

Our History



Along the Skyline

1963 to 2023: 60 Years of Girl Scout History in Virginia Skyline

During this 60th Anniversary Year your Virginia Skyline Archives Group is going to highlight some interesting and fun facts about those 60 years in our council. *Our History Along the Skyline* will be featured every two weeks in continuing articles and pictures in *The Girl Scout Connection*.



In 1961 the part of Virginia that we now know as Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council was made up of six councils and several loan troop areas (geographic areas that had no council, but had a Girl Scout Troop).



Albemarle Girl Scout Council started with 2 lone troops in the Charlottesville/Albemarle area—1920 in Charlottesville and 1926 in Scottsville. In 1963 the Albemarle Girl Scout Council had 52 troops and 1,006 girls and 296 adults to bring to the new council that was formed. Camp Sugar Hollow became one of the new council's campsites.

The Augusta-Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council was chartered in 1947 from lone troops in Staunton and Harrisonburg and the Waynesboro Girl Scout Council. In 1961 the council was extended to include Bath and

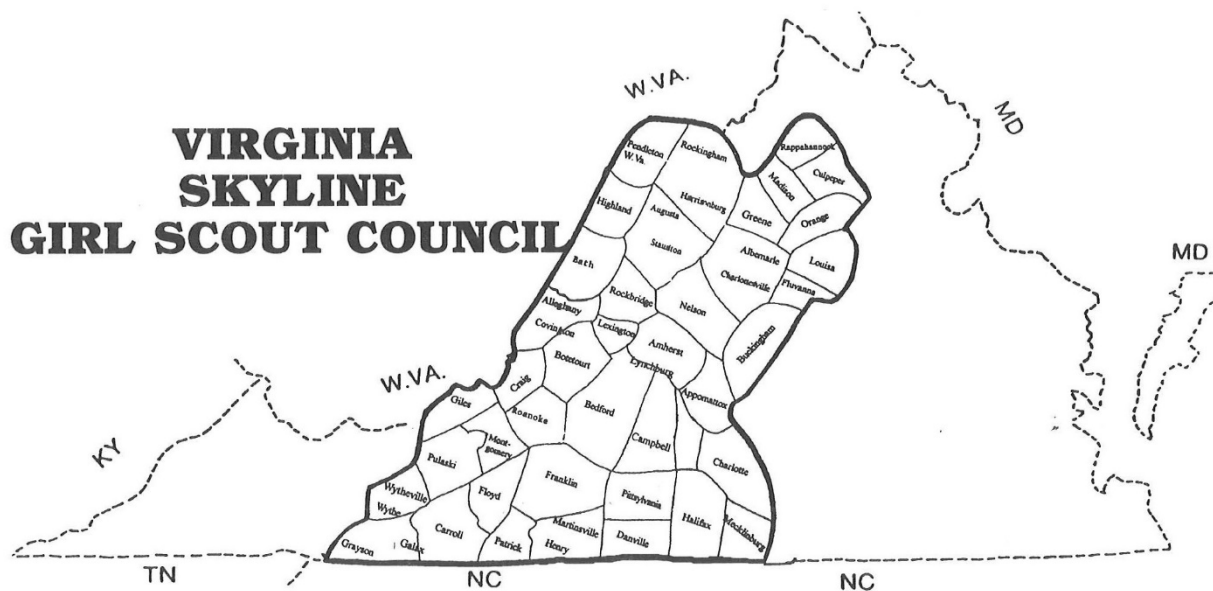
Highland Counties in Virginia and Pendleton County in West Virginia. Augusta –Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council brought 77 troops, 1,277 girls and Camp Garth Newel to the new council.

Central Virginia Council of Girl Scouts began as the Lynchburg Council of Girl Scouts in 1941. Before that there were 100 girls in lone troops. Between 1948 and 1957 the jurisdiction grew to include Big Island, Monroe, Amherst, Brookneal, Colony, Appomattox, Glasgow, Altavista, Forest, Elon, Concord, and Rustburg. Central Virginia Council of Girl Scout brought 1,418 girls and 393 adults and Camp Sacajawea to the new Virginia Skyline Council.

Roanoke Girl Scout Council was organized in 1932 but the first troop in the area was formed in 1919. In 1959 The **Old Dominion Girl Scout Council** was chartered and include Roanoke City and County (including Salem and Vinton), Montgomery County (including Shawsville, Christiansburg and Blacksburg), and Alleghany (except Covington), Franklin, Craig, Grayson and Carroll Counties making it the largest council in Southwest Virginia. The Old Dominion Council became the center of activity to unite the six councils into Virginia Skyline. The Old Dominion Girl Scout Council has 163 troops and 2,782 girls, Camp Kiwanianna and Camp Dark Hollow when the councils merged into the new council.

Piedmont Girl Scout Council started as several lone troops in Danville and was chartered as a council in 1954 and served Pittsylvania, Patrick, Henry, and Halifax counties. 65 troops and 1,200 girls joined the new council plus Camp Axton became one of the new council's Camps. Pulaski Girl Scout Council began with one lone troop in 1921. In 1943 the Pulaski Girl Scout Council was formed. When Virginia Skyline was created Pulaski had 19 troops and 264 girls that joined the 5 other council and lone troop areas to become Virginia Skyline Council.

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