. Sign up in COMAR.

Step-by-Step With Salamander

Program Director Amanda "Salamander" Porter brings maximum fun with minimum supplies during hands-on Facebook live events. No need to register.

Additional online programming

New Badges Sneak Peeks in September, Power of Kindness Virtual Patch Series in October, Highest Awards Training in the fall. Sign up in COMAR.

in person



Girl Scout Get-Togethers

Let's get together (following coronavirus safety guidelines) for badge events at Camp Pamunkey Ridge. Sign up in COMAR.

self guided



Moments in the Movement:

Girl Scouts in Motion subscription boxes

Our brand-new subscription boxes cover the full range of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and provide hands-on, badge-related fun. Each box contains a badge to earn, a related patch and supplies. Sign up in COMAR.

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Registration opens Sept. 9

Registration for events and activities included in this publication will open at 8 p.m. Sept. 9. If space is available, and unless noted otherwise, registration will close 10 days before the event starts.

Who can register?

Troop leaders can register their entire troop, partial troop or individuals in COMAR, which is the council's online registration system. Girl Scout parents or caregivers can register themselves and their family.

What if I need to cancel?

What is the policy?

- **30+ days before the event:** Event fees can be transferred to a future event at no cost at the time of cancellation.
- **14-29 days before the event:** Event fees can be transferred to a future event at the time of cancellation. A \$5 processing fee will be incurred for each girl registrant.
- **Less than 14 days before the event:** Event fees are not transferable.
- **Council cancels the event:** Full refunds will be issued. Refunds should be received within two weeks.



How to register

Most of the program events and activities in this booklet require registration through COMAR:

step 1: sign in

Go to www.comgirlscouts.org/COMAR and sign in. Another way to get to COMAR is to click on the COMAR link in the upper right corner of the homepage of the council's website (www.comgirlscouts.org).

Sign in with your membership login and password. Need a login? No problem! Call or email our help desk: 804-746-0590, ext. 316, or gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.

If you do not have internet access or have any other trouble using COMAR, please call the help desk at 804-746-0590, ext. 316, and council staff members will assist with the registration process.

step 2: shop

After you are logged in to COMAR, click on the Activities tab to view events and activities. Use the menu on the left to search by grade, date, topic, etc.

step 3: purchase

Make the purchase to secure your spot. Keep an eye on the girl-to-adult ratios. Most purchases require participants to be currently registered members. If you need to renew your membership, then log in to **My GS** or contact the help desk at gshelper@comgirlscouts.org or at 804-746-0590, extension 316.

Moments in the Movement: Girl Scouts in Motion



special delivery subscription boxes

D B J C

What could be more exciting than opening a specially packed box full of amazing self-guided activities? Our brand-new subscription boxes cover the full range of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and provide hands-on, badge-related fun. No two months are alike!

Moments in the Movement: Girl Scouts in Motion boxes will be delivered to your Girl Scout at home. When she opens the specially designed box, she'll unpack fun activities surrounding the theme of the month plus a special gift just for her. You can sign up for one month, for all five months or for any number in between.

Moments in the Movement: Girl Scouts in Motion boxes will contain one badge to earn, a fun patch related to the topic of the month and supplies needed to complete the activities. Moments in the Movement boxes are designed for Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes.

Sign up now in COMAR:

- members: \$35 per box or \$170 for all five boxes
- non-members: \$60 for first box, then \$35 for each additional box

November: 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

deadline to order: Oct. 16

American women have been able to vote since 1920, so let's celebrate suffragists and democracy. This **Moments in the Movement** box will include a special T-shirt to commemorate this moment in history. In addition to a patch related to the 19th Amendment, girls will earn a civics badge that explores how government works and why voting matters.

January: Who Runs the World?

deadline to order: Dec. 4

Entrepreneurship is at the heart of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which helps girls learn to set goals, make decisions, manage money, connect with people and work ethically. This month's **Moments in the Movement** box will include an entrepreneurship badge, a Girl Scout Cookie patch and a special plush toy.

