

# January 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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## Regional Facebook Groups

[GSMW - Billings, HDQ](#)

[GSMW - Northeastern Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Eastcentral Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southeast Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southwest Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southcentral Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southwest Montana](#)

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[GSMW - Southcentral Montana](#)

[GSMW - Northwest Montana](#)

[GSMW - Central Montana](#)

[GSMW - Eastern Montana](#)



# Product Program



## 2022 Fall Financial Literacy Program

Rewards should have arrived to Service Units right around Christmas. If you haven't heard anything yet, you should be hearing from your Service Unit soon about when and how-to pick-up rewards for your Girl Scouts. If you need assistance, please email [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org).



### Top Fall Entrepreneurs

Congratulations to all of our Girl Scouts and Troops who went BRIGHT AHEAD and reached some incredible goals! There were 1,254 entries for the chance to win Sassy! Congrats to Reata W. from Troop 2077 who won Sassy the Seal! Check out all the Top Entrepreneurs in our [2022 Top Entrepreneur Video](#) and with our list below!



### Top Entrepreneurs



1st	Aubrey M.	Troop 2281	\$3,067.00
2nd	Tylee H.	Troop 2153	\$2,712.00
3rd	Ashly S.	Troop 1083	\$2,565.00

# 2022



### Top by Grade Level



Daisy	Tylee H.	Troop 2281
Brownie	Elena W.	Troop 2153
Junior	Layla L.	Troop 1083
Cadette	Izziebella W.	Troop 2281
Senior	Aubrey M.	Troop 2153
Ambassador	Amanda M.	Troop 1083
Juliette	Jessica K.	

### Top Troop

# \$9,272.00



Troop 3074  
Fort Benton Montana



### Top by Grade Level

Eastern Montana	Aubrey M.	Troop 2281
Headquarters	Ashly S.	Troop 1083
Southcentral Montana	Gia J.	Troop 3539
Central Montana	Avery C.	Troop 3514
Southwest Montana	Madalynn R.	Troop 3335
Northwest Montana	Izziebella W.	Troop 3347
Northcentral Montana	Elena W.	Troop 3011
Northeast Wyoming	Rose O.	Troop 1989
Southcentral Wyoming	Maddie L.	Troop 1402
Southwest Wyoming	Harlynn H.	Troop 1944
Eastcentral Wyoming	Abigail G.	Troop 1042
Southeast Wyoming	Ally P.	Troop 1069

### Sassy Winner



Reata W.  
Troop 2077  
Nashua/Fort Peck!





## Volunteer Recognitions

GSMW has amazing volunteers and a great way to show how much they are appreciated is to nominate them for an adult recognition.

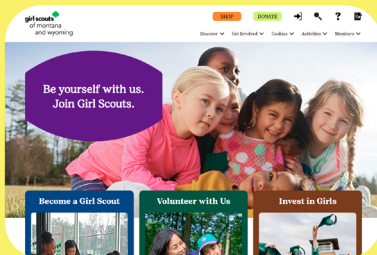
Want to find out how to recognize the amazing volunteer? Use the [Adult Award Criteria](#) to walk you through the steps or reach out to your Member Experience Manager. Deadline to submit your [nomination](#) is February 3, 2023.



## Money Earning Activity Guidelines

Helping girls earn and manage money is an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. When girls participate in money earning activities, they learn important skills such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. The Girl Scout Fall Product and Cookie Programs are the two best opportunities for girls to earn troop funds. However, we realize that troops/groups may need to participate in additional money earning activities.

GSMW has established [Money Earning Guidelines](#) for all troops, groups, service units, and Juliettes. It's important that everyone follows these guidelines so that we can maintain compliance with IRS standards. You can find a copy of the Money Earning Guidelines [here](#). If you have any questions, please email [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org).



## New Website Site Map

Have you seen our NEW website? If not, be sure to check it out at [www.gsmw.org](http://www.gsmw.org)!

You may notice there have been some changes on how you access pages. If you are having some challenges finding what you need, check out our [site map](#).

## GSMW Shop: New Year, New Additions!

Email [shop@gsmw.org](mailto:shop@gsmw.org), call Carol at 406-252-0488 ext. 2015, or visit us at the Billings office to place your orders!



