

**Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit
Amherst/Appomattox
December 2019 Update**



Service Unit Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, 2019q

First Christian Church

6:00 to 8:00 PM – General SU business meeting and cookie training

- ☆ Please welcome Diane Rider and Kathryn Niedzialek who will co-lead Cadette Troop 819 at Centenary United Methodist Church
- ☆ We extend our sincere appreciation to Freda Hedrick for her many years of service to our Service Unit. She designed our website and has managed it for 5 years. Please thank Freda at mebfreda@yahoo.com. Michele Morgan will be our new website manager.
- ☆ Our Cadettes enjoyed an overnight camping experience and Night Owl program at Camp Sacajawea on November 1st and November 2nd. It was so much fun! There was a night hike, owl calling, smores, stargazing, lots of information about owls and other nocturnal animals, and of course camping.
- ☆ We appreciate our partnership with Kappa Delta at U of L so we could host the Girl Scout Tea/Cupcake Fun on Sunday, November 10th at First Christian Church. Our Girl Scouts learned about etiquette and manners, enjoyed table talk with the sorority sisters, decorated their own tea cups, learned to write thank-you notes, and participated in cupcake decorating. The Daisy Girl Scouts earned “Be A Sister to Every Girl Scout,” Brownies earned “Making Friends,” and Juniors earned “Social Butterfly.”
- ☆ We had a successful Bronze Award workshop training on Saturday morning, November 16th at Camp Sacajawea. Please let Rebecca (becka6778@aol.com) know if you are interested in this training – we can schedule one for late winter/early spring. This workshop is designed for Junior leaders and parents.
- ☆ We had a beautiful afternoon on November 16th at Camp Sacajawea for Geocaching. It was a very busy 3-hour program where the Juniors learned to use a compass and GPS instruments, made geodes/trail items, and learned about trail

signs. Many thanks to our naturalists, Kathie, Shelly, and Lisa who helped us not only with geocaching but also our Night Owl program.

- ☆ We set aside Saturday morning, November 23rd for 106 Event Training and encouraged other adults to participate in planning events and activities for our girls. So many of our previous event planners graduated with their daughters so we must rebuild this aspect of programming. Please reach out to Rebecca (becka6778@aol.com) if you have an interest in providing and overseeing an event.
- ☆ The Girl Scout Tree of Hope, part of the Festival of Trees at the Alan B. Pearson Cancer Center, is up and is absolutely beautiful. You must make a trip to see it! There are 290 handmade SWAPs on the tree provided by Troops 293, 440, 676, 1069, 1138, and 9200. The open house runs from November 25th through Friday, December 13th, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The Girl Scout Tree of Hope will be auctioned with all proceeds going to the patient care support fund providing transportation and wigs.
- ☆ Thank you to the many local Girl Scout troops who participated in the Human Kind Thanksgiving Turkey Box Program, providing families in need with a Thanksgiving meal. These boxes were well-decorated with lots of colors, special shapes, feathers, and thoughtful messages...very unique and original.
- ☆ GSVSC recently unveiled their new community garden. The garden was built thanks to a \$6000 grant from Kroger (Zero Hunger, Zero Waste). The new garden and greenhouse will provide a space for Girl Scouts and Kroger employees to work together to grow fresh fruits and vegetables year-round. Girl Scouts will be able to earn badges for their own work in the garden and the food grown will be donated to different community organizations around the Roanoke valley.
www.wdbj7.com
- ☆ The Christmas Parade is Sunday afternoon, December 8th, in mid-town Lynchburg beginning at 4:00 PM. The LCCGSSU will be spot #48 in the parade.
- ☆ Look into teacherspayteachers.com. Lots of free stuff and troop ideas. Register an account with this website then sort by price, i.e. "free."
- ☆ Triple C Camp (920 Camp Rd, Charlottesville, VA, 22902) – <https://triplec.camp> will be offering Journey in a Day programs. Their spring schedule is not out yet

but consider looking into this. Located in Albemarle County. Contact phone number: 434-293-2529

- ☆ Don't forget – Super Service Day is Saturday, December 14th at First Presbyterian Church where girls will participate in 3 service projects, make 4 ornaments, enjoy homemade sugar cookies, and for the younger Girl Scouts, an opportunity to visit with Mrs. Claus.
- ☆ Wreaths Across America program is the same day (December 14th at 11:45 AM) at Old City Cemetery when 2300 veterans from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War will be honored. Beautifully decorated wreaths will be placed to honor these service men and women. No preregistration is required for this event. Event sponsored by Daughters of the American Revolution.
- ☆ Investiture of new leaders will be held at the January Service Unit Meeting on Thursday, January 2nd at 6:30 PM at First Christian Church. Special invitations will be mailed. During this ceremony, friendship ribbons and adult leader pins will be presented. Special guest will be Girl Scout leader Laura Delo, program coordinator at Amazement Square, who will share more about the exciting Girl Scout badge programs offered at Amazement Square.
- ☆ Don't forget to sign up by December 20th for the exciting evening scheduled for the Girl Scouts at FunQuest (Late Night Skate) on Friday, January 20th, 2020, from 7:00 PM to midnight (although it is up to leaders' discretion to leave earlier). Register with FunQuest. Open to all Girl Scouts.
- ☆ Annual Meeting is Saturday, January 25th at Sweet Briar College. A social is planned for Friday evening along with the recognition ceremony. Business meeting will be Saturday morning will luncheon following. Open to adults and girls – an event you do not want to miss! Register online at gsvsc.org to attend.
- ☆ Silver Award Workshop is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, January 26th, at 1:15 PM at Forest Library. Parents and leaders are encouraged to attend with their Cadettes. Open to all Cadettes. Register online at gsvsc.org.
- ☆ We are in need of more volunteer help as we get ready for the annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 28th at the Moose Lodge. We need help with food prep, set-up, and decorating from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Contact Rebecca (becka6778@aol.com) if you can offer some help. Dance participation is very important since the profit determines our camping budget for the 2020/2021 scouting year (Cadette Camporee, Junior Camporee, Brownie

