

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

**April Update 2022**

**Honoring Girl Scout Leaders**

April is National Volunteer Month and a perfect time for Girl Scouts and their families to honor their leaders and adult volunteers.

**A Fly on The Wall (aka Why I love My Girl's Scout Leader)**

She tames the room full of wiggling, giggling, jabbering girls with her smile and the raise of one eyebrow. She stands before them; calm, confident, waiting. They sit cross-legged or on bent knees, a sea of moving bodies and limbs. Eventually, they sense her presence. All eyes focus on her, and soon they settle. She poses a question, a thought, an idea. After a fleeting moment of contemplation, the stillness is shattered as hands slice through the air, as shouts erupt from mouths agape. They are eager to impress her, anxious for her recognition. She uses humor and kindness to calm them, to restore order. She patiently listens to their ideas, one at a time, giving each her full attention. Every girl finds her voice, even the shy ones; each is awarded a moment in the spotlight. Occasionally, that eyebrow elevates to silence the extraneous chatter, yet she continues to listen patiently, focusing on each young girl. She welcomes their comments with openness and encouragement. Every idea, even those off on some tangent, has merit in it somewhere. She finds that merit and praises each girl, extolling the virtues of her idea. This process is repeated around the room; each girl is given her chance to shine. Following this positive reinforcement, each girl sits a little taller, the flush of pride staining her cheeks, her face beaming under the affirmation she has received. Soon, too soon, the activity is completed. Predictably, the room once again erupts into utter chaos. She once again waits, tall, serene and composed, with that eyebrow raised. At first, they don't seem to notice her. As awareness dawns, girls rise and wriggle into place. They cross right arms over left, clasping hands, forming the Friendship Circle. Giggles punctuate the otherwise quiet room. She clears her throat and looks pointedly at the offenders; they still. When satisfied they are attentive, she begins the squeeze. It passes silently from girl to girl, as does the knowing smile that graces each face as she receives it, then places her right foot forward. They share a quiet moment of reverence together, joined by their hands. They are sisters, united under the leadership of this amazing role model who possesses a heart of gold and the patience of a saint. The circle never ends, and so it is with friends. As she watches them exit, laughing and jostling each other, she takes a deep cleansing breath and then a moment to reflect. Though they will, undoubtedly, make new friends, she prays they will always keep the old.

*Laura*

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As a former Girl Scout and current volunteer, I have had the privilege of experiencing firsthand the many benefits of volunteerism. Through interactions with my own leaders and other troop leaders and adult volunteers, I learned important values and skills that will last my lifetime and am so fortunate to have had their constant guidance growing

up. Our devoted leaders unselfishly donate their time and energy to plan and lead fun, educational troop meetings and outings for their troop members. Girl Scout leaders possess caring hearts and creative minds, doing everything within their power to help expand their girls' horizons and giving them countless opportunities they would not normally have the chance to experience. I have so many fond memories from my time as a Girl Scout – from organizing programs for children with special needs to learning about different cultures at an international fair to grooming miniature horses on a farm – and so many other equally fulfilling activities. I know that these experiences would not have been possible without our dedicated troop leaders.

For those of you who have a daughter in Girl Scouting, please take a moment this month to think about her leader(s). Think about how they prepare before each troop meeting to inspire your daughter to experience new challenges and gain positive life skills. Think about the commitments these leaders make to their Scouts while balancing their own families, careers, and so many other responsibilities. You can show your appreciation for all that they do with a note of thanks or a personal phone call or email.

These leaders make an enormous difference in the lives of the girls they serve. They are essential to making Girl Scouting the inspiring and successful program it is known to be and there can never be enough of these amazing women.

Thank you to all our wonderful leaders and volunteers! You are so appreciated!

Michele Duncan Morgan  
Lifetime member, 1991 to present

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**“Boy what a cookie season!** To say that I’ve never seen a cookie season quite like this would be an understatement.” Our cookie season started off rather strange and ended up with much less the same scenario from messing while pallets of cases from the delivery trucks, to the shortage of Adventurefuls by mid February, that extended to Samoas and Tags and more plus the trips Detria made to Roanoke to pick up our orders. Thank goodness we had Andrea on Friday, March 18, who drove her car to Roanoke to give Detria the extra hands and provide the additional space to haul back our last load of the season. **Detria is amazing...her grace, her skill and her humor, her commitment, her encouragement to hang in there got us through this cookie season.** True leadership is seen through the service to others. Thank you dear friend!

