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

#### **January Update 2022**

#### **Power of the Promise**

Super Service Day was created my Mama Stump (Marion) 16 years ago. The girls look forward to this very special event, on the second Saturday in December at First Presbyterian Church which provides 3 needed service projects for our local community. The girls and their families donate approximately 455 lbs. of food to the Blue Ridge Food Bank, decorate/write messages on 200 thinking of you cards for residents in two nursing homes, and decorate and fill 65 plus birthday boxes for Meals on Wheels. Each girl also has the opportunity to make 5 holiday ornaments, decorate/eat sugar cookies (baked by Cindy Watson and her family), and visit with Mrs. Claus. Girl Scouting at its best! Our older Girl Scouts oversee the 8 morning stations and our families go beyond sharing their generosity. Thank you Cadettes and Seniors: Colleen, Cheyene, Hailey, Caitlyn, Sophia B., Peyton, Lily, Audrey, Rosa, Addison, Ella, Elana, Lauren, Anna, Maggie, Sophia G., Alaina F., Kaylee, Zoey, Desire, and Michele (Mrs. Claus).

The beautiful **Girl Scout Tree of Hope**, part of the Festival of Trees, hosted by the Alan B. Pearson was auctioned December 11. It looks like the highest bid was \$100, which goes to the Patient Care Fund. This helps clients with transportation, wigs, etc. The SWAPs were amazing and made the cutest ornaments. Thank you, Sue and Mike Reeves, for donating the 7 ft. tree.

Wreaths Across America was held Saturday, December 18 at the Old City Cemetery. We were able to participate by sponsoring a wreath to honor a veteran serving in either the Civil War to Vietnam to the World Wars. It is a stunning display of over 2,000 donated wreaths!

**Congratulations** to **Emily** Emanuel for completing and sharing her amazing **Silver Award Project!** Emily created a program to introduce theatre to elementary students in the Brookville/Campbell County area. She wrote, recorded, and edited 10 videos about the basics of acting, musical theatre, and technical theatre, which can be shown year after year to these schools. She assembled a large prop box for each school, Tomahaw, Leesville, Rock, and Yellow Branch, that included fans, scarves, puppets, foam swords and shields, beads, beanbags, and ribbon. Emily taught dance classes to elementary schools and middle schools to raise money for the boxes and props. She delivered boxes to each school, told students about the

Silver Award Project, and performed a musical theatre selection for them. Congratulations to memanuel@campbell.K12.va.

Cub Scouts Pack 7, First Presbyterian Church, have opened up the James River Trail, starting at the trail head (Gay Lodge) and taking it to where it intercepts with the Pavilion Trail. This included stump work/removal, sawing through 4 down trees blocking the trail (tornado 2018) to reinforcing the trail with large stones and logs to manage several low and washed-out areas. Excellent work guys and greatly appreciated! This has most definitely inspired us to re-open the James River Trail from the Pavilion Trail toward Judith Creek. (Thank yous to cess525@gmail.com)

Ben Eden has designed and created a masterpiece at the end of the Pavilion train where it joins the James River Trail overlooking the James River...one of the prettiest spots at Camp Sacajawea...the view is breathtaking! Ben designed and handcrafted 3 large benches, taking advantage of this beautiful view, then created a large kiosk showcasing the animals and plants you might see along the James River Trail on one side and the water cycle on the opposite side...extremely educational and perfect if you are working on the Wonders of Water Journey. This is a must-see Eagle Award Project! (edenmh@lcsedu.net)

Club 51 (Donna, Gail, Ann, and Rebecca) spent Friday and Saturday at Camp Sac, weekend 12/3-4, overseeing all kinds of projects...lots of brush work around the Gay Lodge fire circle, tagging trees along the Mama Stump Trail to the observation area for the Eagle Nest, completing paint job at Rendezvous, started work on the western end of the James River Trail that included tagging new trees to be blazed (due to loss of trees in 2018 tornado), decorated the Camp Sac Holiday Tree celebrating our winter holidays, the front gate, and ongoing road work to keep ditches open. Thank you, ladies, for your continuing support and work at Camp Sacajawea.

The **Bebko** and **McCarty family** spent a full day at Sac, Thanksgiving weeked cleaning up around the Chapel and working the Sweetheart Trail, Great Excursion Trail, and Judith Creek Trail (where our canoes are). **Thank you, guys!** 

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 15...group work day at Camp Sacajawea. Contact Rebecca (<u>Becka6778@aol.com</u>) regarding your interest...we can discuss group size, task, time, and activity. Average work time it 2 hours.

