

Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit

Service Unit Meeting

Thursday, January 3, 2019

First Christian Church

6:30 – 8:00 pm General business meeting/announcements
New Leader Investiture

Tonight we invest 21 new co-leaders into Girl Scouting and welcome them into the Lynchburg Campbell County Service Unit. Primary co-leaders: **Christine** Terry, Troop 9200; **Jessica** Slusher and **Brandi** Hudson, Troop 936; **Nadine** Simon and **Erica** Reynolds, Troop 270; Co-leaders: **Valerie** Greenwalt and **Heather** Almond, Troop 936; **Amy** McCarty and **Holly** Wilson, Troop 676; **Selena** Beale and **Goldie** Younger, Troop 293; **Karla** Smith and **Ebone** Robertson Allen, Troop 1361; **Angela** Pannell, Troop 234; **Stephanie** McLemore and **Katherine** Santos, Troop 9200; **Johanna** Derrenbacher, Troop 252; **June** Elam, Troop 1306; and **Colby** Booth, **Angela** Wells and **Bianca** Powell, Troop 3160. Thank you Sylvia for the beautiful cake to celebrate this loving evening.

Super Service Day, December 8, **was Great!** We had 164 Girl Scouts participating all involved in three service projects, making four ornaments to take home, decorating and eating holiday cookies and for the younger Girl Scouts visiting with Mrs. Claus. Our Girl Scouts hand decorated and carefully packed **92 birthday boxes** for Meals on Wheels, donated **450 pounds of food** to the Blue Ridge Food Bank and handmade **250 Thinking of You Cards** for Lynchburg Rehab and Nursing Center and Gretna Rehab. What a wonderful day! Many thanks to Erin, Marion and Rebecca for taking the lead and to our station helpers from Troop 261, Troop 30, Troop 440, Troop 295, Kaela, Helen, Lellie, Cindy, Lin plus the Kappa Delta Sorority from the University of Lynchburg.

Our Girl Scout Tree of Hope, part of the Festival of Trees at the Alan B. Pearson Cancer Center, brought in over \$100 that went towards the Patient Care Fund providing needed transportation, wigs, etc. The local Girl Scouts from Troops 341, 440, 676, 293, 819 and 9200 provided over 250 handmade SWAPs.

Thank you to the Girl Scouts from Troops **293** and **676** who **participated in Wreaths Across America**, December 15, at the Old City Cemetery. It was a very impressive ceremony and our Girl Scouts assisted in placing many of the wreaths. The Lynchburg Campbell County Service Unit donated three wreaths honoring three veterans serving in Vietnam.

Spread the Word, you don't want to miss "**Cookie Fest/Cookie Cook Off**," Saturday, **January 19**, at the **Disciple Center Heritage United Methodist Church** (582 Leesville Road). Hosted by Lynchburg Campbell County; invitation extended to all Girl Scouts and their families, local community and friends. **Fund raiser** to benefit **Camp Sacajawea**. Cost: \$5 per child, adult accompanying child gets in free, \$3 per

scout participating in Cookie Cook Off. Time: 11:00 am – 2:30 pm. Cookie Fest Award announcements at 2:00 pm.

GSVSC Annual Meeting Saturday, January 26, 2019 in Weyers Cave, Va at Blue Ridge Community College. Time to join other members to socialize, network, share program interest, share successes and more. There is a workshop Friday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 pm to inspire and prepare middle and high school Girl Scouts for college “College Search Process.” Deadline to register is January 11. Register on line. The Lynchburg Campbell County Service Unit is participating in the “Girl Basket Extravaganza.” Our donated basket will be part of the Silent Auction with proceeds going toward GS scholarships.

Highly recommend **Silver/Gold Award Classroom workshop**, Saturday, **February 16, 2019** at Timberlake United Methodist Church, Hughes Hall (Arby’s side of the church). Silver Workshop 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, and Gold from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Taught by volunteer/trainer Deb Trum, assisted by Rebecca, and hosted by GSVSC. Register on line. **Karen Camper** is our liaison to the GSVSC Gold Award Committee. A great asset, helping our girls with Gold Award proposals, budgeting and assisting in proof reading the proposal before it goes to the committee for review. Girls must have their proposal approved by the Gold Award Committee before they actually start on their project. Call/text/email Karen: Krcamper@msn.com or 434-221-5415.

