



GSMW Newsletter

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TOP FALL ENTREPRENEURS

Congratulations to all of our Girl Scouts and Troops who chose to RISE UP and



reach some incredible goals! Also, there were over 1,200 entries for the chance to win Penelope! Congrats to Allison H. from Troop 2191 who won Penelope the Penguin! Fall Rewards are just arriving to Service Units, and you should be hearing from your Service Unit soon about when and how to pick up rewards for your Girl Scouts.

Check out all the [Top Entrepreneurs](#).

2021 TOP FALL ENTREPRENEURS VIDEO

COOKIE SEASON IS COMING!

We can't wait to Climb with Courage during the 2022 Cookie Program! This month we have Cookie kickoffs for Service Units, Troops, New Troops, and Juliette Mentors. Please register for the appropriate training; dates are listed below.

All troops must have at least one person attend the Cookie Conference training. Plus.... If you register AND attend the conference, you will receive a set of customizable Twist & Fold cookie booth signs!

Training Dates:

SU Training: [January 6th at 7 PM](#)



New Troop Leader Training: [January 11th at 7 PM](#)

Cookie Conferences: Please select one date to register and attend... Don't miss out on getting your Cookie Booth Signs!

- [January 18th at 7 PM](#)
- [January 19th at 8 PM](#)
- [January 20th at 12 PM](#)
- [January 22nd at 10 AM](#)

Check in with your Service Unit about a Cookie Rally opportunity to kick off the Cookie Program with your Girl Scouts! We have two virtual opportunities for those who are not having a SU Rally or are unable to attend in person. Click on the link below to register if you would like to attend. We have one for K-5 and the other time is for 6-12.

Cookie Rally (K-5): [January 29th at 10-10:30 AM](#)

Cookie Rally (6-12): [January 29th at 12 PM](#)

Upcoming dates:

Jan 18-22: Cookie Conferences

Jan 29: GSMW Virtual Cookie Rally

Feb 1st: eBudde and Clover Demo

Feb 4th: Cookie Program Begins!

Feb 15th: Booth Sign-ups Begin

Feb 20th: Pre-Orders End

If you need more Cookie Paperwork Materials, please email customercare@gsmw.org

GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Week takes place in April but GSMW is asking for your nominations and submissions now! Do you have a volunteer you'd like to nominate? Check out the different [volunteer awards](#) available and the documentation required.



The Outstanding Volunteer Award is the only recognition that does not require any letters of endorsement. All other recognitions need two or more letters of endorsement so now is a good time to start getting everything together. **Nominations are open now and are due no later than February 4, 2022.**

[LEARN MORE / SUBMIT NOMINATIONS](#)

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY BULLETIN INSERTS



National Girl Scout Week is March 6-12, 2022. Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout. Girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony at their place of worship.

GSMW provides printed bulletin inserts for those troops wishing to share their Girl Scout experience with their church. This year, we are also offering digital flyers for places of worship that are not distributing physical bulletins. **Your order request must be submitted no later than Friday, February 4th.**

[SUMBIT YOUR ORDER FOR BULLETIN INSERTS](#)

GSMW SUMMER CAMP EMPLOYMENT

You love the outdoors. You love hiking, biking and sailing. People tell you that you're great with kids. If you relate to this--and you're looking for summer employment--then have we got the place for you: Girl Scout Summer Camp!

Find all the details about positions, benefits, dates, etc. on our [website](#).



FIRST AID/CPR TRAINING AVAILABLE



GSMW is proud to now offer first aid/CPR/AED classes to our council members (girls, volunteers, etc.) at a reduced rate in order to continue keeping our communities safe and healthy. This course will prepare you to recognize and care for a variety of first aid, breathing, and cardiac emergencies involving adults, children and infants. Successful students will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years. There are no prerequisites or minimum age to take this class, but space is limited at 12 people.

Please submit interest via our [form](#). Once enough interest has been expressed, an email will be sent out to coordinate dates.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Gold Award Scholarships:

- Herb Waltermire (\$2500): Deadline to apply is March 15
- Veterans of Foreign Wars (\$5000): Deadline to apply is March 1



STEM Focus:

- Society of Women Engineers (\$1000-\$15,000): Sophomores & Above – deadline to apply is February 15; Freshman – deadline to apply is May 2
- MSU-Bozeman: Priority deadline is February 1

Leadership Focus:

- Montana Community Foundation (\$500-\$5000): Various scholarship opportunities with various deadlines
- Horatio Alger – Montana Undergraduate Scholarship Program (\$15,000 over 4 years): Deadline to apply is March 15

Various Studies:

- Stephen T. Marchello Scholarship Foundation (\$10,000): Deadline to apply is March 15
- AIEF Undergraduate & Graduate Scholarship (\$2000): Deadline to apply is April 4
- University of Wyoming (up to \$1000): Deadline to apply is April 15
- Wyoming Community Foundation (Various): Various opportunities and deadlines
- Nancy Fifer Scholarship (up to \$350): Deadline to apply is April 15

Visit the [GSMW website](#) for more information regarding all scholarship opportunities, including links to apply.

