

Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit
Amherst/Appomattox

December Update 2022

Power of the Promise

The “**Girl Scout Tree of Hope**” is heart-stirring. It went on display November 21 at the Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center, part of the Festival of Trees bringing great joy to patients, their families, the staff and the local community. Many thanks to our girls and their leaders from Troops 293, 676, 9424, 440, 9200 and 2222 who provided over 150 hand crafted SWAPs, to adorn the tree. The “Girl Scout Tree of Hope” will be auctioned December 15, all proceeds go to the Cancer Care Patient Fund helping those clients in need of transportation, wigs, etc. Viewing goes through December 15 from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm M – F. Thank you to Christine Terry for securing the 7 ft. tall tree and assisting Rebecca with decorating.



Keep the "Outing" in Girl Scouting.

Scouting can be the best out of doors experience the entire year. Try not to make it an "indoor sport" as soon as the frost comes and the flowers disappear; the girls will surely miss out on some fascinating things! The brisk autumn and early winter air gives pep to the step, sparkle to the eyes and that rosy cheek complexion. Check out branch formations. Share with your girls the joy of making the trees their friends all through the year. Look for the book "Trees in Winter" by Annie Huntington or check out "Trees" Activity Tub located at Sunspot...perfect for all ages. Identify budded twigs and seed pods. Study the different kinds of nuts and other falling winter berries. Do you know a tree by its autumn colors? Now is a great time to study a bird's nest without endangering the lives of any offspring. There are plenty of abandoned nests at this time. Lots of new stuff to see when the foliage is down. Check out the two James River overlooks at Camp Sacajawea...intersection of James River Trail and Pavilion short cut and path just beyond the Mama Stump Trail Eagle Observation area, toward the river, and of course the perfect time to view the Eagle's nest (look for two trees tagged yellow – binoculars and info located at Sunspot "Mama Stump Trail" activity tub.) Encourage your girls to "work" trails such as picking up sticks...plan a treasure hunt using the description of trees, nests, rocks to guide their way. When the foliage is down a whole new world in the out of doors opens up.

When girls participate in Girl Scouts' outdoor programming they benefit in important ways:

- **Outdoor Competence:** Girls learn to engage safely and responsibly in a range of outdoor activities
- **Outdoor Interest:** Girls develop a love of nature and an interest in the natural world.
- **Outdoor Confidence:** Girls gain confidence in their ability to take on new challenges and learn from and succeed in them.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Girls come to understand how their behavior impacts the environment and what they can do to protect the natural world.

The Eagles have returned to Camp Sacajawea! Viewing is along the "Mama Stump Trail."

And thanks to our Club '51 ladies (Donna, Gail, Ann and Rebecca) Camp Sac has been decorated for the Holidays...the front gate and tree at Gay Lodge fire circle all in Holiday solar lights to celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanza. Lights usually come on around 5:00 pm. We will keep them up through January.

Service Unit Events and Programs:

The **power of a Service Unit and Service Unit sponsored events and programs...**the biggest gain is that they are local to us and the volunteers planning and running them are our friends and neighbors. We enjoy both the event and the opportunity to see our scouting friends which **build on our relationships**. Local SU events run by our volunteers build in the necessary relationship needed with people to make sure that the event/program runs smoothly, often times reaching out and receiving assistance from those local experts to make the event a great success. SU events are

low cost and high quality because the local **GS volunteers are willing to do the yeoman's load of the work.** It is the only way we have to create greater "community" amongst ourselves and our girls...richer activities than a troop can provide itself...we are better together. SU events are the primary way our traditions are passed on to both girls and leaders. **Please consider joining us Saturday, January 7, at Camp Sacajawea for "The Service Unit Event and Program Planning" workshop/training (107-A) to at least have the "knowledge of." 2 hour program 10:00 am – 12:00 noon.** This training is being taught by Donna, Rebecca and Janet Miller (Charlottesville). Register with Rebecca via email (Becka6778@aol.com). Space limited to 20. **We will make it fun!**