Spring Outdoor Ed at Camp Sacajawea;

- **Classroom Training Session: 301a**, has been moved from Tuesday, April 2 at Sac to Saturday, April 6, at Forest Presbyterian Church...221. You can also complete this training on line.
- **Outdoor Ed Overnight**, weekend of May 4/5: **301b** at Camp Sacajawea **Register on line**. Must complete both 301a and 301b to be considered outdoor ed trained
- Highly recommend even if you don’t plan to tent camp.

Junior Jamboree 2019, May 17 – 19 at Massanetta Spring Camp in Harrisonburg. Theme: “Sheroes”: Building Your Super Powers. Cost range: \$50 - \$65 per girl/adult camping weekend. \$45 for Saturday only. More info should be ready by February.

Save the Date: **Girl Scout Day at Massanutten Water Park. June 29, 2019.**

Thank you to the **Reyes family** for donating six dozen **new arrows** to the archery program at Camp Sacajawea. Please help us thank them reyesbrke@yahoo.com

Cookies/Cookie Booths

- Local Volunteer Girl Scout Cookie Team
 - Product Sales Manager: Lynchburg Campbell County
Detria Moore: thepreachaswife@hotmail.com
 - Cookie Booth Manager: Lynchburg Campbell County
Sarah Muminovic: lccgssucookiebooths@gmail.com

- **All troops must be registered to participate.** Troop's product sales manager must be registered with troop and complete GS 105 training online (20 minute workshop)
- **Double check** that all girls are showing up on **Troop's Member Profile** so their orders will be processed. Troop's primary co-leader will have this information.
- **Double check** that parents have signed **permission form** so their daughter can participate.
- If your initial order was made January 5, expect cookie delivery January 16 or 17. Detria will let you know as soon as she receives confirmation. Next time to place your order is January 26.
- There will be a cupboard this year. Use cupboard to help fill needs in between orders and to possibly help fill smaller orders toward end as cookie sales wrap up.
- By January 19, all troop rosters need to be confirmed. By that date you should have taken a look at your troop roster in ABC Smart Cookie and confirmed that all girls participating in cookie sales are there. If they aren't, let Detria know as soon as possible.
- This year troops at any age level can opt out of incentives. For those troops that are opting out, Detria must have signed opt out forms by February 1.
- Any technical issues with system – call anytime 24/7 at 1-800-853-3730 or email ABCtech@westonfoods.com
- **Please consider letting the girls have at least one cookie booth.** Part of our job as leaders is to help teach our girls the importance of a good work ethic. Work ethics are part of what makes us successful and having a booth sale at an early age teaches the most basic of good work ethics. The girls develop a sense of accomplishment and pride. They learn when they are enthusiastic about their product they often sell more. They learn to be careful with other people's money, thank people for their purchase. And if people don't buy, thank them for their interest. A booth sale is a perfect place to develop good work ethics and values. Needless to say, the girls love "working" a booth sale. We just don't need to overwhelm them or overvalue the end results.
- There are designated areas for cookie booth set up at each location. If your site description does not contain this specific information, please check in with a store manager upon arrival and ask where they would like you to set up. Most locations will place the cookie booth 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 placed indoors, be sure you are requesting uniforms be worn.
- As a troop, you need to provide a table, some kind of banner/sign with the troop number on it and a sign indicating that cookies are \$5.00 per box.

There are some great ideas offered by GSVSC to “bling” your cookie booth; please share these with your girls, www.gsvsc.org/cookiesale In the Skyline Shop there is a cookie marketing kit for \$25 that includes a

- 24 x 12 cookie yard sign, cookie car magnet, table and tote bag.
- We would suggest some kind of decorated collection box for those customers wishing to buy a box to support our military overseas and at Walter Reed Medical Center. Consider providing index cards/pens/tape in case they want to write a message. These boxes will be collected toward end of cookie season (given to Rebecca). For safety reasons there must be 2-3 Girl Scouts and 2 adults at the booth at all times. If you are at a location where you are covering more than one table/entrance, you need to have at least 2 Girl Scouts at each entrance and at least 1 of the 2 adults. If you do not have sufficient coverage for both entrances, just set up in one location. You do not solicit monetary funds at your cookie booth, whether it be for the military or for your troop. For instance, do not put out a collection jar or box for “Troop Donation.” 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”.
- **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. Be polite at all times, regardless of how you are treated. Begin to pack up your booth 5 – 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 it with you when you leave the site. Include any of your own trash. Consider providing the store manager with a thank you note and/or box of cookies as a thank you for allowing us to have a cookie booth at their location.
- Parents working cookie booths should have completed a GS Volunteer Application.
- **Collecting bad cookie debts.** GSVSC has a 50% to 60% success rate in collecting bad cookie debts over \$100, and this could take several years. Under \$100, troops must absorb the loss from their profit. So please remind parents of their responsibility to the girls and troop to avoid bad debt and to turn in their cookie money on time.
- **Cookie incentives** begin to arrive anytime from mid toward end of May. They do not come from Roanoke (headquarters) but from the different vendors contracted by the ABC bakery. There are maybe 3,000 plus items all of which need to be pre sorted and counted prior to your pick up. Takes about 3 hours. Tentative plans are to start this process Thursday,