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**The ties that bind us...** this simple gesture the value of being together and **our sisterhood**, growing a culture of caring and connection. I am in awe of those women and men who stay in Girl Scouting even after their own daughter graduates and no longer belongs to a troop, often continuing in leadership roles as volunteers. Not to mention those who never had a child in Girl Scouting but made their way to be a volunteer showing a willingness to give back and be part of a greater solution. Our volunteers keep us going. The emotional gratitude of working with our girls, your daughters and this amazing sisterhood/brotherhood sustains them. This strong

connection seems to last forever. Their **Loyalty**, their **honesty**, their **compassion is magical**. It is with joy and gratitude that we thank these volunteers. Rebecca

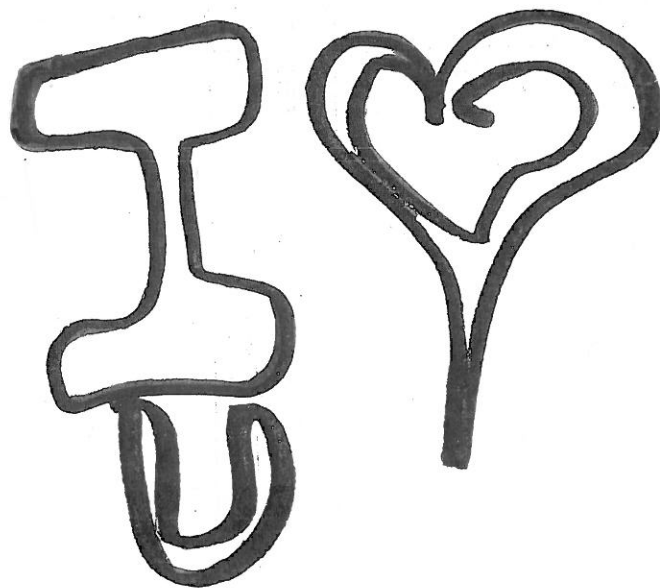


## **EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW, I LEARNED FROM BEING A GIRL SCOUT LEADER**

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

Thank  
You for...

singing songs  
with me  
doing crafts  
with us!



World Thinking Day was held Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, at First Presbyterian Church under the guidance of Amy and Rebecca. Our girls enjoyed 10 learning stations, 8 countries and 2 stations devoted to or theme "Our World, Our Future." A big focus was the meaning of the Girl Scout Promise Tree by our special guest Grace, VT Forestry student, who did an amazing job introducing the girls to the mission of planting trees and the importance of trees to our future...so informative! Our older scouts from troops



440, 678 and 9424 were great with their 4 presentations... Greece, Honduras, India and SWAPs. All participants donated school supplies for the Back to School Back Pack Program at HumanKind supporting our foster families.





Save the date, Sunday afternoon, **June 5**. “**Leader Appreciation Cookout**,” Camp Sacajawea. Look for flyer by mid April.

**Camp Sacajawea Day Camp 2022**, under the direction of “Captain Buttercup” and programming by “Mz D”...five days Tuesday, June 21st – Saturday am, June 25th. Our girls will learn about weather, learn how it is made and even make mini clouds and a cyclone. There will be a camp dinner, an evening event and sleepover Friday, June 24, for our rising second graders to rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Mark your calendar!! We need adults (women and men), teen helpers (rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up) and camp nurse Friday afternoon 2:30 pm til Saturday morning. Day Camp **deadline May 18** at 11:30 pm with payment in full. \$95 campers and \$25 youth volunteers. There is a camper discount if parent volunteers to work Day Camp. No tag a long unit due to limited building space. Please contain contact Captain Buttercup...**we need your help!**  
([daycampsacajaweava@gmail.com](mailto:daycampsacajaweava@gmail.com))

