


Through the Years 1963-1998



Through the years, thousands of adults just like you have made meaningful contributions to Virginia Skyline. Whether you have been a leader helping to build the dreams of tomorrow, a community member skillfully engineering our paths forward, or a parent providing the support, together we have created an exciting blueprint for our girls to follow.

GIRL SCOUTS

GO MOP & CHANGE LIVES

INTRODUCTION

This thirty-five year history of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Inc., is the result of research done by the Council Archives Group. Many days of searching through council records, old newspapers, old pictures, and jogging people's memories about the early years of Virginia Skyline went into writing this history.

This history is a continuation of the **THROUGH THE YEARS: 1963-1993** which was distributed at the council's 30th Annual Meeting in April 1993. We have updated the lists and graphs, as well as adding to the chronological accounting of council events. A list of dates and locations of the annual meetings and a list of those honored as Women of Distinction have been added.

The histories of the merging councils that were written in 1983 for the 20th anniversary booklet have again been incorporated in this newest book. The chronological accounting of events in Virginia Skyline begins in 1963 and continues to 1998. It includes selected Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. historical facts printed in italics at the beginning of each year. Information was gathered from SKYLINES, annual reports, council event files, and newspaper articles. Because of space and financial constraints, we chose to include only

council-wide events. Troops, service units, and associations continue to have thousands of unique activities and events which we challenge you to record into a Girl Scout history of your area.

The updated graphs present the council financial and membership history. Trends in program and training are summarized to give readers an idea of how the council has met the needs and interests of the girls and adults it serves.

Throughout our 35 years, camps and camping have always been a very important part of Virginia Skyline. Within this book we give a brief summary of all the camps and program centers which continue to receive improvements brought about by the success of our 1993 capital campaign. A more complete history of the five campsites currently owned by the council, **A SCRAPBOOK OF CAMP MEMORIES**, was compiled in 1990 by the Virginia Skyline Archives Group.

As you travel through the 35 years of our council's history, we hope that it will help you recall times that were special to you. It can become your link to events that have happened and inspire you to plan activities for our future historians.



VSGSC Archives Group
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The Faithful One

In every council, in every troop
 When there's some work to do,
It's very likely to be done
 By just a faithful few.
Many folks will help to sing,
 And some are glad to talk;
But when it comes to doing things,
 A lot of them will balk.
So when you have to look about
 At things that must be done,
You nearly always have to go
 And ask the "Faithful One."
You know full well she's busy too,
 And always hard at work,
Yet, you are sure she'll not refuse
 Nor any duty shirk.
She never stops to make excuses
 But always tries to do
The very best she can
 To smooth the way for you.
So may God bless this "Faithful One"
 And ever enrich her life,
For having served our neighborhood so true
 Our dear, beloved friend.

THE AUGUSTA - ROCKINGHAM AREA GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

The Augusta-Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council was chartered in June 1947 from lone troops in Staunton and Harrisonburg and a local council in Waynesboro. Mrs. C. C. Freed of Waynesboro was president, and Margaret Smith Stake was executive director. There were 598 girls - 141 Brownies, 378 Intermediates, and 79 Seniors. 285 adults served as troop leaders, committee members, trainers and board members. The proposed budget was \$4,500.00. Camp Wil-Moor, from Waynesboro Girl Scout Council, was the day camp site, and established camp was held at Sherando Lake.

The first area-wide rally, attended by 800 that included participation by all troops in the communities served by the council, was held in 1950. Throughout the 50's this rally became an annual event. *Girl Scouts - A Growing Force for Freedom* was one of the themes. Troop program kits to help with badgework were developed - Folk Dancing, Weaving, Finger Painting were some of the subjects covered. Girl Scout week celebrations also included Brownie Sings.

Day Camps were operated each year in the communities served by Augusta-Rockingham. Girl Scout Council sites used were Massanutten Caverns, Gypsy Hill Park, and Verbena Park. Established camp was held at Sherando Lake until 1955 when Camp Garth Newel was acquired from Mrs. William S. Kendall of Hot Springs.

Training of leaders was important to the Augusta-Rockingham Council. In 1953 troop camp training was offered in cooperation with several councils and was held at the Lynchburg Girl Scout camp. Leaders also participated in 16-hour group leadership courses including practical application for leading a Girl Scout troop.

Seniors participated in a council planning board which planned conferences and special events for Seniors. In 1960 the first *Council Roundup* was held for Seniors at the Woodrow Wilson High School grounds. This became an annual event.

In 1961 plans began for consolidation of Girl Scouting in the area. The board approved extension of the council to Bath and Highland counties in Virginia and Pendleton County in West Virginia. From 1961 until the creation of Virginia Skyline, August-Rockingham Girl Scout Council was without an executive director. Mrs. David Robinson, President, and the board of directors ensured that Girl Scouting thrived in the council.

When consolidation plans began, Augusta-Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council had 77 troops, 1,277 girls and Camp Garth Newel to bring to the new council. Mrs. Gem Murray served as a staff advisor on the organization committee and then became a field director in the new council.

CENTRAL VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF GIRL SCOUTS

The Lynchburg Council of Girl Scouts was organized February 28, 1941, with Mrs. John P. Hughes, II as first commissioner. Before this there were 100 Lynchburg Girl Scouts in lone troops. At the close of the first year the council's jurisdiction was the city of Lynchburg and a radius to within five miles. There were twelve troops with a total membership of 112 and a part-time professional worker, Miss Dorothy Deaver. When funding needs became apparent, local civic organizations contributed as did board members, and that September the Community Chest gave \$500.00 to the council.

By early 1942, World War II required patriotic services of all age groups, and the Girl Scouts met the challenge by helping to distribute meat ration literature, sell defense stamps, serve as ushers for local defense drives, and roll bandages for the American Red Cross. One Christmas day during the war, they set up a canteen at Union Station to brighten the holiday of the troops passing through Lynchburg. That day they served 25 gallons of coffee and 34 dozen donuts to servicemen.

Between 1948 and 1957 the council's jurisdiction grew to include the nearby towns and counties of Big Island, Monroe, Amherst, Brookneal, Colony, Appomattox, Glasgow, Altavista, Forest, Elon, Concord, and Rustburg. As a result of this growth, the council incorporated in January 1952 with 46 troops and a total membership of 685 girls and 194 adults. The executive director's position had become full time, and there was a part-time secretary. In 1957 another staff member was added. At the annual council meeting in October 1958, the membership voted to form four contiguous districts each with a chairman. This gave the council a jurisdiction of the city of Lynchburg; the towns of Hurt, Pamplin, and Glasgow; all of the counties of Amherst, Appomattox and Campbell; and Bedford County east of Otter River. At this time the name was changed to Central Virginia Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.

As early as 1944 the Lynchburg Council had a camp fund committee to begin the search for camp property and to gather the necessary funds. In February 1952 a site off Trents Ferry Road was purchased. It had 119 acres and several buildings overlooking the James River. A contest was held to name the new camp. Susan Garretson, a Lynchburg Girl Scout, won with her submission of "Sacajawea." Ninety-four girls enjoyed day camp that first year, and thousands have enjoyed the site since. In 1954 the Lions Club built the Pavilion at Sacajawea, and in 1958 the Exchange Club erected the Troop House. Gay Lodge was also built in 1958 with money raised in a capital funds drive.

Central Virginia Council of Girl Scouts brought 1,418 girls and 393 adults to Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council along with Camp Sacajawea. Mrs. John James, Jr. was the president of Central Virginia at the time of the merger, and Mrs. C. C. Tarplee was the executive director. Mrs. Tarplee became the assistant executive director of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council.

OLD DOMINION GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

When Girl Scouts of the USA began its "Under the Green Umbrella" program, Old Dominion, consisting of 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, was the largest council in southwest Virginia. As such it became the center of activity for a plan that would unite six councils.

Roanoke Girl Scout Council was organized in 1932 with Mrs. R. B. Jennings as Commissioner. The first troop (un-numbered) was formed in 1919 at Belmont Baptist Church by Mrs. A. B. Brooks, the pastor's wife. It disbanded in 1920.

Troop 1 came along in 1924 at the First Presbyterian Church. It was led by Mrs. Frank Payne, Captain, and Miss Blodwein Voight and Miss Edith Rowland, Lieutenants.

The first Golden Eaglet Badge was earned in 1934 by Helen Welch (now Mrs. Francis Ewald) of Troop 4. From 1934 to 1938 the Blue Ridge Boy Scout Council let the Girl Scouts use Camp Powhatan. In 1935 Miss Gertrude Richardson became volunteer director of the Girl Scout camp session there.

That same year, the Girl Scout Little House was dedicated as Camp Jennings (after the first commissioner). The Little House, located where Virginia Western Community College is now, had been the "pest house" for Roanoke City Hospital's smallpox patients and was given to the council by the city. Eventually the council gave the property back, but for years it was used for weekend camp-outs, rallies, festivals, and cookouts.

The Roanoke Girl Scout Council, under the leadership of Mrs. A. E. Moeschler, Commissioner, applied for the first community fund allocation in 1938. The \$3,000 given that year enabled the council to hire Miss Bee Turner as executive director and to rent an office in the Colonial American Bank Building.

The first black troop in Roanoke was organized in 1940 and in that same year the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke bought 225 acres in Montgomery County for a girls' camp. Roanoke Girl Scouts and the YWCA shared the use of the site.

In 1950 approximately 400 acres of land was located for Camp Dark Hollow. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Loyd paid for the construction of the first unit at the site — known and loved by Girl Scouts over the years as Trathel Unit (for Tracy and Thelma Loyd). The Altrusa Club of Roanoke had a large stone fireplace and stove unit built at the center of the camp. A second unit was built with the help of the Armed Services Engineer Corps.

National attention came to the council when Dave Garraway broadcast the "Today" show from Roanoke. He featured Roanoke's mounted troop, organized in 1954 by Mrs. R. H. Kinser. That same year a Regional Senior Girl Scout Conference was held at Camp Kiwanianna.

In 1959 nearby communities petitioned to become a part of the Roanoke Girl Scout Council and Old Dominion Girl Scout Council was chartered in 1960. Old Dominion was a relatively short-lived Girl Scout Council, existing only until 1963.

In 1963 when Old Dominion Girl Scout Council merged with five other councils to become Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Mrs. W. M. Bryant was its president and Miss Gertrude Richardson was its executive director. 163 troops and 2,782 girls came to VSGSC from Old Dominion as did Camp Kiwanianna and Camp Dark Hollow. Miss Richardson became VSGSC's first executive director.

PIEDMONT GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

A group of women, Mrs. J. H. Perry, Mrs. Henry Lea, Mrs. Wayles Harrison, Mrs. Walter Grant, and Mrs. Walter McMann, wanted Girl Scouting in Danville to be more than several lone troops. They approached Dr. C. J. Schollenberger, Director of Training for Dan River Mills, with these thoughts: "We want to do something about the Girl Scout Movement, but we can't seem to jell the thing. We would like to have a man to head this thing up." He agreed to help and Mr. Lenon Oakes and Mr. Warren Fulton supported the effort.

From that day forward Girl Scouting did start to "jell" in Danville and the surrounding area. The first break came when Mrs. Walter Grant agreed to rent a tract of land to the movement for \$1.00 a year for 20 years. There was a waterless lake grown up with trees and only one building on the site, but the work of zealous volunteers would transform it into Camp Axton.

Dr. Schollenberger asked the Riverdan Benevolent Fund for money for a dam. They gave \$27,000. George Savage and Lenon Oakes, fathers of Girl Scouts, and lots of off-duty Dan River employees began clearing the lake bed. The Danville Junior Chamber of Commerce built a dining hall. Hylton Hall Cafeteria (because it was closing) gave a restaurant-type stove. Others contributed a large refrigerator and other furnishings. The Martinsville Junior Chamber of Commerce raised money to landscape the dam to hold the soil in place.

By 1952 Girl Scouting was growing so fast that Mrs. Marguerite Jennings was hired as executive secretary. Thirty-two members were recruited for the board, and on January 20, 1954, Piedmont Girl Scout Council was chartered. It served the geographic area of Pittsylvania, Patrick, Henry, and Halifax counties. Dr. Schollenberger served as president from 1954 to 1958. He inspired everyone involved with his "the Lord will provide" philosophy. Other presidents were Mrs. Warren Everson (1958 - 1961) and Mrs. Early Barksdale (1961 - 1963). Mrs. Jennings was the only executive director the council ever had. She gave tirelessly of her time and talents, training leaders in addition to her other responsibilities.

Frances Harris, of Danville, was selected to be on the National Program Committee. JoAnnette Savage was the first girl to go on a wider opportunity to Cody, Wyoming. The "Lacote Patrol" went to the national encampment at Colorado Springs in 1959.

In 1963 Piedmont Girl Scout Council merged with five other councils to become Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council. Mrs. Early Barksdale was president and Mrs. Marguerite Jennings was the executive director of Piedmont. Mrs. Barksdale was elected to the board of directors of the new council. 65 troops with 1,200 girls joined Virginia Skyline and Camp Axton became one of the new council's camps.

PULASKI GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL

The first Girl Scout troop in Pulaski was formed in 1921 with 20 girls who made their own uniforms of black serge with sateen bloomers, white middie blouses, black ties, and tennis shoes. Their hiking and camping equipment was army surplus from World War I. The next year they attended their first camp at the Boy Scout Camp on the New River below Shiloh. No records can be found of the troop after 1923.

In 1938 a representative from Girl Scout Headquarters in Washington, D.C. came to organize Girl Scouting in Pulaski. The Pulaski High School PTA took on the project, and two troops were organized by Mrs. Leta S. Gilmer. Leaders were Mrs. Nelson Goan, Mrs. Roby Sutherland, Mrs. Martin Nading, and Mrs. Kathryn Harmon. In 1940 the Junior Woman's Club became the Girl Scout sponsor with Mrs. E. G. Tice as chairman of the Scout Committee. A permanent meeting place was found at the Methodist Church. By fall there were 50 Scouts in three troops. Troop 1 was led by Mrs. Burton Briggs, Troop 2 was led by Mrs. Robert Lawson and Mrs. Joe Gills, and Troop 3 was led by Miss Elizabeth Bonham. In 1941 the first Brownie troop in Pulaski was organized by Miss Alice Landreth.

In 1943 Pulaski Girl Scout Council was formed with Mrs. B. K. Hall as first commissioner. Presidents of Pulaski Girl Scout Council before it merged into Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council were: Mrs. B. K. Hall (1943-45); Mrs. Harold Beamer (1945-47); Mrs. Roy Hall (1947-49); Mrs. E. C. Bruce (1949-52); Mrs. Carson Dalton (1952-54); Mrs. Lawrence Pearce (1954-56); Mrs. James Gemmell (1956-58); Mrs. Robert Love (1958-60).

Mrs. James Gemmell and Mrs. A. J. Scheff served as members-at-large on the Virginia Mountain Valley Organization Committee. Mrs. John Bayne served as a program launcher, and Mrs. Carson Dalton served on the Finance Committee. Mr. Ralph Deaton was a member of the first board of directors of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council. Mrs. A. J. Scheff later became a member of the employed staff as a field executive. Pulaski brought 19 troops and 264 girls to the merged council.



VIRGINIA MOUNTAIN VALLEY ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

The volunteers and staff on this committee comprised the leadership for the merging of the six councils and lone troop areas into Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council.

Chairman	Mrs. Grandville Jones, Charlottesville
Secretary	Mrs. Murray Stoller, Roanoke
Finance Chairman	Mr. W. R. Perkins, Lynchburg, to Jan. 1963 Mr. Howard Brown, Jr., Roanoke
Public Relations Chairman	Mrs. W. M. Bryant, Roanoke
Program Chairman	Mrs. Early Barksdale, Danville
Field Consultant	Mrs. H. Dunlop Dawbarn, Waynesboro
Personnel Chairman	Mrs. Stephen K. Smith, Altavista
Nominating Chair	Mrs. A. T. Loyd, Roanoke
Program Launching	Mrs. David Robinson, Harrisonburg

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Mrs. Joseph L. Vaughan, Charlottesville
Mrs. George L. Rex, Charlottesville
Mrs. John James, Lynchburg
Mrs. Roderic Palmer, Martinsville
Mrs. James Gemmell, Pulaski
Mrs. A. J. Scheff, Pulaski

Public Relations Committee

Mrs. W. M. Bryant, Chairman, Roanoke
Mrs. Joseph L. Vaughan, Charlottesville
Mr. Randolph Bean, Charlottesville

Program Committee

Mrs. Early Barksdale, Chairman, Danville
Mrs. P. D. Gravett, Roanoke
Mrs. Charles Rausch, Charlottesville

SUB-COMMITTEES

Finance Committee

Mr. Howard Brown, Jr. Chairman, Roanoke
Mr. Robert C. deRosset, Lynchburg
Mrs. Carson Dalton, Pulaski
Mr. T. S. Earp, South Boston
Mr. Adrian Sonn, Harrisonburg
Mrs. Clark Snook, Charlottesville

Program Launchers

Mrs. David Robinson, Chairman,
Harrisonburg
Mrs. Lorin Thompson, Charlottesville
Mrs. James Steward, Lynchburg
Mrs. Jerry Clark, Martinsville
Miss Betty Barrett, Roanoke
Mrs. John Bayne, Pulaski
Mrs. George Gross, Waynesboro

Personnel Committee

Mrs. Stephen K. Smith, Chairman, Altavista
Mrs. W. A. Barksdale, Charlottesville
Mrs. William P. Blackwell, Lynchburg
Miss Mary Altizer, Roanoke

COUNCIL ATTORNEY

Mr. L.B. Middleditch, Jr., Charlottesville

STAFF ADVISORS

Mrs. Gem Murray, Waynesboro
Mrs. C. C. Tarplee, Lynchburg
Mrs. Marguerite Cline, Danville
Miss Gertrude Richardson, Roanoke

NATIONAL STAFF ADVISER

Mrs. Verna Hesby White, Washington, DC

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Walter Boardman, Washington, DC

And Then There Was One . . .

The formation of the Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Inc. in 1963 was the culmination of a process that Girl Scouts of the United States of America began in 1945 under the Council Coverage Plan. This plan called for a study of the geographical jurisdictions of the authorized local councils of GSUSA and realignment of the council jurisdictions if so indicated. The objective was twofold: (1) to cover every portion of the United States with a Girl Scout Council; and, (2) to be sure that each of these local councils would be so constituted as to have sufficient strength in personnel and in resources within its jurisdiction to afford opportunities for a dynamic and expanding program. Local councils greeted this "Under the Green Umbrella" plan with skepticism but could see economic advantages with the councils merged.

The councils and lone troops in Southwest Virginia that were to become Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council were included in GSUSA's Council Development Project # 5. The presidents and executive directors of Albemarle, Augusta-Rockingham, Central Virginia, Old Dominion, and Piedmont Girl Scout Councils met in Lynchburg on October 23, 1961 to hear more about Project # 5 and begin the immense task of consolidation. Region III National Staff member Verna Hesby outlined the work to be done and agreed to visit all of the councils to help with consolidation interpretation. The organizing committee began its work in January, 1962 and set a target date of June 1963 for completing the formation of the new council. Finance, Program, Public Relations, and Personnel Committees were formed with representation from each of the organizing councils.

Throughout 1962 the organizing committee hammered out the designs for the new council's structure, plan of work, and budget. Staff requirements and pay scales were developed. Working out funding from the many different United Ways proved to be one of the most difficult tasks. They were not in favor of the consolidation because of the problems it would create in determining the fair-share support expected from each United Way. Throughout the year the program launching team made preparations in each council for the upcoming program change. Fortunately, this Virginia Mountain-Valley Organization Committee was comprised of very dedicated and energetic individuals whose vision of better Girl Scout opportunities for girls in Southwest Virginia kept them on target, despite the skepticism they met.

The new council's jurisdiction would include the five councils initially involved in the merger plus Pulaski Council, the city of Covington, and lone troops in the following counties: Buckingham, Charlotte, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, Orange, Rappahannock, Rockbridge, and Wythe. The population base of the new jurisdiction was 1,100,000 with a girl membership of 8,200 and an adult membership of 2,570.

As 1963 began, bylaws for the new council, a plan of work, and a budget were adopted by the committee. Work was continuing on transferring ownership of the camp properties, and approval was given for service centers in the new council to operate out of former council offices.

In February as the organization committee moved closer to the target date for completing its work, the following three-year goals for the new council were adopted:

- Develop a unified council.
- Provide qualified and well-trained adults.
- Improve the quality of program in troops and camps.
- Develop a sound finance program.

The committee voted to submit the name Old Dominion as its first choice for the new council, followed by Virginia Skyline and Mountain Valley. GSUSA approved the second choice of Virginia Skyline because of legal technicalities with the existing Old Dominion Council.

By March finance policies and volunteer personnel policies had been adopted. Within the new council's jurisdiction, seven district associations had been established, each with a different registration month. The renumbering of all existing troops had been completed.

In April the consolidation plan was adopted by the boards of directors of the six merging councils. The organizational meeting of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council was set for May 18, 1963 in Lynchburg. Delegates to this meeting were the members of the Virginia Mountain Valley Organization Committee and its subcommittees, members of the nominating committee, and one other delegate from each merging council. In addition, each of the councils sent one delegate per 100 girls registered as of Dec. 31, 1962. Each lone troop area was represented by two delegates.

The Finance Committee considered three possible locations for the central office: Charlottesville, Lynchburg, and Roanoke. The decision was finally made by secret ballot and Roanoke was the choice. The council office was located at 625 First Street, S.W., in Roanoke. Anyone who was in that office remembers the steep climb up three flights of stairs. Moving boxes of materials, cartons of cookies, flags and other equipment up and down was challenging to all.

Gertrude "Willie" Richardson was appointed as the first executive director and Pat Tarplee was assistant executive director. Most of the staff employed by the six merging councils reapplied to the new council. Virginia Skyline began with 3 administrative staff, seven field directors and nine clerical staff.

The organizational meeting on May 18, 1963, brought the long months of consolidation efforts to a successful conclusion. The Virginia Skyline bylaws were adopted and the council's first officers, board of directors and nominating committee were elected. Maria Jones, who had chaired the work of the organizing committee, served as Virginia Skyline's first president. On July 1, 1963, Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council was incorporated. The first board meeting was held on July 10, 1963 at the council office in Roanoke.

