

**Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit
Amherst/Appomattox**

April Update 2020

Leader Appreciation: GSVSC celebrates Girl Scout leaders during April. The Lynchburg Service Unit will honor its leaders, Thursday, June 4, at its Leader Appreciation Dinner. **Message from Rebecca: Thank you** for all you do! Enthusiastic, ardent, committed, exuberant, creative and devoted are the words that best describe our leaders. I cannot fully express my appreciation for the hard work and compassionate dedication you provide to your girls and their families. The scouting program would not be what it is today without you, **you are its greatest resource.** You have introduced your girls to many new things, an appreciation for the environment, a love of learning and a mindfulness about their responsibility to contribute to their community and the world. As a leader you understand that the true meaning of leadership can be found through the service to others. You are creating long lasting memories for these girls and you will **always** be part of their memories. As a Girl Scout leader for 13 years with my daughter, Michele, **our memories are the best.**

Girl Scout Leader's Poem

"We Followed"

My dishes went unwashed today
I didn't make the bed
I took her hand and went with her
To Girl Scout's instead.
That my house was neglected
That I didn't sweep the stairs
In twenty year no one on earth
Will know or even care.
But that I helped a little girl
From child to adulthood grow
In twenty years, the whole wide world
Will look and see and know.

Irv Giles

Dee Montano

Dr. Emily Bradshaw: Troop Leader 108 Licensed Clinical Psychologist provided us with the best program during the March 5 SU meeting "**Mental Health First Aid**" with a focus on our special needs girls. There were some great and most useful handouts plus suggested reading "Too Loud, Too Bright, Too Fast, Too Tight:: What to do if you are Sensory Defensive in an Over Stimulating World" by Sharon Heller. Dr. Bradshaw is willing to be a resource for you...Emily.bradshaw@centrahealth.com We will share her handouts during the May SU meeting.

Our next **SU meeting** will be **Thursday, May 7** at First Christian Church. We will plan to have our Leader/daughter social then.

World Thinking Day is one of our favorite events...held Saturday, March 7, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church. We are so amazed with the amount of work the girls do researching their country and planning their station...everything from the trifold, to costume, SWAPs and food. Troop 440 oversaw the themed stations "**Diversity, Equality and inclusion**" so our girls could earn the GS WTD Badge. Everyone loved "**Living Threads**," a game done with colored yarn...so cool. Thank you Amy and Rebecca.

There was a very nice acknowledgement in the "**Meals on Wheels**" Winter 2020 News and Updates regarding the troops who provided the 100 beautifully decorated and filled to the brim birthday boxes...troops 40, 99, 108, 234, 293, 440, 678, 676, 1138, 1306, 1315, 1361, 3160 and 9200 during Super Service Day on December 12. For many of the seniors who receive these special boxes this is their only birthday remembrance so we greatly appreciate the generosity from our GS families to fill these boxes. Looking ahead, Super Service Day 2020 will be Saturday, December 13, so start putting away items you think our seniors would like and need...pretty much anything. There is an ongoing need for cardboard shoe boxes. (no boot size boxes, no flip tops). Contact Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com)

Since last fall LCC has been diligently working on establishing Girl Scout partnerships with local naturalists who could assist in providing "**Badge in a Day**" programs. They were so welcoming and eager to work with us. They have all developed programs for all age level Girl Scouts and designed their own informational flyers for easy registrations. They are well versed in Badge requirements. You can contact them directly. Michele, our web site editor, has provided this information under a new heading...www.lburgccscouts.weebly.com "Badge in a Day." Open to all Girl Scouts...also being shared through "The Sky's the Limit." Look for **Camp Kum Ba Yah, Claytor Nature Center, Nature Foundation at Wintergreen, Parks and Rec and Amazement Square.**

Bridging and Awards Recognition, Sunday, May 17, at Timberlake United Methodist Church. Registration through troop leaders is helpful as we plan for the reception, but all Girl Scouts and their families are welcome. This event is being hosted by Jodi Ettare and Troop 234. They are putting together a slide show for the parents and need troop pictures from you. Taylor and Baily are overseeing this part of the program and need photographs by April 1, email to jvettare2@gmail.com

Leader Appreciation Dinner, Thursday, June 4 6:00 pm at First Christian Church. No cost for our leaders/co-leaders/troop's product sales managers. Please extend the invitation to your parent helpers, troop assistants and chaperones...a special way for the troop to say thank you, \$7 will cover their cost. Special recognition for those earning their years in scouting pin (these numerals are provided in 5 year intervals). Please

bring a dessert made from Girl Scout cookies...include the name of your creation. Reservations are required by 5/27/20. Flyer available on our web site: www.lburgccscouts@weebly.com. Go to Event flyers (password protected) scroll down to the June calendar.

Adventurers Massanutten Canopy Adventure Enjoy a day of fun adventure starting with a canopy tour as you journey through the forest where you will take on four bridges, hanging vines and six zip lines. After the canopy tour and lunch, enjoy a meandering three mile hike to Kaylor's Knob and its breath taking views. Saturday, **May 2, 2020** – Massanutten Resort's Family Adventure Park, McGaheysville – Juniors (11+ and up) – Ambassadors – Cost: \$45. Registration closes April 17, 2020 – More information on Adventurers gsvsc.org – Questions: Amy Roy at amyroy04@gmail.com

Cookie season is crazy busy and filled with a ton of emotions for not only Girl Scout leaders and cookie parents but for the girls themselves. Being grateful and appreciating the good things can be difficult with the challenges faced during the season...not every person approached to buy cookies was kind..some adults behave flat out despicable. Finding ways to reach out to those who were supportive can build a girl's self esteem and then make a big difference in the troop. These things created teamwork, empowerment and kindness...encourage gratitude

- Acknowledge your cookie parents with a card/gift of appreciation/maybe a special fun patch
- Celebrate the troop's successes, small and big
- Special fun patch to each girl who "managed" a booth set up/breakdown, one who kept a positive spirit that spread to the other girls...served as a cheerleader
- Write thank you notes to the various store managers where your booths were located.