**Summer Programming** for our Teens at **Vector Space**, downtown Lynchburg .... building their maker skill set. **Woodworking**: June 13 – 18, **Public Art**: June 20 – 24, **Environmental Science/Water Works**: July 25 – 29. Learn more and to register <https://vector-space.org/project>

The Skyline Adventurers “**High Knoll Backpacking Adventure**” **June 26 – July 2**. Registration open now, closes April 14<sup>th</sup>. During this week the girls will backpack 35 – 50 miles over 5 days, throughout the 16,000 acre Blue Ridge Scout Reservation in Pulaski County. Each day ends in a new backcountry outpost camp where they will participate in a variety of adventure activities...backpacking, camping, outdoor cooking, blacksmithing, rock climbing, rappelling, frontier life, carving, airsoft rifle courses and C.O.P.E. games. Ages: 12 1/2 years old and up. Cost: \$525. To register: email Adventurers Girl Event Registration #2277-G to Amy Hudson at [ahudson91998@comcast.net](mailto:ahudson91998@comcast.net). Questions: Amy Hudson. More info on gsvsc web site “About Girl Scouts-Who We Are.”

### **Getting Near the End of Cookie Season/Left over Cookies?**

- Be upfront with your parents/troop, that unsold cookies will cost the troop X amount of money.
- Reach out to businesses, encourage them to purchase them and donate to their charity of choice
- College Campus...pulling a wagon through campus...consider weekdays
- Consider a virtual party when all troop members (girls and adults) invite family and friends to purchase and share cookie recipes
- Door to door in your neighborhood...wagon/roller blades, something to get noticed
- Reach out to Detria and other cookie moms with list of what you have
- Pop up lemonade stand
- Girl Scout Cookie Mystery Grab bag...\$20 for 5 box “MGB”
- Reach out to local Women’s League

- Main Street Lynchburg on Saturday...
- Drive though cookie booth
- Left over cookies not sold
  - troop snack
  - donate to first responders/food pantries
  - Walter Reed Medical Center/contact Rebecca ([Becka6778@aol.com](mailto:Becka6778@aol.com))

**End of Year Finance Report** due no later than June 30, 2022

- All financial records must be **submitted electronically**.
- Use volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Finance Tab submission: go to <https://mygs.girlscouts.org> and login to your account, select "My Account," select "Volunteer Toolkit" then select "Finances"
- Submit to [info@gsvsc.org](mailto:info@gsvsc.org) by June 30
- If you are having difficulty you may reach out to the Service Unit ([Becka6778@aol.com](mailto:Becka6778@aol.com))
- Finance reports missing bank statements and/or receipts will be flagged and returned for correction
- If the troop is disbanding, merging or dividing, contact council for assistance, [info@gsvsc.org](mailto:info@gsvsc.org)
- Troop finance report #4318
  - All Income – expense – summary and reconciliation tabs are to be completed
  - Bank statements: copies of all bank statements for the fiscal year (April/May '21 – May 2022) should be submitted as a single or multiple PDF files (do not send picture files)
  - Receipts: copies of ALL expense receipts should be submitted as a PCF file(s) – do not send picture files.

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**We live in a world in which  
 we need to share responsibility.  
 It's easy to say, it's not my  
 child, not my community, not  
 my world, not my problem.  
 Then there are those who see the  
 need and respond!  
 Fred Rogers**

**Thank you for being a Girl Scout Leader  
and a Girl Scout Volunteer!**

**Our leaders are great in getting everything  
done...we know how to balance.**

**Forms/documents:**

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

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

<http://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/volunteer-resources.htm>

**Enclosures: This Little Camper that Follows Me  
Silver Award, "Theater for a Budding Audience"**

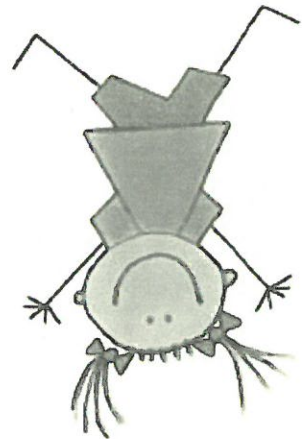


## *This Little Camper That Follows Me*

*A careful girl I have to be,  
A little camper follows me -  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear she'll go the self-same way,  
I cannot once escape her eyes,  
What ere she sees me do, she tries;  
Like me, she says, she's going to be -  
This little camper that follows me.*



*She thinks of me as good and fine,  
Believes in every word of mine  
The fault in me she must not see,  
This little camper that follows me.  
I must remember as I go  
Through the months of sun and  
winter's snow  
I'm helping build for years to be  
This little camper that follows me.*





# Theater for a

# budding audience

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When a Girl Scout sets out to earn her Silver Award, she must identify a need in her community to address for her community service project.