February: Robot Revolution

deadline to order: Jan. 15

It feels like the world is entering a robot revolution, so do not get left on the sidelines. February is the perfect month to design, tinker and build a robot. This **Moments in the Movement** box will include a robot-building badge and a patch activity related to STEM. Girls will also receive a robot bug as a keepsake. Oh, and be sure to celebrate Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day on Feb. 25.

March: There's No Party Like a Girl Scout Party

deadline to order: Feb. 12

March is Women's History Month, which includes Girl Scout Week March 7-13. Let's celebrate the birthday of Girl Scouts by throwing a party! This month's **Moments in the Movement** box will include badge and patch activities related to cooking and life skills along with a special apron.

May: Nature Is Calling

deadline to order: April 14

It's the time of year to start thinking about camp and getting outdoors. We all know that camp life is the best life! This **Moments in the Movement** box will include an eco-related badge and patch to help girls get ready to adventure out-of-doors. A bandanna and water bottle are also included.



Girl Scout Get-Togethers

Let's get together — on a **limited basis** and following **coronavirus safety guidelines** — for badge events **at Camp Pamunkey Ridge**. Each event costs \$15 per girl and includes materials, supplies, in-person instruction and badge. Registration for each event will be capped at 50: 40 girls and 10 adults. Camp spaces will be thoroughly cleaned, and hand sanitizer will be provided. While at Camp Pamunkey Ridge, everyone must wear a mask, maintain six feet of social distancing space and follow other COVID-19 guidelines. **Sign up now in COMAR.**

Oct. 3: Outdoor Art Weekend

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Outdoor Art Maker badge for Daisies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 3

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

From blue skies to a bird's song, nature can spark lots of ideas for art. Get ready to explore the outdoors and use what you see and hear to create unique art projects.

Outdoor Art Creator badge for Brownies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 3

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

As an artist, you can go outside and see colors, shapes and ideas for things you want to create. Have fun finding out how you can make your own art outdoors.

Outdoor Art Explorer badge for Juniors

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 3

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

From murals on buildings to oil paintings of landscapes, art and the outdoors go hand in hand. Let nature be your inspiration as you explore, create and design different kinds of art.

Outdoor Art Apprentice badge for Cadettes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 3

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Being in nature is a great way to spark your creativity. Some of our greatest works of art are inspired by nature. From early on, cave people drew pictures of sunsets, the sky, animals and trees. Get ready to observe and collect things from outdoors that will drive your art and creativity: from colors and patterns to landscapes and wildlife.

Oct. 10: Meals Weekend

B J C

Snacks badge for Brownies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 10

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Make great snacks for yourself and your friends. Healthy snacks give you the energy to think, hike, run around, dress up and do all of the activities you love.

Simple Meals badge for Juniors

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 10

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

There are bubbles and steam, interesting tools and amazing smells and lots of room for experiments. It's not a laboratory — it's your own kitchen! After discovering the steps to make amazing meals, you will know how to create a whole meal of your own.

New Cuisines badge for Cadettes

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 10

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Culinary possibilities are as diverse as the globe of people who cook them. Wherever you go in the world, a version of a pocket bread holds something delicious, and your sweet tooth can be satisfied with everything from date syrup to lingonberry jam. Let's cook up four dishes from across time and distance and discover where your taste buds want to travel.

Oct. 17: Eco Weekend

D B J C

Eco Learner badge for Daisies

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 17

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Don't you love the warm feel of the sun on your face? The sweet smell of a flower? The sounds of birds singing? The fun of walking on a trail? Nature gives you many gifts. Let's learn about how you can give back by protecting nature.

Eco Friend badge for Brownies

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 17

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Whenever you spend time outdoors, you can take care of the environment. As a Girl Scout, you probably do this already. With this badge, you'll learn more about how to treat outdoor spaces with kindness and teach others how they can too.

Eco Camper badge for Juniors

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 17

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Whenever you step outdoors, you are a guest in nature's home. This is especially true when it comes to camping. Whether or not you've been camping before, you will earn this badge by learning how to protect the environment when camping. This will forever shape the way you camp.