First Board of Directors Elected May 1963

Officers

President:	Mrs. Grandville R. Jones, Charlottesville
1st Vice President:	Mr. Morris W. Whitaker, Lynchburg
2nd Vice President:	Mrs. Murray A. Stoller, Roanoke
3rd Vice President:	Mrs. Stephen K. Smith, Altavista
Secretary:	Mrs. Thomas Weir, Lexington
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Clark E. Snook, Charlottesville
Treasurer:	Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, Roanoke

Members-At-Large

Mr. Howard W. Brown, Jr., Roanoke	Mr. Donald G. Heyne, Charlottesville
Mrs. J. B. Caperton, Culpeper	Mrs. H. I. Johnson, Salem
Mrs. Jerry Clark, Martinsville	Mrs. Nathan Lantor, South Boston
Mrs. H. D. Dawbarn, Waynesboro	Rev. Henry B. Mitchell, Charlottesville
Mr. Ralph Deaton, Pulaski	Mrs. David Robinson, Harrisonburg
Mr. R. C. deRosset, Lynchburg	Mrs. Phillip Terrance Spencer, Boydton
Mrs. Joseph A. Gilchrist, Jr., Sweet Briar	Mrs. Phillip Weiland, Lynchburg
Mrs. P. D. Gravett, Roanoke	Mr. Thomas Weir, Lexington
Mrs. Alan D. Groseclose, Pulaski	Mrs. Early Barksdale, Danville

☞ **VIRGINIA SKYLINE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS** ☞



Gertrude (Willie) Richardson*
July 1963



Arlene Tobias
October 1974



Kathleen M. (Kate) Genaitis
February 1980



Shirley Valentine
Interim ED December 1996



Carol A. Bitner
April 1997

☞ **VIRGINIA SKYLINE PRESIDENTS** ☞



Mrs. Grandville R. Jones
NOW: Mrs. C. Stewart Sheppard
(Maria Elena), Charlottesville
April 1963



Mrs. Stephen K. Smith*
(Peachy), Altavista
April 1969
(resigned because of illness)



Mrs. Thomas N. Warren
(Jean), Clifton Forge
August 1969



Mrs. David Pinkerton
(Marion), Lynchburg
April 1972



Mrs. Benjamin Blanchard
(Dot), Blacksburg
April 1975



Mrs. Carl Mosko
(Rita), Harrisonburg
April 1980



Mrs. Kevin McMahon
(Tricia), Salem
April 1982



Mrs. Brock Barkley
(Edith), Lynchburg
April 1986



Mrs. Benham Black
(Jo Ann), Staunton
April 1988



Mrs. Byron Taylor
(Jennifer), Danville
April 1992



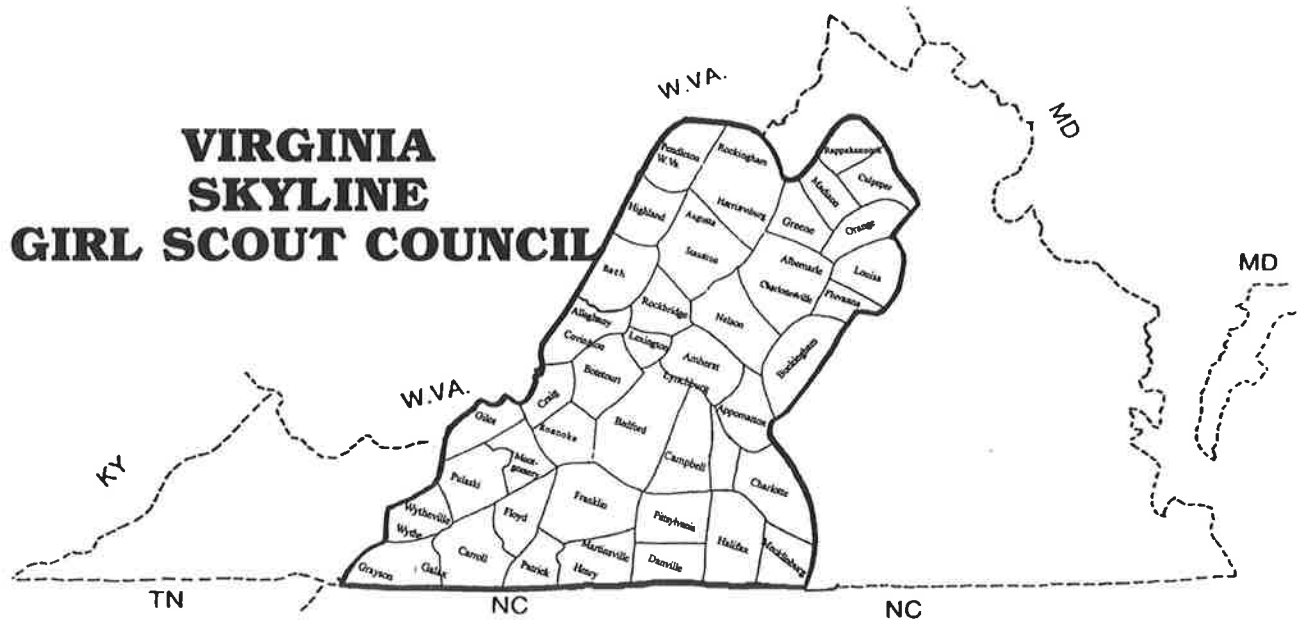
Mrs. F. Augustus Webster
(Anitra), Lynchburg
April 1994

*deceased

Virginia Skyline Annual Meetings

1963	Sept. 21	Hotel Roanoke	Roanoke	Charter Meeting
1964	April 18	Holiday Inn	Lynchburg	First Annual Meeting Lunch cost \$1.75
1965	April 24	Virginia Hotel	Lynchburg	
1966	April 16	Presidential Motor Inn	Lynchburg	
1967	April 1	Natural Bridge Hotel	Natural Bridge	
1968	April 6	Hotel Roanoke	Roanoke	Lunch cost \$3.15
1969	April 12	Salem Civic Center	Salem	
1970	April 11	Ingleside Fairway Motor Inn	Staunton	
1971	April 17	Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center	Salem	
1972	April 15	Holiday Inn Northwest	Roanoke	
1973	April 14	King of the Sea Restaurant	Danville	Lunch cost \$3.50 VSGSC 10th Anniversary
1974	April 6	Holiday Inn Airport	Roanoke	
1975	April 5	Ramada Inn	Charlottesville	
1976	April 3	Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education at VPI &SU	Blacksburg	
1977	April 2	General Electric Company	Lynchburg	
1978	April 8	Warren Campus Center at JMU	Harrisonburg	
1979	April 7	Cave Spring High School	Roanoke	
1980	April 12	Averett College	Danville	
1981	April 4	Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education at VA Tech	Blacksburg	
1982	April 3	Salem High School	Salem	GSUSA 70th Anniversary
1983	April 16	Washington Lee University	Lexington	VSGSC 20th Anniversary
1984	April 7	Western Albemarle High School	Charlottesville	
1985	April 13	Rustburg High School	Rustburg	
1986	April 12	Martinsville High School	Martinsville	
1987	April 11	Blacksburg High School	Blacksburg	GSUSA 75th Anniversary
1988	April 9	Holiday Inn Airport	Roanoke	VSGSC 25th Anniversary
1989	April 8	Spotswood High School	Elkton	
1990	April 7	Madison County High School	Madison	It snowed.
1991	April 6	Hilton Hotel	Lynchburg	
1992	April 11	Salem Civic Center	Salem	GSUSA 80th Anniversary
1993	April 17	4-H Educational Center	Smith Mountain Lake	VSGSC 30th Anniversary
1994	April 9	Red Lion	Blacksburg	
1995	April 22	Massanetta Springs	Harrisonburg	
1996	April 20	Holiday Inn Select	Lynchburg	
1997	April 12	Holiday Inn Airport	Roanoke	GSUSA 85th Anniversary
1998	April 25	Doubletree Inn	Charlottesville	VSGSC 35th Anniversary

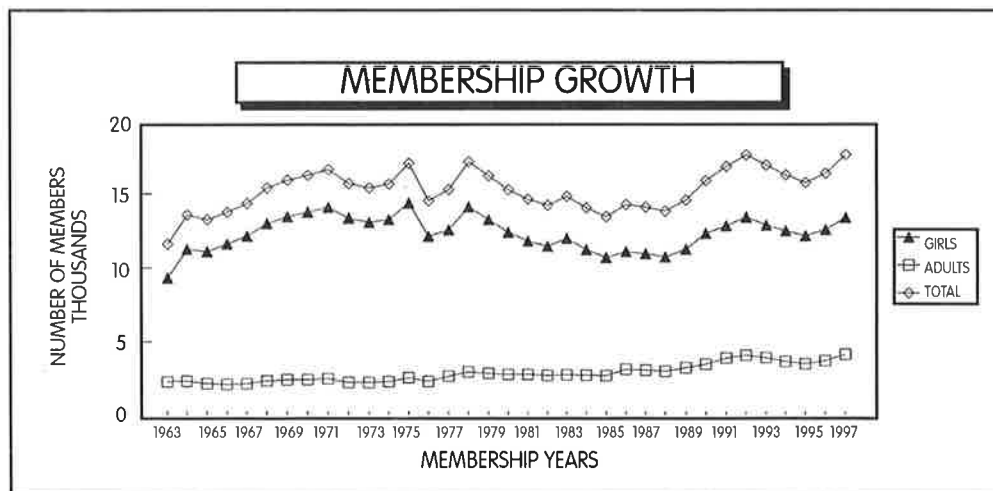
VIRGINIA SKYLINE GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL



COUNCIL PROPERTIES PAST AND PRESENT

Camp Axton	Pittsylvania Co.
Camp Covington	Covington
Camp Garth Newel	Bath Co.
Camp Massawomee Program Center	* Rockbridge Co.
Camp Sacajawea Program Center	* Bedford Co.
Camp Shawnee Program Center	* Pittsylvania Co.
Camp Sugar Hollow Program Center	* Albemarle Co.
Council Office	* Salem
Camp Dark Hollow Program Center	* Roanoke Co.
Lake Catherine	Botetourt Co.
Camp Kiwanianna	Montgomery Co.

* PRESENT PROPERTIES



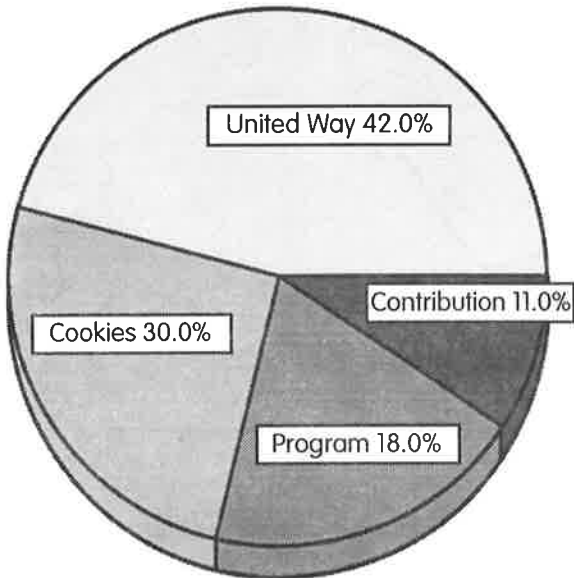
1963-first year for four age levels: Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior

1975-first year for first grade Brownies

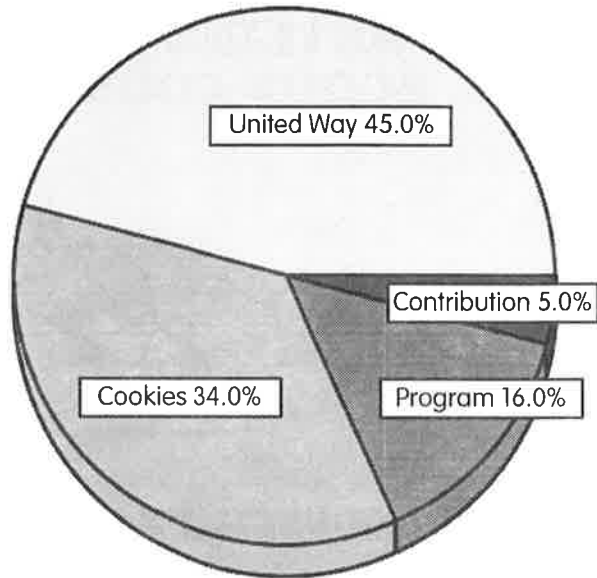
1985-first year for Daisy Girl Scouts

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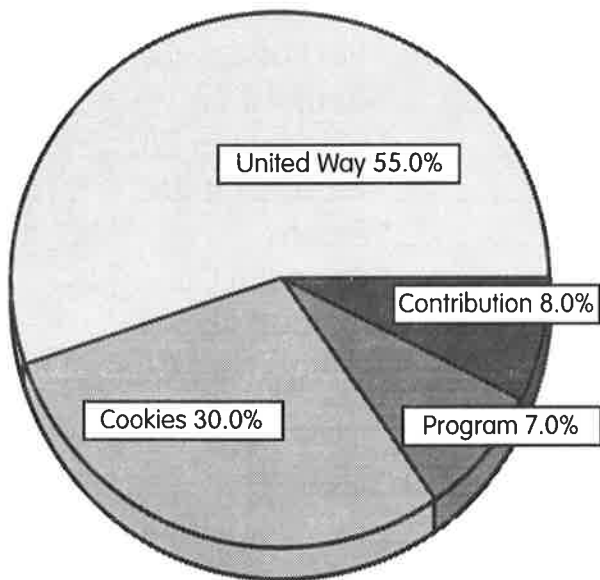
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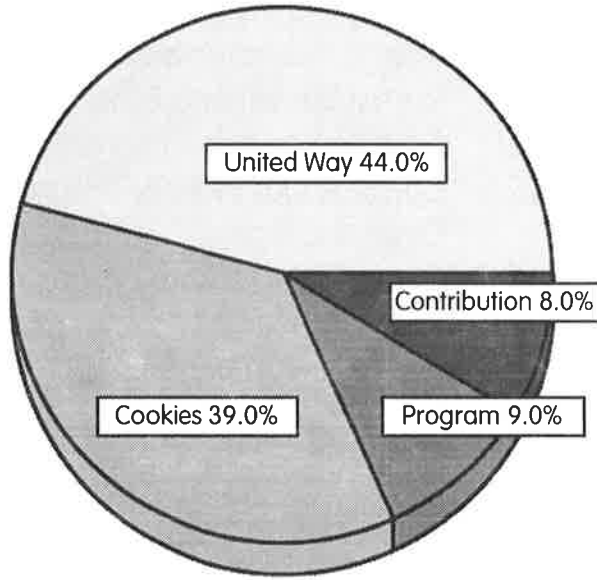
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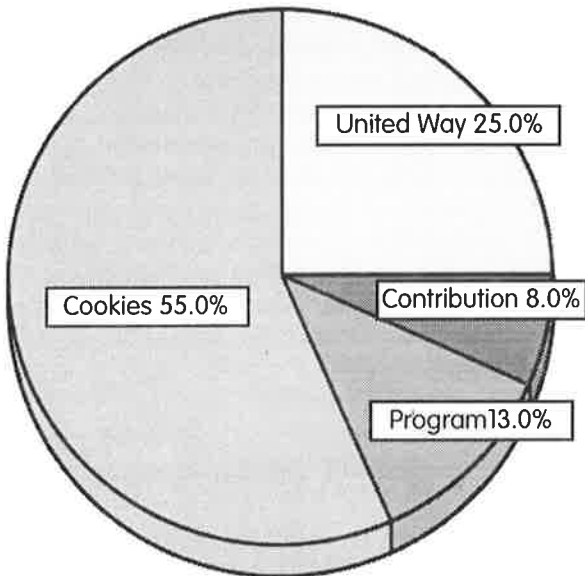


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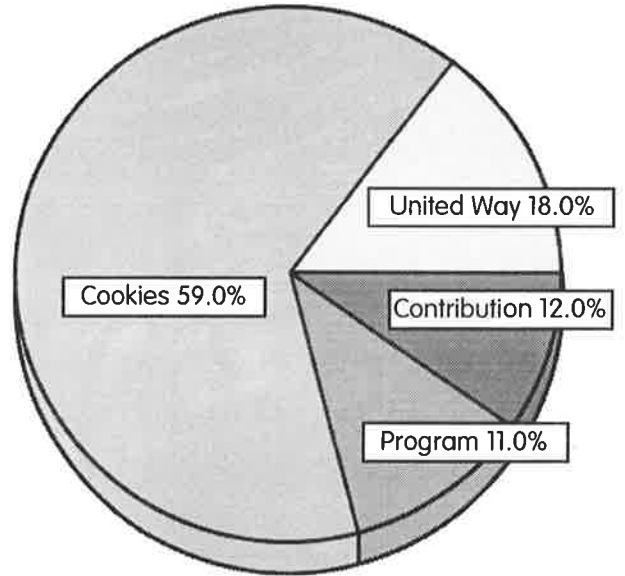


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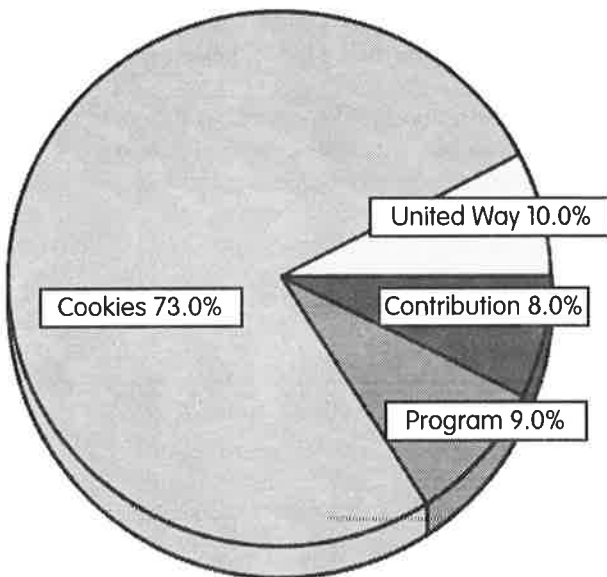
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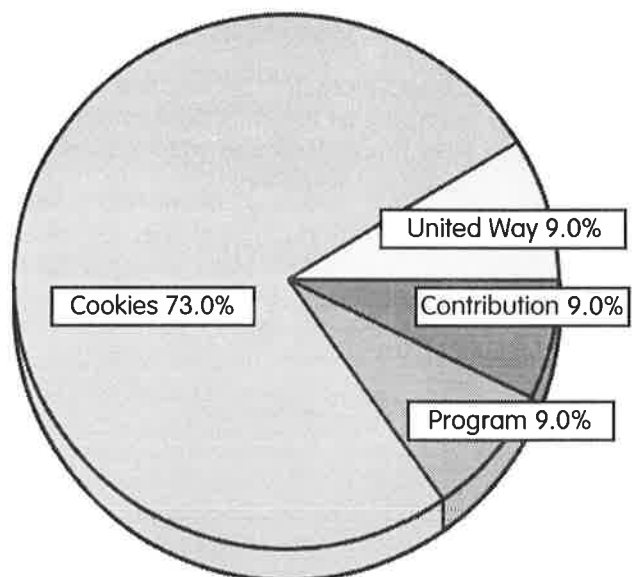
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COUNCIL INCOME FROM 1964-1996

YEAR

INCOME

1964	247,293
1968	301,337
1973	354,548
1978	588,583
1983	912,738
1988	1,370,485
1993	1,763,782
1996	1,895,271

"Our Way Is Clear as We March on..."

~1963~

The Girl Scout program changed from 3 age levels to 4 age levels and new handbooks were available. Mariner and Wing Scouts became special interest troops for Senior Girl Scouts.

In February, Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Inc. was selected as the official name of six merging councils.

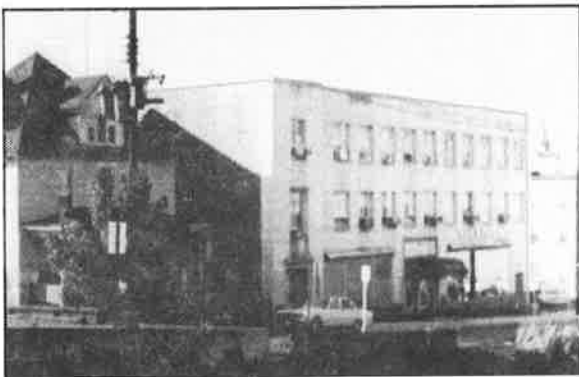
In March, the plan of consolidation was filed with the State Corporation Commission and was adopted in May by the voting membership of each of the six councils.

In May, the organizational meeting of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Inc. took place. The council bylaws were adopted and the officers, board of directors, and nominating committee were elected.

In June, the National Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the USA approved the charter for Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, Inc., hereafter referred to as VSGSC.

On July 1, Miss Gertrude P. Richardson was officially employed as VSGSC's first executive director. Miss Richardson was affectionately known to many as "Willie".

In July, the Certificate of Incorporation was issued.



The first council office was located at 625 First Street, S.W., Roanoke, Va.

On Saturday, September 21, the official chartering meeting was held at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Va.

In October, the first issue of the council newsletter, *ALONG THE SKYLINE*, was published.

894 Cadettes and leaders attended one-day events held throughout the council to learn about the new Cadette program.

Barbara Norris, of Roanoke, was elected president of VSGSC's first Senior Girl Scout Planning Board.

The following Seniors represented VSGSC at All States Encampments: Sharon Hensley, Jackie Engle, Ruth Van Rensselaer, Joanne Milan, and Karen Palmer.

~1964~

The first GSUSA Reader's Digest Foundation Grants were provided for Senior troops to undertake community service projects.

The January issue of *GIRL SCOUT LEADER* magazine published a story about an indoor picnic held by a troop in Culpeper.

The council budget for this first full year of operation was \$247,293. United Funds provided 42% of the council's income.

In areas of the council not covered by United Funds, a fund-raising campaign was held, and \$3,796.11 was collected.

The first VSGSC cookie sale was held in March and supplied 29% of the council's income. 210,800 boxes of cookies were sold at 40 cents per box. Troops received six cents per box. VSGSC Brownies did not sell cookies.

The First Annual Meeting of the council was held in Lynchburg on April 18th at the Holiday Inn. 114 delegates and 59 non-voting members and visitors attended. Lunch was \$1.75.

A council-wide **Senior Conference** was held at Boy Scout Camp Powhatan, Pulaski County.

Agnete Larsen and Dorrit Yole, Girl Guide Rangers from Denmark, spent three weeks visiting VSGSC camps during the summer.



22 people attended a GSUSA Regional Conference in Pittsburgh. The theme was **Girl Scouting - A Promise in Action**. The participants learned about the needs and interests of girls and how to make the new Girl Scout program come alive in troops and camps.

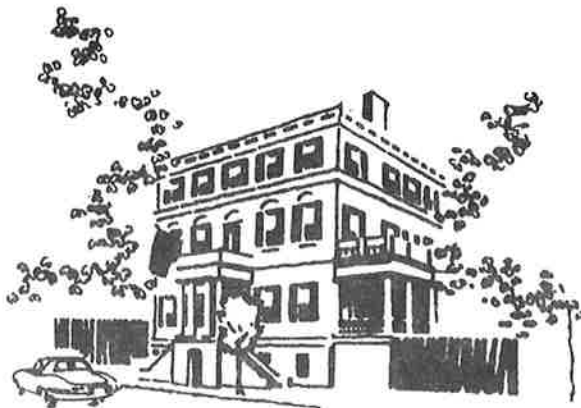
4 Seniors were selected for GSUSA National Events.

Cadette Caravan, a council-wide trip to Charlottesville and Lexington for Cadettes and leaders, was held in April.

Maria Jones, Council President, wrote in the October issue of *ALONG THE SKYLINE*, "This year will be easier, I hope, for all of us. I believe that we are now feeling a part of the whole — a feeling which we must achieve in order to make this wonderful council come alive."

~ 1965 ~

Juliette Gordon Low's birthplace in Savannah, Georgia was designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service.



In February a council-wide Senior Girl Scout conference, **Hitch Your Fortune to a Star**, focused on careers.

The Senior Planning Board requested that a council patch be made from the design that appeared on the council stationery. The Board of Directors voted to have this patch made.



The second council-wide Cadette event, **Arts Festival - Pick Your Key to the Arts**, was held to encourage the creative abilities of Cadettes and acquaint them with the arts. This event was held in April in six locations throughout the council.

