

December Monthly Newsletter





Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Program

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is an experiential, cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them and raise their voices within a local, national, and global sisterhood.

Girl Scout Promise

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.

Girl Scout Law

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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Meeting in a Minute

Meeting in a Minute



Don't have time to plan your next troop meeting? Are you worried about creating new and exciting activities for your Girl Scouts? Our new Meeting in a Minute box has you covered! This all-inclusive activity box is designed for your Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops! The best part? Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting.

Each box contains all the primary supplies you need to conduct a successful troop meeting:

- Creative, fun, and age-appropriate activities
- Detailed instructions
- Activity supplies*
- And snacks!

**Each kit will have basic supplies you will need to provide.*

Each month, your troop can look forward to a new and exciting theme, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls! Meeting in a Minute launches in January with the Art and Design Badge. This box will unleash a troop of budding artists and teach girls the significance of art beyond the brush!

If you have any questions, please reach out to your MEM or email customer care@gsmw.org.

Meeting in a Minute: Art and Design Badge

Earning the Girl Scout Art and Design badge will teach girls how to find inspiration in daily life, learn different ways to create their artistic masterpieces, and encourage them to share their work with others. Makers are people who use their imaginations to create art and design objects. They might paint, sketch, build, sculpt, or invent a machine! Art can even solve problems and make a difference. Designers are makers who create objects from toys to buildings. They build, sew, animate, and even cook. They solve problems, too! With this box, girls can make custom string art creations and a trefoil with the included templates.

Boxes are available in the following sizes, and shipping is included:

- 6 activity sets \$25
- 12 activity sets \$40

**The only supplies you'll need to provide include paper and pencils/crayons/markers.*

Please note that no alternative box sizes are available. Also, badges are not included, but they can be ordered at the same time and will be delivered in your box.



Pre-order Meeting in a Minute Today!

Product Program

OWN YOUR
magic



Fall Product Program

Congratulations on a successful 2023 Fall Financial Literacy Program. You and your girls sure did “OWN YOUR MAGIC” and had great successes!

All deliveries to customers should be completed and money should be turned into the Troop by December 4th. If you have Caregivers who have not turned in all money due to the Troop by December 4th, please go online and complete an [Outstanding Balance Form](#) by December 5th.

You will receive the ACH email on December 7th and the ACH Sweep will be processed on December 12th. Please email gsmwaccounting@gsmw.org with any questions, or if you need assistance with verifying bank account information.

Fall Rewards should be arriving mid to late December. Your Service Unit Product Managers will notify you when to pick up rewards for your Troop for your Girl Scouts!

Keep an eye out for the Top Fall Entrepreneurs that will be announced on December 20th via a Facebook Live Video. We will announce the lucky Girl Scouts who get to adopt Opal our GIANT Ocelot – and don't forget there will be a sneak peek at the 2024 Cookie Mascot!

2024 Cookie Conferences and Trainings

Mark your calendars and register today! 2024 Cookie Conferences will be held regionally! We also have other trainings available. Please click on and register for the trainings you would like to attend. **Every Troop should have at least one person who attends a Regional Cookie Conference live OR the 2024 Virtual Cookie Conference AND all troops must attend the 2024 Cookie Technology Demo.** We look forward to sharing the latest and greatest to help you and your girls have a successful Cookie Program!

Troop Trainings:

- [New Troop Training: January 9th at 7 PM](#)
- [Regional Cookie Conferences - January 16th - 20th : RSVP here to reserve your SWAG!](#)
- [Virtual Cookie Conference \(if you are unable to attend in-person\): January 23rd at 6:30PM](#)
- [Cookie Technology Demo: January 30th at 7PM](#)

Service Unit Training:

Service Unit Cookie Kickoff: [January 4th at 7 PM](#)

Juliette Mentors/Caregiver Training:

Please read through your mailed packet and plan to join us on Thursday, January 11th at 6 PM for your Juliette Mentor/Caregiver Kickoff. Click [here](#) to register today!



Volunteers & Be a Champion for Girls

Monthly Volunteer Trainings

November Recording: [Grade Level Support and Multi-Level Troops](#)

Upcoming Trainings: Click to register to attend!

[December 12th at 6:30 PM: Managing Conflict](#)

[January 23rd at 6:30 PM: Virtual Cookie Conference](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents. Sign up today for our training February 29th from 5:00PM - 8:00PM and March 2nd from 11:00AM - 3:00PM. There are 15 spots available. It is \$30 a person. [Don't delay...get registered today!](#)

Volunteer Recognitions

Our volunteers are amazing! Did you know that you can nominate a fellow volunteer to show your appreciation for everything they do?

