

August 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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Girl Scouts Love State Parks

September 9th & 10th



Northcentral Montana
Gaint Springs State Park

Northeast Wyoming
Fort Phil Kearny State Park

Central Montana
Lost Creek State Park

Billings Montana (HDQ)
Lake Elmo State Park

Southcentral Montana
Bannock State Park

Eastern Montana
Makoshika State Park

Southeast Wyoming
Curt Gowdy State Park

Eastcentral Wyoming
Guernsey State Park

Southcentral Wyoming
Sinks Canyon State Park



**Learn More and Register
For Your State Park**

Virtual & Council-Wide Programs



Last Chance to Submit Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Program Surveys

Coming in January of 2024, GSMW will host council-wide programs, both in-person and virtually, just for our older Girl Scouts. To start the program planning off on a Girl-Led trajectory, we would like to ask our Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to complete this survey. The survey is meant to gauge interest in a variety of program topics. Girls will also get a chance to voice their personal interests.

Choose from art, design, community service, games, college readiness, health & wellness, career topics, and VOICE your own choice. [Complete the simple survey here.](#)



GIRL SCOUTS
SUMMER OUTDOOR CHALLENGE
MAY 1ST - AUGUST 31ST

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 1st.

STEM Van Event & Tour Dates



STEM Van Celebration Event

Join us in Casper, WY on Tuesday, September 5th from 4:00pm – 6:00pm to celebrate the successful launch of GSMW's STEM Van!

The STEM Van launched in June and has been traveling across Montana. It will make its way to Wyoming beginning in July and will travel across the state providing hands-on STEM activities. To help us plan this event, please [RSVP](#) by August 30th.

STEM Van Tour Dates

The STEM Van has been on tour and will soon be headed to Wyoming! Since its launch May 31st, we've served 440 youth across all of Montana and parts of Northern Wyoming. In total, we've provided 58 programs, 2 day camps, and served 49 separate communities. Be sure to check out our STEM Van Tour Schedule to see when it's coming to a community near you!





Kalley M.
Girl Scout Gold Award



Girl Scout Gold Award Spotlight

Kalley M. of Helena, MT worked with Helena Girls Softball Association (HGSA) to make necessary improvements to Mihelish/Ramey Park youth softball fields to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award.

The improvements made increased the durability of the field fixtures so they require less maintenance and enhanced their appearance.

During the process she taught the coaches and staff of Helena High School softball program, who also use the fields, how to repair holes in the netting of the batting cages and created an instructional video demonstrating how to make the repairs.

In addition to the improvements, Kalley used relatable ways to teach girls, parents and coaches softball skills and fundamentals in video resources. The netting repair and skills videos are posted to the HGSA website and YouTube.

Congratulations Kalley!



Lexie Scherr
Girl Scout Alumna



Alumna Spotlight

"I was a Girl Scout when I was younger. I loved the friendships, activities, and outdoor adventures. I couldn't wait for my oldest to be old enough to join Girl Scouts!

I remember churning fresh butter and making bread, then getting to enjoy the fruits of our labor! My favorite summer camp was at Camp Sacajawea, where we rode the Oregon Trail.

We rode in covered wagons, cared for the horses, set up camp, and slept in teepees! It was also fun to stay in the large canvas tents and get to meet so many amazing girls from all over."

Read Lexie'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 or give us a call at 406-252-0488.

Leader Training & Fall Product Program



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Opportunity!

Calling all leaders and volunteers! Join us to learn more about supporting your Girl Scouts with mental health challenges. Complete 2 hours of pre-work and then join us for 2 sessions of learning about Youth Mental Health First Aid. After completion of the course, you will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider! We have two training opportunities:

- [August 3rd from 1-4 PM and August 4th from 9 AM - 12 PM](#)
- [August 28th from 1-4 PM and August 30th from 1-4 PM](#)

Please sign up from the events link on gsmw.org.

Registration fee: \$30

OWN YOUR
magic



Fall Program

We are excited for girls to “OWN YOUR MAGIC!” with the Fall Product Program from September 29-November 15. Paperwork for the program will be sent to Troop Product Managers by the end of August.

Please fill out the [Troop Product Manager Agreement](#) by August 4th. This information is critical as we will be sending materials for the Fall to the Troop Product Manager!

If you are the Service Unit Product Manager, and have not completed your [agreement](#), please complete it today! This form was due July 14th.

Help us name our Fall Mascot...the OCELOT! [Click on this link](#) to cast your vote for a name by August 31st.

We will announce the winning name in September.