Eco Trekker badge for Cadettes

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 17

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

An outdoor trek can mean anything from a walk in the woods to a long-distance hike. As an eco trekker, you will discover your important role in nature and find an environmental issue to explore. You will become responsible for the choices you make outdoors. You will learn how to conserve, preserve and protect, then share your knowledge with others.



Oct. 24: Investigation Weekend

B J C

Senses badge for Brownies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 24
Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Explore your five senses and how they work together. During our time together, we will explore sight, sound, smell, taste and touch. We will learn how these senses help us experience the world.

Detective badge for Juniors

1:30-3:30 p.m. Oct. 24
Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Stories, movies and television are full of amazing detectives who solve mysteries and bring criminals to justice. Their jobs are important, exciting and take serious skills — skills you can try in this badge. Grab your magnifying glass and dive into the science of detecting.

Special Agent badge for Cadettes

9:30-11:30 a.m. Oct. 24
Camp Pamunkey Ridge

A special agent wears many hats: detective, scientist, psychologist, enforcer of the law. No wonder novels and shows about their work are so popular! Grab a magnifying glass and a microscope and uncover your skills in one of the most exciting — and demanding — jobs for investigative minds.



Nov. 14: New Civics Badges

D B J C

Democracy badge for Daisies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 14

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Do you know what “government” means? It’s a big word for something important. When a group of people live together — in a town, city, state or country — they follow the rules. These rules, and the people who make the rules, are called the government. At this gathering, girls can ask questions of a panel of women (elected officials, judges, etc.) who daily interact with government.

Democracy badge for Brownies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Nov. 14

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Did you know that the president of the United States is only one part of the government? In this country, lots of people work together to decide what rules are made and how they are followed. All of those people make up our government. At this gathering, girls can ask questions of a panel of women (elected officials, judges, etc.) who daily interact with government.

Democracy badge for Juniors

1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

What do you think when you hear the word “government”? Do you think of the president? The Supreme Court? Congress? All of these are part of the United States government. The governments of your locality, state and nation all work together. At this gathering, girls can ask questions of a panel of women (elected officials, judges, etc.) who daily interact with government.

Democracy badge for Cadettes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

You probably have political issues you are passionate about. Maybe you’re determined to spread the word about climate change or improve the lives of homeless veterans. If you want to make a difference, then start by fully understanding how government works. At this gathering, girls can ask questions of a panel of women (elected officials, judges, etc.) who daily interact with government.

in person

Jan. 16: First Aid Weekend

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Brownie First Aid badge

9:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 16

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

If someone were sick or hurt, would you know how to help? Earning this badge will teach you what to do in an emergency, from calling 911 to using first aid to treat minor injuries. When the unexpected happens, you will be prepared.

Junior First Aid badge

1:30-3:30 p.m. Jan. 16

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

It can be scary if someone is sick or hurt, especially during an emergency. But when you have learned and practiced what to do, it's easier to stay calm. Find out how to help people when they are ill or injured and how to respond during an emergency.

Cadette First Aid badge

9:30-11:30 a.m. Jan. 16

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

As you get older, you will find yourself more and more in charge. That means you need to know what to do if people around you get sick or hurt. Find out how to deal with minor injuries and illnesses and how to tell when the problem is more serious.

Feb. 20: Storytelling Weekend

B J C

My Family Story badge for Brownies

9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 20

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Every family has stories. It is good to share those stories so you know who helped make you who you are. Complete this badge to find out more about the people you love and who love you. Girls will create a one-of-a-kind family tree and share it with the group.

Scribe badge for Juniors

9:30-11:30 a.m. Feb. 20

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

Words are powerful tools. Great writing can make people feel encouraged, entertained or excited. It can create fantasy worlds or preserve events from history. And just writing down your feelings actually makes you feel better. Find out what you can do with words and what words can do for you.