Cookie Orders

- Digital Cookie orders have been extended to April 8. This means your girls can continue selling online but only for orders that are direct ship to customers and are not girl delivered.
- **March 31: was Payment due date**, either second 30% or the total balance due. You can mail to Detria or contact her directly to make arrangements to drop off at her house. thepreachaswife@hotmail.com Troops must print and submit a copy of the sales report "**Summary Report**" and this must be submitted with check.
- Digital cookie will be available until April 17.
- April 13: complete any remaining transactions in eBudde and submit any final balance due. Contact Detria for drop off arrangements for balance due.
- Through April 30, troops can continue selling any cookies they have on hand that have already been paid for. This is to help the troop recover some of their profit.
- Suggestions for troops to work on their cookies in hand during the mandate for no Girl Scout activities..

- Choose a favorite non-profit organization such as first responders, military, food pantry... Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) is able to accept cookies for those troops interested in sending their cookies overseas to our military men and women.
 - During the mandate period (up to April 17) minor changes have been made to GSVSC social media policy
 - Only troop cookie manager/mom can make a post on their private page with the option to share with the groups they are members of, except no yard sale pages, no Craig List, no Market place and no groups that would be inappropriate for Girl Scout post.
 - Post an appeal to encourage customer to make a donation to your selected non-profit by replying to you. You can work out phone or email contact to get their payment information.
 - Do not include on the post any information about Girl Scout events.
 - Ring up the sale though Digital Cookie app as cookies in hand.
 - Add this organization in eBudde in your troop gift of caring record.
 - Deliver cookies after mandate is lifted or you can arrange to drop them off at the front door of the non-profit with no girls involved.
- Questions: Contact Detria first thepreachaswife@hotmail.com If necessary: productsale@gsvsc.org

Camp Adventurers 2020 – a high adventure camp for girls 11 and up. Cost: \$80 for the weekend June 19 – 21, 2020 in Pembroke, Virginia (Giles County). Girls can choose activities such as zip lining, caving, kayaking, outdoor survival and more....archery, hatchet throwing... Register on line at gsvsc.org. Questions: campadventurers1912@gmail.com. Location: 120 Pembroke Park Lane, Pembroke, Virginia 24136

Nikki Williams, CEO GSVSC, has created a **CEO Volunteer Advisory Committee**. Please consider being a part of this...contact Susan Hodges, Executive Assistant to the CEO, at shodges@gsvsc.org if you are interested in knowing more or being a committee member. **We need your voice.**

Check this out: **Girl Scouts From Home** –

- **GSGCNWIBLOG.org**
<https://gsgcnwiblog.org/2020/03/18/girl-scout-activities-you-can-do-from-home>

utm_source=facebook+utm_medium=social+utm_content=gs-home+utm_campaign=program
- **Girl Scout STEM:** Podcast for kids learning at home
<https://www.facebook.com/1728255380537644/posts/3255135667849600/?d=n>

End of the Year Finance Report for '19-'20

- **Due to GSVSC on line to info@gsvsc.org no later than June 30, 2020**
- Paper copies still acceptable-but need to be submitted directly to GSVSC.

- Same format as last year, but if you need a refresher refer to GS 102 Finance Training which covers the submission process.
- Use the Finance Report Excel Form (form #4318).
- **Go to gsvsc.org, select MYGS, select Volunteer Tool Kit, select Finances. Copies of receipts and bank statements should be shared on PDF files.**

Forms/documents:

<http://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/forms--documents.htm>

Volunteer Resources Tab for trainers, delegates, troop leaders, service units, info/suggestions on first 6 troop meetings (D,B,J) <http://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/volunteer-resources.htm>

Leader Appreciation

Everything you need to know, you learned from being a Girl Scout Leader

1. Green is always an appropriate fashion statement
2. There is no such thing as trash, only future craft supplies
3. Sleeping under the stars is invigorating to the soul
4. Girl Scout cookies have no fat and no calories
5. Walk softly and carry a copy of Safety Wise
6. Always travel with a buddy
7. Don't cry over spilled paint and don't sweat the small stuff
8. Girls like to be seen and heard
9. No song is too silly to sing and nobody sings off key
10. Working on a team is much easier than working alone
11. Plans gone awry can lead to the very best times
12. That responsibility, opportunity, hard work and success are all related
13. You can learn something from the tiniest Girl Scout
14. Good friends are like silver and gold
15. There is no substitute for advance preparation
16. There is no such thing as failure, only a change in plans
17. You are never too old to try new things
18. Leadership is a two way street
19. Sharing knowledge is truly a path to immortality
20. Never let petty politics keep you from your mission
21. Patience really is a virtue
22. If a Girl Scout leader can't do it, nobody can
23. A girl's smile is worth a thousand words
24. If they are leading or succeeding, they probably were a Girl Scout

Kathy Little 2001

“As a Girl Scout Leader if you wait until you had all your ducks in a row you might not make it across the road, Sometimes you just have to gather up what you've got and make a run for it.”

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