**World Thinking Day** is Saturday, March 5 at First Presbyterian Church. Flyer forthcoming but **if you have a country** to showcase, **let us know** now: Amy McCarty (abebko@gmail.com) and Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com).

**Leaders,** if you have not done this, please work on getting this out of the way now, to **update your troop's account.** Each account must have a third signer, a volunteer who is part of the SU finance team. Sharlene Riddlebarger served in this capacity for many years, but since her retirement from Girl Scouting Donna

Guill has assumed this position. As leader of your troop, please go online and complete and submit form #4317, removing Sharlene's name and adding Donna Guill (Donna.C.Guill@gmail.com) as the third signer. Once done, the #1 signer (most likely troop leader) and #2 signer will be notified when your new cards are ready for your signature.

Spend a fun-filled weekend training to be an Adventurers Coordinator. Newcomers must complete the online Trip Training prior to the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Newcomers will complete the job event training and then join the returning coordinators for Adventurer training, including going through the steps to plan an actual event. The theme this year is A Night Under the Stars...weekend highlights include: 5 delicious meals, field trip to the Mill Mtn. Star, "Stars" costume contest, service project, banquet, axe-throwing facilitator training, archery, astronomy program, fellowship...Wild Woman's Weekend 2022.

Place: Girl Scout Camp Icimani, Roanoke

Cost: \$50 for new coordinators; \$25 for returning coordinators

Registration open: January 1, 2022

To register: email or mail Adventurer Adult Registration #2277 to Debbie Clark, 6661 Christopher Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018 (<a href="mailto:denmotherfor30@yahoo.com">denmotherfor30@yahoo.com</a>)

Payment: Venmo (@Adventurers-GSTroop1912) of credit card by contacting Laura Burchett (<u>Lauraburchett90@gmail.com</u>) or mail check payable to Adventurers-Girl Scout Troop 1912 to Debbie Clark.

Winter camping can be lots of fun if you know how to stay warm and if you are not afraid of a little work. Gathering wood, building a fire, going on a hike, cooking over a wood stove or foil dinner over hot coals...

Don't forget GSVSC Annual Meeting (in person/virtual) Saturday morning, January 22, 2022, Radford University. Register on GSVSC website.

#### Cookies

- Message from Detria, Product Sales Manager
  - when placing your initial order, please remember that you have to order in FULL CASES but in package quantities. Each case has 12 packages of cookies.
  - For example, if you want to order 1 case of cookies, you'll need to enter "12". If you want to order 2 cases, you'll enter "24" and so on. If you need 37 Thin Mints, you will have to order 4 cases and enter the quantity of "48".
  - They system will automatically round up to the nearest case.
     So, if you just enter 1 on the packages ordered line, the system

- will automatically round that up to 1 case. It will show on 1 package ordered, 1 case to be ordered with 11 extras on hand.
- Also, keep in mind the system will also round up to the nearest case for any girl delivered orders that are automatically being transferred from Digital Cookie to eBudde for your initial order.
- Detria is available to answer your questions (thepreachaswife@hotmail.com)
- Double check that your girls are showing up on the troop's member profile so their orders will be processed
- Parents must sign permission forms for their daughter to participate.
   Their daughter's troop is self-supporting and their product sales often determine a troop's operating budget/ service products for the year. We feel that each family has a responsibility to participate in product sales not only to support their daughter and her troop but also to support the Skyline Counsel. A generous amount of cookie sale profits is used to support and maintain our three local camps...
   Camp Icimani, Camp Sacajawea, and Camp Sugar Hollow.
- 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.
   If the money is not turned in on time by the parent...GSVSC policy is that an incident report is completed and submitted to GSVSC headquarters.
- The troop's product sales manager will determine a deadline for when money is due to her so that she can meet Detria's GSVSC deadline. Scheduling this date when you have a regular troop meeting works well!

#### **Cookie Booths**

 Cindy and Brad Via will be serving as the Cookie Booth Coordinators for Lynchburg Campbell County, At the present time GSUSA is working to secure agreements with Wal-Mart, Sam's, etc.