Caregivers, do you think your daughter's troop leader is the best? Nominate them for the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Troop Volunteers, is there that special someone who goes above and beyond for your troop? Maybe it's the person who makes your Cookie Program go smoothly or brings awesome programming to the troop meeting.

You can nominate them for the Volunteer of Excellence. Don't forget your Service Unit Managers and Product Managers or Day Camp Directors, you can nominate them for the Appreciation Pin.

Find out more about Volunteer Recognitions, the nomination and endorsement requirements with the [Adult Award Criteria](#) or reach out to your Member Experience Manager. The deadline to submit [nominations](#) is February 2, 2024.

Be a Champion for Girls

Have you met Evie yet?

Evie is six years old and loves spending time with her friends. For the past few years, Evie's parents have been living with the heartbreaking reality of their son's ongoing cancer treatment, which requires their full-time care and attention.

This meant their daughter Evie was missing out on opportunities that gave her a sense of normalcy, and it required her family to make sacrifices in their daily lives. It also meant her family had to seek help when times were tough - which wasn't always easy.

But thanks to generous supporters like you, Evie's family was given financial assistance through Girl Scouts, and Evie had her very first Girl Scout camp experience last summer. The impact you have on girls in our communities is immeasurable.

Join us as a champion for girls by donating \$25 before December 31st! Your contribution ensures girls like Evie get to start the year off strong with Girl Scouts!

Donating is simple. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



Evie
Age 6

Will you be her champion?



Donate Here

Celebrations



Mairin S.
Girl Scout Gold Award



Girl Scout Gold Award Spotlight

Mairin S. of Laramie, WY worked with the Laramie Downtown Clinic; the clinic focuses on providing the uninsured experiencing poverty with integrated healthcare services.

Working with clinic staff and the board she created an organizational system to record services that are provided and improve their reporting process for the Board of Directors.

Her efforts will enable the clinic to receive more funding from donors and grants, increase awareness of the clinic services in the community and enhance volunteer and patient engagement with the clinic.

The clinic has already seen an increase in community engagement and funding and has served more eligible patients. Congratulations Mairin!

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Silver Award of the Year

Congratulations to Troop 2051 of Billings, MT on receiving the 2023 GSMW Silver Award of the Year.

Anona Rose K. and Emree B. took their passion for reading and partnered with Head Start. Recognizing that exposing young children to words will enrich their vocabulary, enhance their language skills and intellectual development, they digitized their library inventory so the Head Start teachers can easily access the library inventory for their classroom.

The team also recorded videos of themselves reading books to be accessed by teachers and caregivers and purchased a puppet theater for the students to help them engage more with reading.

Congratulations Troop 2051!



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Programming

Winter Outdoor Challenge

The GSMW Outdoor Challenge is back again! Girls, families, or troops can complete these activities with a goal of reaching 100 points.

You can submit the finished sheet online and earn a free fun patch from GSMW. Find the challenge on our website [here](#).



Winter Outdoor Challenge

December 1 - March 31



Reach 100 points to earn this fun patch!



CSA Design Programs

GSMW's Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors have voiced their choice, selecting Design as their favorite topic for CSA programs across council!

Throughout January, our older Girl Scouts will participate in a variety of design-based activities including interior design, architecture, fashion design, creative arts, and more!

Check out www.gsmw.org/events for a CSA Design program near you!

Environment America Coloring Page

Environment America is working to conserve mature and old-growth trees on federal lands and would love to have America's youth get involved in protecting trees! Once you download their [coloring page here](#), complete the following steps:

1. Color in your page and fill out why forests are important to you
2. Take a picture and post it to social media! Tag @SierraClub, @POTUS, @WhiteHouse, and @USDA and use the hashtag #ProtectMatureForests
3. Mail your coloring page to:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

OR

Environment America Research and Policy Center
1543 Wazee Street, Suite 410
Denver, CO 80202



Holiday Gifts for Your Favorite Girl Scout



Tumbler

\$6



Nail Art

\$3



Bath Bomb

\$4



Shoe Charm

\$3



Mini Journal

\$5



Foldable Tote

\$5



Youth GSMW Hoodie

\$32



Adult GSMW Hoodie

\$39
&
\$42



Trefoil Trucker Hat

\$22



Cookie Ornaments

\$19.99
Set

\$8.50
each



Trefoil Ornament

\$8

Girl Scout Shop

Looking to spread some Christmas cheer? These gift ideas from the GSMW shop are sure to hit the spot! To purchase, email Carol at shop@gsmw.org or call 406-252-0488.