"Super Service Day," Saturday, December 10, at First Presbyterian Church. A huge day of service to Lynchburg Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels and two local nursing homes. Families are asked to donate food (wish list: beef stew, peanut butter, juice boxes, soups, canned meats, powdered or box milk, cake mix/frosting, coffee, etc.) All cans need to have pop tops. Also, items for the Meals on Wheels birthday boxes...shampoo, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, shaving cream, pens, tablets, soap, socks, gloves, etc....For so many of these seniors this box is their only birthday remembrance. These special boxes make an incredible difference to these homebound people receiving Meals on Wheels. Need two piece cardboard shoe boxes...no flip tops. Planners: Marion and Rebecca

CIT Training Workshop for our older Girl Scouts (rising 9th and up) wanting to work at Day Camp '23. These girls are essential to day camps serving as program leaders. Date: Saturday, **December 17,** from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Gay Lodge/Camp Sac. Register at www.gsvsc.org. Space limited to 20. Taught by Donna and Rebecca.

"Wreaths Across America" Saturday, **December 17,** at Old City Cemetery 12:00 noon (should arrive no later than 11:45 am). This inspirational ceremony honors more than 2,300 veterans from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam buried at OCC. This program is free...includes music and laying of the wreaths. Our SU has donated three wreaths.

Volunteer Work Days at Camp Sac, 12/27 and 1/31. Contact Rebecca regarding your interest, task and times. Becka6778@aol.com

Service Unit Event and Program Planning, January 7, 2023 from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Gay Lodge at Sac. Register with Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com). No charge. This will get you started on event/program planning.

GSVSC Annual Meeting Saturday, January 21, 2023 at Radford University. Register on line www.gsvsc.org

"Fitness Fun," sponsored by Sweet Briar College will be held Saturday, **January 28,** (rescheduled from December 3rd) for Daisies and up, time: 1:00 – 3:00 pm on campus...activities to include yoga class by Mindful Mt. Yoga, Dr. Martin Katz "Making a

Magnificent You,” “Finding Peace in Mind and Body”...fun games. Daisies will earn Gloria – “Respect Myself and Others,” Brownies “My Best Self” and Juniors “Staying Fit.” See updated flyer...attachment

Wild Women’s Weekend, March 18 – 19, ’23 at Icimani. An amazing weekend taught by some amazing instructors to help you in facilitating a program for older girls (11 – 17). This group is dedicated to providing wider opportunities for Girl Scouts. Register through www.gsvsc.org/adventurers

SU “**World Thinking Day,**” Saturday, **March 4, 2023,** at First Presbyterian Church. It’s a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that improve the lives of girls around the world. Our theme this year is “Our World, Our Peaceful Future” learning how we can work with nature to create more peaceful and secure futures for girls everywhere. More details on Lynchburg Campbell County flyer...forthcoming. Event Planners: Amy and Rebecca

Spring Volunteer Conference, April 21 – 23 at Icimani sponsored by GSVSC.

Service Unit Team Campout, May 6 – 7, at Camp Sacajawea. Invitaiton extended to all team members throughout our council.

Cookie Sales ‘23

Is the cookie sale a service project, an entrepreneurial skills program or a money-earning project for the troop?

- Actually it is all three...entrepreneurial skills program and money earning project because your goal is to make money for the troop (major income for the troop) and you cannot do that if you do not have the proper skills.
- It is a service project for the GSVSC...80% of their operating budget comes from cookie sales.
- It is also a service project for donations to the military and a percentage of the proceeds that troops earn are directed back to local communities through their own service projects.
- Girls develop important social skills to speak to customers, sell products, handle money and marketing skills.
- The success of individual sales are based on the girls’ ability to step up and take action and think outside the box at how to be successful.
- A lot of time is spent talking to the girls about the logistics of individual sales, cookie booth sales, how much cookies cost, what are profits, how much change to give, how much money the troop earns per box of cookies sold, where does the rest of the cookie money go, how do they decide to spend the money, best way to answer a customer’s questions, how to promote their project and when will they know how many cookies were sold. The main focus is how to sell and interact with people.
- Please consider letting your girls participate in cookie sales. A great way to teach the girls the importance of a good work ethic.