Screenwriter badge for Cadettes

1:30-3:30 p.m. Feb. 20

Camp Pamunkey Ridge

A movie or TV show can seem like magic when it thrills, makes you laugh or has a fantastic twist. And all great shows start with a great script. In this badge, you put all of your viewing experience to good use and let it inspire you as you try your hand at writing for the big (or small) screen.



Large-scale virtual events

New!

Dance Party for Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday

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7:30-9 p.m. Nov. 7

Join your sister Girl Scouts for an all-out good time. We are going to celebrate founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthday like only Girl Scouts can do with an **online dance party**. Learn some new moves, listen to hits from today and yesterday and dance the evening away. We'll end the night with a giant virtual friendship circle. All ages from Daisies through Ambassadors are invited. If you know a girl who is not yet a Girl Scout, then please invite her to the dance party. **There is no charge for this event but sign up in COMAR** to receive a link to the dance party.

Coming soon

D B J C S A

We're planning additional large-scale virtual events including a Cookie Rally in January, a Girl Scout birthday party cook-in in March and an eco-animal event in May. There is no charge, and registration will be via COMAR.

Virtual events

New!

New Badges Sneak Peek

D B J C S A

Check out the brand-new badges unveiled this summer by GSUSA. These **virtual sneak peeks**, which are complimentary, will definitely get you excited about the upcoming year. **Sign up now in COMAR**, then you will receive a Zoom link. Each gathering runs 5-6 p.m.

New civics badges

5-6 p.m. Sept. 22

online Zoom meeting

Learn how our government works. This is for all levels (Daisies through Ambassadors).

New STEM badges

5-6 p.m. Sept. 24

online Zoom meeting

Bug scientist, video game designer, climate scientist, fashion designer and aerospace engineer are just a few careers in science, technology, engineering and math. The new STEM badges are for Daisies through Cadettes.

New entrepreneurship badges

5-6 p.m. Sept. 29

online Zoom meeting

Let's get to work! This is for all levels (Daisies through Ambassadors).



Virtual events

Step-by-Step With Salamander

D B J C S A

She's back! Program Director Amanda "Salamander" Porter brings maximum fun with minimum supplies during live Step-by-Step With Salamander events. You can join the fun via the **Facebook page of Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia (@comgirlscouts)**. Girls will have a chance to try hands-on fun with supplies easily found around the house. All ages from Daisies through Ambassadors are invited.

If you know a girl who is not yet a Girl Scout, then please invite her to be part of the fun too. There is no charge and no need to register: Just find us on Facebook.



Slime Time

7 p.m. Sept. 30

Supplies needed are school glue, contact solution, baking soda and (optional) food coloring.

Pumpkin Carving

7 p.m. Oct. 14

Supplies needed are a small pumpkin and tools for carving.

Twig String Art

7 p.m. Oct. 28

Supplies needed are three twigs about 4 inches long and yarn or string.

Fall Leaf/Stained-Glass Pressing

7 p.m. Nov. 11

Supplies needed are fall leaves, wax paper, old crayons, clothes iron and ironing board.

Virtual Patch Series

When Words Hurt

7 p.m. Oct. 7, Oct. 14 and Oct. 21

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Be a Friend First

7 p.m. Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29

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October is the month we bring awareness to bullying and the damage that happens when a person experiences bullying. Through this three-part patch, girls will learn how they can **recognize and combat bullying**. When Words Hurt and Be a Friend First will give girls the opportunity to try new skills and realize the power of kindness. When Words Hurt is designed for Daisies, Brownies and Juniors. Be a Friend First is designed for Cadettes.

Sign up via COMAR. Each three-part series is \$15 for members and \$40 for non-members. Girls will receive all program materials, supplies, patch and Zoom link for three virtual meetings.

Highest Awards Training

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7 p.m. Sept. 21
7 p.m. Oct. 19
7 p.m. Nov. 16

During a virtual meeting, get answers to your questions about two of our Movement's Highest Awards: **Silver Award and Gold Award**. Girls, leaders and parents are invited to learn more. We'll discuss everything that goes into earning the Highest Awards: from prerequisites and requirements to how to select a topic and turn that into a project plan. The Silver Award and Gold Award are opportunities for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors. **There is no charge but you must sign up in COMAR** to receive a link for the Zoom meeting.

