

**Lynchburg Campbell county Girl Scout Service Unit
Amherst/Appomattox
May 2020 Update**

Maybe the best friend a Girl Scout could ever have... **Ranger Marc Johnson**, one of the most **enthusiastic supporters of Girl Scouting**... always positive, accessible and someone who truly valued the growth of our girls... such a skillful leader to All of us. Marc retires May 1, 2020 after 33 years with GSVSC (1986) and what a legacy he will leave....you see it throughout Camp Sacajawea along with the **hundreds of projects** he helped us with and complete. So compassionate, so caring, so committed and dedicated, offering encouragement to pursue and follow through with some of the coolest additions to Camp Sacajawea. **Thank you dear friend!**

Even though the physical part of Girl Scouting was cancelled our girls, leaders, parents and the Service Unit on a whole must look back and appreciate what has been accomplished this year and now look forward to an exciting '20-'21 Girl Scouting year and the way we will bounce back. **What we do is so powerful...our generosity defines us.**

- We welcomed 26 new leaders into our Service Unit.
- We provided Dr. Andrews and his mission team to Central Mexico with 250 small stuffed animals providing comfort to those children going into surgery.
- So excited to have Helen and Rebekah serve as girl delegates to the Open Dialogue Meeting/Annual Meeting this year.
- Best product sales team ever under the direction of Detria and Cookie Booth Manager Sarah and Andrea in Amherst.
- The girls participating in the September '19 Cadette Camporee decorated 65 pairs of flip flops that were shared with Warm Streets and a mission team to Haiti. They also donated over 300 granola bars to the Food for Thought Program affiliated with Park View Community Mission.
- The girls participating in the October '19 Junior Camporee donated over 100 pairs of socks that were shared with Daily Bread and Warm Streets.
- Over 60 coats and warm hoodies were collected and donated to the Salvation Army Center of Hope, along with 55 filled Christmas stockings for the children affiliated with their program.
- Super cool GS trailer was part of the Lynchburg Christmas parade, put together by Erin and Russ. Ten Thanksgiving Turkey Boxes were decorated and filled providing Thanksgiving meals for ten families in need.
- During Super Service Day, December 2019, our girls and their families donated 450 pounds of food to the Blue Ridge Food Bank, made/hand decorated 250 Thinking of You cards that were shared with the residents at the Gretna Rehab Facility and The Summit, and filled/brightly decorated 100 Birthday Boxes for Meals on Wheels.
- We participated in the "Festival of Trees" during the Tree of Hope Program at the Alan B. Pearson Regional Cancer Center. Our Girl Scout Tree was covered with over 200 handmade SWAPs by our girls was auctioned on December 13 with all profits going to the Patient Support Fund.

- We participated in "Wreaths Across America," placing three wreaths honoring service men/women veterans from the Revolutionary War through Vietnam.
- We enjoyed a very successful Sweetheart Dance... Girl Scouts and their escorts brought toiletry items that were donated to the Miller Home for Girls and Domestic Violence Prevention Center. The profit made from the dance secured Camp Sacajawea rental for '20-'21 SU programming at Sacajawea. Sweetheart Dance was planned and hosted by Troop 108.
- During World Thinking Day '20, working in teams of four, our girls carefully decorated 30 Hero Boxes for our women serving in the military. They were filled with cookies and toiletry items (donated by Troop 108). The girls donated a huge supply of school supplies for the HumanKind Backpack Program.
- We hosted the Fall Open Dialogue Meeting.
- We hosted three Silver Award Classroom Workshops, three 106 Event Training Workshops, one Bronze Award Training Workshop and one virtual Gold Award Workshop on March 29.
- Michele added two new very exciting pages to the SU web site that will hopefully help you with your '20-21 planning
 1. Badge in a Day
 2. Discovery Sites www.lburgccgirlscouts.weebly.com
- Our SU facilitated the partnerships with Nature Foundation at Wintergreen, Camp Kum Ba Yah, Amazement Square, Claytor Nature Center and Parks and Rec updating their list of Girl Scout badges for all levels and those requirements, providing Badge in a Day programming. You can contact them directly.
- We added a Coding and Robotics Workshop for our older girls via Randolph College and hope to continue this new partnership throughout the year offering badges for our older girls. LCC hosted event.
- We will continue our partnership with Kappa Delta at UL.
- New resource tool, Dr. Emily Bradshaw answering our questions/providing tips to better understand and work with our special needs girls.

Please share these highlights with your GS families as we get recharged for the new scouting year. We thank everyone for their ongoing support to promote this **volunteer facilitated** Service Unit...**their SU**

We are in awe of what our troops do beyond the Service Unit level and would love to hear from you...adding "**News to Share**" from each troop in the June update. (Email to Becka6778@aol.com)

Please consider serving on the **CEO (Nikki Willam's) Volunteer Advisory Committee**. contact Susan Hodges at shodges@gsvsc.org

Stay connected with GSVSC with GSVSC via Nikki's Live "**Stroll and Chats**" via [facebook.com/GSVSC](https://www.facebook.com/GSVSC)

Digital programming by GSVSC...Click on "Program" upper right then "Just for Me," "Girl Scouting at Home" for your specific age level...to be **launched in May**.