Message from Detria, Product Sales Manager – Areas 8 and 9

(Lynchburg/CC/Amherst/Appomattox) 434-229-8466 (thepreachaswife@hotmail.com)

- **Brentz East: Cookie Cupboard and Delivery Manager** 434-841-2529

(ccss525@gmail.com)

- **Cynthia Via: Cookie Booth Coordinator** assisted by Brad Via 434-610-6139

(cindy_bragg@hotmail.com)

We're gearing up for another exciting cookie season and are excited for all the troops participating in this season's cookie sales. December 5th marks the beginning of both online and order card sales. If you haven't picked up your material from Detria, please contact her as soon as possible. Booth sales will start January 7th. Deliveries this year will continue to be at the Marine League on Old Forest Road and cookies will still be delivered on Fridays. The initial order is due December 17th and will be delivered on January 6th.

Also, remember that **troops are on their honor to Not order online and sell in person the new cookies Raspberry Rally**. But please tell your customers if they want to try the new cookie they **MUST order ONLINE ONLY** and they should most definitely order **EARLY** as our council area has only been given very limited amounts of the Raspberry Rally.

Cynthia Via will be sending out invitations to sign up for booths soon. Be on the lookout for an invite to view a spreadsheet to sign up. Each troop will have the opportunity to sign up for six booths; none of which can be back-to-back. You can only sign up for booths in the Lynchburg/Campbell county area. Any interest in booth locations outside of Lynchburg/CC should first be sent to Cynthia for approval. **Remember, if your troop is unable to make a booth, let Cynthia know as soon as possible.**

Finally, if your troop uses Square, Venmo or some other payment service to receive credit card payments at booths, please see the following attachment to ensure it's set up properly under council's account to avoid the troop paying any additional taxes or fees. **Look for Tax law changes and 1099-K from Money Payment App Vendor...see attachment.**

Cookie Booths

Cindy and Brad Via will be serving as the Cookie Booth Coordinators for Lynchburg/Campbell County

Guidelines:

1. As a troop, you need to provide a table, some kind of sign/banner with the troop number and a sign indicating that cookies are \$6.00 per box. GSVSC does offer ideas as well.
2. You do not solicit monetary funds at your cookie booth...for instance, do not put out a collection jar for "Troop Donations." Sometimes customers will give a troop a small cash donation; this is acceptable. This money is not included with your cookie sales but entered separately on your end of the year financial work sheet under "Donations/Other."

3. Be courteous at all times; do not harass store customers. You may politely ask them if they would like to purchase a box of Girl Scout Cookies, but do not run up to them, follow them into the store or block their entrance/exit of the store.
4. Begin to pack up your booth 10 minutes before your ending time so that the troop following you can set up in a timely fashion. Remove all trash, including empty cookie boxes and take them with you when you leave site. Include any of your trash. Consider providing the store manager with a thank you note and box of cookies as a thank you for allowing us to have a cookie booth at their location.
5. No tagalongs or friends should be onsite.
6. No cookie samples provided unless in ziplock bag.
7. Table...minimum of 15 feet from entrance. Rope off area if needed to prevent customers from coming behind table.
8. Place sign on table with customer guidelines such as cost per box, Troop #, etc.
9. If you change or cancel a booth, notify Cindy and Brad (Cookie Manager for Lynchburg/Campbell Co.)
10. You may choose your own cookie booth location (beyond our cooperate partners....Walmart (Wards Road, Old Forest Road, Timberlake), PetCo, JoAnn's, Country Smoake, Moores (?), Biscuitville (?)) but you must let Cindy and Brad know the date, time, location, etc.
11. Our cooperate partners have designated areas for your cookie booth; they are usually outside. Plan and dress accordingly. While it may not be practical for the girls to wear their vest/sash/tunic, only to have them covered by a heavy coat, please consider how you may present yourselves as Girl Scouts and as a troop. If you are indoors, be sure you are requesting uniform be worn.
12. For those customers not interested in purchasing a box of cookies for themselves, encourage them to consider buying a box from your troop for our military (girls can fix/decorate a box for "military donations"...Rebecca can collect these boxes later and get them to designated spots for you...we do have someone willing to mail them overseas).

Looking ahead...GSVSC updates

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

March 12 – 18: Girl Scout Week 2023

March 12: Girl Scout Birthday

March 12: Girl Scout Sunday

March 17: Girl Scout Jumnah

March 17 – 18: Girl Scout Sabbath

- The council provides a free bulletin insert that can be used at places of worship and will be available to order starting in December. You can order troop personalized or generic inserts.

- **Membership**

Total membership 4,342, Girls: 2,397, Adults: 982, Lifetime: 962 (Daisy: 421, Brownie: 565, Junior: 549, Cadette: 481, Senior: 231, Ambassador: 150.