New!

online and on demand

Badge Video Library

D B J C

We've created a brand-new resource to help explore badges: an online library of easy-to-understand, engaging videos that take you step-by-step through badge requirements. **Our Badge Video Library is available online and on demand — available whenever you need it.** Bonus: Many of the videos feature our wonderful camp counselors!

Our badge videos can work for troops, whether you are meeting virtually or in person. The videos are also great for Girl Scouts who want to explore badges on their own. We currently offer badge videos for Daisies, Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes. For each badge you choose, you will receive

- Access to fun, instructional videos that guide girls through the steps to earn the purchased badge.
- Step-by-step instructions and a list of supplies needed to earn the badge. Every badge includes hands-on activities.
- One badge mailed to the purchaser of the badge experience. Additional badges can be purchased and mailed for \$3 per badge.
- The videos are available online and on demand but if your internet access is limited, then the videos can be mailed to you on a flash drive. The instructions and list of supplies are designed to be accessed online but can be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service if you prefer.

Use COMAR to choose the badges you want. Each badge is \$15 except for three-badge progressions which are \$30. Access to your purchased badges covers the 2020-21 membership year, which ends Sept. 30, 2021.



online and on demand

Daisy badge videos

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Birdbath award

Identify ways that you can care for animals. Learn how animals, like people, are unique including in the ways they communicate and move.

Buddy Camper badge

Camping is an adventure! You play in nature, eat outside and sleep under the stars with your family or friends. Are you ready to go camping?

Cybersecurity badges

Welcome to the world of cybersecurity! Learn how computers work and how to stay safe online. You'll also use your investigative skills to uncover problems and find solutions as you earn three progressive badges: Cybersecurity Basics, Cybersecurity Safeguards and Cybersecurity Investigator. This package covers all three badges for \$30 total.

Design a Robot badge

It's time to design your own robot. Plan and build a prototype of your robot that solves an everyday problem. Remember to make a program because your robot will need that to run. Test your robot and share with your family or friends to learn how to make it even better.

Good Neighbor badge

Groups of people are called communities. You are part of lots of communities. For example, your Girl Scout troop is a community and so is your class at school. Find out how you can help your communities by being a good neighbor.

Making Choices leaf

There are things we need, and there are things we want. Both cost money. Let's explore the difference between needs and wants.

Model Car Design Challenge badge

People can get from place to place in a lot of ways. Some walk or ride a bike or skateboard. Sometimes people take a plane, train or boat and sometimes they go by car. Engineers have been creating cars for hundreds of years, and now it's your turn. Learn how engineers brainstorm, build models and test their ideas as you create a car.

Outdoor Art Maker badge

From blue skies to a bird's song, nature can spark lots of ideas for art. Get ready to explore the outdoors and use what you see and hear to create unique art projects.

Brownie badge videos

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Bugs badge

Bugs help us in lots of cool ways. Explore the world of bugs and learn more about these little creatures that do so much.

Celebrating Community badge

Communities often celebrate what makes them special. Other communities (for example, your city, state and country) have celebrations like ceremonies or parades. They might also celebrate by building statues or museums. Find out what your communities do to celebrate.

Cybersecurity badges

We use computers every day. Cybersecurity is the way we protect computers — and ourselves — from crime. Learn the basics of cybersecurity, what privacy means and how to protect yourself when you're on a computer by earning these three progressive badges: Cybersecurity Basics, Cybersecurity Safeguards and Cybersecurity Investigator. This package covers all three badges for \$30 total.

Dancer badge

Do your feet start to tap when you hear a great song? Get ready to jump up and move to the beat. You will learn fun warmups, perform steps from new dances and make a dance of your very own.

Eco Friend badge

Whenever you spend time outdoors, you can take care of the environment. As a Girl Scout, you probably do this already. With this badge, you'll learn more about how to treat outdoor spaces with kindness and teach others how they can too.