#### Cookie Booth Guidelines

- COVID-19 guidelines and updates are on the GSVSC website...please review these online.
- Temperature reading should be taken by the person in charge of the booth to confirm all participants are below 100.4 degrees.
- A COVID-19 waiver must be completed by the parent of the girl and all adults and if necessary, it should be accessible to for

- verification if on file or a new one must be completed for each activity.
- Mask, face covering, or face shield for the nose and mouth must be worn by everyone.
- Hand sanitize regularly-plastic gloves can be used.
- If outdoors, everyone except immediate family should maintain a minimum social distance of a circle radius of 6 ft. of 113 sq. ft.
- No activity/booth should be held in an entrance way of a business.
- Troops of groups may not travel together to and from activities/booth sales.
- No food or drink should be provided for consumption or sharing unless they are prepackaged in a Ziploc bag...be mindful of wearing plastic gloves.
- As a troop, you need to provide a table, some kind of sign/banner with the troop number and a sign indicating that the cookies a \$5.00 per box. There are some ideas offered by GSVSC.
- You do not solicit monetary funds at your cookie booth...for instance, do not put out a collection jar 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. 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 cookies 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.
- o No tagalongs or friends should be onsite.
- o No cookie samples provided unless placed in Ziplock bag.
- Table must be between girls and customers and a minimum of 15 ft. from entrance.

- Rope off area if needed to prevent customers from coming behind table.
- Allow room in front of table for a safety zone for customers.
- Place sign on table with customer guidelines.
- Remind girls to maintain a safe distance if a customer approaches table without mask.
- If customer does not abide by the safety zone in front of the table you can ask them to step back...adult in charge can handle the cookie box and payment exchange.
- Maximum number of participants are 5 girls and 2 adults (one must be a female; one must be a registered Girl Scout).
- if you change or cancel a booth, notify Cindy and Brad, our cookie booth managers.
- You may choose your own cookie booth location (beyond our cooperate partners...Sam's, Kroger, Wal-Mart, JoAnne's, Lowes, etc.), but you must let Cindy and Brad know the date, time, and location.
- 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 (JoAnn's), be sure you are requesting uniform be worn.

# • 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 moneyearning project because your goal is to make money for the troop and you cannot do that if you do not have the proper skills.
- o It is a major income for the troop.
- It is a service project for the GSVSC. 80% of their operating budget comes from cookie sales.
- It is also a service project for donation to the military and a large percentage of the proceeds that troops earn are directed back to local communities through their 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 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, when will they know how many cookies will be sold, the best way to answer a customer's question, and how to promote their product. The main focus is how to sell and interact with people.
- Please consider letting your girls participate in cookies. Part of our job as leaders/parents is to teach our girls the importance of good work ethic.

#### **Local Girl Scout Cookie Team**

- Service Unit/Product Sale Manager/Area 9 Trainer
   Detria Moore (<u>thepreachaswife@hotmail.com</u>)
- Cookie Booth Managers
   Cindy and Brad Via (Cindy bragg@hotmail.com)

### Lynchburg Campbell County '21-'22 Leadership Team

Service Unit Team Leaders: Rebecca Duncan (Becka6778@aol.com)

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Brownie: Erika Theodorides

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Marion Stump (<u>mamastump@hotmail.com</u>)

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Cadette:

Senior: Diana Rider (<u>drider1074@yahoo.com</u>)

Delegates: Rise Hayes, Amy McCarty, Rebecca Duncan Gold Award Champion: Karen Stober Service Area 8 and 9

Area 8 (Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Nelson) <u>GACMArea@gsvsc.org</u>

Area 9 (Lynchburg/Campbell and Bedford) GACMArea9@gsvsc.org

Bronze/Silver: Rebecca Duncan (becka6778@aol.com) and info@gsvsc.org

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

Girl Scout Leaders who put relationships first don't just have Girl Scouts for a short while, they will have girls who view them as troop leaders for life.

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cc Girl Scout Tree of Hope/Letter from Centra



Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center 1701 Thomson Drive Lynchburg, VA 24501 Phone: 434.200.4512 centrahealth.com

Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scouts, PMB 189 4925 Boonsboro Road Lynchburg, VA 24503

Dear Girl Scouts,

On behalf of the Centra Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center, we want to thank you for the tree you generously donated to our 2021 Virtual Trees of Hope event and allowing us to share with the hundreds of people who virtually joined us during the holiday season.

The funds raised from the event were donated to the Pearson Cancer Center Cancer Care Fund. Your gifts help us invest in the latest cancer-fighting technologies and state-of-the-art facilities and services needed to provide patients and their families with excellent outpatient cancer care at the Centra Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center. Each day, we strive to make the Pearson Cancer Center a caring, comforting, and encouraging place. We have found that sometimes it is the smallest gestures that make the biggest differences. For those of us who have the pleasure to be a part of each journey in some way, it is simply a humbling moment to see those in our community giving back to our patients. Our number ONE priority is our patients. So, again, thank you for helping us care for them.

We thank you again for your generous donation. We couldn't do what we do without the support of our community!

Sincerely,

Thomas Angelo, VP, Oncology Service Line Dr. Michael O'Neill, Medical Director Kathi Manis, Senior Director Molleigh Creammer, Community Operations Manager