40 girls from VSGSC attended the last **GSUSA Senior Girl Scout Roundup**. It was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 15-28. 9,000 girls and 2,000 adults attended from all over the country.

A council-wide Cadette/Senior conference, **On the Trail to Tomorrow**, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August. Junior Girl Scouts bridging to Cadettes were also invited to attend.

Susan Norton of Lynchburg attended the **GSUSA/Experiment in International Living** event held in Norway.

The Board of Directors voted to cease leasing Camp Axton because of restrictions regarding its use.

Camp Garth Newel was closed due to lack of water.

27,700 badges were earned by Juniors and Cadettes.

~1966~



The Piper Project was introduced at the National Convention in October. The focus of this program was a 3-year membership extension plan. Debbie Reynolds was the Honorary National Piper.

Chase City in Mecklenburg County was added to the council jurisdiction.

Charlotte County organized Girl Scouting for the first time. 13 new troops were started.

An inner city project in Roanoke was started for the purpose of extending Girl Scouting by recruiting and training adults from the inner city. The result was a growth in Girl Scout membership from 142 to 237 in 7 months. One of the adults who was trained as part of this project commented, "I never knew that Girl Scouts were trying to do so much for young people." A grant from Sears-Roebuck Regional Foundation was secured to help fund this project.

VSGSC hosted a state-wide Senior Girl Scout conference at Natural Bridge in January. **Look Wider Still** covered subjects such as antipoverty, conformity, and wider opportunities.

941 Cadettes attended an all-council Cadette gathering, **Cadette Mingle**, in Charlottesville in April. They toured Monticello, Ashlawn and the University of Virginia.

10 Senior Girl Scouts were selected for GSUSA National Events.

A Senior Girl Scout summer conference, **Fun, Friends, Folklore**, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August.

~1967~

Jenny Lippestad, a professional Girl Guide from Norway, came in June 1967 and stayed until May 1968. She served on the council staff by working at Camp Kiwanianna during the summer and then in each of the six council districts. In 1964 Jenny had trained in Ireland with Maria Jones, Council President.



Robin Carole Ramsey, age 11, of Troop 363 in Madison Heights, received GSUSA's Honorable Mention Lifesaving Award for saving Mrs. Henry Wood's life. Mrs. Wood was Robin's great aunt.

206 troops participated in the first year of GSUSA's Piper Program. Mrs. John Stanley from Bassett was our council's piper.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 637 from Charlotte County received a PARENTS magazine award for outstanding community service.

2 Senior Girl Scouts attended **Girl Scouting Makes a Difference**, a National Senior Conference, which was held in Indianapolis, Indiana in August.

8 girls attended the **Region III Senior Girl Scout Conference on the Home** at Penn State University.

145 attended the first co-ed conference, **Fibers of Youth**, which was held at Massanetta Springs for Senior Girl Scouts and Explorer Boy Scouts in April.

Region III Girl Scout councils provided inter-council camping opportunities for Cadette Girl Scouts. Camp Kiwanianna offered a nature and conservation program in July.

A council-wide Senior Girl Scout summer conference focusing on self-defense was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August.

A statewide Senior Girl Scout conference, **What's New, Pussy Cat?**, was held at the Hotel Chamberlin, Ft. Monroe, Va. in October. It featured programs on the new morality, women and their families, and their careers.

665 Cadettes attended the **Fine Arts** event at E. C. Glass High School in Lynchburg in November.

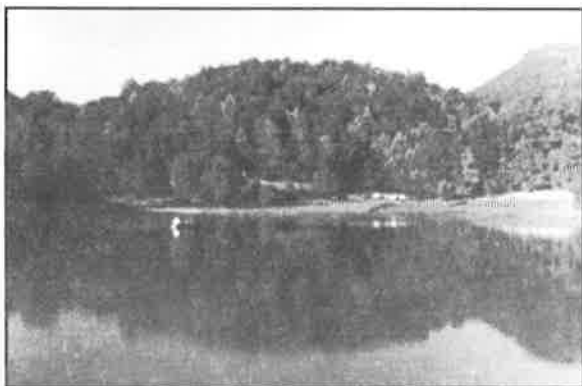
24,133 Junior and Cadette badges were earned.

79 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1968~

In January GSUSA established Girl Scout National Center West (approximately 14,000 acres) near Ten Sleep, Wyoming.

VSGSC celebrated its anniversary at the 5th Annual Meeting held at the Hotel Roanoke on April 6th. Lunch was \$3.15.



VSGSC purchased Lake Catherine in Botetourt County and Camp Shawnee near Danville.

4 girls attended GSUSA National Events.

Deborah Dalton of Lynchburg attended the Juliette Low session at Our Chalet, and Minnetta Shouse of Lynchburg attended Our Cabaña.

A council-wide Senior Girl Scout summer conference, **Project Panorama**, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August. The World of Arts and swimming were featured.

1,000 Cadette Girl Scouts and leaders attended the **Fall Fashion Festival**, a Cadette event that focused on the home. It was held at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center in October.

During this 2nd year of the Piper Project, 270 troops participated.

23,673 badges were earned by Juniors and Cadettes.

73 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1969~

The first Sustaining Membership Enrollment Campaign, SME, was held by the council to raise adult-generated funds. The campaign was limited to participation by the Board of Directors.

Troops for handicapped girls were organized in 5 areas of the council.

174 girls were introduced to Girl Scouting and formed 8 troops during the first full year of the Inner City Project in Lynchburg.

During this final year of the Piper Project, 135 troops participated.

100 Senior Girl Scouts and Explorer Boy Scouts attended a co-ed conference at Natural Bridge. The theme was **Light My Fire**.

6 girls attended GSUSA National Events.

2 girls attended International Events. Judy Klein from Waynesboro went to Greece on a **Juliette Low Exploration Trip** and Sandy Keiser, also from Waynesboro, went to Switzerland for **International Gatherings Abroad**.

A Senior Girl Scout conference, **Council Roundup**, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August. 60 girls attended this outdoor skills event.

968 Cadette Girl Scouts and leaders attended **Inside Outing** at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center in November. The program centered around the out-of-doors. The council was presented with the WAGGGS flags made by Cadette Girl Scout troops from all over the council.

27,112 badges were earned by Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.

76 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1970~

*This was the first year of **Action 70**, a nationwide Girl Scout effort to become more aware of prejudices, and to take action to build better relationships among persons of all ages, religions, races, and nationalities.*

Two **Action 70** programs were highlighted in VSGSC's report to GSUSA - Wonder Week at Camp Shawnee in Danville for 44 girls living in low-income areas of the city and a program in Martinsville with the juvenile courts that applied the Girl Scout program to the needs of 14 juvenile offenders.

4 girls were selected for GSUSA National Events.

Susan Copley attended an international event, **Community Service Through Folk Songs and Folk Games**, held at Edith Macy in July.

A Senior Girl Scout summer conference, **Yea! Nay! USA!** was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August. The theme was My Country...Right or Wrong.

A council-wide Cadette Girl Scout event, **Bewitching Arts**, was held at Cave Spring High School in Roanoke. Works by 1,000 Cadette Girl Scouts in art, drama, and music were presented.

29,155 badges were earned by Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.

163 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1971~

Eco-Action, a GSUSA program to encourage involvement, commitment, and continuing dedication in helping to preserve our natural resources and beauty was introduced to troops and leaders.



National membership dues were increased from \$1.00 to \$2.00.

The council's first Campus Girl Scout group was formed at Madison College with Dr. Barbara Stone as advisor. The purpose of the group was to provide students a means of identifying with the Girl Scout Movement and to provide opportunities for fellowship, leadership, and service to the college and local community.

15 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.



3 girls participated in International Events. Susan Copley of Lynchburg went to Norway; Frances Wolke of Waynesboro went to Switzerland; and Ann Waybright of Blacksburg went to Sierra Leone and Liberia.

A council-wide co-ed conference, **Come Together**, for Senior Girl Scouts and Explorer Boy Scouts was held at the Afton Mountain Holiday Inn in March. Participants learned about outdoor recreational activities and opportunities.

1,000 Cadette Girl Scouts attended the council-wide **Cadette Fall Fair**, held at the Salem-Roanoke Valley Civic Center in November. The event focused on home, out-of-doors and the arts.

60 attended a statewide Senior Girl Scout conference, **Tell It Like It Is**, at Camp Skimino, Williamsburg. Oceanography, astrology, occult, poverty, prejudice, youth movement in religion and women's roles in today's world were program topics.

A council-wide Senior Girl Scout summer conference was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August. The theme was **Conference for Crafty Kids**.

26,171 Junior and Cadette Girl Scout badges were earned.

107 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1972~

GSUSA's 60th Anniversary was celebrated. National Council delegates adopted new wording for the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law and lowered the age limit of National Council members to 14.

The first parents' issue of *ALONG THE SKYLINE* was published in December, and the masthead was changed.

Brownie Troop 375 of Big Island earned nationwide recognition for the troop's environmental action program and received \$250 for being one of the top 10 of 1,300 entries in the competition sponsored by Owens-Illinois.

Cadette Troop 284 of Danville won the Youth Conservationist of the Year award sponsored by the Virginia Wildlife Federation.

A Senior Girl Scout winter conference, **Wise Minds with Crafts**, and a co-ed conference on outdoor recreational activities were held at Holiday Inn, Afton Mountain. Both occurred in February.

8 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

VSGSC sponsored its first international exchange with Girl Guides of Norway. 2 Senior

Girl Scouts, Elizabeth Pitzer of Roanoke and Andrea Miller of Blacksburg, traveled to Norway. Andy said of her experience, "I believe I have a much broader outlook on things now. Everything is not in English. Each country has many different names; America is not the only country in the world! I like the feeling of being just one small part of a chorus of countries who have to harmonize all their differences to make a beautiful song!"

A Senior Girl Scout summer conference, **Folk Art Festival**, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August.

~1973~

The GSUSA National Board of Directors approved a change in membership standards to include first graders or six year olds.

The council held its 10th Annual Meeting on April 14th at Danville's King of the Sea Restaurant. Lunch was \$3.50.

The budget for the year was \$354,548. United Funds contributed 55% of the income, and cookie sales contributed 30%. Cookies sold for \$1.00 per box, and troops kept 10 cents per box. 223,370 boxes of cookies were sold.

The VSGSC Bylaws were amended so that girls 14 years of age and older could serve as delegates to the GSUSA National Council meeting.

\$9,678.95 was raised during the first Sustaining Membership Enrollment campaign (SME) for parents of Girl Scouts, the council membership, and friends of Girl Scouting. The purpose of SME was to involve adults in helping to raise additional funds for the council.

Senior Troop 463 of Crozet, Mrs. June Andrews, Leader, won a \$250 national award in the Owens-Illinois Anti-Litter program. The troop turned a vacant lot filled with debris into a minipark for the community.

Troop 593 of Culpeper, Troop 866 of Halifax, and Troop 384 of Rustburg won local awards in the Owens-Illinois Anti-Litter program.

Danville Girl Scouts established the first on-going recycling collection center in the city.

65 Senior Girl Scouts and Explorer Boy Scouts attended the co-ed conference held at Natural Bridge in March.

In May, 317 Cadette Girl Scouts and leaders attended **Cadettes on Wheels**, a council-wide event featuring tours of historical sites in Charlottesville and Lexington.

19 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

Andrea Brummett of Salem participated in the GSUSA International Event at Sangam, the WAGGGS World Center in Pune, India.

2 Girl Guides from Norway spent 6 weeks in the council as part of the Norway exchange project. They were Inger Walle of Oslo and Turid Kristoffersen of Harstad.



1,600 participated in **Bike Day on the Blue Ridge Parkway** near Roanoke in September. This event was sponsored by VSGSC for the community. A section of the parkway was closed to car traffic for this one-day event.

88 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1974~

GSUSA implemented **Hand-In-Hand: Cross-Age Interactions**, a federally-funded pilot project, involving young people with elderly poor.

413 Apperson Drive in Salem was bought and the council office was moved in August.



Gertrude "Willie" Richardson retired as the council's executive director on July 1. She continued working with the council until the new executive director was hired.

Arlene Tobias became the council's executive director on October 15th.

A Brownie Bee's pilot project was developed and carried out in District V and then became a council-wide program. It was incorporated into GSUSA's Brownie Patch Program which became available in 1977.



VSGSC hosted the GSUSA Region II Leadership Conference, **The Girl of the 70's - A Different Kind of Girl**. The event was held at the Hotel Roanoke in October and was directed by Dr. Barbara Stone of Harrisonburg. 350 girls and adults attended.

A co-ed conference for Senior Girl Scouts and Explorer Boy Scouts was held at Massanetta Springs Conference Center in January. **Action for Tomorrow** included exploring careers in data processing, professional scouting, nursing, forestry, and law.

14 girls and adults from VSGSC attended the statewide Senior Girl Scout conference, **Indian Lore**, hosted by Heritage Girl Scout Council at Camp Skimino near Williamsburg.

16 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

2 Senior Girl Scouts, Rosemary Lunsford of Roanoke and Jennifer Jacobsen of Lynchburg, went to Norway as part of the VSGSC exchange program.

24,293 badges were earned by Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.

75 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1975~

The National Council delegates voted to have Brownies say the same Promise as all other Girl Scouts.

GSUSA introduced the **Hidden Heroines Bicentennial Project**.

Giles County, Virginia and Peterstown, West Virginia were added to our council jurisdiction.

In May the council began producing its newsletter, *ALONG THE SKYLINE*, in the council office. The format changed to include more service unit and association news.

The VSGSC Board of Directors voted to eliminate the SME campaign and conduct a QSP magazine sale. The council had its first QSP sale in December. \$15,671 was raised.

Campus Girl Scout groups were organized at Radford and Virginia Tech.

19 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

Anita Ross of Lynchburg went to Germany for a GSUSA International Opportunity.

2 Girl Guides, Jorunn Carlsen and Eli Saastad, were the last girls to come from Norway for the exchange program. The Board of Directors voted to discontinue this program because of its cost.

In May a Cadette Roundup, attended by more than 1,000, was held at Goshen Scout Camps near Lexington. The theme was **We've Got'em All Together**. It was sponsored by the council and attended by four other Virginia Girl Scout councils.

SOS, Save Our Seniors, was held at Camp Kiwanianna in August.



The council Bicentennial Patch celebrating the nation's 200th birthday was designed by Margery Pitzer of Lynchburg.

9,665 Junior and Cadette badges were earned.

58 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1976~

*The **Flames of Freedom Celebration** was started when First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford, lit a candle at the GSUSA Convention in October. This flame was then passed on to all members of Girl Scouting for a March 12th 5:00 PM simultaneous nationwide **Flames of Freedom** ceremony.*

VSGSC participated in the GSUSA **Hidden Heroines** Project by having troops discover and honor local women who made significant contributions to their communities.

352,000 boxes of cookies were sold at \$1.25 per box. The Board of Directors voted to increase the troop share from 10 cents to 25 cents per box so that more funds would be available to provide better program at the troop level. Lake Catherine was sold because facilities could not be upgraded to new standards. Lack of use and maintenance costs also contributed to this decision. Camp Kiwanianna and Camp Covington were returned to their owners for the same reasons.

The council sent 20 girls to resident camp at YWCA Camp-on-Craig for the first time.



Senior Troop 100 of Danville restored the log cabin at Camp Shawnee. This one and one-half year project was part of their bicentennial service project.

4,000 girls and adults attended the council-wide **Bicentennial Event** at Expoland near Fishersville. It was the first all-age level event held by the council. 899 camped for the weekend.

900 people participated in **Bike Day on the Blue Ridge Parkway**, an event organized for the community by VSGSC.

Senior Girl Scouts participated in the Council Photography Project. Through a grant received by the council, Seniors learned about photography and produced a slide presentation with cassette narrative telling other girls about Girl Scouting.

Cadette Troop 95 of Salem and VSGSC worked together to carry out the first council **Wyoming Trek** to Girl Scout National Center West.

22 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

21,456 badges were earned by Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.

21 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1977~

GSUSA introduced the **WORLDS TO EXPLORE: HANDBOOK** for **BROWNIE** and **JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS** and **WORLDS TO EXPLORE: JUNIOR BADGES AND SIGNS**. Program activities were divided into five broad interest areas called worlds. As part of this program, Brownie Girl Scout troops could earn Brownie B's.

VSGSC hosted American Heritage Along the Skyline at Ferrum College for 119 girls from 90 Girl Scout councils and 3 international participants from Ireland and Liberia. This was the first national wider opportunity sponsored by VSGSC.

The establishment of the Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award was announced at the annual meeting. \$25 was to be given for meritorious service for preserving and protecting natural resources. A permanent plaque with the honorees' names is displayed at the council office.

The VSGSC Bylaws were amended so that the term of office for members of the Board of Directors would be reduced from 3 years to 2 years effective for 1978 elections.

A council Sports Award program with patch and certificate was initiated for Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors to recognize girls participating in sports outside of Girl Scouting.



36 Cadettes, Seniors and adults helped build the Adirondack shelters at Camp Shawnee from trees cut on the site. Work included bark stripping, platform building, and placing and chinking the logs.



500 participated in **Bike Day on the Blue Ridge Parkway** sponsored by VSGSC for the community.

A statewide Senior Girl Scout conference, hosted by Commonwealth Girl Scout Council, was held at Fort Pickett in October. The theme was **Career Exploration**, and Maria Sheppard was the keynote speaker.

Sonja Jahrsdoerfer of Charlottesville attended the GSUSA International Opportunity in Stockholm, Sweden in July and August.

8 girls and 2 adults represented VSGSC at Our Cabaña, the WAGGGS World Center in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

23 girls and 4 adults participated in a VSGSC **Wyoming Trek** to Girl Scout National Center West.

34 participated in National Wider Opportunities.

19,748 badges were earned by Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts.

98 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1978~

FROM DREAMS TO REALITY, a career exploration program for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts, was introduced by GSUSA.

The Camp Shawnee multipurpose building, dam, and lake with swimming and boat docks were completed. The camp was renamed Camp Shawnee Program Center.

Gay Lodge at Camp Sacajawea became available for winter camping with the addition of heat, carpeting, and limited cooking facilities.

In September the Board of Directors approved the Association Award for showing appreciation to volunteers for work at the association level. The award given was an enamel pin of the council logo. The first Association Award was given to Maria Jones Sheppard, first VSGSC president. This award was given through 1987.

During its first year, 22 troops completed the SEAPIE, Summer Explore Anything Program, and 13 troops earned SUPER SEAPIE. These programs were created to encourage troops to meet and participate in activities during the summer.



The Golden Trefoil Award for troops and the Skyline Banner Award for service units were introduced. The Golden Trefoil Troop Award encouraged troops to strive for high

standards in troop program and organization. The Skyline Banner Award encouraged similar standards at the service unit level. These programs were in effect through 1986.

Brownie Rebecca Lynn Monger of Elkton received the GSUSA Honorable Mention Lifesaving Award for saving her mother's life by rescuing her from a fire.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 977 of New Castle, Betty Dudding, Leader, received a Reader's Digest Foundation Grant to rebuild the Lions' Park in New Castle. They received the first Tracy & Thelma Loyd Conservation Award in 1979 for completing this project.



VSGSC, in cooperation with the National Park Service, established the Booker T. Washington Historical Trail patch program at the Booker T. Washington National Monument in Franklin County.

VSGSC was selected as one of several councils across the USA to field test a career exploration project for Brownies and Juniors, which became CAREERS to EXPLORE for BROWNIES AND JUNIORS in 1979.

Approximately 200 Cadettes, Seniors, and adults participated in the council **Career Conference** at Lynchburg College.

Daphne Hughes of Covington participated in the **GSUSA/Experiment in International Living** opportunity in Sri Lanka for seven weeks.

18 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

30 girls and adults participated in the VSGSC **Wyoming Trek**.

6,029 Brownie Girl Scout patches were earned.

16,894 Junior and Cadette Girl Scout badges were earned.

131 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1979~

GSUSA membership dues were increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00.

Interest project patches for Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts were introduced by GSUSA in LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN.

With the United Nations designating 1979 as the International Year of the Child, VSGSC adopted the IYC Badge with activities focusing on the International Year of the Child and concerns of children all over the world.

The council newsletter title was changed from *ALONG THE SKYLINE* to *THE SKYLINE*. The traditional trefoil in the masthead was replaced with the contemporary logo.



GIRL SCOUTS

THE SKYLINE

The council purchased the 155-acre Indian Bottom Campground in Rockbridge County. After surveying the membership at association meetings and camp open houses, the camp was officially named Massawomee Program Center.

The lake and multipurpose building at Camp Shawnee were used for the first time in the spring.

Arlene Tobias resigned as executive director of Virginia Skyline, effective December 1, to become executive director of Lake Erie Girl Scout Council. Elsie Anderson was named acting executive director by the Board of Directors.

The Music Award patch program was introduced to recognize Cadette and Senior participation in school and church music programs.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 863 of Brookneal received a Reader's Digest Foundation Grant to paint and repair a small house to be used by troops.

New Worlds-New Directions, a council-wide event, was held in Harrisonburg for 2,357 girls and 593 adults. There were four theme areas within the event: **It's a Small World** (international), **Tomorrow Land** (world of 2000), **SOS Earth** (Save Our Spaceship Earth), and **Outer Spaces** (outdoor experiences).

Amanda Kao of Roanoke participated in the GSUSA International Opportunity, **Crossroads Africa**, which took place in the West Indies.

Becky Talbot of Elkton attended the **GSUSA/Experiment in International Living** opportunity in Uruguay.

175 Cadettes and Seniors attended **Adventures in Careers** at Hollins College.

21 girls and 6 adults participated in a VSGSC **Wyoming Trek**. One patrol of 8 girls and 2 adults from Patrick County was funded by a DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest Scholarship.

13 girls and 1 adult participated in National Wider Opportunities.

29 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1980~

GSUSA published a new Cadette and Senior Girl Scout handbook: YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. The Girl Scout Gold Award was introduced as the highest award for Senior Girl Scouts. The Silver Award became the highest award earned by Cadette Girl Scouts. The WORLDS TO EXPLORE HANDBOOK was revised with new and updated badges for Junior Girl Scouts.

GSUSA membership reached 2,784,000, and all Girl Scouts have October 1 to September 30 as their membership year.

An alternate membership pin using the new contemporary Girl Scout trefoil that was introduced at the National Council meeting in 1978 became available in September.

On February 1, Kathleen M. Genaitis was employed as executive director. She had been executive director of Southwestern Connecticut Girl Scout Council.



VSGSC purchased a 12-passenger van which was used by groups for day and extended trips. It was in use until May of 1988.

An incoming WATS line was installed at the council office to provide better council communications.

VSGSC discontinued the QSP magazine sale and replaced it with Sustaining Membership Enrollment, an adult fund raiser.

A council-wide outdoor program survey was conducted to get information from girls in all age levels regarding activities they would like to try at camp and the type of facilities they would like to use. All age levels responded with horseback riding and swimming as their top choices for activities. They preferred to pitch their own tents or sleep in cabins.

21 representatives from VSGSC attended the **GSUSA Regional Program Conference** in Richmond to learn about Worlds to Explore program changes.

700 people representing 415 troops attended workshops introducing the new GSUSA program and received materials and handbooks. VSGSC purchased and provided the new materials to all troops, service units, trainers and staff.

A council-wide older girl planning board was established. A winter ski weekend at Wintergreen was planned by this group.