OUTDOOR COOKOUT TRAINING AVAILABLE



To all those volunteers whose troops are seeking adventures this year, it's time to certify! As spring and summer approach, we're preparing our Volunteer Outdoor Training sessions.

Regional Volunteer Support Managers will be available to provide Outdoor Cookout Training from April 1st - June 30th.

If you're interested in bringing this training to your area, please submit a request. A minimum of six volunteers is needed to make this training successful, so gather your volunteers to attend and take turns being that outdoor expert!

REQUEST OUTDOOR COOKOUT TRAINING

TIPS FOR GOOD TROOP FINANCIAL HABITS

Happy New Year from GSMW's Finance Department!

Saving receipts and keeping good records is a crucial part of the reporting process for a not-for-profit like GSMW.



The GSMW Finance Department reviews troop banking activity every year for any misuse. This is why keeping every receipt is so important, so we suggest taking advantage of technology! Download a free or inexpensive scanning/storage app on your smart phone that can help you stay organized! For example, CamScanner is an app available for iOS and Android devices and is very easy to use.

As much as we love technology and the ease with which it allows us to keep records, it is a fickle thing. Therefore, an app is not a replacement for a physical receipt file, but a helpful tool to enhance your troop banking responsibilities.

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA NAMES NEW CEO



Congratulations to Sofia Chang, an accomplished business executive, advocate for women and diversity, and champion of the GSUSA mission, for being named our new CEO! Sofia will serve as the first AAPI CEO in our organization's 110-year history. She's a proud mother of a Girl Scout Junior, a Lifetime Member and a Juliette Gordon Low Society Member.

Sofia will begin her transition on January 10 and assume the role of CEO on January 27.

LEARN MORE ABOUT GSUSA'S CEO

OUTDOOR WINTER CHALLENGE

The GSMW Outdoor Challenge is happening! Just in time to fight back the winter blues; girls, families, or troops can complete these activities with a goal of reaching 100 points. You can then submit the finished sheet online and earn a free fun patch from GSMW. The challenge fun patch (pictured) is available to girls outside of Montana and Wyoming for \$3.



This is a handy resource for those days where you feel like you've been stuck in a routine and want to try something new. Print and hang on the fridge for quick ideas to get kids focused and active

TAKE THE OUTDOOR WINTER CHALLENGE

To The Moon And Back Essay Contest



WIN A SPACE SCIENCE BADGE THAT'S BEEN TO THE MOON!

Early in 2022, NASA will launch the Artemis I mission around the moon and back to earth. This is the first step toward NASA's goal of sending the first

woman and the first person of color to the moon. Here's the exciting news: by entering the ["Girl Scouts to the Moon and Back" essay contest](#) starting on January 18, 2022, Daisies through Ambassadors could win a Space Science badge that's been to the moon on the Artemis I. Fifteen winners from each Girl Scout level will be selected.

Girl Scouts can go to girlscouts.org/moonandback to review official contest rules, complete the free Space Science badge activity for their level, and submit a contest entry.

NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT: CUPID CREW



Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity for you and your troop to reach out and show others that you care—especially those who may be alone on a day that's all about connection!

For our second year, Girl Scouts of the USA is teaming up with Wish of a Lifetime from AARP, an organization dedicated to celebrating older adults' stories and forging intergenerational connections, for Cupid Crew 2022, a volunteer-driven effort to safely create heartfelt cards for older adults who are socially isolated. Building on last year's momentum, Wish of a Lifetime hopes to send nearly a quarter million cards through the Cupid Crew movement.

Your troop can help spread the joy by writing Valentine's Day cards as a part of the Cupid Crew National Service Project. Check out [Girl Scouts' National Service Projects](#) page for instructions on how your troop can get involved.

[LEARN MORE](#)

CORRECTION

When we gave a shout-out last month to troops that turned their year end financials on time, we missed some! We apologize for the error.

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You can see more of what Girl Scouts are up to by following the [GSMW Facebook page](#) and your regional Girl Scout Facebook page:

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Billings & Eastern Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northcentral Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northeast Wyoming](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northwest Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southcentral Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southeast & Southcentral Wyoming](#)

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Upcoming Events



Have a question? Don't be shy!

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