

Lynchburg Campbell County Girl Scout Service Unit
Amherst/Appomattox

June 2021 Update

Our dear “**Captain Sarah**” (Sarah Muminovic) and her family are moving to North Carolina in June. Sarah has held many positions within our Service Unit...age level mentor, cookie booth coordinator, 8 years as a troop leader, Day Camp Director...a good friend to each of us. She was honored Sunday, May 16, at camp Sacajawea...so nice to spend the afternoon with Sarah at camp. Life is short. Spend it with people who make you laugh and feel loved. We need people in our lives like Sarah who raise our standards, remind us of our purpose, teach us and challenge us to become the best versions of ourselves. Sarah brought out the best in all of us. **We will be forever grateful.** smmuminovic@comcast.net. Wishing Sarah and her family the very best!

Cookie Sales '20-'21

A Big “**Shout Out**” to **Detria** and **Sarah** for keeping us all straight and moving forward!
A big thank you to our girls and their parents and their creativity to make it all work.
Huge effort on the part of everyone.

- We sold 36,445 packages (boxes) of that 6,945 were on line.
- Our area: \$182,225 in total sales; total proceeds \$36,787.45
- We had 11 “pearl girls” this year, each selling 1,000 plus boxes of cookies...amazing! Plus 16 girls who sold over 500 packages
- This was the first year when troops could publish troop websites so they could easily be found in the cookie finder app and sell cookies online direct to customers. They sold an extra 539 packages.
- Top flavor Thin Mints representing 30% of all cookies sold, followed by Samoas at 20%.

Congratulations to our top sellers:

Leyla – Troop 1315 – 1663 packages
Peyton – Troop 1315 – 1663 packages
Taylor – Troop 234 – 1602 packages
Ashley – Troop 234 – 1552 packages
Alania – Troop 678 – 1506 packages
Sophia – Troop 678 – 1361 packages
Addison – Troop 676 – 1359 packages
Madelyn – Troop 678 – 1356 packages
Zoe – Troop 678 – 1313 packages
Desire – Troop 678 – 1241 packages
Lucy – Troop 1315 – 1044 packages
Natalie – Troop 1069 – 720 packages
Addison – Troop 1315 – 650 packages
Elizabeth – Troop 1069 – 576 packages
Madison – Troop 1315 – 518 packages
Caitlyn – Troop 1315 – 518 packages

- String of Pearls (party/recognition for top product program achievers in '20 and '21 will be August 28, 2021. More details forthcoming.
- If you qualified for any ticket, such as Massanutten or Lancerlot, these will be available by early June for you to use on your own schedule. Disney event info will be available soon, planned for June with multiple date options.
- Girl Scout Troop 224 out of Christiansburg and GSVSC teamed up with “Wings” Drone Co to deliver cookies. This was featured April 30 on Fox business with GSVSC CEO Nikki Williams and Troop 224 member Gracie Walker. GSVSC hopes to continue this partnership with “Wings” expanding coverage beyond Christiansburg, increasing STEM activities for Girl Scouts and focusing on potential career paths.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/food/2021/04/28/google-wing-drone-girl--scout-cookies-delivery-covid-impact>

Shopping with The Skyline Shop: If you need items from the shop, please send an email to skylineshop@gsvsc.org. They can arrange for shipping and curbside pick up. When you are ready to arrange a payment, call Customer Care Team at 540-777-5100 Mondays through Thursdays 8:30 am – 6:00 pm or Fridays 8:30 am to noon. You can shop with Girls of the USA online anytime 24/7.

Becoming Me Program Series, inspired by Michelle Obama’s book “Becoming: Adapted for Young Readers”...you can earn 3 specially selected GS Badges – Get the Becoming Me Patch – Participate in a National Service Project to honor members of your community. Go to girlscouts.org – then Girl Scouts at Home – Look for “Becoming Meme Series.”