ZIP Scouting was created for Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors on waiting lists for troops. This program was sent to girls through the mail. It provided them with a workbook of activities to introduce them to Girl Scouting.

The Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award was presented to Margaret Weringo for starting and maintaining the recycling project in Danville and to Troop 331 of Charlottesville for establishing a nature trail in their area.

Bluebird houses were built by troops all over the council and used to establish a bluebird trail at Camp Shawnee. This trail was part of the "back home" project by Peggy Spiegel and Mary Lynn Selzer of Salem who attended the GSUSA sponsored event **Wildlife Tales and Trails** at Girl Scout National Center West. The Environmental Education Center, EEC, at Shawnee was also part of this program. Girls could earn the EEC patch by participating in activities at the center. Peggy and Mary Lynn received the Tracy & Thelma Loyd Conservation Award in 1982 for this project.

A council-wide **Potpourri Weekend** for all age levels was held in May at Camp Shawnee. Troops camped together and participated as individuals or in small groups in a variety of activities. The event was held again in September for Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.



A VSGSC patrol of 8 girls and 2 adults participated in the first council-organized trip to Our Chalet in Adelboden, Switzerland.

15 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

32 girls and 3 adults went on the VSGSC
Wyoming Trek.

10 girls and 2 adults traveled to Mystic,
Connecticut to spend a week on the "Joseph
Conrad" and learn how to sail.

18,218 Junior and Cadette badges were earned.

58 Cadette Girl Scouts earned First Class.

~1981~

Several programs were developed by VSGSC to
attract more adults and girls to Girl Scouting:
Golden Treasures Campaign was designed to
involve older people; Career Persons Campaign
was designed to involve business women and
men; One Girl Scout + One Friend = Fun was
designed to increase membership by having each
Girl Scout bring a friend to join.

A 221-page VSGSC LEADER MANUAL was
developed as a basic resource for all troop
leaders.

THE SKYLINE masthead was changed. The
mountains were reintroduced.

VSGSC bought an IBM Mag Card typewriter and
leased a SAVIN 870 photo copier to broaden and
enhance communications.

The first Gold Awards in the council were earned
by Senior Girl Scouts Gail Hottel, Sharon
Rhodes and Faith Hannah, all of New Castle.

The United Nations proclaimed 1981 the
International Year of Disabled Persons. Merni
Fitzgerald of Keezletown created the
International Year of the Disabled Person badge
to help girls become better acquainted with the
concerns of disabled citizens, and to live up to
the Girl Scout Law by working for full
participation and equality for the disabled. This
badge was available until June 1983.

Older girl planning boards were organized in
each association. The VSGSC Older Girl
Planning Board was made up of four represen-
tatives from each association.

Sunspot, the environmental education center at
Camp Sacajawea, was opened. Ann Severance
of Buckingham created activities for troops to
do while at camp to earn the Sunspot patch.

Troops donated supplies to be used with the
Sunspot activities.

VSGSC hosted a statewide Senior Girl Scout
event **Sassy Senior Sunshine Swingery**. 200
girls and adults from 4 councils camped at
Natural Chimneys Regional Park, participated in
outdoor activities, and visited historical
landmarks.

8 girls participated in National Wider Oppor-
tunities.

25 girls and 4 adults participated in the VSGSC
Wyoming Trek.

~1982~

*The 70th Anniversary of Girl Scouting was
observed with Girl Scouts participating in
projects supporting the **Gift of Water** theme.*

GSUSA designated April 22nd as Girl Scout
Leader's Day to be celebrated annually.

In October the New Market community in
Shenandoah County became part of the Shawnee
Girl Scout Council by mutual consent of that
community and the respective councils.

The price of a box of cookies increased from
\$1.50 to \$1.75. Troop profit went from 25 cents
to 30 cents per box. A total of 741,636 boxes
were sold and provided the council with 55% of
its income.

The council established a speakers bureau with
18 volunteer speakers ready to bring the Girl
Scout message to the community.

New VSGSC Troop Camping and Summer Camp
patches were available.

Consultants On Campus was held at Roanoke
College in Salem in December for troop
consultants and service unit representatives.
The program consisted of workshops designed
to give consultants resources to share with
troop leaders.

Our own council's interest project patch, Letting
People Know You're There in Public Relations
and the Media, was developed by Merni
Fitzgerald of Keezletown. The patch was
designed by Vicki Ashby of Harrisonburg.

The Double Dutch jump rope program was introduced to help girls develop physical fitness, have fun, learn teamwork and good sportsmanship, and meet and play with girls from different backgrounds.

The council-wide **Arts Festival '82** event was held on the same day in Radford, Lynchburg, and Charlottesville. 3,111 Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and adults attended.

Three council-wide **Potpourri Weekends** were held. In May Brownies camped at Camp Shawnee Program Center, as did Cadettes and Seniors in September. The Virginia Tech Campus Girl Scout group planned a **Potpourri Weekend** for Juniors in October at Massawomee Program Center.

Marie Haines of Troop 106 in Salem represented the council at **Galaxy '82**, a GSUSA International Event in Scotland.

8 girls and 2 adults made up the council-sponsored group selected to go to Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, Mexico.

10 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

10 girls and 2 adults participated in the **Mystic Mariner** program.

11 girls and 4 adults went on a VSGSC **Wyoming Trek**.

21 First Class awards were earned by Cadette Girl Scouts.

2 Gold Awards were earned by Senior Girl Scouts.

~1983~

Virginia Skyline received an award for achievement from GSUSA for outstanding membership efforts.



Virginia Skyline celebrated its 20th Anniversary. A special anniversary patch was designed and a segment was created for troops to earn. The council history was written, and the council annual meeting was a special celebration. A council song contest was held with the winning song, "We Have Found A New World", written by Troop 824 of Lynchburg, Bonnie Yelvington, Leader.

The VSGSC Endowment Fund was established by the Board of Directors with \$25,000 from designated funds. The fund was set up to receive gifts of cash, real estate, marketable securities, and tangible personal property in order to insure the long term viability of Girl Scouting in the council.

The council's first computer, a Hewlett-Packard 250 with three terminals, was installed in the spring. Initial uses included inventory control, accounting, camp registration, and adult membership information.



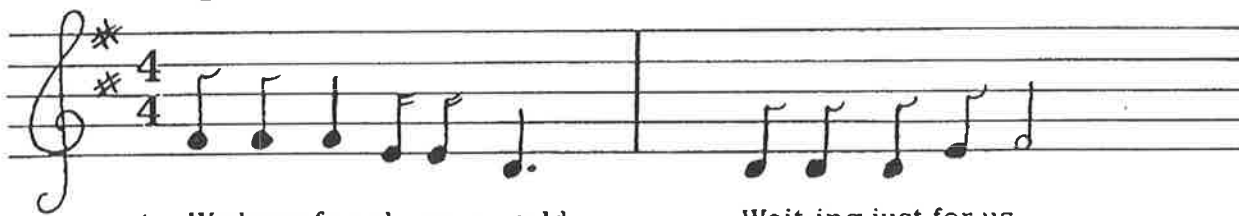
Pioneers, Peaks and Presidents, the second national wider opportunity sponsored by VSGSC, was held at Ferrum College for 80 girls, including 2 from Brazil and 2 from Denmark. Six adults served as staff.

We Have Found A New World

by Troop 824, Lynchburg

Autoharp: F C⁷ B^b

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1. We have found a new world,
2. All a-long the Sky-line,

Wait-ing just for us,
Girls and lead-ers go.

D A⁷



1. Nestl-ed in the moun-tains,
2. Learn-ing, liv-ing, lov-ing,

Reach-ing to the stars,
Watch us as we grow.

D D



1. Friends and fun a - plen-ty,
2. Hik - ing in the moun-tains,

Songs to sing all day.
Camp a-long the way.

G D A⁷ D



1. Girl Scouts in Vir-gin-ia,
2. Girl Scouts in Vir-gin-ia,

Makes us want to stay.
Makes us want to stay.

The Great Escape, a potpourri weekend for adults, was held at Smith Mountain Lake 4-H Center from April 30-May 1.

Phyllis Spiegel of Salem participated in the **GSUSA/Experiment in International Living** opportunity in Portugal.

13 girls were selected for National Wider Opportunities.

10 girls and 2 adults participated in the **Mystic Mariner** event.

27 girls and 5 adults traveled to National Center West for **Wyoming Trek**. A patrol of 8 girls and 2 adults received a \$4,000 grant from the DeWitt Wallace Reader's Digest Foundation.

7 girls and 3 adults from Senior Troop 947 represented the council at Our Cabaña.

Cadette Troop 794 of New Castle received the Tracy & Thelma Loyd Conservation Award for the restoration of Goose Creek which runs through Lions' Park in New Castle. This project was also part of their contribution to GSUSA's 70th Anniversary Gift of Water project.

4 Senior Girl Scouts earned Gold Awards.

The first annual **Gold Award Banquet** was held following the annual meeting in April. The banquet was hosted by the Association IV Older Girl Planning Board at the Lexington Howard Johnson's.

~1984~

*The Girl Scout Promise was changed and Daisy Girl Scouts five years old or in kindergarten were introduced as the youngest age level. The **25th World Conference of WAGGGS** was held at Tarrytown, N.Y. This was only the second time a World Conference had been held in the U.S.*

New volunteer personnel policies were adopted by the Board of Directors in March, and volunteer agreements were introduced.

11 troops of Daisy Girl Scouts with a total of 94 girls were registered in VSGSC during this first year of the program.



772,186 boxes of cookies were sold. The cost per box was raised from \$1.75 to \$2.00, and troops received 35 cents per box, up from 30 cents. This provided 59% of the council's income.

The first **Lakeside Family and Friends Fundraiser and Fun Day** was held at Lakeside Amusement Park in June.

Consultants on Campus was held at Roanoke College in January for troop consultants and service unit representatives. The keynote speaker was Myra Nagel, author of **WHAT TO DO INSTEAD OF SCREAMING**.

To honor the 72nd Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the U.S., six VSGSC Senior Girl Scouts dined with President and Mrs. Reagan on March 9th at the White House. They were Jan Armentrout, Appomattox; Dawn Deshazor, Robinette Pinchback, and Jody Forehand, Danville; Lauren Silver, Harrisonburg; and Phyllis Spiegel, Salem.

The Women Through Time patch program was developed by 4 Virginia councils in conjunction with the Virginia Women's Cultural History Project. The purpose of this program was to encourage girls to develop a broader view of their place in the world and to encourage the development of sound decision making.

A new Leader-In-Training program was developed for older girls. 12 participated in the first course offered.

11 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

18 girls and 3 adults went to National Center West for **Wyoming Trek**.

7 girls and 1 adult participated in the **Mystic Mariner Brilliant Program** They spent a week aboard the tall ship "Brilliant" testing their sailing abilities.

17 girls and 4 adults participated in the **High Knoll** program at the Blue Ridge Boy Scout Reservation in Pulaski County. They backpacked for six days, earned the 50-miler patch, and enjoyed horseback riding, rappelling, and Indian dancing at outposts along the way.

8 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1985~

The United Nations declared 1985 International Youth Year. Girl Scouts celebrated with the special Trees for the Future patch for girls to earn while learning about the importance of trees and sharing what they learned with their communities.

Dr. Margaret Rhea Seddon, a former Girl Scout, served as a mission specialist on the Discovery space shuttle.

GSUSA introduced the first contemporary issue, **TUNE INTO WELL-BEING, SAY NO TO DRUGS**.



Rebecca Hays, Pamela Havlen, Amy Gibson, Renata Arrington, Claudette Gamache, Mary Katherine Hope, Michele Dugan, and Shonda Elder participated in the event on October 30 at the White House honoring the First Lady, Nancy Reagan, for her national leadership in drug abuse prevention. **TUNE INTO WELL-BEING, SAY NO TO DRUGS** was announced.

The council was named to the GSUSA Region II Honor Roll for contributions to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

The Statue of Liberty patch was created by Lynn Martin, Leader, Brownie Troop 389 in Charlottesville. It was designed to encourage troops to learn about the Statue of Liberty and to prepare for the celebration of the statue's 100th birthday in 1986.

3,700 girls and adults attended the council-wide events celebrating the theme **Footsteps Into Tomorrow**, focusing on the World of Today and Tomorrow. The three events were held in Danville, Radford, and Weyers Cave on March 23.

GSUSA and *GIRL SCOUT LEADER* magazine did a special photographic session with girls and adults from VSGSC at Stuart Hall Academy in Staunton, Mill Mountain Zoo in Roanoke and on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A \$2,400 grant was received from the George J. and Effie L. Seay Foundation for purchasing supplies and equipment needed to implement the Women Through Time program.



The bell from Camp Kiwanianna was installed at Massawomee Program Center during an older girl work weekend in October.

Virginia Skyline selected and sponsored six adults to attend training at Edith Macy Conference Center: Evalyn Chapman, Martinsville; Carol McNeil, Lynchburg; Janet Yenovkian, Charlottesville; Marsha Howard, Waynesboro; Nancy Motz, Buena Vista; and Connie King, Covington.

Six video cassette recorders were purchased by the council with a \$2,500 grant received from the C.E. Richardson Foundation of Pulaski. The recorders enabled trainers to use GSUSA video tapes in leadership training.

3,503 attended the second **Lakeside Day** fundraiser for the council.



7 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

20 girls and 4 adults hiked at Camp Ottari in the **High Knoll** trail camp program.

10 girls and 2 adults participated in the **Mystic Mariner** program.

26 girls and adults went to National Center West for **Wyoming Trek**.

10 girls and 2 adults represented VSGSC at Our Chalet. As part of their fund raising projects, the girls organized **Brownies are Girl Scouts Too!** events at council campsites.

Pam Cranston of Salem and Jody Forehand of Danville represented the council at the **Avon Leadership Conference**.

6 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1986~

Brownie Girl Scouts and Junior Girl Scouts each got a new handbook. The Brownie program included new Try-Its for girls to work on, and the JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT HANDBOOK included the new Sign of the World and nine new badges.

GSUSA has its highest increase in membership in 18 years.

The second contemporary issue, STAYING SAFE - PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE was introduced.

National membership dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per year.

The central office was expanded with the purchase of 401-405 Apperson Drive, the building "next door".

11 adults and 2 girls attended the **National Program Conference** held in Delaware.



Betty Pilsbury, National President Girl Scouts of the USA, was the keynote speaker at the VSGSC **Conference on Program** held at Virginia Tech in August. 400 people attended workshops to introduce new programs and begin the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the United States.

VSGSC sponsored a national wider opportunity, **Pioneers, Peaks and Presidents**, at Ferrum College for 80 girls including 2 from Switzerland and 2 from Mexico. 7 adults served as staff. This event was a repeat of the 1977 and 1983 events.

Special program events held at council, association, and service unit level reached 10,357 girls.

Approximately 60 Junior Girl Scouts participated in the first **Science Museum Camp-In** at the Science Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke.

A new summer program was introduced for Junior Girl Scouts. 26 girls and 3 adults attended resident camp at Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council Camp Graham in Henderson, N.C. The program concentrated on waterfront activities including swimming, canoeing and sailing.



Junior Girl Scout Troop 548, from Elkton, Virginia, was on the "Good Morning America" television program.

Capital Caravan, a Virginia Girl Scout Councils' event for Cadettes, Seniors, and adults was held in Richmond to give participants an opportunity to learn more about the Virginia legislative process. 27 girls and 6 adults from our council attended.

4 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.
9 girls and 2 adults participated in **High Knoll**.

7 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.



~1987~

GSUSA's 75th Anniversary was observed with the theme, **Tradition with a Future**. Girl Scouts all over the world celebrated with a worldwide Promise Circle on March 12. A 22-cent U.S. postage stamp was issued to commemorate 75 years of Girl Scouting.



Two patrols of Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 27 in Roanoke, Lin Bowden, Leader, and Troops 735 and 368 in Charlottesville, Susan Mitchell and Katherine Burton, Leaders, represented the council at the **National Promise Circle Celebration** in Washington, DC. Sixteen Cadettes and Seniors were members of the support team for the ceremonies in Washington, D.C. They provided the flag ceremony for the stamp issuing ceremony at the U. S. Postal Service and carried flags in the international flag ceremony at the Promise Circle Ceremony. Twenty Brownie Girl Scouts from Association III also participated in the Promise Circle Ceremony.

510 VSGSC troops gave 18,744 hours of service to their communities in celebration of GSUSA's 75th Anniversary.

VSGSC exhibited Girl Scout memorabilia at the Roanoke Valley History Museum in cooperation with the Roanoke Valley Historical Society in March to honor the 75th Anniversary of Girl Scouting.



A special video, **JULIETTE LOW: HER SPIRIT, HER VISION**, was originated and taped in the council for the use by our membership. A grant of \$4,000.00 was received from C. B. Fleet to help with this project.

The founding meeting of the Juliette Gordon Low Endowment Club was held on October 31. The club's purpose is to provide for the financial future of the council by recognizing contributors to the VSGSC Endowment Fund, and recruiting additional contributors. The charter members were: Jo Ann Black, Dorothy Blanchard, Bonita Boxley, Kathleen Genaitis, Diane Stout Grant, Al Johnson, Robyn Johnson, Catharine Denise Lane, Charlotte MacGregor, Ian MacGregor, Wendy O'Neil, Marguerite Scheff, J. Blair Waugh, Nancee Waugh, Becky Weir, Tom Weir, Charles Woolheater, Marjorie Woolheater.

VSGSC began full operation as a Girl Scout equipment agency in February with the opening of the shop.



The **S.E.L.F.** (Scouting Early Leads to the Future) Program was established to serve girls in Lynchburg's housing projects.

School Days for Daisy, was started in cooperation with Stuart Hall and Woodrow Wilson's birthplace. 135 girls and adults had the opportunity to visit Stuart Hall where Juliette Low was a student for a short period of time. They also toured historic Staunton and Woodrow Wilson's birthplace.

433 Brownies and Juniors participated in **Science Museum Camp-Ins** at the Science Museum of Virginia in Richmond and the Science Museum of Western Virginia in Roanoke.

32 Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts participated with Girl Scouts from the other Virginia councils in the **Capital Caravan** legislative event in Richmond.

5 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

6 girls and 2 adults participated in the **High Knoll** backpacking program at Camp Ottari.

The council sent 29 girls and 11 adults to the **75th Anniversary Wyoming Trek** at Girl Scout National Center West.

The Tracy and Thelma Loyd Conservation Award was presented to Dugspur Troop 891, Connie Ousley, Leader. 1,500 trees were planted in Carroll County in cooperation with the Forest Service in order to prevent further erosion.

20 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1988~

GSUSA membership reached the three million mark.



To commemorate the council's 25th anniversary, the Discover Virginia Skyline patch program was created. Its purpose was to encourage troops to travel within the council borders discovering all the special places there are to visit.

Highlights of our 25th Annual Meeting included having our first council president, Maria Elena Sheppard, as our keynote speaker. She shared with us the delights and challenges of the consolidation of six councils and the lone troop areas into our Virginia Skyline Council. A special VSGSC 25th Anniversary coin was distributed, and the first council patch was reissued.

The Sally Rex Shelter was built and dedicated in memory of Sally Rex who had been active for many years in Girl Scouting as a volunteer, president, and executive director of Albemarle Girl Scout Council, and staff member of VSGSC.

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2,000 girls from all age levels attended the council-wide event **Our Place In Space** held in 3 schools in Amherst County. Astronaut Kathy Thornton was the keynote speaker.

The *GIRL SCOUT CEREMONIES BOOK* was published by VSGSC.

A video, *GIRL SCOUT UNIFORMS - A CONTINUING TRADITION*, was produced by the council. Its purpose was to provide girls with the opportunity to learn about Girl Scout history through its uniforms and to make a permanent record of the variety of uniforms in the council historical uniform collection.

A council-wide survey of girls, leaders, parents, and community organizations was conducted to obtain information for our program/property study. This study provided the groundwork for the master site plans and capital campaign.

6 girls and adults participated in National Wider Opportunities.

6 girls and 2 adults participated in the **High Knoll**.

9 girls and 2 adults participated in the **Mystic Mariner** program.

24 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1989~

The first council-wide association meeting was held in Buena Vista at Southern Seminary

College in February for the purpose of hearing the recommendations about the five outdoor program sites from the Property Study Task Force.

John Murray & Partners was retained by the Board of Directors to complete the master site plans for each of our 5 outdoor program sites.

The fund-raising firm of Nike B. Whitcomb Associates was hired by the Board of Directors to conduct a capital campaign feasibility study. The purpose of the study was to determine the importance of Girl Scouting to the community and the willingness of people to give to the Girl Scouts to further our program opportunities. A campaign was launched in 1991.

On July 1, Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations in Virginia were granted sales tax exemption until 1993. This became a reality due to the diligent work of the Virginia Girl Scout Legislative Task Force, a coalition of six Virginia Girl Scout councils which was formed in 1981.

845,914 boxes of Girl Scout cookies were sold for \$2.50 a box. Troops received \$0.45 per box. This sale contributed 65% of the council's \$1,664,311 income.

An adult recruitment video, *WELCOME TO GIRL SCOUTING*, was developed in cooperation with Black Diamond and Wilderness Road Girl Scout Councils. It contained general information about Girl Scouting and could be used for parent meetings and for presentations to civic groups.

VSGSC was represented by 4 girls and 4 adults at the **National Program Conference** which was held in Washington, D.C. in July. Topics included leadership development, girl-adult partnerships, opportunities for community service, and participation in Girl Scouting for all racial/ethnic groups. Participants had a chance for direct input into Girl Scout program development.

The council provided each Brownie Girl Scout troop with a copy of *MORE BROWNIE TRY- ITS*.



Adventurers

The Adventurers, a high adventure program for Cadettes and Seniors, was expanded to include girls from all areas of the council. This program began in Association V in 1986 to help with retention of older girls.

3 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

14 girls and 4 adults participated in the **High Knoll** backpacking program at Camp Ottari.

2 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1990~

GSUSA introduced **Right to Read** as the national service project.

The council provided troops with the GSUSA **RIGHT TO READ** contemporary issue in preparation for participation in the national service project. 2,220 girls participated in the **RIGHT TO READ** program. 24,682 books were read, and 505 literacy activities were completed.

The Linda Clark Hays Scholarship Fund was established with a donation from her family. The fund is used to provide camp scholarships, wider opportunity scholarships, and special program scholarships for girls in the Charlottesville and Albemarle County areas.

Renovations were completed on the council central office complex. A new larger shop area, three staff offices, a large meeting room, a small conference room, a kitchen, shower facilities, entrance display area, and storage closets were part of this project.

The Think Globally-Act Locally patch program was created and introduced to troops. Its purpose was to challenge girls to learn about other countries and to begin to do something positive to solve global problems. This program concluded in 1992.

The Black History Celebration patch program was introduced to the entire council. Its purpose was to encourage girls to explore the richness of the African-American culture and its many contributions to society and to help girls appreciate their differences and similarities. This patch was created from a special event held in Association III.

VSGSC participated in the Girl Scouts Count census patch program which was developed to help girls understand the importance of the census.

A council cookbook, **CAMPFIRE TESTED, GIRL APPROVED**, edited by Gail Dubovsky, and Eileen Lau was published. It included recipes submitted by girls and adults from around the council and was illustrated by girls.

A **SCRAPBOOK OF CAMP MEMORIES**, a history of VSGSC camps, was compiled by the Council Archives Group and distributed at the annual meeting of the council in April.

