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Girl Scout

Cookie Program

We hope you're as excited as we are to kick off the 2024 Cookie Program! Below, we've included a few simple ways to get started, as well as some resources to support you along your Cookie journey!

Getting Started

- If you haven't done so already, please make sure your girls appear correctly in Smart Cookies. If you need to add or edit girls, submit [this request form](#) so we may assist you.
- Need to add or change a Smart Cookie user? [Click here](#) to submit a request.

Training and Resources

- If you'd like a virtual step-by-step walkthrough for placing your Troop Initial Order or have general cookie questions, join us for an evening with a cookie expert on Thursday, February 15th at 6:00 PM by [registering here](#).
- Missed the Caregiver Cookie Training? [Click here](#) to watch it now!
- To help you set benchmarks for this year's sales, access [2023 Troop Cookie Initial Order Data here](#)
- For additional support, check out our [Cookie Resources page here!](#)
- If you have questions, reach out to us at customerservice@gsmw.org.

We look forward to hearing about all of your wins during the 2024 Cookie Season!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 2

Cookie Program Begins

February 12

Booth Sign-ups Begin at 5:00 PM

February 17

Caregiver Order Entry in Digital Cookie Due

February 18

Paper Order Taking Ends

February 20

Troop Initial Orders and Rewards Due in Smart Cookies by 11:59 PM

February 22

Additional Order Taking Begins

March 12 - 20

Cookie Pickups from the Service Unit

March 22 - April 14

Cookie Booths

April 14

Cookie Program Ends

April 17

Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies by 11:59 PM

Meeting in a Minute

Girl Scout Week Edition

PRE-ORDER NOW



What is Meeting in a Minute?

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 so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!

Girl Scout Week Edition

Let us help you celebrate Girl Scout week with our easy Meeting in a Minute program.

With this month's box, girls will complete a service project for senior citizens, create swaps celebrating the history of Girl Scouts, and make paracord bracelets while practicing their outdoor skills!

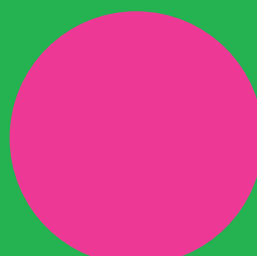
Girls will also receive the supplies needed to make mug cakes to complete their celebration.

Pre-orders will begin February 1st and be shipped beginning February 23rd in the order they were received.

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

- Creative, fun, and age appropriate activities
- Detailed instructions
- Activity supplies*
- Girl Scout Week fun patches
- And mug cakes to celebrate!

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





Adults &

Volunteers

Monthly Volunteer Training

This month's Volunteer training will cover Journey in a Day and new Troop information! Join us on Thursday February 15th at noon. [Register here.](#)

Listen to the recording [here!](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training

Leap into Youth Mental Health First Aid training on Thursday, February 29th from 5-8 PM and Saturday, March 2nd from 11 AM – 3 PM. [Sign up today!](#) Cost is \$30 per person and registration closes on February 15th.

A Big Thank You

From all of us at GSMW, thank you for supporting Girl Scouts with our 2023 End-of-Year Campaign! In December, we surpassed our fundraising goal and raised over **\$20,000 because of YOU!**

Your belief in every girl's potential paves the way for growth, empowerment, and boundless possibilities for Girl Scouts in our Montana and Wyoming communities.

Your support is critical to our mission, and we're grateful for your contributions!

Brunton Partnership Discount



GSMW is excited to announce that we have partnered with Brunton, a female-owned company based in Riverton, WY that designs and manufactures high-quality, reliable compasses, transits, and exploration tools for all outdoor field pursuits. They have graciously created a discount code for all GSMW members. [Shop online](#) and enter code **GSMW15** at checkout. This code is good for any quantity of items any number of times per customer.

Girl Scout

Summer Camp



Uncover strengths you never knew you had!

We aim to provide an environment where campers can explore their interests, build new friendships, and uncover strengths they never knew they had.

Find Your True North

The 2024 camp season is nearly here and with it comes a new opportunity filled with adventure, growth, and self-discovery! As we gear up for an unforgettable summer, all of us here at GSMW are thrilled to invite and welcome you to "Find Your True North".

Finding your true north means discovering your passion, stoking the fires of creativity, and learning what drives us to be the best we can be. In the spirit of discovery, our programs are designed to ignite curiosity, foster resilience, and create memories.

2024 Summer Camp Guide

View the [online camp guide](#) and see what your favorite summer camp themes might be. You should also receive the camp guide in your mailboxes soon!



Registration Timeline

- ▶ **Wednesday, April 17** – Camp Credit Earner registration begins at 9AM
- ▶ **Wednesday, April 24** – Early Bird registration opens at 9AM
- ▶ **Wednesday, May 8** – Full price registration

Camp Staff Hiring

Are you or someone you know interested in working at camp? We have started **hiring for the 2024 summer camp season!**

Camp Credit

Girls who sell 1,200 packages of cookies can select the \$350 camp credit, redeemable only by the Cookie Earner. Girl Scouts that qualify will be notified by email prior to registration.



▶ Pictured: 2023 GSMW Summer Camp Staff

Gold Award Spotlight



Sarah M. of Cheyenne, Wyoming!

