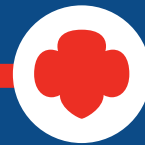


# July Monthly Newsletter





## 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.

# July

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## Facebook Groups

[GSMW - Billings, HDQ](#)

[GSMW - Northeastern Wyoming](#)

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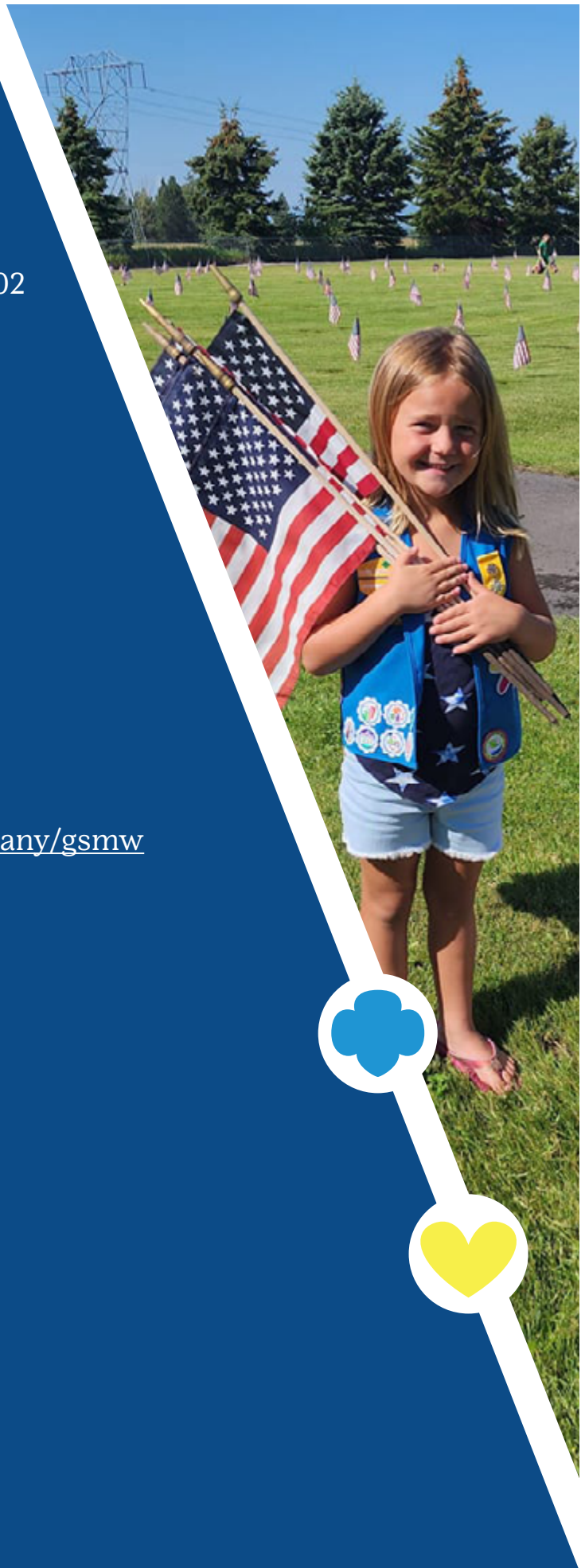
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# End-of-Year Financials

## End of Year Financials

End of Year Financials are now past due. If you haven't submitted your troop's report yet, please submit immediately and include the following:

- Troop Annual Report form via VTK  
(or SU form via [website](#))
- Bank statements from June 2022 to May 2023
- Receipts for all transactions other than cookie and fall council sweeps



## Troop Bank Account Closure

Remember: Bank accounts are subject to closure if we cannot ensure they are in compliance with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies, which includes submitting the end of year financial report and appropriate documents.



## Thank you!

Thank you to the following troops and service units for turning in complete Annual Finance reports by the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline!