155 Cadettes, Seniors, and adults joined the Adventurers and participated in activities such as caving, downhill skiing, rock climbing, canoeing, and backpacking.

12 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

30 girls and adults hiked at Camp Ottari in the **High Knoll** program.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 891 and Cadette Troop 849 of Dugspur received the Tracy & Thelma Loyd Conservation Award for building a bridge at Sylvatus to make the trail to Eagle Falls more accessible.

9 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1991~

75% of the council's members experienced beyond-the-troop programs through service unit, association and council events.

Heading for the Future, a \$1.5 million capital campaign for improvements at our five program centers, was launched in March.

VSGSC submitted 4 entries to the National Environmental Poster Contest for Girl Scouts. The entries were chosen from posters submitted by troops from all over the council.

An open house was held at each of our council's five program centers to acquaint our membership with the sites and the plans for improvements in conjunction with the capital campaign. Skippy's Haven, a primitive camping area at Sugar Hollow Program Center, was dedicated in memory of Linda Clark Hays of Charlottesville, during Sugar Hollow's open house. Linda was active in the council as a troop leader, a day camp staff member, a service unit chairman, a trainer, an association chairman, and a member of the Board of Directors. At Dark Hollow Program Center, a primitive area was dedicated to the memory of the council's first executive director, Gertrude "Willie" Richardson. It was named Willie's Place.

Lookin' Good, Feelin' Great was organized for older Juniors and Cadettes. 30 girls and 4 adults spent a week at Randolph Macon Woman's College participating in activities that emphasized health, fashion and fitness.

9 girls participated in the new program, **Pioneers, Dulcimers and Pals**, held at Ferrum College in cooperation with the Blue Ridge Institute. In this program each girl made and learned to play her own dulcimer.

Adventurer activities included downhill skiing, a challenge weekend, rockclimbing, back-packing, caving and a patrol of girls and adults traveling to Our Chalet in Switzerland.

10 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

10 girls and 2 adults participated in the **High Knoll** backpacking program at Camp Ottari.

18 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1992~

GSUSA celebrated 80 years of Girl Scouting with the national service project, **Girl Scouts Care for the Earth**.

National membership dues were increased from \$4.00 to \$6.00.

Service units in the council celebrated the 80th Anniversary of Girl Scouting with special ceremonies on March 12th. During these ceremonies girls and adults pledged to care for the earth and to carry out environmental service projects in their communities.



Service units organized troops to improve wildlife habitats in their communities as the council's contribution to the national service project, **Girl Scouts Care for the Earth**.

Action Earth, a council patch program to encourage troop awareness and participation through activities focusing on seven different environmental categories, was introduced.

An exhibit celebrating 80 years of Girl Scouting was on display in the Roanoke Valley History Museum during the months of March and April. This exhibit was designed and set up by the Council Archives Group in cooperation with the museum and the Roanoke Valley Historical Society.

The council honored 28 **Women of Distinction** at a breakfast in March for their outstanding achievement in one of the following areas: medicine, government/law, business, education, or community service. They were also recognized as being good role models for today's girls. Those honored were Victoria Bond, Marilyn Donato, Helene C. Dreiling, Helen Ewald, Jeanne Fishwick, Deanna Gordon, Molly Lee Hagan, Mary Alice Hutcherson, Carol Jarrat, Heidi Krisch, Elizabeth Lee, Verna Lewis, Angelica Lloyd, Claire Maddox, Estelle Nichols, Wendy O'Neil, Phyllis Olin, Melinda Payne, Christine Payne, Melba Pirkey, Sally Rugaber, Peggy Spiegel, Mary Frances Stephanz, Elizabeth Stout, Melody Stovall, Diane Strickland, Wilma Warren, and Claudia Whitworth.



The council sold over ONE MILLION BOXES OF GIRL SCOUT COOKIES, a first for Virginia Skyline.

The annual meeting of the council was held at the Salem Civic Center. The council's new set of 118 WAGGGS flags was presented as part of the opening ceremony, and a special all-council Girl Scout chorus entertained everyone during the lunch with a selection of 80 years of Girl Scout songs.



The council's **Think Globally-Act Locally** project culminated with the presentation of Peace Wishes and Juliette Low World Friendship Fund contributions from all over the council. \$4,404.03 was collected for an average contribution of 34 cents per girl, up from 12 cents per girl from 1991.



The Ann Leslie Memorial Challenge Course, a low ropes course at Sacajawea Program Center, was dedicated. Ann Leslie was a Cadette Girl Scout leader, from Forest, Board of Directors member, and Council Program Committee chair.



Adventurer activities included whitewater rafting, hiking 113 miles on the Appalachian Trail, caving, rockclimbing, and planning for 1993 trips to Bermuda and Our Cabaña.



435 girls and adults participated in the 1992 Cadette and Senior Earth Roundup held at Camp Shawnee Program Center. Girls chose from 45 different activities such as canoeing, Double Dutch, corn husk doll making, bicycling, stenciling, soccer, and oil painting.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 212, Midge England, Leader, received a Reader's Digest Foundation grant to restore the Amherst Wayside.

19 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

9 girls and 2 adults hiked in the **High Knoll** camp program.

9 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Gold Award.

~1993~

MY DAISY GIRL SCOUT ACTIVITY SCRAPBOOK
was published in the spring.

Virginia Skyline celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the annual meeting on April 17 at the 4-H Center at Smith Mountain Lake. **THROUGH THE YEARS: 1963-1993**, a VSGSC history compiled by the Archives Group, was presented to those attending.

The VSGSC Emergency Preparedness award was created for girls. Ashley Dunman, a 10 year-old Junior Girl Scout from Moneta, was the first recipient. She was also awarded the GSUSA Medal of Honor for saving a 5 year-old boy from drowning at Elk Horn Lake.

Throughout the Council troops individually and collectively completed their **GSUSA Caring for the Earth** projects and patch program. Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts took part in **Rescue the Earth** events in their local areas. Girls were introduced to Dr. Earth, Mother Nature and villains such as Lester Litterbug, Amelia Aerosol, and Polly Polluter.

The **SKYLINE** changed to a newspaper format and circulation was increased to reach all Girl Scout households in the council.



May 21-23 the **Junior Roundup** was held at Goshen Scout Camps with over 1500 Junior Girl Scouts and adults attending. Troops camped for the weekend in one of five different camps, each with the theme of one of the Worlds: Arts, Out-Of-Doors, Today and Tomorrow, Well-Being, and People.

United Way "Day of Caring" activities took place in Harrisonburg, Lexington, and Roanoke. Volunteers painted the interior of the council

office and sealed the parking lot. VMI Cadets helped make improvements at Massawomee Program Center. Girl Scout volunteers helped serve meals to "Day of Caring" workers.

On July 1 the Virginia state sales tax exemption status granted to Girl Scout and Boy Scout organizations in 1989 was extended indefinitely.



In July Lake Weringo was dedicated at Shawnee Program Center to honor Margaret Weringo for her work on behalf of girls from Danville and surrounding areas.

The Blueberry Hill Trail featuring compass training exercises was established at Dark Hollow Program Center.



The American Museum of Frontier Culture in Staunton and VSGSC collaborated to offer a one-week summer opportunity for Senior Girl Scouts. 6 girls and 2 adults were trained to be costumed interpreters at the living history museum.

Heading for the Future, the Council's first-ever capital campaign, closed August 30th. \$495,196 was raised, enabling the Council to make improvements at the VSGSC outdoor program centers.

The Girl Scout Shop was computerized to provide point-of-sale inventory and bar code reading capabilities.

The Board of Directors approved three Our Own Council Try-Its for Brownies: Friends of Horses, developed by Charlottesville Troop 382; Indian Lore, by Staunton Troop 820; and Sewing, by Christiansburg Troop 560.

VSGSC was one of seven councils that participated in the **GSUSA National Center for Innovation Appalachia** projects which were designed to reach girls in very rural areas with Girl Scout program. The council received \$25,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to implement the program in Carroll, Grayson, and Wythe Counties.

VSGSC received the "Take Pride in America" plaque and a Volunteer Service Award certificate.

Capital Campaign improvements completed at outdoor program centers included the completion of a lake engineering study at Shawnee and a topographical survey of the units at Dark Hollow.

Adventurers activities continued with a trip to Our Cabaña in Mexico in July and a September Challenge Weekend which 121 girls and 48 adults attended.

16 girls participated in National Wider Opportunities.

27 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

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A new version of THE JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT HANDBOOK was published in the spring.

VSGSC participated in the WAGGGS/ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees "Peace Pack Project". 145 peace packs were assembled and sent to refugee children.

Stuart Hall, a private boarding school in Staunton which Juliette Low attended as a child, celebrated its 150th year.

The Sons of the American Revolution recognized the gravesite of a Revolutionary Soldier on the property at Shawnee Program Center at a formal dedication held on April 17.

37 girls participated in **Pioneers, Pastimes and Pals** and 8 girls participated in **Pioneers, Dulcimers and Pals** held at Ferrum College in cooperation with the Blue Ridge Institute.

40 Junior Girl Scouts and 22 Cadette Girl Scouts attended Camp Graham, a resident camp operated by Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council .



Festival of Friendship was held at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg from August 19-21. Over 300 Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts and adults attended.

12 girls and adults hiked at the **High Knoll** camp program.

Capital Campaign projects completed at council program centers included: the Linda Hays Art Barn, Skippy's Court and a cabin in Rocky top at Sugar Hollow; water and electric system upgrades and new program administration and maintenance storage buildings at Sacajawea; a caretaker/maintenance facility at Shawnee; a program administration building, weatherized water system at the Trathel unit, and lighting in all cabins at Dark Hollow; concrete shelter floors and handicapped accessible bathroom and swimming pool at Massawomee.

5 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

An Adventurers patrol of 8 girls and 2 adults went to Our Chalet in Switzerland.



In September Sara Walsh, Barbara Fridley, Elaine Roy, and Geneva Horton attended **Taste of India**, a wider opportunity for adults at Sangam, India.

288 girls and adults participated in Adventurer activities including ice skating, caving, rock climbing, and hiking the Appalachian Trail.

28 girls earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

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CADETTE GIRL SCOUT HANDBOOK and A RESOURCE BOOK FOR SENIOR GIRL SCOUTS were published in March.

In January VSGSC was awarded \$1,005 through the Community Club Awards fundraising program as a result of adult participation in the contest.

In February WSLs-TV in Roanoke held the first 60-second Girl Scout Cookie Scurry.



Troops completed participation in **Be Your Best Girl Scout National Health and Fitness Service Project** which was launched in September 1994. Creating posters and programs about the dangers of substance abuse, organizing community health fairs and

fitness days, developing healthy recipe cookbooks and volunteering with other community organizations were among the projects reported.

The **Skyline Sister Troop Program** was introduced. Interested troops are linked with a troop in VSGSC so they can correspond, share program ideas, and learn about each other.

Nita Catherine Stockwell from Boydton in Buggs Island Service Unit was presented with the VSGSC Emergency Preparedness award.

In May the Board of Directors approved four new Our Own Council's Try -Its: Confectionarily Yours and Photo Fun developed by Bridgewater Troop 372; On Stage and American Frontier, by Bedford Troop 641.

Over \$10,000 in scholarships were awarded to help girls attending VSGSC summer programs.

On June 28, as part of the United Way "Day of Caring", volunteers from Norfolk Southern built a fence in the Sleepy Hollow unit at Dark Hollow Program Center.



In July **Pioneers, Peaks and Presidents**, a GSUSA National Wider Opportunity sponsored by VSGSC and co-sponsored by the Blue Ridge Institute, was held at Ferrum College. 86 girls from 62 Girl Scout Councils in the USA, 2 girls from GSUSA troops overseas and a patrol of 5 girls and 2 adults from West Yorkshire, England attended.

The field in Pinecrest unit at Dark Hollow Program Center was named "Shorty's Field" in honor of Rose Allen, business manager of Dark Hollow Day Camp for 20 years.

The Environmental Education Center at Shawnee Program Center was moved to the historic white farm house which was renovated with capital campaign funds. **EEC**, a self-guided, hands-on environmental education program, is now available year-round.



23 girls and 4 adults attended **Pioneers, Pastimes and Pals**, and 7 girls and 1 adult attended **Pioneers, Dulcimers and Pals**, both held at Ferrum College in cooperation with the Blue Ridge Institute.

36 Juniors, 36 Cadettes and 13 leaders attended Camp Graham in North Carolina.

3 girls and 1 adult participated in the **High Knoll** backpacking program.

12 girls attended National Wider Opportunities.

379 girls and adults participated in 27 Adventurer activities throughout the year, including 2 crews of 6 girls and 2 adults each who participated in the **Out Island Adventure** at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base (BSA).

Capital Campaign improvements completed at council program centers included major renovations to Hideaway and Pavilion unit shelters at Sacajawea; canoe dock renovations, new swimming dock and waterfront shelter at Shawnee; and an emergency exit road at Massawomee.

United Ways of Central Virginia and Roanoke used footage of our S.E.L.F. program in their fall campaign promotion efforts.

The Board of Directors approved Our Own Council's Interest Project: Engineering, submitted by Catherine Charlton of Charlottesville who was an engineering major at Cornell University.

150 Adventurers attended the **Buffalo Festival** held in Paint Bank, VA, October 20-21.



In November the VSGSC Archives Group hosted a Victorian Tea to introduce their **Victorian Tea Suitcase Program** to Daisies and Brownies. An activity booklet with instructions and assorted props were packed in a Victorian Tea suitcase for troops to use.

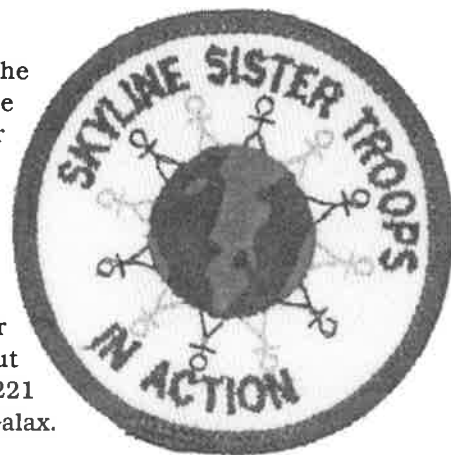
In November the Board of Directors approved Our Own Council's Try-It: Special Grandparents, submitted by Lynchburg Troop 239.

47 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

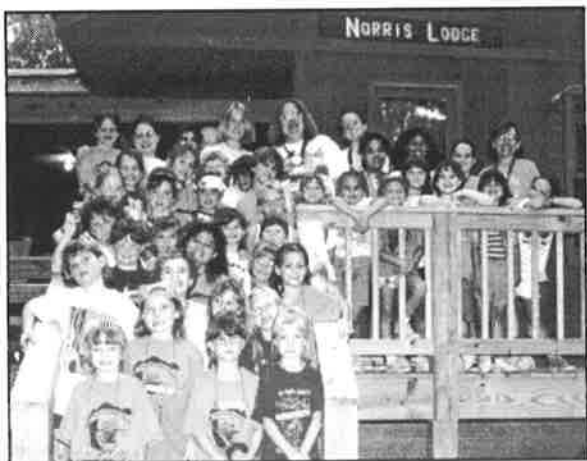
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The Girl Scout Law was reworded as a result of action by the National Council Session held in late October.

The Skyline Sister Troop patch design contest was won by Junior Girl Scout Troop 221 of Galax.



MENTOR VIDEO was produced to help train leaders working with older girls who want to become leaders.



A new winterized lodge was built in the Trathel unit at Dark Hollow Program Center. The lodge was dedicated in April and was named Norris Lodge in honor of Betty Norris, a longtime supporter of Girl Scouting in the Roanoke area.

2 girls attended National Wider Opportunities and an Adventurers patrol of 7 girls and 2 adults went to Our Cabaña in Mexico.

Capital Campaign improvements at council program centers included the addition of decks and landings for the cabins at Dark Hollow; completion of Gay Lodge renovations at Sacajawea; construction of the Kiwanis Trail along with major improvements to existing trails and completion of the farm house renovations at Shawnee.

In September 36 Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts participated in **Campfire Friendship** at Sacajawea Program Center.

The Board of Directors approved 2 Our Own Council's Try-Its: Bugs, developed by Blacksburg Troop 233; Water Fun & Safety, by Clifton Forge Troops 13 and 2055.

Adventurers Challenge Weekend was held at Sugar Hollow Program Center. 240 girls and adults enjoyed caving, in-line skating, ropes course, orienteering, horseback riding, and scuba.

Kathleen M. "Kate" Genaitis resigned as Chief Executive Officer, effective November 1. She was hired by GSUSA as Director of Council Asset Management Systems.

Shirley Valentine was appointed through GSUSA to serve as interim executive director, effective December 2. She served in this capacity until March 31, 1997.

35 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

~1997~

GSUSA membership dues were increased from \$6.00 to \$7.00 per year.



From Semaphore to the World Wide Web: 85 Years of Girl Scouting, an exhibit

created by the council Archives Group, was on display at the Roanoke Valley History Museum from January through September. A booklet was also designed and provided to help children and adults learn more about Girl Scout history. Over 12,000 visited this exhibit.

The council selected ABC as its cookie company. The cookie sale exceeded 100,000 cases for the first time in VSGSC history, an average of 116 boxes per girl.

Governor George Allen issued a Certificate of Recognition declaring the week of March 9-15 as Girl Scout Week in recognition of the 85th Anniversary of Girl Scouting.

On April 1 Carol A. Bitner became the council's executive director. She previously served as executive director of Cahaba Girl Scout Council in Birmingham, Alabama.

In May the Board of Directors approved Our Own Council's Try-It: On Ice, developed by Charlottesville Troop 87; and Our Own Council's Interest Project: Magnificent Manners, submitted by Lynchburg Senior Troop 279.

The council's fiscal year changed from January 1-December 31 to July 1-June 30 beginning July 1, as approved by the Board of Directors.

VSGSC was one of 114 councils selected to receive a GSUSA Sports Days Grant. A credit of \$500 for new sports resources from GSUSA's National Equipment Service and 1,500 T-shirts, water bottles, and patches were received for the **Team Up with the Dukes** event at James Madison University and other sports clinics planned with JMU.

Capital improvements completed at VSGSC program centers included a new boat shelter and dock and a handicapped accessible bathroom and shower at Shawnee and a new cabin in Rocky Top unit at Sugar Hollow.

26 troops were linked through the **USGS Pen Pal Network**.

181 Juniors and Cadettes participated in the **Autumn Team Up with the Dukes** featuring archery, fencing, and athletic training/sports medicine.



Throughout the council 54 service units participated in Girl Scout reunions involving current and former members to celebrate the 85th Anniversary of Girl Scouting.

VSGSC Emergency Preparedness Award presented to Kayla Buchanan, Buena Vista; Sarah Hetzel, Waynesboro; and Kristen Simpson, Roanoke. All three also received recognition from GSUSA.

2 girls attended National Wider Opportunities; a patrol of 10 girls and 2 adults participated in **Boundary Waters Canoe Trip** in Minnesota; a patrol of 8 girls and 2 adults participated in **Bahamas Adventure** at the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base (BSA).

Adventurer activities included orienteering, hiking, the **Scout Encampment** at Blackstone, and **Wild Women's and Men's Weekend**.

60 Senior Girl Scouts earned the Girl Scout Gold Award.

~1998~



Plans for 1998 include the celebration of Virginia Skyline's 35th Anniversary. Troops are giving 35 hours of community service to commemorate this council milestone.

The council annual meeting will be held in Charlottesville on April 25th. This celebration will include a fashion show of uniforms from 1963-1998 and the distribution of the updated council history.

During the summer girls will participate in programs like Camp Graham; **Pioneers, Pastimes, and Pals** and **Pioneers, Dulcimers and Pals**. A crew will backpack at **High Knoll** and 8 girls and 2 adults will go to Our Chalet in Switzerland.

Troops continue to participate in the **Virginia Skyline Sister Troop** program.

Through the **USGS Pen Pal Network** troops continue to be linked with other Girl Scout troops across the nation.

The **Family Annual Giving Campaign** will kick off in the fall. Appeals will be made to families at the troop level. Gifts of \$35.00 for the 35th anniversary of the council will be requested.

The **Juliette Low Endowment Club** will seek individuals to give endowment gifts in recognition of the council's 35th anniversary.

Worlds of Fun and Friends

In 1963, the Program Launching Committee was charged with helping troop leaders in the new council learn about and implement the changes in Girl Scout program. Girl Scouting had gone from three age levels, Brownies, Intermediates and Seniors, to four age levels, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors. There were new handbooks, new badges, new challenges and four new programs to learn.

Mrs. Jones, President of the new Virginia Skyline Council, was one of the instructors on special events at Edith Macy Training School. At this course she talked about Virginia Skyline's idea for a council-wide game to introduce Cadettes to the new program. Plans for this October event were started in August after Mrs. Jones received a telephone call from National Headquarters requesting her to report on the very first council-wide event at the National Convention in Miami. The Program Committee minutes state that "up to August, the wide game was just an idea tucked back in our minds." The Cadette Countdown was held—894 girls and adults attended.

This same event/training technique has been used in recent years to introduce new programs. *Swing Into the 80's* gave girls and leaders a chance to learn about the new Cadette and Senior program with *FROM DREAMS TO REALITY*, *LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN* and *YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE*. Pathfinders, a group game, was created to give hands-on experience to girls and leaders.

As new program was developed and new books were published by GSUSA, the Program Committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve giving copies of new handbooks, supplements and contemporary issues to all troops. This ensured that each troop had at least one copy of the new material and that troops could begin right away to work on the new programs.

The Program Committee, appointed by the Board of Directors to oversee the program for the council, played a major role in council program direction from 1963 until the late 80's. In the early years the committee planned events, sponsored wider opportunities, ensured that leaders received the information on GSUSA programs and themes, implemented new programs, surveyed the membership, and monitored good troop program through the Quality of Troop Program Survey. This group was also responsible for new council patch programs, approving Our Own Council's badges and interest projects. The Senior Planning Board also reported to the Program Committee on events and issues of interest to Senior Girl Scouts. In later years there were at least two girl members on this committee.

In the late 70's as the council embraced the corporate planning process which made clear distinctions between operations and policy, the Program Committee focused on setting broad program direction for the council and moved away from the planning of events and creating and implementing programs. In 1988 the committee became the Program Review Task Force with the responsibility of reviewing council program.

In the first decade of the council, the Senior Planning Board played a major role in council-wide Senior program. These girls planned an annual conference, usually held at Camp Kiwanianna, and they also worked with the Explorer Boy Scouts to plan an annual co-ed conference. Cadettes and Seniors applied to attend national events such as The Senior Roundup and All States Encampment. Virginia Skyline developed a summer exchange program with Girl Guides of Norway which lasted for four summers.

Due to the increasing difficulty of finding girls to serve on the planning board and people's reluctance to travel the distance to meetings, the Senior Planning Board ceased to exist in the early 70's. However in 1979 the Program Committee saw a need for older girls to get together. Older Girl Planning Boards, including both Cadettes and Seniors, were organized in all associations in 1980, and they sent representatives to the Council Planning Board. The events planned by this group included a Survival Interest Project weekend, Gold Award Banquet, ski weekends and the 1981 state-wide event Sassy Senior Sunshine Swingery.

