

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

May 2021 Update

It was an amazing “working weekend” at Camp Sacajawea April 16, 17 and 18th for approximately 45 volunteers...Wonderful! Our first group started Friday at 9:00 am, picking up all the cut logs and brush from the enlarged Gay Lodge fire circle and moving all that stuff to Ranger Tim and the Chipper. The LU student volunteers arrived around 12:30 pm and focused on picking up the cut logs and brush from around the new archery range and Tanglewood. A second group of LU student volunteers came in Saturday am finished up Tanglewood and picked up all the piles of cut debris on the playing field...massive work. Two teams worked Sunday afternoon clearing sites near the Gay Lodge circle drive and cleaning areas around “The Griz” (amphitheater)...Synfani, Stormi, Payton, Lydian, Jaliyah, Ellie, Addison, Allana, Claire, Bridgette, JaVera, Marion, Phil, Alex, Karen S. Donna, Ann, Colleen and Karen C. Thank you!!! Our next **work day** is Saturday, **May 15**, 10:00 – 1:00 (although work as you can...hour or two is fine). Contact Becka6778@aol.com for details and get a work time. For insurance purposes you cannot just show up without letting Rebecca know.

There is no greater feeling in the world than helping others. Volunteers are such a gift.

Sarah Muminovic and her family are moving to North Carolina. A special afternoon has been planned for Sarah who has held so many positions in our Service Unit, **May 16th**. Contact Rebecca for more details (Becka6778@aol.com). We would love to have you join us as we say **thank you** to our **Captain Sarah**.

Leader Appreciation “Supper” will be **Thursday, June 3**, 6:00 – 7:30 pm at Peakland United Methodist Church - a great time to celebrate you and our accomplishments this year. Bagged supper provided including sandwich, fruit cup, chips, dessert and drink. Flyer forthcoming so you may choose your specialty sandwich on ciabatta bread and register. Your **daughters are invited**. Reservations are required.

“Summer Camp in - a - Day” at Camp Sacajawea Saturday, **July 10** from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Program by Amy McCarty and Rebecca. Theme: Summer Outdoor Fun. Rotations include archery, skinny dip hole, hiking, games, crafts, evening campfire and s’mores. Cost: \$25 covers camp rental, fun patch, GSVSC processing fee, two snacks, craft material, s’mores, life guard...

We are in need of campsite leaders and older girl helpers (2 adults, 2 older girls: rising 7th grade and up) and rotation leaders.

Campers: Rising 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders.

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Registration opens May 1, closes June 12. (Register through council)

Virtual **Silver Award Workshop**, Sunday afternoon, **June 6**, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Interested Cadettes and their team's advisor are required to complete a Silver Award Training. The 45 minute online training can be used for resource only. GSVSC project pre-approval is required. Register gsvsc.org

'20-'21 End of the Year Report due no later than June 30 and emailed to info@gsvsc.org. Whether your troop was active this year or not, you are responsible for submitting this report no later than June 30, 2021. For those who did not submit '19-'20 report, you need to include this as well. Use the Finance Report Excel Form (#4318) – go to gsvsc.org, select MyGS, select Volunteer Tool Kit, select Finances. Copies of receipts and bank statements should be shared on PDF files.

Early bird registrations April 1 through June 30. Membership **financial assistance** for girls and adults **available**. Pay stubs are required to verify how much assistance may be provided. Select "Financial Aid" box on payment page. Parents will need to ensure you have a copy of the pay stubs saved to your computer or phone prior to completing the financial assistance form.

GSVSC Updates

COVID: Restriction ease May 15, 2021 with discussion on carpooling and overnights
: Increases to 100 people indoors and 250 outdoors

Membership: 2,596 girls registered this year – 1,332 adults and 867 lifetime membership
: Co-leaders please consider opening up your troop to new members for the upcoming year and displaying your troop in the participation (opportunity) catalog

Cookie Program: GSVSC is continuing with their council-sponsored booths through May 16. If you want to participate with staff and **earn additional funds for your troop**, please contact the Cookie Team at productsale@gsvsc.org. They are also looking for local booth locations.
: To date 422,127 packages have been sold – 61% of last year's total sales – out of 2,596 girls 1,492 participated – 969 girls participated in Digital cookie.

New On Line Forms: "GSVSC FORMS"
#2111Camps/Program Center Use
#2503 Event Report
#2150 Program Center Reservation and Equipment
Reservation Form
When you select the camp you are interested in (Sugar Hollow, Camp Sacajawea and Ichimani) it will populate the sites and buildings for you to select from

Property Update at Camp Sacajawea

Troop House: All four walls had to be replaced due to age (1957 building) heavy insect damage and rot. Building also has a new roof. Inside work being done now.

Bunkhouse: 95% that it can be saved – no start date yet

Grounds, etc.: Mowing and general upkeep and cleaning being done by volunteers. No ranger on site. Ranger Tim is overseeing all four GSVSC properties... Sugar Hollow, Sacajawea, Ichimani and headquarters. Tim based out of Roanoke.

Even though the physical part of Girl Scouting was cancelled for part of the year our girls, leaders, parents and the Service Unit on a whole must look back and appreciate what has been accomplished this year and look forward to '21-'22 Girl Scouting year and bouncing back. What we do is so powerful...

Rebecca

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>

The work of Today
is the
History of Tomorrow
and
We Are It's Makers

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