**Hoodies**  
**Trucker Hats**  
**Ornaments**  
**Trefoil Fun Finds**  
**Stuffed Animals**  
**And More!**



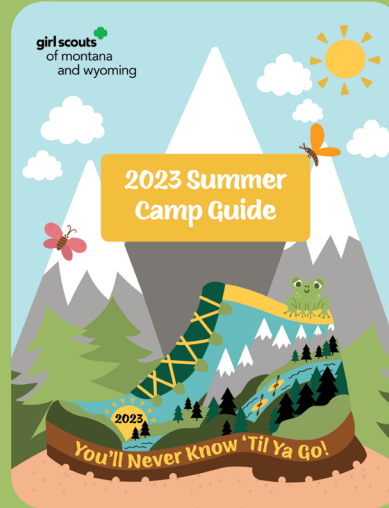
# Summer Camp

## GIRL SCOUT SUMMER CAMP



### We Are Now Hiring!

Are you or someone you know interested in [working at camp](#)? We have started hiring for the 2023 summer camp season! [Learn more.](#)



### The Camp Guide Is On The Way!

Here is a sneak peek of the Camp Guide Cover page! You should expect to receive the full Camp guide around the beginning February.



### Day Camp Director Preparation

'Tis the season to start thinking about your volunteer-run summer day camps! Do you want to help our Girl Scouts become better people by hosting a Day Camp in your community? If you want to volunteer as an esteemed Day Camp Director, your contribution is very important – the girls will look up to you as a role model, teacher, and friend. Visit [GSMW's Volunteer-Run Day Camp](#) web page for information regarding policies and procedures to ensure your day camp is insured and safe!

To provide Day Camp Directors with support, GSMW requires our Day Camp Directors to complete three important steps:

1. Download and review the [Day Camp Director's Manual](#). The manual holds policies and procedures for every Day Camp Director.
2. Take the online [Day Camp Director Questionnaire](#). The questionnaire is meant to familiarize directors with the manual content. It is not a test. Day Camp Directors and Co-Directors should complete the online questionnaire every three years.
3. After you complete the questionnaire, a GSMW representative will contact you to confirm your completion and to help you prepare for your Day Camp. Once your day camp plans are solidified, GSMW will require an online [Day Camp Intent form](#) meant to help your camp meet GSMW's insurance standards.



We hope you find these resources helpful. Reach out to us at [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) with questions about Day Camp.

# Patch in a Package & Scholarship Opportunities

## WINTER SERIES PATCH *in a* PACKAGE



[Order Your Patch in a Package Here!](#)

### Patch in a Package

From January through March 15<sup>th</sup>, GSMW will be offering a Patch in a Package program featuring our council's own American Sign Language (ASL) patch!

#### What you need to know:

- You will be receiving orders through March 15<sup>th</sup> and they will be fulfilled twice monthly.
- Price: \$25 for in-council members and \$30 for out-of-council members.
- Order link [here!](#)

#### What your girl can expect:

- To learn basic American Sign Language, study careers in the ASL field, and more!
- Patch in a Package will expose your girls to important life skills—all on their own schedule.
- Each package will contain everything girls will need to earn their patch.

## Scholarship Opportunities

GSMW offers college scholarships that Girl Scouts can apply for. We provide links to other scholarship resources, so be sure to check out our [College Scholarship page](#) on the website!

Upcoming opportunities include:

*(The Deadline to apply for GS scholarships is April 15<sup>th</sup>)*

- **Herb Waltermire – Cascade County \$2,500**  
This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who reside in Cascade County and who are working on (or received) their Gold Award. Must demonstrate strong community service, leadership, and have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- **University of Wyoming – up to \$1000**  
This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who are enrolled at the University of Wyoming (high school seniors or college students may apply). Applicant must submit three letters of reference (one from an adult active in Girl Scouts), have demonstrated leadership and community service, and have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- **Lucie P. Osburn - \$250**  
High school senior Girl Scouts or college students may apply for this leadership scholarship. Must demonstrate leadership and have community service experience. Three letters of reference (one from an adult active in Girl Scouts) and a 2.75 GPA or higher is required.
- **Nancy Fifer - \$300**  
High school senior Girl Scouts whose field of study is of a financial interest (Banking, Business Administration with emphasis on finance, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Three letters of reference are required, one of which must be from someone in the banking/finance industry.



Opal B.  
Gold Award Girl Scout



## Highest Award Spotlight

Congratulations to Opal B. of Kalispell, MT on earning her Girl Scout Gold Award by working to increase inclusion of people with disabilities in mainstream society, particularly in social settings. Opal did this by creating and hosting a webinar that focused on different types of abilities, including ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Down Syndrome. The webinar was recorded and posted on YouTube and social media to increase its reach. Opal also worked to start a Buddy Program with her school's National Honors Society to promote inclusion and she has plans to continue to get the program off the ground and established outside of her Gold Award project.