Early in the 80's the council, anticipating the increase in population of girls 11-17, placed an emphasis on older girl program. Peggy Spiegel was hired as Older Girl Program Specialist. She worked with the Planning Board, planned council-wide activities for Cadettes and Seniors, coordinated wider opportunities sponsored by the council and continued to oversee the implementation of the new Cadette and Senior recognitions introduced in 1980.

During its second decade, the council sponsored wider opportunities to keep older girls challenged and involved. Trips were planned to Our Chalet, Our Cabaña, Mystic, Connecticut and National Center West for Wyoming Trek. Selections weekends were held for girls and adults from all over the council. Patrols were chosen to represent the council at these opportunities. WOGS, Wider Opportunity Girl Scouts, a group for girls and adults who had been selected for wider opportunities was created in 1976. This group provided support for the wider opportunity participants in the form of pre-event training and a reunion when the girls returned home. This group is still in place today.

The Girl Scout Senior Roundups and All States Encampments ended in the 60's. GSUSA and councils began to offer national wider opportunities for older girls. Virginia Skyline sponsored its first wider opportunity with nation-wide participation in 1977. *American Heritage Along the Skyline* brought girls from all over the country and 3 international Girl Guides to Ferrum College for a program that included Appalachian crafts and touring historical and scenic sites within the council. This event was such a success that it was held again in 1983, 1986, and 1995 with the new name of *Pioneers, Peaks and Presidents*.

In 1981 the staffing pattern was changed to a team concept with Program and Training Specialists on each team. Field Link Executives worked with service teams and girl and adult recruitment. The staffing pattern was changed again in 1987. Program Specialists in each service area concentrated on troop program, events and older girl program. Troops were encouraged to plan trips on their own assisted by council trip training for leaders. Today the Adventurers is a council-wide group of older Girl Scouts (11-18) who are seeking exciting, stimulating activities to challenge their capabilities, broaden their horizons, and develop a sense of self-esteem. The group was started in 1986 in Association V. It provided program for Cadettes and Seniors who preferred this interest group to troop membership. High adventure activities such as canoeing, rock climbing and caving were planned. The program was very successful and was opened to girls in troops who wanted to participate in high adventure programs, and a group was started in Association V. The Adventurers became a council-wide program in 1989. Today it has a membership of about 350 girls and adults — some in troops, some not. Volunteer Adventurer coordinators provide programs for girls such as a 113-mile Appalachian Trail hike, white water rafting, sailing, Challenge Weekends, trips to Our Chalet, Our Cabaña and Bermuda. The Adventurers activities challenge girls to challenge themselves.

While Cadettes and Seniors were participating in council-wide activities, Brownies and Juniors were doing things closer to home in troops and at local events. Council-wide programs were not planned for these age levels until 1976 when the Program Committee recommended a triennial plan for events— year one, a council-wide event for all age levels; year two, association events; and year three, service unit events. This long-range scheduling facilitated local planning and helped to broaden the scope of girls' experiences.

In 1976 the council held a Bicentennial event at Expoland near Fishersville. Nearly 900 girls and adults camped overnight. 3,100 more came for the day to display projects and participate in activities. In 1979 *New Worlds, New Directions* brought girls and adults from all over the council to Harrisonburg for another all-age level event. Those who attended will remember the rain, hot dogs and frozen chili, t-shirt, and free balloons. In 1982 something new was tried: a council-wide event carried out in three different locations. *Arts Festival '82* with the same theme, same patch and same activities at each site provided the opportunity for more girls to participate and made travel time shorter. In 1985 *Footsteps Into Tomorrow*, focusing on the World of Today and Tomorrow, was also held in 3 different places in the council. 3,700 girls and adults participated. This event was the last in the triennial plan. However, in 1988 the opportunity arose to offer *Our Place in Space*, an event that emphasized space related activities. A highlight for the 2,000 girls and adults attending was hearing astronaut Kathy Thornton speak.

Thousands of girls have participated in service unit events throughout the years. In the reports from the 60's, there are accounts of camping events, ingatherings, Juliette Low birthday celebrations, and international festivals. In 1982, 20 years later, 1,985 Brownies and 1,398 Juniors participated in service unit camporees, international festivals, skating parties, Girl Scout Birthday celebrations, Thinking Day events and mall exhibits. And events with these same themes are still taking place in service units today.

Service has always been an important element of Girl Scout program. In the 1967 "Summary of the Quality of Troop Program Survey," troops reported service projects such as: a Christmas mitten tree, collecting old eyeglasses for the Lions Club, sponsoring American Girl Magazine in Braille for a blind Girl Scout, making tray favors for hospitals, sending cards and soap to soldiers in Vietnam, making voting posters, planting flowers at the playground, and constructing a chapel at a camp. In 1988 the "Summary of Annual Troop Program Reports" showed that most troops gave service to the community, averaging 6 to 10 hours over the program year. The projects seen most often in the reports were picking-up litter, visiting or making items for nursing homes, stuffing Christmas stockings, planting trees and flowers, and collecting food and clothing for needy persons. It's interesting to see that the needs of the communities and types of service given are very similar from decade to decade.

For the 75th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the USA, troops in Virginia Skyline gave Gifts of Service to their communities totaling 18,744 hours. Troops also gave service to the community through habitat improvement projects that were part of the GSUSA Girl Scouts Care For the Earth program.

Through the years Virginia Skyline has implemented many programs and themes developed by GSUSA. In the 60's troops, service units and districts participated in the *Piper Project*. Mrs. John Stanley of Bassett was the council's Piper, responsible for seeing that this program to increase girl membership was carried out in the council. *Action 70* involved troops in the council in projects that helped to overcome prejudice and to build better relationships among persons of all ages. One example of an *Action 70* project was Wonder Week at Camp Shawnee in Danville which was planned by Cadettes and Seniors for 44 girls from the low income areas of Danville. These girls spent the week at Shawnee participating in typical day camp activities.

This country's bicentennial found us searching for Hidden Heroines—women that the girls felt should be recognized for their contributions. Women were recognized at troop, service unit, association and council levels. The Women of Distinction program of today is very similar to Hidden Heroines of 1976. In 1980 troops participated in the Gift of Water program to celebrate the decade of water. Troops were asked to participate in projects in one of ten different categories: habitats, emergencies, careers, disabilities, clean water, save water, safety, food, heritage, and aquatics. To celebrate International Youth Year in 1985, we joined Girl Scouts around the country participating in the Trees For the Future project.

The Conference on Program in 1986 at Virginia Tech launched the new Brownie and Junior Program materials, offered workshops on Daisy program, troop finance, ceremonies, songs, games, the Silver and Gold awards and many more. 440 adults from around the council had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Betty Pilsbury, National President of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. She was the speaker for the 75th Anniversary Kickoff Luncheon held at this event.

In the 90's GSUSA identified national service projects for troops to participate in throughout the country. *RIGHT TO READ* emphasized the need to promote literacy and encouraged troops to read and to help others to read. This project was completed in 1991. Girl Scouts Care for the Earth was the national service project on which troops worked in their communities to improve habitats for wildlife.

In 1997 to celebrate the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouts troops held Girl Scout reunions and saluted Hidden Heroines in their areas. The council Archives group created *From Semaphore to the World Wide Web: 85 Years of Girl Scouting*, an exhibit displayed at the Roanoke Valley History Museum from January through September 1997. Over 12,000 visited this exhibit.

Camping has been a major part of the Girl Scout program since 1912. When Virginia Skyline was formed, it was operating 3 resident camp programs—Camp Axton, Camp Garth Newel and Camp Kiwanianna. By 1966 Camp Kiwanianna was the only resident camp operated by the council. Girls spent 2-week sessions at camp swimming, hiking, learning outdoor skills, working on crafts; making new friends and having fun in the outdoors. Day camps were organized by service units and were held at council campsites, parks and camps. Thousands of girls throughout the history of the council have participated in summer camping experiences. In the early seventies the number of campers registering for resident camp began to drop. Resident troop camp was added to the schedule at Kiwanianna. Special programs for older girls like backpacking units became part of the schedule. In 1973 the Program Committee sent a recommendation to the Camp Committee that the established camping program be discontinued at Camp Kiwanianna. In spite of the changes in program, the small number of campers and the repairs that were needed at camp precipitated the difficult decision to close Kiwanianna in 1976 and return the property to the Kiwanis Club. In order to keep providing a resident camp experience, Virginia Skyline made arrangements with the YWCA of Roanoke Valley to send Girl Scouts to Camp-on-Craig, the YWCA's resident camp. Until 1984 Girl Scouts had several weeks of resident camp at Camp-on-Craig where the girls enjoyed swimming, canoeing, crafts, horseback riding and badge work.

Since the council was not operating a resident camp of its own, other opportunities were offered to girls for summer resident experiences. Since 1986 groups of Juniors and Cadettes have spent a week at Camp Graham, a Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council camp. *Pioneers, Pastimes and Pals* was created from the national wider opportunity, *Pioneers, Peaks and Presidents*. Juniors and Cadettes spend a week at Ferrum College learning crafts from artists at the Blue Ridge Institute. In 1991 *Pioneers, Dulcimers and Pals* was added for girls who wanted to make their own dulcimer. For two summers *Lookin' Good, Feelin' Great* was run in cooperation with Randolph-Macon Woman's College. Juniors and Cadettes spent a week learning about fashion, makeup, good nutrition and exercise. They also learned how to choose colors and clothes and even made a T-shirt dress and jewelry.

Throughout the years the council has been concerned with how the membership felt about camping and the council properties. No decisions about properties were made lightly. In 1974 the council Camping Committee presented the four-point concept to the Board of Directors which included the purchase of two new sites, one in Rockbridge County and one at Smith Mountain Lake; keeping and developing Sugar Hollow; selling Dark Hollow, Lake Catherine, Sacajawea and Shawnee; and retaining Kiwanianna. This four-point concept was not approved by the Board. In 1976 Debbi Jones, a program consultant from GSUSA, visited each of the council campsites, talked with volunteers and staff and made recommendations to the council about the properties. Again in 1986 a task force of the Program Committee was appointed to survey the membership about council campsites, camp program and what girls and adults wanted to see happen to the council's properties. Recommendations were made to the Program Committee, Property Development Committee and the Board of Directors. A direct result of that survey was the creation of camp committees for each of the campsites. These groups were responsible for helping to care for the sites, making recommendations for improvements and additions to the sites and organizing volunteer labor to accomplish tasks. These groups were a subgroup of the Property Development Committee. In 1989 the Board of Directors appointed the Property Study Task Force that started the council on its journey toward its first capital campaign. Program surveys were sent to all age levels to find out what programs girls wanted and what kinds of camping facilities they liked to camp in. Adults were asked about how far they would travel to camp and what types of facilities were necessary for a good camping experience for girls. The results of these surveys and studies of the 5 campsites were the basis for the development plan presented to the membership. The capital campaign raised \$495,196 for camp development projects at the 5 council program centers.

Through the years, troop activities continued to be the backbone of Girl Scout program. In troops girls worked on badges, gave service to the community, traveled to nearby communities and countries across the sea, marched in community parades, made all kinds of crafts, sang, danced, went camping and hiking, learned about careers, made things with hammers, nails and glue and worked on more projects than there is space to list here. To make all this possible, troops needed willing, energetic,

creative, enthusiastic leaders and a little money. Cookie sales were and still are a major source of troop and council income. If you look at the charts below you will see a little cookie history. In 1992 the council hit a milestone in cookie sales— over one million packages sold.

Program through the years has made a lasting impression on many, many girls. It has given them a chance to be themselves, to learn by doing, to broaden their horizons and to become more self-reliant and better able to be contributing members of their communities. Thousands of adults have given their time, energy and enthusiasm to the girls of this council. Without them Virginia Skyline would not have had such an impressive and successful Girl Scout program.

COOKIE STATISTICS				
YEAR	COST PER BOX	TROOP PROFIT/BOX	TOTAL BOXES SOLD	# GIRL MEMBERS
1964	\$.40	\$.06	210,800	11,252
1965	\$.45	\$.06	195,864	11,104
1967	\$.50	\$.06	213,084	12,174
1971	\$.60	\$.06	268,971	14,117
1973	\$1.00	\$.10	223,370	13,151
1976	\$1.25	\$.25	352,000	12,211
1980	\$1.50	\$.25	640,944	12,457
1982	\$1.75	\$.30	741,636	11,497
1984	\$2.00	\$.35	772,186	11,294
1989	\$2.50	\$.45	845,914	11,297
1992	\$2.50	\$.45	1,004,706	13,485
1998	\$3.00	\$.55		



WELCOME TO GIRL SCOUT® CAMP

“Each Campfire Lights Anew”

When Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council was formed in 1963, the merging councils brought their campsites to the new council.

From Old Dominion Council came Camp Dark Hollow, four hundred wilderness acres in the midst of populous Roanoke County. The site now has five units. Three of the units have 5 cabins, each unit accommodating 40 girls with a unit house, kitchen, electricity and water. In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Loyd paid for the construction of the first unit at the site known as Trathel (for Tracy and Thelma Loyd). Oakridge unit is dedicated to Ruth Fox, the first day camp director at Camp Dark Hollow. The upper fireplace which was established in 1952 was dedicated in 1992 as Willie's Place in honor of Gertrude Richardson, first executive director of Virginia Skyline. A winterized lodge was built at Trathel. It was named Norris in honor of Betty Norris, long-time supporter of Girl Scouting in Roanoke.



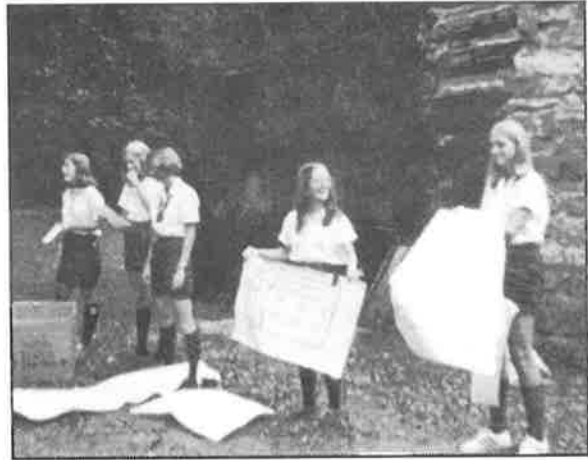
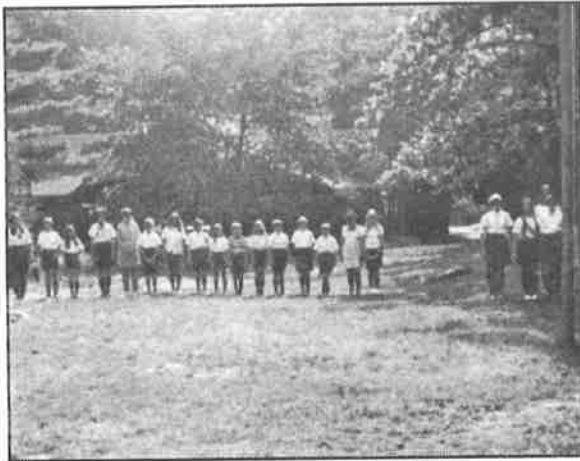
Camp Dark Hollow Program Center

Camp Covington, a 2-3/10 acres campsite on the Jackson River near Natural Well, was a gift to the Girl Scouts of Covington, Inc. from Mrs. Zoie Hughes and her husband. Mrs. Hughes organized Covington Girl Scouts, serving as commissioner and increasing its membership from two troops in 1947 to 400 Girl Scouts by 1949. The two-story building on the property was built by labor from friends. Area Girl Scouts enjoy troop camping on the site, and it was also used for resident camp, day camp and special events.



Camp Covington

Also from Old Dominion Council came the use of **Camp Kiwanianna** in Shawsville, Virginia, bought in 1940 by the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke. In the early history of this camp the facilities were shared by Roanoke Girl Scouts and the YWCA. As an established camp it accommodated 100 girls in four units plus a CIT unit of eight girls and a staff of twenty. This camp operated until 1976 and was the council's only established camp from 1966 through 1976. During that time Resident Troop Camp was also held at Camp Kiwanianna. Weekends in the fall and spring were used for troop camping, with a few troops doing winter camping. Kiwanianna was closed and returned to the Kiwanis Club in 1976 because of decreased usage and the cost of needed repairs and upgrading the facilities. The unit name Ledges has been used at Camp Massawomee, and the wagon wheels from the dining hall can be found at Camp Shawnee.



Camp Kiwanianna

**Kiwanianna
Song**

Where the Silva Trail is winding,
Through our Frontier home
Where the Ferndust dell is calling
There I long to roam.
Kiwanianna, lovely maiden,
Watch us as we go,

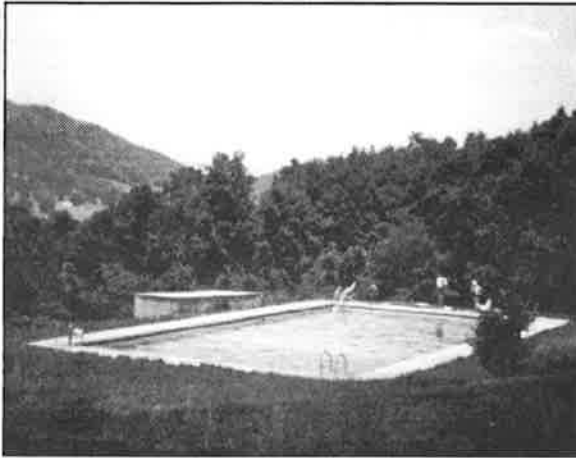
All along the trails and pathways,
Through our Ledges home.
Hail to thee, Kiwanianna,
Indian maiden bold,
Friend of all the paleface maidens
In our mountain home.

Camp Sacajawea was purchased by the Lynchburg Council of Girl Scouts in 1952. This site is located near Lynchburg on the James River. The name Sacajawea was chosen in a camp naming contest. It has three established units and one winterized building, Gay Lodge. The 118 acres are crisscrossed by trails that include areas for nature study. In May of 1992 the Ann Leslie Memorial Challenge Course was dedicated. This is the first ropes course at any Virginia Skyline Program Center.



Camp Sacajawea Program Center

Camp Garth Newel in Hot Springs, Virginia belonged to the Augusta-Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council. In 1955 this 110-acre property was given to Augusta-Rockingham Area Girl Scout Council by Mrs. William S. Kendall, who was a friend of Edith Macy. On the site were Mrs. Kendall's former home, a guest house, stable, indoor riding ring and other buildings. Until 1966 when the camp was closed due to lack of water, it was used for established camp in the summer and troop camping and special events during the year.



Camp Garth Newel



Piedmont Girl Scout Council brought the 84 acre **Camp Axton** located in Axton, Va. to the new Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council. Piedmont Girl Scout Council leased this property from Mrs. Stewart Grant. On the site were a lake, dining hall, staff house, tent units and a Brownie cabin unit. Prior to 1963 Camp Axton was used for established camp as well as troop camping and special events. It was used for day camping and troop camping until 1965 when Virginia Skyline ceased leasing the camp.



Camp Axton

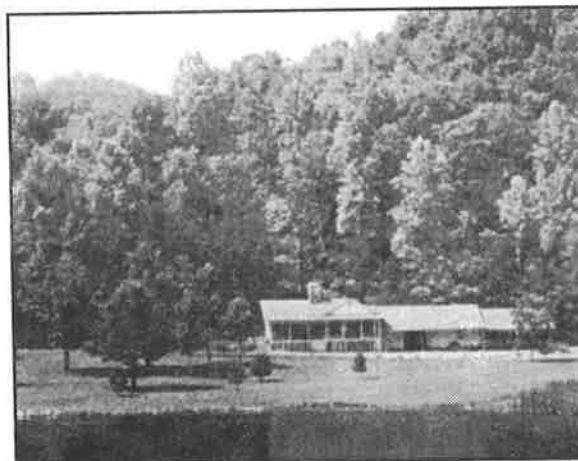
Albemarle Girl Scout Council initiated a search for a camp and in 1959 located **Camp Sugar Hollow**, 52 acres near White Hall, Va. The council negotiated with the United Fund to purchase the property. It is owned by the Thomas Jefferson United Way and will remain a Girl Scout Camp as long as it is used for that purpose. Running Creek, Rocky Top and Camp Hall provided camp sites for troops. In 1979 a winterized multipurpose building was built to increase year round use of the site. The Sally Rex shelter was built and dedicated in 1988 to Sally Rex, volunteer, president and executive director of Albemarle Girl Scout Council and staff member of Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council. In 1991 the primitive unit was named Skippy's Haven in memory of Linda "Skippy" Hays, leader, trainer, board member and active volunteer in Virginia Skyline. As a result of the capital campaign the Linda Clark Hays Art Barn and Skippy's Court were built at the site.



Camp Sugar Hollow Program Center

When Virginia Skyline was incorporated, troops were using additional properties that were leased by their councils. Among these were Margie K. Easley in Halifax, Smithfield near Pulaski and Wildwood in Wytheville. The council has also purchased three additional campsites to provide outdoor experiences for girls: Lake Catherine, Shawnee and Massawamee.

Lake Catherine in Botetourt County was purchased in 1968. The 175 acre site had facilities for small or large groups for day events and cookouts. There were two units of platform tents for troop camping. The three acre lake provided a place for waterfront activities and the cave provided a place for exploration. The house on the property was used for program activities. In 1976 Lake Catherine was sold because further development of the property was not feasible.



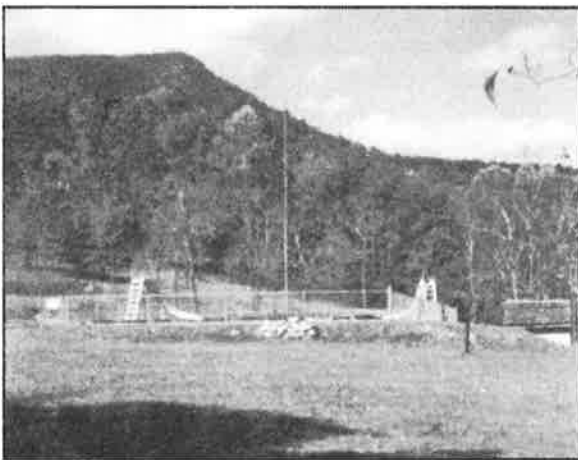
Lake Catherine

Camp Shawnee Program Center in Ringgold, Va. was purchased in 1968. The Girl Scouts had been using the farm as a day camp since 1965. The site was named for Mrs. Margaret Shaw, camp director, and the theme for the first day camp was Indian lore. Today the 197-acre site has one Adirondack unit constructed by girls, three platform tent units, lots of space for primitive camping and a winterized multipurpose building. The lake is used for swimming, canoeing and paddle boating. Troops camp in the spring and fall, and enjoy winter camping in the multipurpose building. During the summer weekend sessions of resident troop camp are held and girls enjoy the experiences of day camp. Shawnee is also used for large events because of the open spaces available. The lake was named Lake Weringo in 1993 to honor Margaret Weringo, a long-time volunteer in Danville. In 1995 the farm house was renovated for program activities.



Camp Shawnee Program Center

Camp Massawomee Program Center, 154 acres of woods and fields near Rockbridge Baths was purchased in 1979. The former Indian Bottom Campground was renamed for the Massawomee Indians, said to have camped and traveled in the area. There are three platform tent units with picnic shelters, a lodge and sleeping loft, bath house and swimming pool. Trails take girls through woods and fields to the observation tower and pond. The site is used for troop camping, events, resident troop camp and day camp.