- Have Troop meetings changed: Please update the Troop **Participation Catalog**: <https://gsvscgirlscouts.wufoo.com/forms/troop-participation-catalog-updates>

- **Upcoming Training**

December 17: CIT Training S/A at Camp Sac
January 15: Silver Award Workshop, Virtual (Cadette)
February 5: Bronze Award Workshop, Virtual (J)
March 4: CIT Counselor-in-Training: Icimani (S/A)
March 12: Silver Award Workshop: Virtual (Cadette)

- **Volunteer Conference 2023**, April 21 – 23, 2023 at Icimani Adventure Center, 5488 Yellow Mountain Road, Roanoke, Virginia. Cost: \$15

Conference will include:

1. Glamping in the gym (air mattresses and sheets provided) or opt out to sleep offsite on your own
2. Meals and snacks for Saturday and Sunday
3. Campfire and outdoor cooking demo
4. Mixology demo
5. Meet ups: Time to gather and meet volunteers from all around the council based on common interests or program level

Session topics may include:

1. Activities and Trips: What is required before you go?
2. Organizing and Spending Troop Money: How experienced leaders manage troop finances and additional money earning
3. Girl Scout Traditions, Ceremonies and Recognitions
4. Managing Conflict with Courage, Confidence and Character
5. Best Practices: How to deal with unresponsive or non-supportive parents
6. Diversity and Inclusion in Action: Creating Brave Space
7. Volunteer Tools at your fingertips: MyGS, VTK, and gsLearn
8. What is a Service Unit? Best practice for building a service unit team
9. Service Unit Program and Event Planning 107-A

- Save the date Saturday, March 25, 2023 for the **Tough Cookie Race**, Greenfield Recreation Park in Troutville.

- **Service Unit Team Campout**. May 6 – 7 at Camp Sacajawea. Topics: Meet & Greet, Collaborate with other teams around the council, SU Team membership and program planning, Best practices, Review looker, Rallyhood and more.

- Silver Award Training January 15, 2023
- Bronze Award Training February 5, 2023
- CIT Training in Roanoke March 4, 2023
- Silver Award Training March 12, 2023
- CPA Training Roanoke, March 11, 2023

Silver Award Project Ideas

Cadettes wanting to earn their Silver Award, may lead starter troops as a Silver Award Project

To qualify:

1. Must complete the Silver Award Workshop/Training
2. Must complete a Silver Award proposal
3. Must work with their Council Community Engagement Manager as a Subject Matter Expert.
Lynchburg/Campbell County = Katey Markiewiez
Amherst = Elizabeth Copp
Appomattox = Elizabeth Copp
Bedford = Katey Markiewiez
4. Must have two trained co-leaders who will attend all starter troop meetings for required girl to adult ratio
5. Must carry out up to 10 troop meetings with each starter troop
6. Must work with Council Community Engagement Manger to advertize the starter troop which may include a recruitment flyer
7. Must follow GSUSA Starter Troop Guidelines and Silver Award Guidelines.
8. Each Cadette must complete 50 hours individually toward earning their Silver.
9. Each starter troop is to have 8 new girls and transition to two new adult volunteers by the 8 – 10th session.
10. New starter troop must utilize the Volunteer Toolkit to manage troop.
11. May need to operate more than one Starter Troop to qualify.

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>

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greatest of human inventions
...binding people together.