1007	1177	1306	1557	1932	2153	3051	3437	3574	3761	1444
1009	1178	1318	1593	1948	2191	3074	3445	3585	3764	2021
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1040	1222	1391	1663	2005	2326	3222	3498	3608	3941	3180
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# 2023 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship



**Grace R.**

Girl Scout Gold Award  
Scholarship Recipient



## 2023 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

**Congratulations to Grace R. of Jackson, WY who was awarded \$10,000 for her Gold Award project “Therapy Art Through Coloring.”**

Recognizing the lack of resources for teens struggling with anxiety and using her love of art, she collaborated with Dr. Kelly Gutierrez, Ph.D., to develop and author a coloring book with tools and techniques to deal with anxiety.

Grace has shared her book in print and digital formats to local professionals and organizations as well as a large group of doctors and psychologists in Austin, TX and a school director in Round Rock, TX. Grace’s coloring book pages will be showcased at the National Convention in the Calm Corner where participants can go to decompress and relax.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Grace’s mental health coloring book, you can [find a copy here](#).

Grace will be attending Northeastern University in Boston, MA and has been accepted into their Global Scholars program where she will spend her freshman year in a culturally enriched program at the NU campuses in Oakland, CA and London, England

## Research



## Creation of Coloring Book



## Focus Groups & Revisions



## Presentations & Sessions





## Highest Awards Ceremony

Eleven Highest Award recipients were honored at the Highest Awards Ceremony at the Capitol in Helena, MT on June 16<sup>th</sup>. GSMW staff were joined by friends, family and volunteers to congratulate them and hear them speak about their projects and the impact they have made on themselves and their communities and beyond. We thank Justine Alberts, a professor at Carroll College, for inspiring everyone as our guest speaker. GSMW also wants to thank the Helena Service Unit for your hard work in planning this special event.



Christy Orchard  
Girl Scout Alumna



## Alumna Spotlight

"I was a Girl Scout in Elementary School and joined as an adult in 2011. My daughter was on a waitlist to join Girl Scouts during her whole kindergarten year. I went to try registering her the next year, and I was told they still didn't have leaders. So I figured the best way to get my daughter into a troop was to become a leader. I signed up, and it was the best decision ever! To me, Girl Scouts is more than just badges and patches. I believe it's about friendships. The friends you make as a Girl Scout will last you a lifetime. The saying that "it takes a village" is so true. Girl Scouts gave me a village to be a part of as a girl and now as an adult."

Read Christy's Story [Here!](#)



## Calling All Girl Scout Alumna

We want to hear from YOU, our Girl Scout alumna. You know more than anyone about the benefits of being a Girl Scout and we want to share your experience.

If you're interested in sharing your Girl Scout story, please reach out to us at [alum@gsmw.org](mailto:alum@gsmw.org) or give us a call at 406-252-0488.

# Shop Items

## New Shop Items

Show your support for the new GSMW STEM van with our new Steminist T-shirts! Ultrasoft tri-blend T-shirts are available in both Youth Sizes (S-XL) for \$18 and Adult (S-3X) for \$25-\$29 in both teal and maroon colors. Call or email [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) to place an order -- items aren't available online.



\$25



## Don't forget to buy a Happy Camper Kit for your summer camper!

Included with the 32 oz. water bottle, campers will be given a variety\* of fun and practical items for camp. Campers will also be allowed to choose a special Squishmallow™ once they arrive at camp. There are a limited amount of Happy Camper Kits available for purchase for \$25, so order soon while supplies last!

[Purchase with a Credit Card](#) OR [Purchase with a Girl Scout Gift Card](#).



## STEM Van Tour 2023

GSMW's STEM Van has been on the road the past month and has served nearly 20 communities!

We still have many places to see on our tour, so be sure to check out the [STEM Van tour schedule](#) to see if we're visiting your community. Interested in helping us promote the STEM van in your community? We've created a STEM Van toolkit that includes a digital invitation and social media posts. Contact your local Member Experience Manager if you're interested in receiving the toolkit.