Camp Massawomee Program Center

A **SCRAPBOOK OF CAMP MEMORIES** includes more detailed information on the five program centers that Virginia Skyline currently operates. This book is available in the Girl Scout Shop.

From Flannelgraphs to Videos. . .

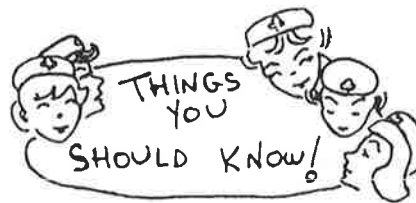
From the beginning, Virginia Skyline had a strong commitment to provide its volunteers and staff with training for their positions. In October 1963, Council President Maria Jones commented:

“In September classes started to provide training for every leadership position in our council. It was an ambitious training schedule but it was accomplished and I know many of you who took advantage of it feel more confident, more enthusiastic, and more able to give good program to our Scouts.”

In the first few months, the Virginia Skyline training agenda included Board Conference Training (first of the newly consolidated councils to receive it), 13 Group Leadership courses, 31 program conferences to share more about the program change, 5 Troop Camp Training courses offered in the fall at Camps Axton, Dark Hollow, Garth Newel, Sacajawea, and Sugar Hollow (course fee was \$3.00), and additional age level conferences. Ambitious, yes, but the busy schedule helped establish the importance of training in Virginia Skyline. The 33 trainers on the roster were not an inexperienced group. Many had taken training at Edith Macy National Training Center, learning Girl Scout philosophy from Marie Gaudette and outdoor skills from Catherine “Kit” Hammett. Virginia Skyline offered training scholarships in 1964 for Edith Macy adult training.

In 1963, GSUSA published a new GUIDE FOR GIRL SCOUT TRAINERS, written by Barbara Stone (who would become a Virginia Skyline volunteer). This source book outlined the principles of Girl Scout training, the trainer’s responsibilities, and presented a variety of training methods and techniques. Among the list of qualifications for trainers were these:

a wide knowledge of the Girl Scout movement and its program for girls
ability to hold the interest of students
ability to impart enthusiasm for Girl Scouting
leadership ability, tact, patience, a sense of humor.



Most trainers would agree that without patience and a sense of humor, they would not have been successful or enjoyed their work nearly so much. From 1963 to the present, Virginia Skyline trainers have kept updated through Trainers’ Conferences and have added to their knowledge and skills by attending Training for Trainers courses given within the council, statewide, and nationally.

Leader training at this time began with an induction interview and was followed with an orientation session. Actual job training included specific events, often several sessions, where a leader learned techniques, attitudes, and knowledge required to manage the troop. Follow up on-the-job help was usually given by a Girl Scout supervisor. Advanced training courses tended to concentrate on a particular phase of the job. Although course names and offerings have changed over three decades, this basic approach to training Girl Scout adults has stayed the same. A look at the early Virginia Skyline training schedules shows many 2-4 hour “bring a nosebag lunch” training courses offered in the daytime. By the mid-1970’s, more evening sessions had to be offered as more Girl Scout volunteers joined the work force.

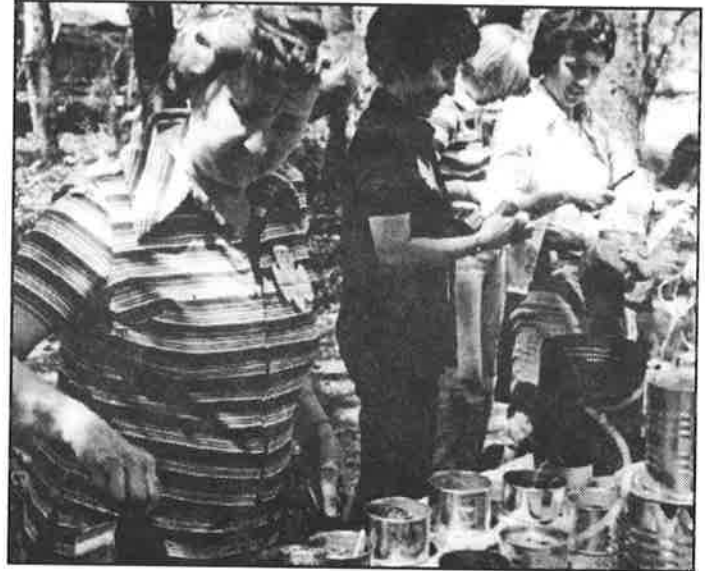
In 1967, the council participated in “An Adventure in Learning,” a new design for leader training. Pilot projects were organized in 3 areas of the council: Lynchburg, Martinsville, and Roanoke. These pilot experiences were evaluated and reworked by GSUSA, and in June of 1968, Leader Training Design or LTD arrived. Trainers from Virginia Skyline attended the LTD course at Macy and returned with some skepticism about the new design. At the heart of LTD was an emphasis on seeing that learners were active rather than passive receivers of information. Leaders first determined their own learning needs through “Taster Activities.” Then they selected “Learning Activities” and used the suggested resources to learn more about troop leadership. Although the new design was promoted as “individual, practical,

comfortable, and exciting," it was not an immediate success. Trainers found that the unlimited possibilities of this individual approach made planning a group training course difficult. In most areas of the council, a compromise between old and new proved to be most useful. The LTD resource packet was a virtual treasure chest of GSUSA and other helpful learning tools. Among the resources were the BLUE BOOK, SAFETY-WISE, "Growing Things" by Marie Gaudette, Patrol books, "The Girl Scout Troop Committee", pocket books of outdoor skills, the Seven Through Seventeen series, THE WAY OF UNDERSTANDING by Sarah Arnold, the Troop Camping publication, and booklets on earning religious recognitions.

Through the 1960's Troop Camp Training remained a very popular course and Day Camp Director's Training was offered each year. Of the traditional workshops offered to leaders, Patrol Training, Songs and Games, and Ceremonies were most popular.

In the 1970's the number of trainers in Virginia Skyline grew, reaching a new high of 104 trainers in 1977. The added trainers made it possible to offer more training sessions in more localities and record numbers of Girl Scout volunteers attended training.

In 1971 Virginia Skyline began designing training resources of its own. LOOK HERE, an all-in-one resource for service team members, was developed by Barbara Stone, Barbara Deaver, Pat Henderson, and Pat Tarplee. It included job descriptions and responsibilities, a section on teamwork philosophy, how-to's for keeping records, and helps for planning meetings.



1974 council training guidelines spelled out the following content for leader training courses:



Orientation:

- How to get started
- Philosophy of Girl Scouting
- Recordkeeping
- Recipe for a troop meeting
- Teaching songs and games
- Where to get help

Leadership Course:

- Program progression (4 age levels)
- Initiating program
- Troop Committee
- Council structure
- National organization

Workshops: To be given at service unit meetings when possible.

- Troop Government
 - usually held in October
- Songs, Games, Ceremonies
 - in late Jan. or Feb.
- Troop Safety
 - in November
- Management of Troop Finances
 - late fall

- Outdoor Skills-3 levels offered
 - in spring
- Pre-Camp and Troop Camp Training
 - late spring
- Program Conferences
 - late winter and early spring

This content outline and format for scheduling showed a post-LTD appreciation for structure and helped to standardize leader training throughout the council. Virginia Skyline reached a new high of 10,904 hours of training given in 1974.

New Adult Education Guidelines were presented by GSUSA in 1974 with an emphasis on providing learning experiences that were based on participants' needs, that had progression built into them, that supported alternative training offered outside the organization, that encouraged the understanding of cultural differences, and that encouraged ongoing adult education. More on these guidelines was offered through a GSUSA Training Caravan course, attended by 32 council trainers and staff in July, 1975.

A special "Bicentennial" workshop was one of the most popular training sessions in 1976. Perennial favorites were still Songs and Games, Ceremonies, Patrol System, and Outdoor Skills.

Two important training resources were published by GSUSA in 1978. TRAINING THE TRAINER RESOURCE BOOK was the "how" for trainers, designed to help them understand the training process, improve their training skills, and gain experience in conducting training. Virginia Skyline trainers Hope Miller and Linda Wilson gave workshops in 3 areas of the council after attending a Training the Trainer course in New Jersey. The book became the basis for Trainers' training in the council. TRAINING ABOUT GIRL SCOUTING concentrated on the "what" of Girl Scout training. It provided a checklist for presenting Girl Scouting to troop leaders, delivery of services personnel, Board members, and employed staff. It offered sample training courses with suggested methods and activities along with lists of GSUSA resources for each.

With the introduction of WORLDS TO EXPLORE in 1977 and the new program for Cadettes and Seniors in 1979 and 1980, trainers were busy learning the new and incorporating it into leader training. By the end of the '70's, service unit training had become a reality with nearly every unit offering some part of leader training.

The first of the triennial National Program Conferences was held in 1980. Virginia Skyline sent 21 delegates to be trained in the new Girl Scout badges and recognitions. Back home, the 21 helped present mini-conferences in each association, sharing the new program with 700 girls and adults.



Also in 1980 the training consultants were organized. This group of 8 experienced trainers, both volunteer and staff, began working on a Leader Manual, designing training workshops, and updating curriculum models for leader training. This creative group included Madeleine Harvey, Jeanne Lutze, Tricia McMahon, Anna Claire Middleton, Hope Miller, Marion Pinkerton, Sally Rex, and Becky Shaffer. "Getting Started" was the first model to be designed. Late in 1980 the Leader Manual was completed and distributed. It became a basic resource for leader training.

In 1981 the staff was reorganized with Program and Training Specialists in each association. This special focus helped with the implementation of new models and kept leader training well organized. The training consultants developed a 12-hour Basic Leadership curriculum and 48 trainers were trained to use the new model. They also completed Eight Outdoor Skills and Troop Camp Training models along with new student manuals for these courses. A More About Camping model was added in 1982 to provide more advanced outdoor training for leaders. In 1984 the consultants ended their work and the group was dissolved.



One of the most significant changes for training in the early 1980's was the advent of video tapes. GSUSA introduced "Leadership: Let's Get Started!" in 1982, and training sessions were changed in important ways: small sessions were possible in the home (although there were very few VCRs available in the beginning) tapes could be stopped easily for discussion purposes, selected parts of the tape could be viewed, and leaders could see concepts and specifics in action in the troop during the training session. Virginia Skyline's Basic Leadership models were adapted to include the new video format. Implementation of the volunteer development computer program made it possible to track each volunteer's participation in the training program.

With the dedication of the new Edith Macy Conference Center in 1982, the Macy site again became the primary training center for GSUSA. The Virginia Skyline volunteers and staff who first attended courses at the new center reported being impressed by the site, the training offered, and the delicious food.

The Litepackers training course was offered for the first time in 1983. Virginia Skyline sponsored a Pluralism Conference in Roanoke that same year with 70 attending the training. Late spring of 1983 brought over 200 Virginia Skyline adults together at Smith Mountain Lake for "The Great Escape," a weekend of enrichment workshops. The second triennial National Program Conference was held in Hershey, Pennsylvania and 17 from the council participated. Virginia Skyline supported this national event and Edith Macy training with \$3,482 in training scholarships in 1983.

Daisy Girl Scouts joined us in 1984 and five trainers from Virginia Skyline were among the first to be trained in the new age level at Edith Macy. The 1985 training goal to have 80% of council volunteers receive training was successfully achieved. Service Team training was offered in a new two-phase design that year.

One of the goals for training in 1986 was to offer 50 enrichment courses in addition to the regular training schedule. 1,156 volunteers enjoyed participating in the new offerings. The new Brownie and Junior Girl Scout program, introduced at the third triennial National Program Conference in Delaware, was incorporated into the training courses for leaders. Virginia Skyline's own Conference on Program at Virginia Tech was a very successful means of kicking off the 75th Anniversary of GSUSA and sharing the new Brownie and Junior programs with the 400 who attended.

The H.E.L.P.(Home Education Leadership Program) workbook for home study was also developed in 1986. Today, home study is available for all of Basic Troop Leadership and parts of Outdoor Education training. Basic leader training underwent several changes beginning in 1986 when orientation and Basic Leadership were combined into a 3-part "Getting Started in the Basics of Troop Leadership" course. In 1989 the orientation part of the course was given at the service unit level, followed by a two-part Basic Leadership Course. In 1992 it became the current 3-part course: I - Orientation at service unit level; II - General Girl Scout Information; III- Age Level Specifics.



Outdoor training has remained a popular course for trainers to give and for leaders to attend. In 1986 the Eight Outdoor Skills course became Basic Outdoor Skills and Troop Camp Training was modified somewhat. Today the courses are presented as Outdoor Education and include one pre-camp planning session and one weekend at camp.

Council staffing patterns were revised in 1987 and a Training Specialist was assigned to each of the three service areas to coordinate and oversee training.

GSUSA introduced a new three-phase design for the training of trainers in 1988, featuring the experiential learning cycle. Trainers were certified with this Training for Trainers course, modified in 1991 into a two-phase offering. Trainers Debbie Brogan, Dee Keith, and Jan Notter along with Training Specialists Sue Mitchell, Gloria Poff, and Becky Shaffer were the first certified GSUSA Instructors of Trainers in VSGSC.

From the beginning, council staff and volunteers have helped give training beyond Virginia Skyline. In the 1990's five council adults have volunteered their expertise and time as National Operational Volunteers and/or guest faculty with GSUSA: Edith Barkley, Self-Evaluation Group; Dot Blanchard, Council Management Consulting Group; Mary Booker, Training/Certification Group; Kate Genaitis, "Excellent Manager Program"; and Becky Shaffer, GSUSA Instructor of Trainers Course and Training/Certification Group. In 1996, Becky Shaffer represented GSUSA at the International Trainers' Conference at Edith Macy.

Leader training in Virginia Skyline continues to be updated as the program and the needs of the volunteers change. While continuing to offer regularly scheduled courses, the home study, given in a variety of ways, is being used by more leaders who don't have an extra evening or weekend to attend a training course. In 1997, a home study instructional video was produced as a Gold Award project by Janna VanDyke.

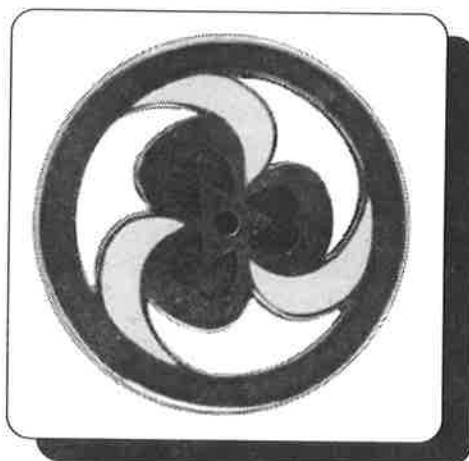
With the staffing change in 1997, a Director of Adult Development was hired and Volunteer Training Coordinators were recruited to assess and provide training services to their areas.

It's impossible to know how many times troop government was presented on a flannelgraph or "Decisions, Decisions" was shown on a filmstrip projector or "Girl Scouts Together" and "Grey Squirrel" were sung. There's no way to count the times firebuilding was demonstrated and lashing taught and campfire stew made. Imagine the tables and chairs that have been moved, the boxes of resources and materials carried to training courses, the posters made, the songs and games taught. Our best guess is that over 8,000 training sessions reaching over 75,000 participants have been given in Virginia Skyline since 1963.

What we do know is that Girl Scout trainers have used their collective energies and creative talents to draw on the past and the present of Girl Scouting to help others see the possibilities of what Girl Scouting can be. Trainers are our innovators and our tradition keepers too. They help us preserve both the heart and the spirit of Girl Scouting. Thanks to all who have been a part of Virginia Skyline's rich training history.



**VSGSC THANKS BADGE RECIPIENTS
1963 - 1997**



Marion Allen
(Mrs. Carl W.) 1967
Blacksburg

Rose Allen
(Mrs. James) 1990
Roanoke

Hazel Andrews 1971
Roanoke

June Andrews 1982
Miller School

Betty Banton
(Mrs. Van E.) 1996
Lynchburg

Geraldine Brickhouse Barber
1997
Roanoke

Eleanor Barineau
(Mrs. Dodson R.) 1974
Covington

Mrs. Douglas Beale 1966
Covington

Barbara Bear
(Mrs. James E., III) 1969
Martinsville

Jo Ann Black
(Mrs. Benham) 1992
Staunton

Dorothy Blanchard
(Mrs. Ben) 1978
Blacksburg

Mrs. E. C. Bruce 1973
Pulaski

Mary Brunk
(Mrs. Thomas R) 1986
Salem

Thomas R. Brunk 1986
Salem

Rennie Bruno 1992
Roanoke

Jane "Bunny" Bunyea
(Mrs. E. Wells) 1979
Charlottesville

HelenRuth Burch 1989
Roanoke

Roanie Button
(Mrs. Edward) 1980
Harrisonburg

Bobbie Carroll
(Mrs. R. W.) 1986
Charlottesville

Evalyn Chapman 1990
Martinsville

Ann Copley
(Mrs. William) 1976
Lynchburg

Jean Crompton 1979
Harrisonburg

Margaret Dalton
(Mrs. Wayne) 1977
Lynchburg

Jean Davis
(Mrs. Alex M.) 1990
Pearisburg

Marge Denham
(Mrs. F. K.) 1988
Lynchburg

Pattie Deshazor
(Mrs. Clarence) 1984
Danville

Betty Dudding
(Mrs. James) 1991
New Castle

Helen Duke
(Mrs. Thomas E.) 1994
Fairfield

Thomas E. "Ted" Duke 1995
Fairfield

Barbara Duerk
(Mrs. Gary) 1997
Roanoke

JoAnne Eli
(Mrs. Louis) 1973
Danville

Rita Engle
(Mrs. W. H..) 1971
Roanoke

Jerry Engle
(Mrs. J. W.) 1977
Swoope

Betty Field
(Mrs. Robert) 1972
Roanoke

Lou Foster
(Mrs. Mark) 1967
Charlottesville

Kathleen "Kate" Genaitis
1988
Roanoke

Barbara Glover 1997
Harrisonburg

Mrs. William Goff 1966
Covington

Pearl Greene
(Mrs. D. B.) 1981
Danville

Polly Greer
(Mrs. Ted) 1983
Stuart

Charity Griffith 1966
Roanoke

Madge Gross
(Mrs. George) 1971
Waynesboro

Sally Handorf
(Mrs. Howard) 1981
Culpeper

Maree Harris 1986
Charlottesville

Barbara Hart
(Mrs. Kenneth) 1987
Mineral

Madeleine Harvey
(Mrs. Sanford) 1981
Orange

Linda Hays
(Mrs. Richard) 1987
Charlottesville

Pat Henderson
(Mrs. William) 1978
Charlottesville

Helen Holschuh
(Mrs. Howard) 1978
Castleton

Geneva Horton
(Mrs. Clifford) 1997
Galax

Donella Inman
(Mrs. Thomas R.) 1977
Stuart

Tenny Kidd
(Mrs. E. L.) 1977
Roanoke

Janet Kline
(Mrs. Ronald) 1979
Linville

Jean Lex
(Mrs. Charles E., Jr.) 1965
Roanoke

Pat Lucas
(Mrs. Richard E.) 1968
Roanoke

Jeanne Lutze
(Mrs. Fred) 1978
Blacksburg

Frances Mack
(Mrs. Darrel E.) 1974
Pulaski

Patricia "Tricia" McMahon
(Mrs. Kevin) 1986
Salem

Cathy Middleton
(Mrs. H. Warren) 1979
Lynchburg

Hope Miller
(Mrs. Orson K.) 1978
Blacksburg

Rita Mosko
(Mrs. Carl) 1979
Harrisonburg

Molly McClenon
(Mrs. John) 1983
Lynchburg

Mariah Nunn
(Mrs. John) 1988
Galax

David Pinkerton 1980
Lynchburg

Marion Pinkerton
(Mrs. David) 1972
Lynchburg

Marie Powell
(Mrs. Pete) 1984
Vinton

Donna Reid 1965

George Rex 1978
Charlottesville

Dr. Martha Roane
(Mrs. C. W.) 1977
Blacksburg

Betty Rosson
(Mrs. James) 1980
Elkton

George Savage 1987
Ringgold

Julia "Becky" Shaffer
(Mrs. J. Thomas) 1996
Goodview

Margaret Shaw
(Mrs. Glenn) 1972
Ringgold

Janice Shober
(Mrs. Dwight) 1977
Roanoke

Betty Snoddy
(Mrs. E. B.) 1996
Charlottesville

Commora Snowden 1979
Charlottesville

Peggy Spiegel
(Mrs. Grady) 1980
Salem

Melvina "Mel" Sprunt
(Mrs. James H.) 1978
Staunton

Elizabeth "Liz" Stout
(Mrs. B. C., Jr.) 1984
Roanoke

Elizabeth "Lib" Stover
(Mrs. Fred) 1975
Staunton

Marian Suter
(Mrs. R. Noland) 1982
Keezletown

Dorothy Swift
(Mrs. George W.) 1977
Blacksburg

Virginia Tate
(Mrs. Owen) 1971
Danville

Marian Tinsley
(Mrs. Kenneth) 1973
Charlottesville

Jean Warren
(Mrs. T. N.) 1975
Clifton Forge

Nancee Waugh
(Mrs. J. Blair) 1987
Galax

Marjorie Webber
(Mrs. Robert) 1973
Earlsville

Margaret Weringo
(Mrs. L.W.) 1984
Danville

Gay Wolford
(Mrs. William R.) 1985
Danville

Ann Wynn 1985
Lynchburg

Bonnie Yelvington
(Mrs. John) 1977
Lynchburg

Ramona Young
(Mrs. David) 1975
Culpeper

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION

The Women of Distinction program was initiated in 1992 as part of Girl Scouting's 80th Anniversary celebration. The program is intended to honor women who have made significant contributions to either their profession, the community or both. In addition, these women are honored as exceptional role models for girls who are aiming for excellence and achievement.