Significant changes in Girl Scout communities related to COVID 19. Until all girl members in every program level are eligible for vaccines, for the protection of all members as well as the families and communities we serve, GSVSC will continue to practice and expect all members to social distance, utilize face coverings, disinfect/sanitize and utilize hand washing measures regardless of whether or not an individual has received the vaccine.

- Council currently operating in Phase III
- Indoor gatherings may not exceed 100; outdoor gatherings 250
- Program related camps, events, etc. should be carried out in cohorts (units/pods) cohorts may not mix or co-mingle including meal time, program activities, etc.
- Overnights/regional trips allowed up to 3 days, 2 nights
- Not recommended but carpooling is allowed but limited to no more than 3 households per vehicle

More details on GSVSC web site to keep you current

<https://mailchi.mp/f6bece3593d5/covid-update-may17>

Opportunity Catalog for new girls...or choose to opt out. Your contact is Bekah Shmokler at rshmokler@gsvsc.org If accepting new girls she will display this for you.

Saturday, May 15, was another great work day at Camp Sacajawea with teams working at "The Griz," Ranger's house, Skinny Dip Hole and Gay Lodge fire circle (old dilapidated picnic table is gone...thank you Jesse, Donna and Ann). Ongoing **help needed...especially trimming and weed eating**, particularly under/around trees. We will be glad to find needed/rewarding projects for interested troops...an hour of their time while at camp would be so appreciated! Contact Rebecca at becka6778@aol.com. A treasure to be saved and maintained.

A Fun and very productive day at Camp Sacajawea for **30 of our girls**. **Working in teams**, they painted the entrance signs, map sign and railings at the Administration Building, girls weeded and rebuilt the Gay Lodge fire circle, picked out new rocks for the future Troop House fire circle, resurfaced the path connecting Pavilion to Troop House, planted flowers, mulched, fixed a lovely planter for the ranger house, completely weeded the Griz (amphitheater) and redesigned the rock garden at the Griz... Thank you Girl Scouts!

Camp Sacajawea is open, there are many amenities available to you and your girls..."The Dot" (spray/splash pad), playing field with lots of equipment in game shed, trails for hiking (we can point you in that direction), Rosa has completed her Silver Award Project...Library and Resource Center at Sunspot is amazing and ready for your visit, Ella and Audrey have updated/refreshed all of the Activity Tubs (Leave No Trace, Scavenger Hunt, Bugs, Trees, Public Speaking, Hiker, JGL Daisy Bingo, Halloween Bingo, JGL Catch the Spirit) plus added a few more at Sunspot. The activities have been adopted so can be enjoyed at every age level...If you need help with planning, please let us know how we can assist...Becka6778@aol.com (434-841-4731). Oh what a beautiful site, get out and enjoy. A walk in nature is good for the soul.

"Girl Scout Love the Outdoors Challenge Day", planned by our GSVSC staff, Saturday, July 24, at Camp; Sacajawea starting at 10:00 am. Open to GS members, new members and potential members. Registration through GSVSC...as a troop or solo (with an adult in attendance). Activities to include archery, "The Dot"/spray pad, games and tie dye and a few more.

Summer Camp-in-a-Day, Saturday, July 10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at Camp Sacajawea for campers rising 1st grade to rising 6th grade. Deadline to register is June 9th. Amy McCarty is Camp Director, Alys Millner, Camp Nurse.
<https://www.gsvsc.org/en/camp/summer-camps.html>

End of Year Finance Report due June 30

- All financial records must be submitted electronically. GSVSC no longer able to accept paper copies.
- Use Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Finance Tab submission: go to <https://mygs.girlscouts.org> and login to your account, select "My Account," select "Volunteer Toolkit" then select "Finances."
- Submit to info@gsvsc.org by June 30, 2021
- If you are having difficulty you can first reach out to your Service Unit by June 1

- Finance reports missing bank statements and/or receipts will be flagged and returned for correction. Volunteers who repeatedly do not comply with the annual finance reporting requirements will be notified they are no longer eligible to handle Girl Scout finances.
- If the troop is disbanding, merging or dividing, contact council for further assistance (info@gsvsc.org or 540-777-5100)
- Troop finance Report #4318
 - All income – expense – summary and reconciliation tabs are to be completed
 - Bank statements: copies of all bank statements for the fiscal year (April/May 2020 – May 2021) should be submitted as a single or multiple PDF files (do not send picture files)
 - Receipts: copies of All expense receipts should be submitted as a PDF file(S) – do not send pictures files.