Camporee, Daisy Day, Geocaching, and Night Owl). Camp rental has to be done in March to secure our spots. A reminder about the policy that all escorts and girls will need to complete a health history form – this is submitted by the troop leader along with the event registration. Many thanks to Troop 108 for hosting and planning the 2020 Sweetheart Dance. Deadline is January 18th.

☆ Wild Women's Weekend is March 13th through 15th at Camp Sac for those adults interested in being Adventurer coordinators/facilitators. This is a great learning experience! Register online with gsvsc.org. For questions, email adventurers1912@gmail.com.

☆ Girl Scout Dance Workshop is Saturday, February 8th at 2:00 PM at Timberlake United Methodist Church. This is a partnership between Dance/Music Creations and Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scouts. Hosted and planned by the Shining Star Dance Team and open to our Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts. Registration is \$10 per scout. Register with DMC.

☆ We celebrate the 108th birthday of Girl Scouting in March. The Girl Scouts could honor our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, with a service project. Girl Scout Sunday is celebrated on March 8th and Girl Scout Sabbath is on March 14th.

☆ Save the date: Thursday, March 5th for a special program during the March Service Unit Meeting, "Mental Health First Aid" provided by Dr. Emily Bradshaw at 6:30 PM at First Christian Church.

☆ Saturday, March 7th is World Thinking Day at First Presbyterian Church. You can go ahead and pick your country now to give your girls the prep time needed. See flyer. Theme is Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

☆ **Cookies**

- Local Girl Scout Cookie Team
- Service Unit/Product Sales Manager/Area 9 Trainer:
Detria Moore, thepreachaswife@hotmail.com
- Cookie Booth Manager:
Sarah Muminovic, lccgssucookiebooths@gmail.com
- All troops must be registered to participate. Cookie parent must be registered with the troop, have a current background check on file, and have completed Girl Scout 105 online training.
- All 2018 to 2019 End of the Year reports should have been submitted and approved.

- Double check that all girls are showing up on the troop's member profile so that their orders will be processed.
- Cookie parents for your troop must set aside time during one of the December meetings to discuss with parents specifics of cookie sales (with older girl troops, the girls should be included in this), reminding parents that their daughter's troop is self-supporting and product sales often determine a troop's operating budget for the year. Each family has a responsibility to participate in product sales to support not only your daughter and her troop but also to support the Skyline Council. A generous amount of cookie sale products is used to support and maintain our 3 local camps. Parents who choose to make cash donations to the troop versus actually selling cookies are not showing the needed support to the Skyline Council.
- Parents must sign permission forms for their daughter to participate. This includes the identification asked for on the form (SSN, driver's license number, etc.). This signed permission form will stay on file with the troop's product sales manager and be used as needed by GSVSC for collection issues.
- Girls start selling cookies on January 1st. Unsold products cannot be returned to the troop or GSVSC. The money is owed to the troop from your cookie order. If your customer decides that they no longer want their preordered products, then the girl/parent who took the initial order will need to sell them.
- Money from cookie sales is due to the troop's product sales manager. Parents should not deposit money into the troop's account or into their personal account in order to write a check to the troop. All money (cash, checks) must be given directly to the troop's product sales manager (or cookie mom). If money is not turned in on time by the parent, GSVSC policy is that an incident report is completed and turned in to Council headquarters.
- Do not bundle deposits – list deposits by girls' individual sales. If only one bank deposit is made, label the deposit slip will all of the girls' names. Do not list unsold products as expenses.
- The product sales manager will determine a deadline for when money must be submitted to her so that she can meet Detria's GSVSC deadline. Scheduling this date when you have a regular troop meeting works well.
- Cookie booth lottery for Lynchburg Campbell County is done via Google Doc designed by Sarah and will start on January 9th. Usual locations are Sam's, Kroger, Walmart, Moore's Country Store, and JoAnn's. You

may, however, choose your own cookie booth location – you must let Sarah know the date, time, and location.

- Please consider letting your girls participate in cookie booth sales. Part of our job as leaders is to help teach our girls the importance of good work ethic.
- **Is the cookie sale a service project, an entrepreneurial skills program, or a money-earning project for the troop?**
 - It is both an entrepreneurial skills program and a money-earning project because your goal is to make money for the troop and you cannot do that if you do not have the proper skills.
 - It is a major income for the troop.
 - It is a service project for the council. 80-85% of their operating budget comes from cookie sales.
 - It is also a service project for donations to the military and a large 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 product, handle money, and marketing skills.
 - The success of individual sales are based on the girls' ability to step up and take action and to think outside the box at how to be successful.
 - A lot of time is spent talking to the girls about the logistics of 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 how to spend the money, when will they know how many cookies will be sold, the best way to answer a customer's questions, and how to promote their product. The main focus is on how to sell and interact with people.

☆ 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 troop meetings (D, B, J): <http://www.gsvsc.org/en/for-volunteers/volunteer-resources.htm>

☆ “A strong woman will automatically stop trying if she feels unwanted. She won’t fix it or beg, she will just walk away.”

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