June 7, prior to the Leader Appreciation Dinner since we already have the room/seven tables needed. Plan is for each leader/cookie parent to bag their own. So even if you can't stay for dinner, plan on having someone from the troop stop by. As we get closer to the date and have a better understanding of how much sorting is required then we can provide a better window of time. Thank you. This is a major task and all help is appreciated. This will also assist in cross checking your troop's items.

- This year **cookie booth lottery** will be by way of Google Doc. Sarah is ready to go but we wait for confirmation from three vendors (specific dates and times). We know you are anxious as we are anxious to hear from them.

Adventurers GSVSC

May 25 – 27 Paddle, Peddle and Pack. Glen Maury Park. Paddle the Maury River from Lexington to Buena Vista. Pedal 11 miles on the Chessie Trail, then hike 6 miles of the Cold Mountain Loop. Participants will tent camp and cook meals. All tents, kayaking gear and cooking gear provided. Girls will earn the Paddling Badge. For our Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts. Cost: \$60.

June 22 – July 30: Wagon West/A Prairie Sojourn: Minnesota to North and South Dakota.

G.I.R.L. Fest 2019. Experience the program thrill of a lifetime adventure packed white water rafting, zip lining, rappelling, mountain biking, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and more. Hosted by GS of Black Diamond Council, partnered with ACE Adventure Resort, Oak Hill, West Virginia..

More about on the **Adventurers** at www.gsvsc.org"Events"

Upcoming Local Events/Activities

- **Cookie Fest/Cookie Cook Off**, Saturday, **January 19, 2019** at HUMC
- **Brownie Science Day at Sweet Briar**, Saturday, **January 26, 2019**
- **GSVSC Annual Meeting**, Saturday, **January 26, 2019** at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, Virginia
- **Silver Award Classroom Workshop**, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon at Hughes Hall TUMC, Saturday, **February 16, 2019**
- **Gold Award Classroom Workshop**, 1:00 – 3:00 pm at Hughes Hall TUMC, Saturday, **February 16, 2019**
- **Sweetheart Dance**, Friday, **February 22, 2019**, 7:00 – 10:00 pm at Moose Lodge
- **World Thinking Day**, Saturday, **March 2, 2019**, TUMC Family Life Center
- **Wild Women's Weekend** at Camp Sac, **weekend of March 15-17** Register on line – Hosted by Adventurers
- **Skate Night** 6:00 – 8:00 pm at FunQuest Tuesday, **March 19**

- **CIT Training** for our 8th graders and up wanting to work at Day Camps, **weekend of March 23/24** at Sac. Register on line
- **Junior Archery Badge in a Day** at Sac. Saturday, **March 30, 2019**. Hosted by Lynchburg/Campbell and Bedford Service Units
- **Outdoor Ed Planning Session**, Saturday, **April 6**, at Forest Presbyterian Church
- **Daisy Day** at Camp Sac, Saturday, **April 6** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Flyer forth coming. Hosted by Lynchburg/Campbell County
- Save the date, Sunday afternoon, **April 7**, 2:00 – 4:00 pm **“College Preparedness/Campus Tour”** Hosted by Kappa Delta. We will target our middle and high school girls.
- **Brownie Camporee**, weekend of **April 13/14**, at Sac. Flyer forth coming. Hosted by Lynchburg/Campbell County
- **Outdoor Ed Overnight** at Sac weekend of **May 4/5**
- **Going for the Gold Banquet**, Saturday, **May 4**, at First Presbyterian Church. Flyer forth coming. Hosted by Lynchburg Campbell County
- **Bridging Ceremony and Award Recognition**, Sunday, **May 19** at Timberlake United Methodist Church.
- **Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Dinner**, Thursday, **June 6**, at First Christian Church.

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>

When you connect with people who are good for you, you feel it. This is a big deal. Don't forget to acknowledge how great it is to be around someone who lights you up. Tell them, even if you feel a little weird. People will love your weirdness.

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