End of the Year Finance Report

By **June 30, 2020** your troop's designated troop leader/treasurer will upload by way of the Volunteer Tool Kit Finance tab it's completed Finance Excel Report #4318, bank statements and copies of expense receipts. If you need assistance or have questions reach out to Becka6778@aol.com or your GSVSC Customer Care Team at info@gsvsc.org or 1-800-542-5902.

- Required
 - All **Finance Report #4318** to include income, expense and reconciliation
 - Copies of all bank statements for the fiscal year (April/May 2019 – May 2020)
 - Copies of all expense receipts
 - Troop, SU, Camp or Sub Unit Record (#4041) – Report any change in bank signers, accounts or banks
- EOY Finance Report Timeline
 - It's recommended that Troops having difficulty completing finance reports reach out to Becka6778@aol.com by May 15.
 - Designated Troop Leader/Treasurer uploads the completed Excel (#4318) Report, bank statements and copies of expense receipt to council by
 - **June 30, 2020** via the VTK tab.
 - Council staff reviews reports as submitted to council and adds to Finance Report (Google) Tracker. Each SU Finance Team Leader given "view only" access to Tracker.
 - Red-flagged reports will be returned to Troop Leader/Treasurer for corrections and noted on Tracker. SU Team Leaders are copied on communications.
 - SU Finance Facilitator/Team leader reviews annual finance reports and addresses all red-flag concerns with troop co-leaders.
 - Troop Leader/Treasurer corrects reports and submits to SU Team Leader/Finance Facilitator for final review by July 31, 2020.
 - Troop Leader/Treasurer submits corrected reports by council by August 14, 2020.
- Annual EOY Reporting includes:
 - Every Leader
 - Renews membership and volunteer roles for upcoming membership year by June 30, 2020. Troop Leaders who do not renew by July 1 lose access to VTK.
 - Completes Troop Co-Leader Position Description #1603.
 - Completes Volunteer Self Evaluation #4261 for every leader submit to SU Team Leader by June 30, 2020. SU Team leader reviews/signs #4261 Troop Pathway Volunteer Self Evaluation for every leader.

- One per Troop
 - **Update the Troop Opportunity Catalog by June 30, 2020.** The Opportunity Catalog puts existing troops with openings at the fingertips of interested parents/potential volunteers and GSVSC. If you do not wish to have your troop displayed in the "Opportunity Catalog" you may "Opt Out" by contacting info@gsvsc.org
 Subject: Troop _____ Lynchburg Campbell County
 Message: Troop _____ does not wish to be displayed in the "Opportunity Catalog" requesting "opt out" status. At a later time you may choose to "opt in". If you do not communicate this "opt out" feature with GSVSC your troop will appear in the opportunity Catalog.

Pinterest Board for GS online stuff (<https://pin.it/2HEvCQY>)

Save these dates...

- **Wild Women's Weekend** rescheduled to August 28-30, 2020 at Camp Sacajawea. Register online through GSVSC
- **Leader Appreciation Dinner**, Thursday, September 3, 2020 6:00 pm at First Christian Church. Please consider bringing a dessert made from Girl Scout cookies. RSVP to Becka6778@aol.com Flyer being revised.
- Triple C Camp in Charlottesville offering **Journey in a Day** "It's Your Planet, Love it," Saturday September 26, 2020 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Triple C Camp in Charlottesville, "**It's Your Story, Tell It,**" Sunday, September 27, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **Cadette Camporee** at Sacajawea weekend of September 26/27 designed to meet the requirements for the Cadette Outdoor Journey (LCC)
- **Outdoor Education Combo:** Planning Session 301 and Overnight Session 301b, weekend of October 2-4 at Sacajawea (GSVSC)
- **Junior Camporee** (LCC) weekend of October 24/25 at Sacajawea "Get Moving" Journey It's Your Planet, Love it"

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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>

I think that when the dust settles, we will realize how very little we need, how much we actually have and the true value of human connection.

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Enclosure: This Little Camper That Follows Me

This Little Camper That Follows Me

A careful girl I have to be,
a little camper follows me -

I do not dare to go astray
for fear she'll go the self same way,

I cannot once escape her eyes,
what ere she sees me do, she tries;

Like me, she says, she's going to be -
this little camper that follows me.

She thinks of me as good and fine,
believes in every word of mine

The fault in me she must not see,
this little camper that follows me.

I must remember as I go
through the months of sun and winter's snow

I'm helping build for years to be
this little camper that follows me.