2023 Idaho Bike Adventure Camp

# Product Program & New Badges



## Cookie Program: Higher Rewards

Higher rewards (1250+ levels) have been purchased and sent to the girls directly. Please make sure caregivers keep a lookout for gift card deliveries, and packages getting delivered to girl addresses from USPS, UPS and FedEx. If a girl has not received her higher reward items, please have her caregiver reach out to us at [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org) and we can investigate!

# OWN YOUR magic

## 24' Cookie Program: Own Your Magic

Getting into the spirit for the 2024 Cookie Season where our Girl Scouts will “Own Your Magic”, we ask that you fill out and invite your girls to complete the [“2024 Cookie Recognition Items Survey”](#) to give your opinion on the 2024 Cookie Program Recognition items and to get a sneak peek at the 2024 Cookie Mascot! This will let us know what items you and your girls are most excited about and look forward to earning in the upcoming Cookie Season.



## Product Program: Thank You!

The Product Program team wants to express our thanks to you AGAIN and surely not the last time for your patience, time, and support with the 2023 Cookie Program. We are asking that you please take a few minutes to fill out the [2023 Cookie Program Survey](#) so that we can get valuable feedback to improve the experience for everyone moving forward.

## New Badges to Earn Have Arrived!

[New badges](#) so that every dreamer and go-getter can learn something new and keep exploring our world.

- Financial Literacy (Daisies through Ambassadors)
- Daisy Petal (Daisies)
- Brownie Pets Badge (Brownies)
- STEM Career (Daisies, Seniors, and Ambassadors)
- Global Action Award (All Ages)





# Virtual & Council-Wide Programs



The graphic features a beach scene with two palm trees on a yellow sand dune under a blue sky with white clouds and a sun. In the center is a patch with the word "SUMMER" at the top, a bucket labeled "BUCKET LIST" in the middle, and a red and white striped beach chair at the bottom.

**GIRL SCOUTS  
SUMMER OUTDOOR CHALLENGE  
MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>**

## Summer 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. Don't forget to submit your photo to enter the GIVEAWAY, the Summer Bucket Full of Fun! Find the challenge on our [website here](#).



## Win the Summer Bucket Full of Fun GIVEAWAY!

New to the Summer Outdoor Challenge this year, you will have the chance to win the Summer Bucket Full of Fun Giveaway! Be sure to submit a photo of you completing the challenge activities with a brief description **upon submitting your form to GSMW**. The winner will be selected on September 1<sup>st</sup>.



Choose from art, design, community service, games, health & wellness, college readiness, STEM, careers, or VOICE your own choice.

## Cadette, Senior, Ambassador 2024 Program Survey

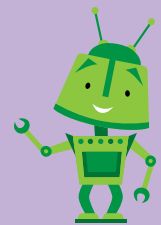
Coming in January of 24', GSMW will host council-wide programs, both in-person and virtually, just for our older Girl Scouts. To start the program planning on a Girl-Led trajectory, we would like to ask our Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to [complete the simple survey here](#).

# Virtual & Council-Wide Programs



## Join Robotics!

We are looking for interested troops, coaches/mentors, volunteers, and individual girls to form FIRST LEGO League teams to represent Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in this wonderful educational program. [Learn more!](#)



## Leader Refresher: Online LIVE Meet-Up

On August 1st, join GSMW's online Leader Refresher for new and experienced troop leaders who want to meet with GSMW staff and volunteers.

Together, volunteers will review MYGS, VTK, gsLearn and other troop leader processes. We will go over the troop roles, grade levels, important safety ratios, budget and money guidelines, and more!

Bring all your important questions, feedback, tips, and concerns, and prepare to help other MT & WY leaders with any helpful tricks you've learned in your leadership journey. This virtual training is free and will run from 6PM to 7PM. [Register here by July 25<sup>th</sup>.](#)



## Back-to-School Virtual Program

On August 10th, join GSMW staff and Girl Scouts from across Montana and Wyoming to celebrate YOU!

During this online program, girls will have fun working on a craft together. The craft will elevate girls' self-confidence and teach them how to overcome stress while developing health and wellness practices to get your school year started right. We will work on self-esteem, handling bullies, feelings, and more!

[Register here by July 23<sup>rd</sup>.](#)