Highest Awards

“The project is the solution to the problem being addressed.”

Bronze Award

- Highest Award earned by a Junior Girl Scout (4th – 5th grade)
- Must complete a Junior Journey before starting a project
- Project does not require pre-approval by GSVSC, exception are projects done on council properties... Ichimani, Camp Sacajawea or Camp Sugar Hollow. These projects will require Ranger approval.
- Project hours minimum of 20 per Girl Scout, 40% planning hours and 60% project hours
- Project focus is something girls care about and what they would like to improve with their Girl Scout or local community
- Girls develop an understanding of sustainability
- Final report, usually submitted by Troop leader/co-leader
- Online overview is available, 45 minutes. The 90 minute Bronze Award Virtual Classroom Workshop is highly recommended for girls, required for Team Advisor
- Not required in order to move to the next highest award level (Silver). Girl Scouts earning the Bronze Award do have an advantage toward understanding requirements for the Silver Award.

Silver Award

- Highest Award earned by a Cadette Girl Scout (6th, 7th and 8th grade)
- Must complete a Cadette Journey before starting project
- Silver Award 2 hour workshop is mandatory. It is highly recommended that this is taken prior to starting project. Required for girl and team advisor.
- The 45 minute on line overview serves as a resource.
- May work as an individual or small group of 2 – 4 girls
- Project does require pre-approval by council. A project planned to take place on council properties must also have approval of Camp Ranger
- Minimum project hours by each girl is 50, 30% planning hours and 70% project hours.

- Project focus is something girls care about and that they would like to improve within their Girl Scout or local community.
- Girls demonstrate an understanding of sustainability in the project plan and implementation
- A final report submitted on line by each individual girl even if a group project.
- Silver Award is a great spring board toward the Gold.

Gold Award

- Highest Award earned by a Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade)
- Must complete two Journeys (Senior/Ambassador) or earn the Silver and complete one Journey
- Projects are individual/girl – led
- Pre-approval of Project proposal is required
- Minimal project hours is 80, 20% planning hours and 80% project hours
- Gold Award training is required
- Project must include provisions to ensure sustainability
- Final report submitted on line
- Council guide on gsvsc.org website “Go Gold”

Triumph Award

- For those Girl Scouts who have earned the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, you may **apply** to GSVSC to earn the Triumph Award. They honor each Triumph Award recipient with a lifetime membership.

Upcoming date: **Bronze Training** – Sunday, September 12, 2021 – virtual

Silver Training – Sunday, October 3, 2021 – virtual

Register on line once posted

2020 – 2021 SU Leadership Team

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

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Troop Level Mentors: Daisy – Erika Theodorides (erika.theodorides@gmail.com)

Brownie – Marion Stump (mamastump@hotmail.com)

Junior – Marion Stump

Cadette – Sarah Muminovic (smmuminovic@comcast.net)

Senior – Diana Rider (drider1074@yahoo.com)

Delegates: Amy McCarty (abebko@gmail.com)
Erika Theodorides
Rebecca Duncan

Gold Award Campions

Karen Camper: Area 9 (Lynchburg/Campbell County and Bedford)
GACMArea9@gsvsc.org
Karen Stober: Area 8 (Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Nelson)
GACMArea8@gsvsc.org

Bronze/Silver

Rebecca Duncan (Becka6778@aol.com) and info@gsvsc.org

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>

Be the person who makes others feel special.
Be known for your kindness and grace.

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