**Congratulations, Opal!**



## Highest Awards

Want to learn more on how your Girl Scout can earn her own Highest Award?

Visit us at [www.gsmw.org/highest-awards](http://www.gsmw.org/highest-awards) to learn more or contact us at [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org)



## 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.

## Alumna Spotlight

"I learned that Girl Scouts gives girls a place to shine – without the “drama drama drama” that goes with school life. Not only can you shine in Girl Scouts – you get to choose who you are in a safe and supportive environment. You get to explore, to test yourself, to do things you didn't think you could do. When I was growing up, there was also a whole lot of “doing things you didn't think GIRLS could do” (like being a park ranger and firefighter). "

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



Kathy Powers  
Girl Scout Alumna





# Upcoming Programs



## Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Virtual Programmer Journey: January 31<sup>st</sup>

With the end of January comes the end of registration for access to this unique online program. CSA Girl Scouts can earn their Think Like A Programmer Journey Award from home, at their own pace! If your older Girl Scout is ready to learn how to code for real, take advantage of this independent and fun online Journey. Girl will build website programming skills with a fun and achievable online learning platform, CodeCampKidz. Girl Scouts will work virtually with experienced professional coders. They'll overcome obstacles, build problem solving skills, and develop confidence as a web developer. Find out more information and [register by January 15<sup>th</sup>](#).



## The Second Annual Girl Scout Day of Science: March 4<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars: get your troop, friends, and families together for the second 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 a moment of council-wide sisterhood, and earn the GSMW exclusive Girl Scout Day of Science fun patch. Later in January, check out [www.gsmw.org/events](http://www.gsmw.org/events) for the myriad of events happening all across Wyoming and Montana.



## Girl Scout Week: March 12<sup>th</sup> - March 18<sup>th</sup>

During 2023's Girl Scout Week, girls will find plenty of ways to celebrate 111 years of Girl Scouting.

First, Girl Scouts can begin checking-off their [Girl Scout Week Challenge](#). Depending on their age, girls must complete one or two goals each day to earn the Girl Scout Week 2023 patch. Find the printable challenge sheet on [GSMW's Challenges page](#).

On March 13<sup>th</sup>, GSMW will host a [Virtual Girl Scout Birthday Party for Girl Scouts](#). Girls will celebrate their Girl Scout Sisterhood, play games, and sing songs. They'll also receive a fun patch.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, GSMW has partnered with the U.S. Space Force to bring a female Lieutenant Colonel from the Space Force to your virtual learning space. This program will post to our events page soon. Register for any or all virtual programs at [www.gsmw.org/events](http://www.gsmw.org/events)



## Girl Scout Sunday Bulletin Insert Orders

National Girl Scout Week is March 12-18, 2023. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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## Girl Scouts' Virtual Viewing of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival: February 17<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (BSDFF) has invited all Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming to special virtual access to their school-age appropriate documentary films, otherwise known as Schoolhouse Docs. The films have been rated for students by local educators and offer a variety of age-appropriate and perspective-widening themes, bringing non-fiction film to the next generation. This online program provides family fun and educational opportunity to a wide range of audience members, introducing young people to global stories and the filmmakers that bring them to light. Viewing the global stories, too, could be a great edition to your girl's and troop's World Thinking Day experience!

Registration will open in late January for exclusive access to a number of short and long-format films that will show online from February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Households will purchase a \$5.00 film ticket to view a handful of documentary films in their own homes! As an option, GSMW will ship participants a BSDFF fun patch and downloadable educational materials for an additional \$6.00 per viewer.

For more information, visit [BSDFF's Schoolhouse Docs page](#), which will be updated throughout January and February. Keep an eye on our [events page](#) for forthcoming information and registration.



## Big Sky Fit Kids Special Invite for Girl Scouts: February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Montana's Big Sky State Games invites you to participate in a free Big Sky Fit Kids program that teaches Montana Youth about the importance of being physically active while increasing fruit and vegetable consumption. Groups have a chance to win \$500.

The program consists of the following:

- Team Tracking Challenge starting February 1<sup>st</sup>
- 5210 Challenge Bike Giveaway starting March 22<sup>nd</sup>

For more information and to register, go to <http://bigskyfitkids.org/>

## World Thinking Day: February 22<sup>nd</sup>

How will you make your stamp on the world? World Thinking Day 2023 is all about "Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The Environment, Peace, and Security." Start planning your global impact and download your activity guide: <https://bit.ly/3SaNJH2>