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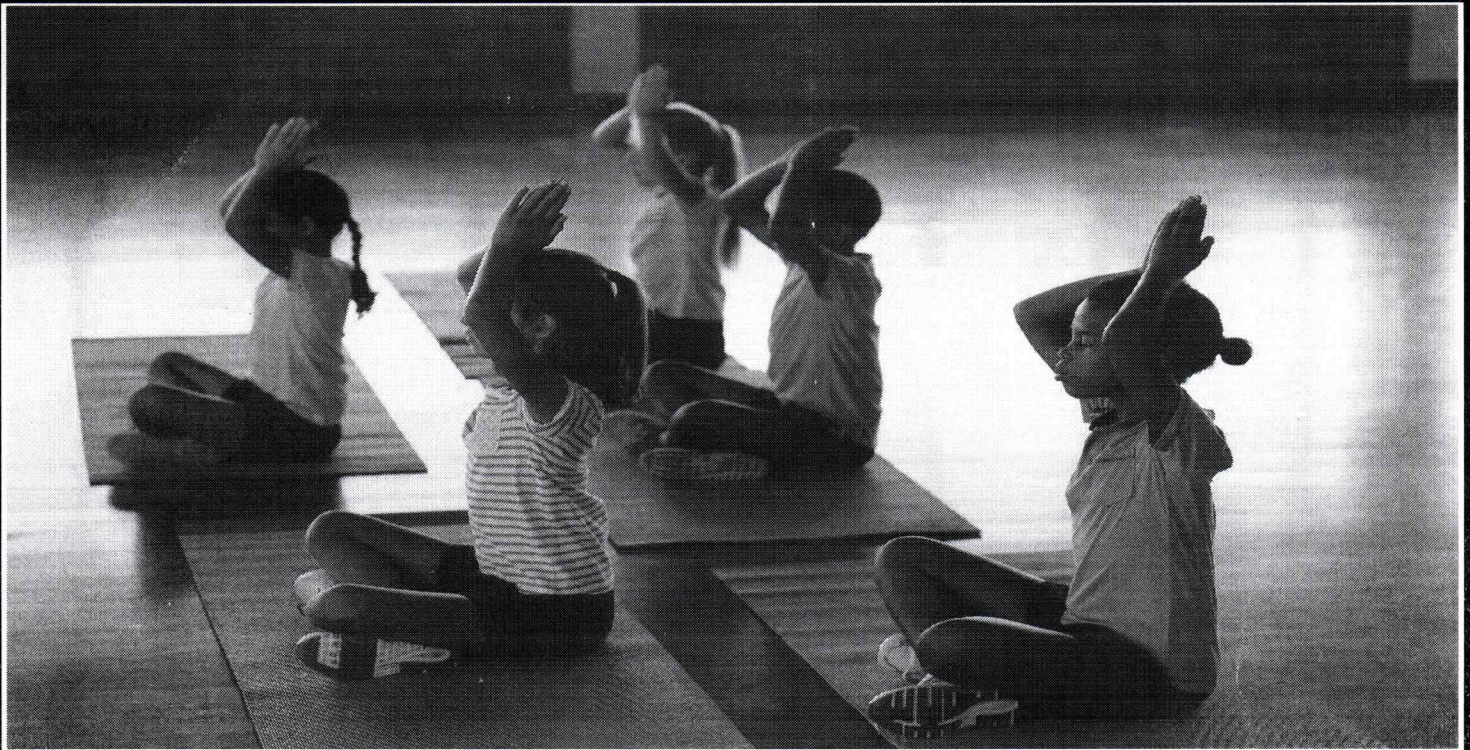
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Attachments: Fitness Fun!

Cookie Role – Playing Scenarios

Tax law changes and 1099-K from Money Payment App Vendor
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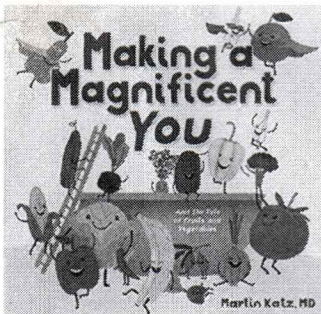
Fitness Fun!

Happy living starts with a happy, confident you! Join us for our Fitness Fun program to learn about how fitness, food, and fun can help you stay strong for life.

Girls will:

- Find peace of mind in a yoga class by Mindful Mountain Yoga
- Explore activities centered on making healthy choices and fueling your body with proper nutrition with children's book author: Dr. Martin Katz - "Making a Magnificent You"
- Enjoy fun active games to get their bodies moving, hearts pumping and laughter flowing.

** This event helps to fulfil the requirements of Gloria petal (Daisies), My Best Self badge (Brownies), and the Staying Fit badge (Juniors).



Saturday, Jan 28
1- 3:30 pm

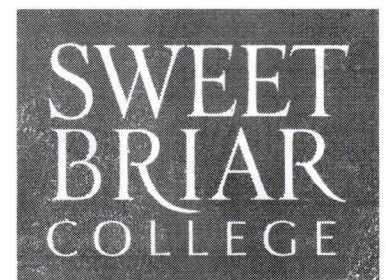
Open to Daisies & above.