1992- Roanoke Valley

Victoria Bond (Roanoke)
Marilyn R. Donato (Roanoke)
Helene C. Dreiling (Roanoke)
Helen Welch Ewald (Roanoke)
Jeanne Pukett Fishwick (Roanoke)
Deanna W. Gordon (Roanoke)
Molly Lee Hagan (Fincastle)
Mary Alice Hutcherson (Roanoke)
Heidi Krisch (Roanoke)
Elizabeth Dawson Lee (Roanoke)
Dr. Verna M. Lewis (Daleville)
Angelica Didier Lloyd (Roanoke)
Claire Maddox (Roanoke)
Estelle Krause Nichols (Troutville)
Phyllis Avery Olin (Roanoke)
Wendy O'Neil (Roanoke)
Christine K. Payne (Salem)
Melinda Jordan Payne (Roanoke)
Melba C. Pirkey (Roanoke)
Sally S. Rugaber (Roanoke)
Peggy Spiegel (Salem)
Mary Frances Stephanz (Roanoke)
Elizabeth A. Stout (Roanoke)
Melody S. Stovall (Salem)
The Honorable Diane M. Strickland (Roanoke)
Wilma C. Warren (Roanoke)

1993 - Charlottesville

Linda Blackford
Roberta Brownfield
Emily Couric
Donna Graham-DaCosta
Dr. Deborah M. DiCroce
Jane DeSimone Dittmar
Barbara Singleton Edwards
Mary Ann Elwood
Dr. Pam Griffin
Dean Bonnie Guiton Hill
Charlotte Humphris
Dr. Jeannette Lancaster
Peppy G. Linden
Alicia B. Lugo
Susan M. Cabell
Cat McQuire
Betty Newell
Nancy O'Brien
Susan K. Payne
Debbie Ryan
The Honorable Jannene L. Shannon
Prudence Thorner
Elizabeth B. "Bitsy" Waters

1993 - Roanoke Valley

Genevieve "Gene" Camden (Roanoke)
Marion Crenshaw (Roanoke)
Georgia Curtis (Blueridge)
Marilyn Curtis (Roanoke)
Kathryn Bell Haynie (Roanoke)
Maxine Nicholas Hunt (Roanoke)
Agnes Morgan (Roanoke)
Dr. Shely J. Bratcher-Porter (Roanoke)
Linda L. Shelton (Troutville)
Dr. Mary Steinhardt (Roanoke)
Arlene Stoller (Roanoke)

1994 - Charlottesville

Grace Carpenter
Victoria W. Craw
Rita Dove, Poet Laureate of the United States
Anne G. Hinek
Mary Jane King
Cindy Kuykendall
Jean Printz
Kai Rady
Dr. Karen Schoder Rheuban
Terry Shotwell
V. Shamin Sisson
Kay Slaughter
Cindy Jones Stratton
Kitty C. Stroud
Sally H. Thomas
Cathy Smith Train

1994 - Central Virginia Area

Mary Adams (Lynchburg)
Katherine Graves "Cissy" Davidson (Lynchburg)
Margaret Denham (Lynchburg)
Yvonne T. Ferguson (Lynchburg)
The Honorable Dale Hutter Harris (Lynchburg)
Dr. Joanna Hackman Harris (Lynchburg)
Frances P. Harriss (Lynchburg)
Sandra Stella Horwege (Amherst)
Lyn Kraje (Evington)
Joan Weaver MacCallum (Lynchburg)
Linda Mann (Lynchburg)
Cassandra Denise McBryde (Lynchburg)
Rosel H. Schewel (Lynchburg)
Irma W. Seiferth (Lynchburg)
Patricia M. McCoy-Strain (Bedford)
Dr. Belle S. Wheelan (Lynchburg)

1995- Roanoke Valley

Lois H. English (Rocky Mount)
Elizabeth T. Bowles (Roanoke)
Shirley H. Brand (Salem)
Barbara "Bootie" Chewing (Vinton)
Angie S. Francis (Roanoke)
Pearl Fu (Roanoke)
Barbara S. Green (Roanoke)
Judy Griesenbrock (Roanoke)
Gertrude W. Harris (Salem)
Patricia O. "Tricia" McMahon (Salem)
Beth Poff (Roanoke)
Alyce B. Szathmary (Roanoke)

1995 - New River Valley

Sue Q. Berkley (Dublin)
Dorothy H. "Dot" Blanchard (Blacksburg)
Sally Bohland (Blacksburg)
Patricia N. "Pat" Brown (Radford)
Fran Carson (Blacksburg)
Mary R. Guynn (Galax)
Carolyn Honeycutt (Hillsville)
Virginia Holden Hummel (Blacksburg)
Robertine H. Jordan (Christiansburg)
Lou Kassem (Blacksburg)
Victoria Strobl Mackey (Hillsville)
Doris A. McElfresh (Blacksburg)
Frances C. "Fran" Mitchell (Christiansburg)
Suzanne K. Nagle (Blacksburg)
Mariah Nunn (Galax)
Dr. A. Carole Pratt (Dublin)
Betty S. Thomas (Christiansburg)
LaVina S. Tyndall (Blacksburg)
Lindsay West (Blacksburg)
Mrs. Minor-Wine Thomas was honored
posthumously as a Hidden Heroine.
She started the first Girl Scout troop
in Radford in 1931. Mrs. Thomas
died March 14 at the age of 98.

1995 - Southside Area

Jean S. Adams (Martinsville)
Jean Muscatello-Beam (Collinsville)
Mira Becher (Danville)
Eunice Bennett (Gretna)
Susan Parcelle-Bindewald (Glade Hill)
Paula M. Burnette (Martinsville)
Willie Knott "Billie" Cope (Clarksville)
Thelma B. Crowder (South Boston)
Dr. Betty Jo Foster (Ringgold)
Vivian W. Giles (Danville)
Virgia B. Hobson (Martinsville)
Frances Hallam Hurt (Chatham)
Nancy Fleshman Jiranek (Danville)
Raynell Goodman Lantor (South Boston)
Joyce J. Martin (Martinsville)
Linda McConahey (South Boston)
Nancy Stanton-McDaniel (Martinsville)
Mary Ann Pace McGee (Ridgeway)
Era Reynolds Penn (Spencer)
Margaret B. Wayland (Danville)
Mary H. Wertz (Gretna)
Dr. Betty Whitehead (Chatham)
Carolyn Carter Winstead (Sutherlin)

1995 - Central Shenandoah

Betty W. Allen (Stuarts Draft)
Lee Ann Beam (Staunton)
Dr. Beverly Loesch Blakely (Waynesboro)
Linda Bradley (Harrisonburg)
Lee Stuart Cochran (Staunton)
Betty N. Curry (Harrisonburg)
Melodie M. Davis (Harrisonburg)
Katheryne L. Goodman (Harrisonburg)
Ann Reed Held (Harrisonburg)
Pamela T. Huggins (Staunton)
Jean Mehler (Waynesboro)
P. Buckley Moss (Mathews)
Dr. Janice M. Piedmont (Dayton)
Susan B. Read (Staunton)
Katie S. Rennard (Waynesboro)
Beverly Anne Robinson (Verona)
Donna Lou Schickel (Dayton)
Doris J. Showalter (Harrisonburg)
Neysa Rees Simmers (Bridgewater)
Noreen Stiso (Waynesboro)
Teri R. Sumey (Mt. Sidney)
Kathleen M. Tosco (Staunton)
Dr. Cynthia H. Tyson (Staunton)
Sarah Ann Whitmore (Harrisonburg)
Rita J. Wilson (Staunton)
Rose Winters (Dayton)

1996 - Southside Area

Brenda A. Altman (Union Hall)
Ruby Batts Archie (Danville)
Jean Bradshaw (Halifax)
Carol R. Crawley (Alton)
Lalor M. Earle (Danville)
Polly Greer (Stuart)
Kathy Guest (Martinsville)
Dr. Cynthia W. Ingram (Martinsville)
Jennifer B. Mackintosh (South Boston)
Elizabeth T. Marshall (Danville)
Dianne F. Pace (Collinsville)
Dr. Sally Ann Terry Rodgers (Spencer)
Jennifer Walden Smith (Chatham)
Donna R. Strange (South Boston)
Jennifer Taylor (Danville)
Clara Watkins (Boydton)
Dr. Della C. Williams (Danville)

1996 - Piedmont Rapidan

Beverly S. Atkins (Washington)
Rosalyn W. Berne (Charlottesville)
Olivia M. Boykin (Charlottesville)
Judith P. "Judy" Carter (Orange)
Janet B. Frye (Barboursville)
Dr. Carole A. Hastings (Charlottesville)
Cynthia C. Janechild (Charlottesville)
Sandra Jenkins (Flint Hill)
Cornelia D. Johnson (Charlottesville)
Marcene J. "Marcie" Modeland (Orange)
Claire Gillespie Olson (Charlottesville)
Joan Velligrette Powers (Charlottesville)
E. H. "Betty" Roberts (Culpeper)
Dr. Dorothea M. Shannon (Charlottesville)
Rosemary W. Sheetsley (Madison)
Sara M. Smith (Rapidan)
Anne Spence (Charlottesville)
Dr. Kathryn C. Thornton (Charlottesville/Houston)
Lynne B. White (Troy)

PAST and PRESENT VSGSC STAFF

Anderson, Nancy G. Montvale; Secretary	1969-1974	Brubaker, Judy Vinton; Secretary	1969-1971
Anderson, Elsie A. Roanoke; Dir. of Memb. Services	1972-1985	Bryant, Phyllis S. Danville; FE	1979-1979
Anderson Elam, Katherin Salem; Director of Development	1988-	Bumbry, Toy Roanoke SELF	1997-1998
Barber, Geraldine Brickhouse Roanoke; AED Finance	1978-1997	Burch, HelenRuth Roanoke; Dir. Program Services	1972-1983 1986-
Barksdale, Anne Smith Danville; FE	1964-1965	Burton, Rebecca (Becky) Charlottesville; Field Specialist	1987-1993
Barrett, Elizabeth (Betty) Roanoke; Program Director	1963-1976	Bush, Mary Hannah Staunton; FE	1970-1972
Beale, Carolyn Martinsville; FE	1980-1980	Cannady, Wilma Roanoke; Secretary	1976-1978
Beard, Jean Lynchburg; Roanoke; Dir of Member Services	1964-1976	Carrico, Frances (Frankee) Woodlawn; Field Director	1978-
Becker, Julie Roanoke; Dir. Marketing&Comm.	1994-1998	Cash, Suzanne Charlottesville, Danville; FE	1980-1983
Beekman, Helen Roanoke; Secretary	1970-1979	Chambers, Phyllis Roanoke; Receptionist/Secretary	1997 -
Bitner, Carol A. Executive Director	1997-	Christian, Mara Lynchburg SELF	1995-1995
Blankenship, Sherrill Roanoke; Receptionist	1981-1981	Cochran, Katherine Gravett Roanoke; FE	1963-1966
Blatt, Jennifer Martinsville, Charlottesville; FE	1983-1987	Coleman, Debra A. Roanoke; Secretary	1991-1997
Booker, Mary D. Salem; AED Membership	1984-	Coleman, Roxanna Lynchburg; SELF	1992-1992
Boxley, Bonita J. (Bonnie) Roanoke; PR Director	1979-1990	Cooley, Charlotte T. Danville; FE	1963-1964
Bradley, (Webster) Barbara J. Boones Mill, Roanoke; FE	1984-1990	Coon, Joan I. Sweet Briar; FE	1969-1970
Branch, Suzanne A. Roanoke; FE	1985-1988	Cox, Julie Anne Vinton; Secretary	1968-1970
Brown, Grace Roanoke; Sec. Mem. & Prog.	1996-	Creech, Carol Ann Radford; FE	1968-1969
Brown, Peggy W. Lexington; FE	1971-1971	Creedle, Jerry B. Blacksburg; FE	1965-1967
		Crews, Jeanette Lynchburg SELF; Adm. Assistant	1995-1995
		Crews, Jennifer Lynchburg SELF	1994-1994
		Crowder, Tara Roanoke SELF	1996-1997
		Davidson, Lynda J. Elliston; Sec. Fund Dev./Marketing	1985-
		Davidson, Traci Elliston; Shop Clerk	1986-1988

FA = Field Aid

FE = Field Executive

PR = Public Relations

FS = Field Specialist

FD = Field Director

*Staff listed alphabetically with job title
of last or current position and home town.*

Davis, Hope Chatham, Field Director	1993- 1998	Hilton, Amy Jo Roanoke; Secretary	1975-1976
Drummond, April Johnson Roanoke SELF, Program Aide	1995-1997	Hines, Tracy Roanoke SELF, Program Aide	1994-1995
Dubovsky, Gail Lynchburg SELF	1994-1994	Hinson, Bessie R. Roanoke; Secretary	1963-1974
Duncan, Kimberly Elliston; Shop Clerk	1987-1987	Holdren, Barbara Roanoke; Lynchburg; Team Manager	1963-1985
Dunn, Marva Jo Lynchburg; Director SELF	1989-1995	Holmes, Ellis B. Salem; PR	1974-1976
Eccard, Sandra I. Covington, Waynesboro; FE, Lynchburg; Field Director	1971-1983 1989-	Holt, Katherine (Kathy) Danville; FE	1988-1991
Eli, JoAnne H. Danville; FE	1973-1975	Howard, Sandra Jane Roanoke; FE	1968-1969
Fairchild, Cindy Charlottesville; FE	1983-1984	Howard, Stacie Roanoke; SELF	1992-1992
Finney (Stachez), Melissa Staunton; FE	1976-1978	Hunley, William (Bill) Roanoke; Asst. Property Mgr.	1982-1985
Fischbach, Martha W. (Wendy O'Neil) Charlottesville; Salem; PR Director, Fund Dev.	1981-1987	Inge, Mary Charlottesville; Field Director	1993-
Fixler, Sara Danville; FE	1982-1984	Jackson, Nancy Paige Martinsville; FE	1969-1970
Foltin, Virginia (Ginger) Blacksburg; FE	1989-1990	Jennings (Lawrence), Pearl G. Roanoke; Office Manager	1963-1978
Gardner, Richardson Lynchburg SELF	1992-1995	Johnson, Alfred L. Camp Maintenance Staff	1997-
Garrett, Suzanne Mt. Sidney; FE	1980-1981	Johnson, Janet L. (Jan) Salem; Field Director	1990-
Gatewood, Judy Martinsville; FE	1975-1978	Johnson, Marc R. Rockbridge Baths; Director of Property	1986-
Gautier, Jessica Lynchburg SELF	1994-1994	Johnson, Robyn B. Salem; Senior Bookkeeper	1982-
Genaitis, Kathleen M. (Kate) Roanoke; Chief Executive Officer	1980-1996	Johnson, Vanessa G. Salem; Shop Clerk	1989-1993
Given, Bonnie Bedford; FE	1984-1989	Kidd, Ethel P. (Tenny) Roanoke; Production Supervisor	1983-
Gray, Sherry Ann Roanoke; Secretary	1971-1971	Kinney, Dorothy Charlottesville; SELF Director	1997-
Gross, Barbara J. Roanoke; FE	1969-1973	Koch, Katherine Crozet; Field Director	1991-1997
Gunn, Marcia Lynchburg; Prog. Director SELF	1992-1993	Langer, Phyllis J. Roanoke; Secretary	1974-1974
Hall, Madeleine Foster Drakes Branch; FA	1968-1969	Linkous, Ellen H. (Ellie) Blacksburg; Field Director	1990-
Harris, Dottie J. Lynchburg; SELF	1990-1991	Long, Maxine J. Charlottesville; FE	1963-1963 1965-1968
Haskins, Andree Lynchburg SELF	1996-1996	Long, Nancy J. Churchville; FE	1979-1980
Henninger, Linda Vinton; Bookkeeper	1977-1982	Lopez, Cathy Roanoke SELF, Part Time	1996-1997

Lovas, Deborah A. (Deb) Danville; Field Specialist	1991-1993	Pollard, Rhonda J. Salem; Secretary	1988-1994
Lovern, Susie R. Montvale; Capital Campaign Secretary	1991-1993	Powell, Marie B. Vinton; Registrar	1963-1983
Lowder, Frances E. Martinsville; FE	1968-1969	Price, Rhonda G. Elliston; Administrative Secretary	1984-1996
Lutze, Jeanne S. Blacksburg; Adult Development Director	1978-1984	Prunty, Eleanor M. S. Salem; Registrar	1978-
Mann, Elva J. Culpeper; FA	1970-1970	Puch, Susan D. (Sue) Salem; Shop Coordinator	1987-
Mayo, Anne E. Waynesboro; FE	1964-1967	Rau (Schewel), Betty J. Lynchburg; FE	1970-1971
McBeth, Michelle Lynchburg; SELF	1992-1993	Reise, Kathryn Lynchburg; FE	1963-1963
McMann, Susan A. Danville; FE	1966-1971	Renick, Kathryn Waynesboro; FE	1983-1986
McEnheimer, Denise Roanoke SELF	1994-1994	Rex, Sarah B. (Sally) Charlottesville; FE	1963-1980
McKeithen, Christian Camp Maintenance Staff	1997-	Richardson, Gardner Lynchburg; Self Center	1992-1995
Meredith, Carlotta B. Lynchburg; FE	1966-1968	Richardson, Gertrude (Willie) Roanoke; Executive Director	1963-1974
Merritt, Candice Shop Clerk	1993-1993	Riggin (Reno), Ellen Roanoke; Receptionist	1971-1976
Middleton, Anna Claire Lynchburg; FE	1976-1983	Roberson, Margery Roanoke SELF	1997-1997
Miller, Dennis W. Camp Maintenance Staff	1997-	Roberts, Barbara G. Salem; PR, Fund Development	1980-1983
Mitchell, Susan K. (Sue) Charlottesville; Training Specialist	1988-1997	Rosser, Debbie L. Lynchburg; SELF Center Director	1992-
Mullinnix, Virginia (Ginnie) Culpeper; Team Mgr.	1971-1982	Russell, Minnie W. Lynchburg; SELF	1992-1993
Murray, Grace (Gem) Waynesboro; FE	1963-1965	Russillo, Janice (Jan) Madison; FE	1982-1983
Murrell, Demika Lynchburg SELF	1996-	Sabados, Stella Middlebrook; FE	1986-1987
Oliphant, Susan D. Roanoke; FE	1977-1977	Sapp, Geraldine (Gerry) Roanoke; FE	1979-1984
Palmer, Sara M. Roanoke; FE	1969-1972	Savage, Jr., George N Danville; Property Manager	1972-1985
Parkins, Elizabeth J. (Betsy) Roanoke; Director of Public Relations	1990-1993	Savage, Rena Ringgold; Campsite Assistant	1991-1992
Pasquel, Barbara Charlottesville; FE	1983-1990	Savastano, Jr., Thomas E. Ringgold; Assistant Property Mgr.	1991-
Paulette, Eunice Gladstone; FE	1971-1976	Scheff, Marguerite (Margy) Pulaski; FE	1967-1982
Perez, Amara Lynchburg; SELF	1992-1992	Schmehl, Helen Roanoke; PR Director	1967-1973
Pettigrew, Louis Lynchburg; SELF	1992-1992	Scott, Jane C. Roanoke; FE	1963-1965
Poff, Gloria K. Christiansburg; Field Director	1983-	Seals, Deborah W. (Debbie) Martinsville; Field Spec.	1970-1977 1988-1996

A BIT OF BROWNIE HUMOR

Situation: Copeless

What's more suitable for oatmeal than an ice tray or a coffee can?
Only Brownies know the answers . . . By Kay Nelson

I used to be a good housekeeper, but that was before my daughter joined the Brownie Scouts. Now it is depressing, sometimes even hazardous, to look inside my cupboards and closets.

The other morning as the school bus was squeaking to a stop at our corner, Hilary, in a panic, cried, "Mother, I've got to have an oatmeal box, quick."

"Oatmeal box?" I repeated obtusely, for I am always a little thickheaded before I have had my second cup of coffee. "What for?" I asked as I dumped dry oatmeal into the nearest container, which happened to be an empty ice cube tray.

"For Brownies, Mother, for Brownies. Today we're going to make doll cradles."

Later, after I had returned home from driving Hilary to school — for of course she had missed the bus — I tried to find something more suitable for holding oatmeal than an ice tray, but the phone rang and I dismissed the problem from my mind. Until yesterday, that is, when I was deluged by a shower of oatmeal as I reached in the cupboard for the coffee.

The coffee is presently kept in a large, shallow baking dish.

On the shelf next to the coffee is an ash tray full of something which, if my memory serves

me right I do remember that some time ago my daughter had to have, in a furious hurry a baking powder can. This she transformed into a handsome sequin covered cotton dispenser. Now, because we dispense very little cotton at our house, I am considering using this gay object to keep the baking powder in.

My husband, who is inclined to lose track of the numerous and diversified activities of the Brownies, was startled one day to find in the refrigerator a gin bottle full of milk. "Stop shouting," I told him.

"Hilary had to have a milk carton, quick, for making candles — they use the cartons for molds. The gin bottle was the only empty bottle I could find to put the milk in."

"It wasn't empty," Ralph said.

"Well, not quite," I admitted. "I put the gin in that frozen juice can next to the tuna fish."

"What's the tuna fish doing in a saucepan?" my husband asked.

"Hilary needed two tuna fish cans for hurricane lamp bottoms," I said.


"Hurricane lamp, WHAT?" Ralph wanted to know, but I just told him to skip it. Really, I wonder where he thinks we get all our unusual handcrafted candles and hurricane lamps. . .



Sisters of Every Color, Friends from Everywhere

Scouting and Guiding, as we know it today, started with the vision of one man, Lord Baden Powell. His wife, Olave Baden Powell, was instrumental in leading girls to become involved in the movement. Both shared a birthday of February 22, a day we celebrate as Thinking Day to reflect on the inclusiveness of our worldwide membership.

It was appropriate for Lady Baden Powell to congratulate and challenge us with the following letter as we began a new council (VSGSC).



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Dear "Virginian Skyliners," !

I want to send you a word of good wishes for your newly formed Council and for all your Girl Scout work.

As a great country with the biggest number of Girl Scouts in it you have a tremendous contribution to give to the strength and power and influence of our Movement, and we look to you very much for encouragement and inspiration as you carry on your part in this great world fellowship, to which we all belong.

In carrying out your Scouting in your own way, for your own girls, in your own country, you can also add the glory of your achievements to the whole living force of this great Movement in every part of the free world.

So my message to you is to make as many friends you can, in as many places as you can, and as many parts of the world as you can, through "pen pals" and correspondence, through reading about the doings of Girl Scouts & Girl Guides of other lands, and perhaps even by travelling around yourselves when you can to meet them in person !

Good wishes for HAPPY & SUCCESSFUL
Scouting

Olave Baden Powell

The challenge continues today.



GIRL SCOUTS



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THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE



GIRL SCOUTS.

1912

*To do my duty to God and to my country.
To help other people at all times.
To obey the laws of the Scouts.*

1920

*On my honor, I will try:
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people at all times,
To obey the Girl Scout Laws.*

1972

*On my honor, I will try:
To serve God,
My country and mankind,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.*

1984

*On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.*



THE GIRL SCOUT LAW



GIRL SCOUTS.

1913

*A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
A Girl Scout is loyal.
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful
and to help others.
A Girl Scout is a friend to all, and a
sister to every other Girl Scout no
matter to what social class she may
belong.
A Girl Scout is courteous.
A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
A Girl Scout obeys orders.
A Girl Scout is cheerful.
A Girl Scout is thrifty.*

1917

*A Girl Scout's honor is to be trusted.
A Girl Scout is loyal.
A Girl Scout's duty is to be useful and
to help others.
A Girl Scout is a friend to all, and to
sister to every other Girl Scout.
A Girl Scout is courteous.
A Girl Scout keeps herself pure.
A Girl Scout is a friend to animals.
A Girl Scout obeys orders.
A Girl Scout is cheerful.
A Girl Scout is thrifty.*

1920

*A Girl Scout's honor is to be Trusted.
A Girl Scout is Loyal.
A Girl Scout's Duty is to be Useful
and to Help Others.
A Girl Scout is a Friend to All and a
Sister to every other Girl Scout.
A Girl Scout is Courteous.
A Girl Scout is a Friend to Animals.
A Girl Scout Obeys Orders.
A Girl Scout is Cheerful.
A Girl Scout is Thrifty.
A Girl Scout is Clean in Thought,
Word, and Deed.*

1972

*I will do my best:
to be honest
to be fair
to help where I am needed
to be cheerful
to be friendly and considerate
to be a sister to every Girl Scout
to respect authority
to use resources wisely
to protect and improve the world
around me
to show respect for myself and others
through my words and actions.*

1996

*I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,*

*and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.*

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