Household Elf badge

It's great to have a clean home, and even better if it's a clean, green home. Pick up some new household habits to help your family save energy, save water and save the planet.

online and on demand

Brownies (continued from previous page) **Inventor badge**

Do you ever wonder what it takes to come up with a new kind of phone or a new way to power a lightbulb? Would you like an invention that would help tie your shoes faster or one to make elevators record your singing while you ride? Find out how inventors make stuff and become an inventor yourself.

Making Games badge

You can have fun without a computer, a deck of cards or even a ball. Games are everywhere when you use your imagination to make them up. When you learn how to make games, you will never be bored.

Outdoor Art Creator badge

As an artist, you can go outside and see colors, shapes and ideas for things you want to create. Have fun finding out how you can make your own art outdoors.

Junior badge videos

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New!

Animal Habitats badge

Imagine meeting an elephant or kicking up dust with a kangaroo. These animals live in the wild, so we don't get to spend time with them in their natural homes, which are also called their habitats. But that doesn't mean we can't find out more about where they live, how they play and how we can help them.

Cybersecurity badges

Do you love to solve puzzles, figure out mysteries and break codes? Then you'll love learning about cybersecurity and how you can use your skills to keep people safe. You'll also learn investigative skills that will help you spot problems and vulnerabilities in the cyber world. Explore cybersecurity by earning these three progressive badges: Cybersecurity Basics, Cybersecurity Safeguards and Cybersecurity Investigator. This package covers all three badges for \$30 total.

Detective badge

Stories, movies and television are full of amazing detectives who solve mysteries and bring criminals to justice. Their jobs are important, exciting and take serious skills — skills you can try in this badge. Grab your magnifying glass and dive into the science of detecting.

Drawing badge

Drawing allows you to have fun while letting your creativity flow. During the work you do in this badge, you will learn new techniques that will allow you to expand your artistic ability.

Entertainment Technology badge

There's an old saying that all work and no play make life pretty dull. But if you learn the ins and outs of entertainment technology, then you can end up with work that's all about play. Discover the sound waves in a ringtone, the light magic that makes movies and the topsy-turvy physics of roller coasters.

Flowers badge

Flowers are so beautiful! We bring them into our homes to add cheer to a room. We send them to people we care about. But there is more to flowers than good looks and nice smells. Let's dig up some flower secrets.

Outdoor Art Explorer badge

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Simple Meals badge

There are bubbles and steam, interesting tools and amazing smells and lots of room for experiments. It's not a laboratory — it's your own kitchen! After discovering the steps to make amazing meals, you will know how to create a whole meal of your own.

Social Butterfly badge

Have you ever found yourself in a group or place where you didn't know how to act? It happens to everyone. Let's have fun practicing the social style and good manners that will make you comfortable in any situation.

online and on demand



Cadette badge videos

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New!

Babysitter badge

The magic age for babysitting is 12. That's when most girls say they began sitting, and it's the youngest age at which most parents say they will allow someone to babysit for their children. Whether you're getting ready to babysit in the future or have already started, this badge will help you become the best babysitter you can be.

Eating for You badge

Nutrition isn't just about maintaining a healthy weight: Eating well helps you inside and out. Choosing the right foods can help you sleep better, stress less and get smooth skin, shiny hair and strong nails. Let's find out how to eat to keep your skin glowing, your mind focused and your energy flowing.

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world, a version of a pocket bread holds something delicious, and your sweet tooth can be satisfied with everything from date syrup to lingonberry jam. Let's cook up four dishes from across time and distance and discover where your taste buds want to travel.

