

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

July 2021 Update

We love Marion Stump, affectionately known as **“Mama Stump”**, who embodies the heart of what Girl Scouting is all about. She has an absolute heart of gold and is loved by so many girls and adults. What an excellent role model. “Mama Stump” speaks commitment, encouraging and empowering girls.

“Mama Stump” is often our go to Person because of her knowledge and experience which is so relatable! What an asset to all adults; we have learned about the heart and soul of Girl Scouting. She finds true joy in teaching the Promise and Law and fosters the desire to see each girl discover who she can be. During this past year “Mama Stump” led the girls to realize that resiliency and determination will prevail.

“Mama Stump” is an absolute treasure and is the epitome of courage, confidence and character. She epitomizes the definition of the Volunteer of Excellence. Mama Stump was presented with the GSVSC Volunteer of Excellence Award at the June 3rd Leader Appreciation Dinner. We are blazing a new trail at Camp Sacajawea in her honor; half is already completed. “The Mama Stump Trail” and associated Activity Tub will be dedicated Spring '22.

Council Highlights from June 24th Roundtable Meeting:

- Look forward to GSVSC COVID updates around July 8
- Upcoming Council Fundraiser “GS Are Trailblazers” celebrating 58 years
- Top Achievers/String of Pearl Celebration will be held Saturday, September 25, at Icimani. Attend by invitation.
- Kim Dowd, GSVSC is now processing troop financial reports
- 2021 Fall Candy-Nut Program:
 - Theme: “Rise Up”
 - Mascot: Emperor Penguin (special promotion to name penguin
 - New candy item: “Carmel Apple”
- 2022 Cookie Program
 - Theme: “Climb with Courage”
 - Mascot: Koala Bear (special promotion to name bear)
 - New cookie will be rolled out in August, giving us a total of 9
- National S'More Day in August
- '20-'21 total membership 4,929 (2,686 girls)

The **“Opportunities and Calendar of Local Events”** will not be part of the August 2021 Update this year. We will continue to move forward and plan volunteer led local programming/activities for our girls but a lot does depend on the policies of venues and the leadership of each event. If you have an interest in leading/planning an event/activity or maybe even your troop, discuss with Rebecca (Becka6778@aol.com) for guidelines.

Mark your calendar now for...

- Sunday afternoon, **August 29**, 200 – 4:00 pm, Gay Lodge at Camp Sacajawea for **Service Unit Meeting**, ice cream social...please invite your Girl Scout daughter, "The Dot" will be open. Please RSVP to Rebecca (Becca6778@aol.com) so we can plan accordingly.
- Saturday, **September 25, 2021, Cadette Day** at Camp Sacajawea featuring the "Cadette Outdoor Journey." Space is limited due to two campsites availability... SU overnight will not be an option.

To celebrate the 58th anniversary of GSVSC a hiking event is being planned "**Girl Scouts are Trailblazers.**" You can participate any time, any place during the month of July. Set your own goal or plan to hike 58, 5.8 or event 58 miles with your friends. Enjoy the great outdoors and support the best leadership development program for girls – Girl Scouts! Girl Scout troops hiking on trails for the first time should complete GSVSC Hiker Training.

Hiker Fee: \$35/\$40 (fun patch and T-shirt included) You can pick up your package or have it mailed to you. You can register on line: gsvsc.org, go to "Girl Scouts are Trailblazers" under Events.

Free Movie Night at Camp Sacajawea, Friday, July 16, 2021 from 7:00 – 10:30 pm presented by the GSVSC Program and Membership Team. Outdoor Movie: "**Spirit Untamed.**" All are welcome, Girl Scout membership not required. The first 10 members who register and bring-a-friend (or friends) will receive a free spirit Untamed fun patch. Registration is required for all. Girls must be accompanied by an adult to attend. Social distancing will be observed and mask required.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/camp-sacajawea-outdoor-movie-night-spirit-untamed-tickets-160832858409>

STEM activities organized by GSVSC Program and Membership Team, **Saturday, August 14, 2021** at Camp Sacajawea, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.

The **National Center for Healthy Veterans** is a new residential farm program being established and built in Altavista. (www.healthyveterans.org). This working farm will feature horses, cattle, dogs, and chickens. There will be a 200' X 60' vegetable garden and honor garden. It will also feature 100 tiny homes and 5 community centers. Future plans are for a wellness center and welcome lodge. This would be a great place to consider both Silver and Gold Award projects as well as community service projects. Diana Rider, Leader Troop 819, Lynchburg Service Unit, would be your person of contact for interested girls/troops regarding needed projects on their wish list.

Dianarider@healthyveterans.org

Local **volunteers** continue to work at **Camp Sacajawea** from mowing to weeding, painting, raking, spraying and cleaning...please consider offering your help to the team. Contact Rebecca (Becca6778@aol.com)

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))

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Life is amazing, and then it's awful.
and then it's amazing again. And in
between the amazing and the awful
it's ordinary and mundane and routine.
Breathe in the amazing, hold on through
the awful, relax and exhale during
the ordinary. That is just living...
heartbreaking, soul-healing, amazing,
awful, ordinary life... it is
breathtakingly beautiful!

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