Cost: \$5/girl
Space is limited.

Location: Fitness & Athletic Center (FAC), Sweet Briar College,
134 Chapel Rd, Sweet Briar, VA 24595

To Register: [Registration page - Fitness Fun](#)

Questions: Please email SBC Scout Events at kmurray@sbc.edu
or call (301) 221-3176.



Cookie Role-Playing Scenarios

A customer asks for advice about which cookies to buy.

A customer says he can't eat cookies due to health reasons.

A customer says she used to be a Girl Scout and sold cookies.

A customer buys cookies, then says she wants to come back later to buy more.

A customer says I love chocolate!

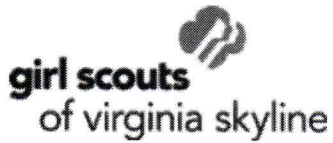
A customer says I already bought a box.

A customer asks what you will be doing with the money.

A customer asks why you are selling cookies.

A customer says their daughter is also selling cookies.

A customer asks what you like best about being a Girl Scout.



Tax law changes and 1099-K from Money Payment App Vendor

Due to 2020 Tax law changes you may have received a 1099-K for credit card payments received for product sales or other for your Troop from Square, Stripe, Venmo, etc.

Money payment apps are to be set up under the Council's tax ID when being used for Girl Scouting purposes.

If the tax ID used to set up any of these accounts was a personal social security number, then that will need to be corrected within the Square account or whichever money payment app vendor you received the 1099-K from.

Please use the **GSVSC Council's Tax ID number 54-0737207** and follow the directions below to make the needed corrections.

IRS Statement:

"Do any of these statements apply to the Form(s) 1099-K you received?"

- The Form 1099-K does not belong to you or is a duplicate
- The payee Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) is incorrect

If you believe the information on a Form 1099-K is incorrect, the form has been issued in error, or you have a question relating to the form, contact the filer, whose name appears in the upper left corner on the front of the form.

Or you may contact the payer, or PSE, whose name and phone number are shown in the lower left corner of the form.

If you cannot get this form corrected, you may attach an explanation to your tax return along with any email or supporting data showing you tried to get it corrected and report your income correctly."

Request a corrected 1099-K and correct the Tax ID in your Money Payment App:

If using Square – below is how to edit your tax ID number and request an updated 1099-K:

To receive an updated Form 1099-K, update your business taxpayer information by heading to your Square Dashboard after logging into your Square account. Make sure that you enter the Council's tax ID number and info.

UPDATE! Ensure you enter the following info into Square exactly as it is shown below (to change the tax ID on their Square account and have the 1099 reissued to Council):

1. Our tax ID with NO dashes or spaces 540737207

2. Name: VIRGINIA SKYLINE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

3. Address: 3663 Peters Creek Road NW, Roanoke, VA 24019

For the current fiscal year, after editing your information and clicking Save, the Form 1099-K form should automatically update. Download your Form 1099-K to confirm your information has been updated.

If that does not update or resolve the issue will need to then contact their support dept. at:

<https://squareup.com/help/us/en/contact?panel=44E50F016449>

If using Stripe - below is how to edit your tax ID number and request an updated 1099-K:

- If your 1099-K tax form has not been generated yet, please do so from your account Tax Details settings once you log into your Stripe account online.

- If your 1099-K tax form has been generated, please do so from your account Document settings once you log into your Stripe account online.

If using Venmo - You will need to contact the Venmo Help Center at the following link to make any changes and request an updated 1099-K:

https://help.venmo.com/hc/en-us/requests/new?ticket_form_id=624807

If using Digital Cookie - No changes are needed and you should not receive a 1099-K.

If you are participating in the Cookie Program, consider using the Digital Cookie online app for processing any credit/debit card payments for in person/booth sales. The app is easy to use and there is a new function this year for OCR, **optical scanning of cards**, to improve the contactless payment process as well as it is faster to use. In addition to these great benefits, the Council pays the processing fees which are about a fourth of the cost to use Square. For more information go to:

https://www.gsvsc.org/content/dam/girlscouts-gsvsc/pdfs_docs/Product%20Sales/Cookie%20Sale/mobile%20app%20.pdf.

If you need further guidance, please contact GSVSC Finance Department at 540-777-5100.