Outdoor Art Apprenticeship badge

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Special Agent badge

A special agent wears many hats: detective, scientist, psychologist, enforcer of the law. No wonder novels and shows about their work are so popular! Grab a magnifying glass and a microscope and uncover your skills in one of the most exciting — and demanding — jobs for investigative minds.

events, activities and special dates

September

Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
1-30: Badge Video Library (online)
7: Labor Day
11-13: Girl Scouts Love State Parks
12: Treat Yourself Fall Product Program starts
21: Highest Awards Training (virtual)
22: New Civics Badges Sneak Peek (virtual)
24: New STEM Badges Sneak Peek (virtual)
29: New Entrepreneurship Badges Sneak Peek (virtual)
30: Step-by-Step With Salamander: Slime Time (virtual)

October

1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
3: Outdoor Art Weekend at Pamunkey Ridge
7-21: When Words Hurt patch series (virtual)
10: Meals Weekend at Pamunkey Ridge
14: Step-by-Step With Salamander: Pumpkin Carving (virtual)
15-29: Be a Friend First patch series (virtual)
17: Eco Weekend at Pamunkey Ridge
19: Highest Awards Training (virtual)
24: Investigation Weekend at Pamunkey Ridge
28: Step-by-Step With Salamander: Twig String Art (virtual)
31: Juliette Gordon Low's birthday

November

1-30: Moments in the Movement subscription box (100th Anniversary of 19th Amendment)
1-30: Badge Video Library (online)
7: Dance Party for Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday (virtual)
11: Veterans Day
11: Step-by-Step With Salamander: Fall Leaf/Stained-Glass Pressing (virtual)
14: New Civics Badges at Camp Pamunkey Ridge
16: Highest Awards Training (virtual)
19: Women's Entrepreneurship Day
26: Thanksgiving

December

1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
6-13: Computer Science Education Week

January

1-31: Moments in the Movement subscription box (Who Runs the World?)
1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
16: First Aid Weekend at Camp Pamunkey Ridge
18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

Black History Month
1-28: Moments in the Movement subscription box (Robot Revolution)
1-28: Badge Video Library (online)
19-21: National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
20: Storytelling Weekend at Camp Pamunkey Ridge
22: World Thinking Day
25: Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day

March

Women's History Month
1-31: Moments in the Movement subscription box (There's No Party Like a Girl Scout Party)
1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
7-13: Girl Scout Week
7-13: Girl Scouts Celebrate Faith

April

National Volunteer Month
1-30: Badge Video Library (online)
22: Girl Scout Leader's Day

registration details

May

National Bridging Week
 1-31: Moments in the Movement subscription box
 (Nature Is Calling)
 1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
 31: Memorial Day

June

1-30: Badge Video Library (online)
 19: Juneteenth
 21: National Get Outdoors Day

July

1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
 4: Independence Day

August

1-31: Badge Video Library (online)
 10: National S'mores Day

Additional information about registration is on page 4.

What to expect at an event

Girl Scout events are designed for girls at all levels to discover new things, connect with other girls and take action in their communities. The result? Girls gain leadership skills without even knowing it.

All Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia sponsored events are fun, interactive, held to the highest standards and developed to meet the needs of all girls. Events are facilitated by staff members, volunteers, community partners or girls.

When registering, be sure to include the girls in the process. Discuss their interests, review costs and let the girls decide what activities they want to attend: This is the girl-led process in action!

Do accompanying adults need to be registered members?

Unless stated otherwise, all in-person events and activities are members-only events. This means that all girl and adult attendees must be current members of Girl Scouts. To ensure the safety of all Girl Scouts, adults attending events must have a current Girl Scout membership and background check on file. If you have any questions about your membership status or background check, contact gshelper@comgirlscouts.org.

Can I drop off my Girl Scout?

Unless stated otherwise, all Girl Scouts attending events are required to have one of the following at all times:

1. For troop events, troop volunteers use the girl-to-adult ratios in the chart to the left to ensure proper registered adult coverage onsite. Troop volunteers should have health history on hand for each girl at each event.
2. Girls attending individually must have a registered adult onsite.
3. Girls attending family events must have a registered adult onsite.