Congratulations to Sarah M. who worked with her 4H chapter to create judging templates for static exhibits. Based upon her personal experience entering the cake decorating event at the fair, she learned that the judges for the static categories did not have adequate tools to judge and provide positive feedback to the participants. Sarah created templates to guide judges and trained others to use them at the county fair, taught them how to use the templates and rubrics, and then served as a clerk at the fair so she could easily gain feedback from the judges and make improvements.

Moving forward, the Laramie County Fair will use her templates and rubrics and have posted them on their website for youth to use as a guide when putting their projects together. Sarah also created a video so that judges can be trained every year. *Congrats Sarah!*

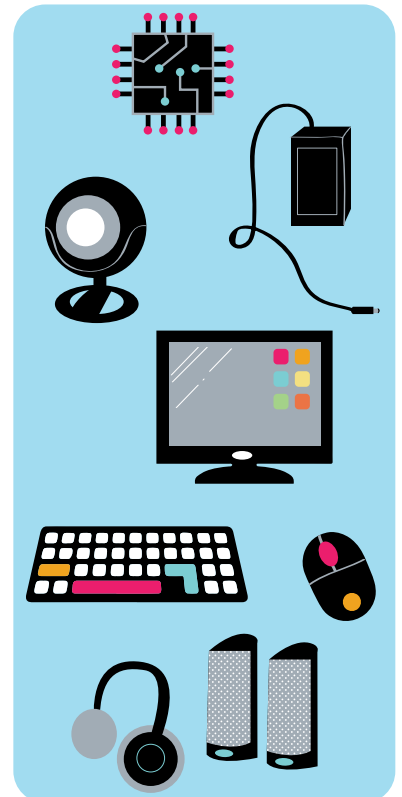
Coding & Cybersecurity Online Programs for All Ages

Join STEM the Gap Academy™ for LIVE, online cybersecurity and coding workshops that will help Girl Scouts understand computer language and online safety in a fun, girl-led way.

There are badge workshops available for each Girl Scout level as well as multiple date options, so make sure to register for a workshop that is specific to your grade. All workshops are led by live teachers who are female STEM experts!

Cybersecurity Badge programs, lasting one to two hours each, occur on weekends in March, April, or May. Find Cybersecurity Badge program available days and times for your Girl Scouts' age group on our events page [HERE](#).

Coding Badge programs, also lasting one to two hours and occurring on weekends, take place in April, May, or June. Find the Coding Badge program available days and times for your Girl Scouts' age group on our events page [HERE](#).



Celebrate World Thinking Day!

Making the world a better place is Girl Scout Law, so it's no surprise we have a holiday dedicated to doing just that. Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across the globe celebrate **World Thinking Day**. It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls around the globe. And while the holiday itself comes in February, the World Thinking Day Award can be earned at any time of year. Download the FREE Girl Scouts World Thinking Day activity guide **HERE** and see how your thoughts are more powerful than you think!



Third Annual Girl Scout Day of Science

March 2nd, 2024

Mark your calendars and get your troop, friends, and families together for the third Girl Scout Day of Science, coming to a children's science museum near you!

On this special Girl Scout Day of Science, museums will open their doors to Girl Scouts and their friends and families for STEM-tastic opportunities to explore STEM, enjoy the council-wide sisterhood, and earn the GSMW exclusive Girl Scout Day of Science fun patch.

View our events page at www.gsmw.org/events for the myriad of STEM events happening all across council.



Virtual Viewing of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival

The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (BSDFF) invites Girl Scouts to virtually view a selection of the festival's school-age appropriate documentary films!

- Girl Scouts must sign-up through GSMW first, then GSMW will send you a BSDFF registration link
- Girl Scout Households may view the films anytime between February 19th and the 28th

You may select films for younger-girl viewers and older girl viewers. Both age groups will enjoy age-appropriate, short, documentary films about nature, the arts, and courageous people. GSMW and BSDFF have also partnered to create a commemorative patch and learning materials to accompany the films. Learn more on our events page [HERE](#).



FBI Meet-Up for Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors

The better we know our communities, the better we can protect them.

The FBI Community Outreach Department invites Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts to an informational meeting about the FBI's Teen Academy and internship programs.

Participants will meet the FBI Outreach Specialist and hear about opportunities with the FBI's Teen Academy and their internship programs. Both the academy and internships are available to older high school students, but Cadettes should also attend so they can plan for their future participation.

Students who participate in the academy and internship programs experience a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to directly engage with FBI agents while participating in hands-on simulations and the real-life practice of forensics.

To learn more, register [HERE](#) for the program that occurs virtually on February 22nd from 4:30PM to 5:30PM. **Registration is FREE and closes on February 18th.**

Cookie Time

Shop Merchandise

Place your cookie merchandise order by emailing shop@gsmw.org or calling 406-252-0488.

\$18



Cookie Boss Beanie

\$14



Reflective Vest

\$20



Vinyl Cookie Banner
36"x20.5"

\$7.50



Money Pouch

\$9



DIY Sign

\$8



Twist & Fold Sign

\$24



Cookie Booth Table Cloth - 72" x 108"