Emily Emanuel wants to be a performer and loves children; it makes sense her Silver Award community service project involved theater education.

which is the second highest award that a girl scout can achieve, second to the Gold Award.

"So what Emily has done is quite impressive," Pfister said.

Emily said while brainstorming ideas for the project, she thought about how Campbell County and Lynchburg area elementary schoolers aren't exposed to theater until high school.

She met with her two project mentors, elementary school

Emily, 15, is a freshman at Brookville High School, where her mother teaches and directs theater.

She completed her community service project over the summer of 2021 and earned her Silver Award in December.

Jennifer Pfister, director of marketing and communications for the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline, said only 10% of girl scouts earn the Silver Award,

music teachers Alice Watson and Heather Wilson to devise how she might make the introduction.

Emily said she wanted to create something sustainable with a "lasting impact." She wrote, recorded and edited ten videos demonstrating the basics of acting, musical theater and technical theater to show to students at Tomahawk, Leesville Road

## Girl Scout

From A1

and Yellow Branch elementary schools.

"She does a really good job of reaching the kids at their level, but not talking down to them either," Watson said.

Emily also assembled prop boxes for each elementary school.

"When she was talking about a box I pictured a nice cardboard box with a few things in it," Watson said. She said Emily actually built beautiful bench-sized boxes.

And in the boxes, said Watson: "absolutely gorgeous scarves, beanbags, puppets, ribbon streamers, some little sword props. I mean, just really neat things."

To raise money for the prop boxes, Emily taught dance lessons to children from kindergarten to fifth grade. She said she used fun songs for the lessons and was able to teach them at Brookville High School.

"She really is a self-starter," Watson said.

Emily presented the videos and prop boxes to elementary schoolers to finish her project. She talked about the Silver Award and performed "Part of Your World" from The Little Mermaid.

Emily said she loved performing for all the "littles faces."

"There was one little girl," Watson said, "who was sitting literally right at her feet just staring up at her, and the look on that child's face — it was just, it was wonderful."

### "Part of it is because they encourage each other and they just strive for excellence and they push each other in a very healthy way. So it's just amazing what these kids are doing."

Alice Watson, elementary school music teacher, on Emily and her friends' talent in theater

Watson described Emily as not just a talented singer and actress but a grounded, driven, generous and humble individual.

"I wouldn't say she had a humble spirit if she didn't. She really does. And especially as talented as she is, it would be very full of herself and she's not," she said.

"She has such a high standard of excellence," Watson added.

Emily said all her friends are involved in theater and dance with Brookville High theater productions, acknowledged the group of ninth graders are "extremely talented."

"Part of it is because they encourage each other and they just strive for excellence and they push each other in a very healthy way," Watson said. "So it's just amazing what these kids are doing."

Pfister explained achievement of the Silver Award requires 50 hours of work on a community service project.

"I have been a Girl Scout leader in the past. There are girls that take it on and just don't complete it," Pfister said, stressing the independence required.

"You try your best to help them but it truly is their project."

Emily's scouting journey has been especially independent. She is a Juliette scout and participates in scouts individually, not with a troop. Juliettes complete programs and earn recognition independently with the guidance of an adult mentor, according to the Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline website.

Pfister said many Juliettes are home-schooled, participate in dance or sports competitions or are just too busy to meet regularly with a troop.

"Sometimes there are girls that are just, you know, they have so much going on that they cannot fit into a troop schedule," Pfister said.

This is the case for Emily, who fits scouting into her busy school and theater schedule as a Juliette.

Emily said she's found scouting provides opportunities for "leadership and empowerment" and is an "outlet to do something different and unique."

"It's something to be proud of," Emily said, "and to know you made a difference."