Girl-to-adult ratios for events, travel and camping

| | two unrelated adults (at least one of whom is female) for this number of girls | plus one additional adult for each additional number of this many girls |
|-------------|--|---|
| Daisies | 6 | 4 |
| Brownies | 12 | 6 |
| Juniors | 16 | 8 |
| Cadettes | 20 | 10 |
| Seniors | 24 | 12 |
| Ambassadors | 24 | 12 |

Treat Yourself Fall Product Program

We are excited about our new name and new look for 2020: **The Treat Yourself Fall Product Program combines girl learning with troop earning.**

- Girls learn important life skills such as business ethics, money management, people skills, goal setting and decision making.
- Not only will girls be learning, but they will also be earning money for troop adventures and Take Action projects.
- Girls can participate in person, online or both.
- For the first time, we are partnering with M2 Media and Ashdon Farms to offer magazines, nuts and candy.
- **Girls and adults can create a personal avatar** on M2 Media's fun, easy-to-use website, then earn a patch featuring their personal avatar.

Here are important dates for Treat Yourself Fall Product Program:

Sept. 12: sales begin for Treat Yourself Fall Product Program

Oct. 6: last day for in-person and online girl-delivered ordering

Oct. 6: family deadline for entering in-person orders into M2 Media online system

Oct. 7: deadline for troops to enter order card orders but online orders continue till Nov. 12

Oct. 7: deadline for service units to enter/edit any in-person sales

Oct. 22-30: service unit delivery and drive-thrus for in-person nuts and chocolate

Oct. 23: Fredericksburg drive-thru delivery of nuts and chocolate

Oct. 24: Chesterfield drive-thru delivery of nuts and chocolate

Oct. 24: Richmond drive-thru delivery of nuts and chocolate

Nov. 12: last day for online sales of direct-ship nuts and magazines

Nov. 12: automatic electronic withdrawal (ACH) from troop account

Nov. 16: deadline for troops to choose recognitions and submit rewards





FACT SHEET



Our mission: to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Who We Are

Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, founded in 1913, serves more than 12,000 girls in grades K-12 throughout central Virginia in 30 counties and six cities including Richmond, Petersburg, Fredericksburg, Emporia, Hopewell and Colonial Heights.

Girl Scouts offers the best leadership development experience for girls in the world. It unleashes the **G.I.R.L.** (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)™ in every girl, preparing her for a lifetime of leadership — from taking a night-time hike under the stars to accepting a mission on the International Space Station; from lobbying the city council with her troop to holding a seat in Congress; from running her own cookie business today to tackling cybersecurity tomorrow.

Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a one-of-a-kind leadership development program for girls, with proven results. It is based on time-tested methods and research-backed programming that help girls take the lead — in their own lives and in the world.

Research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led and girl-friendly environment. Girl Scouts is a place where she'll practice different skills, explore her potential, take on leadership positions — and even feel allowed to fail, dust herself off, get up and try again.

What We Do

Girl Scouts delivers fun with purpose. The experiences we offer are age-appropriate programs that are girl-driven, teach life skills and reflect the interests and needs of today's girls. Through enriching experiences, such as field trips, sports, skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong.

17,568

Total Membership

12,118

Girl Members

5,450

Adults, Volunteers & Lifetime Members

Ways to Participate

There are tons of ways to have fun and explore the world in Girl Scouts. It all depends on what you're interested in.

Take a look!

- You can join a troop.
- You can have an outdoor adventure or head to camp.
- You can travel the country — maybe even the world.
- You can explore your interests through events, activities and badge work.
- You can sell Girl Scout Cookies (and have a blast doing it).





Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Across the nation, Sept. 11-13 is Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend. Grab your backpack, lace up your sneakers and head out for a Virginia State Parks adventure open exclusively to Girl Scouts! Here's how to be part of this no-cost activity:

- **Register now in COMAR** for a link to your Girl Scouts Love Virginia State Parks activity booklet, which includes a Virginia State Parks parking pass for Sept. 11-13.
- Complete the activities, then follow directions in the booklet to receive your **Girl Scouts Love Virginia State Parks patch**.
- If you can't make it to a state park, then any nature will do — even your own back yard.
- Share your amazing adventures on social media by tagging Girl Scouts of the Commonwealth of Virginia:



 @comgirlscouts  @girlscoutsofva  @GSCofVa

Use these hashtags too: #gsOutdoors #GSLoveStateParks


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