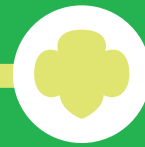


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Girl Scout Mission

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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Celebrate National Girl Scout Week!

Girl Scout Week 2023 is almost here! From March 12-18 we are celebrating 111 years of Girl Scouting and are welcoming our amazing communities to join in on the fun!

Girl Scout Virtual Birthday Party (Grades K-12)



Celebrate Virtually

During Girl Scout Week, March 12-18, 2023, GSMW invites our Girl Scouts to a special virtual event. On Monday the 13th, we will celebrate together with a [virtual Girl Scout Birthday Celebration](#). All ages are welcome! Participants will receive a list of basic supplies they need for the program. After the program, participants will receive a fun patch in the mail. Registration closes on March 5th.

Take the Challenge

Our annual Girl Scout Week Challenge has returned! [Go to our Challenges Page](#) to download the checklist, check-off activities for each day of Girl Scout Week, and submit your form to GSMW to receive your 2023 Girl Scout Week fun patch!

Girl Scout Week Proclamation

March 12, 2023 marks the 111th anniversary of Girl Scouts, the largest and most impactful leadership program for girls in the world. If you would like to have your local Mayor or government official proclaim Girl Scout week in your community, a fillable 2023 Girl Scout Week Proclamation can be found [here](#).



Cookies



Cookie Delivery/Pickup

Your Service Unit will be getting in touch with you about deliveries. Please stay tuned for more info regarding pickups. Please count twice then sign for the product you pickup. Once cookies have been signed for, they CANNOT be returned. You will then host caregiver pickups. Please be sure you have signed receipts any time product or money exchanges hands! Caregivers should sign for and pick up the total amount of cookies requested for their girl at initial order.



Top 25 Entrepreneurs

Join us on GSMW's Facebook page Monday, March 6th at 3:30pm to see if any of your girls were the Top 25 Entrepreneurs in their state! They will receive the Limited Edition Sunglasses Charm!

Cookie Resources

Please check out the GSMW [Cookie Resources Page](#) for Quick Bites about entering Girl Payments, Delivery Ticket Printing and Best Practices, tools for upcoming booths and more! Reminder that Girl Delivery orders are available on Smart Cookies through April 17th! Get your printable [Additional Order Cards](#) if your Girls are continuing to take orders and need new paperwork.

Rewards Unboxing Video

Share with your Girl Scouts the [2023 Recognitions Unboxing Video](#) so they can see the fun rewards! Encourage them to really GO for their goals! You are doing an incredible job as your help your Girl Scouts GO BRIGHT AHEAD this Cookie Season!

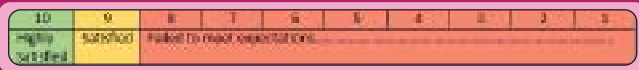


GSMW Shop Items

Contact us to place an order for cookie program items from our shop by calling 406-252-0488 or emailing shop@gsmw.org.



Volunteers



Your Voice Counts

At Girl Scouts, we care about your experience and we want to hear from you! In April, GSUSA will be conducting a national survey with girls, parents/guardians, and troop leaders called Girl Scout Voices Count to find out what's working, and what's not, in Girl Scouts. If you are not able to rate GSMW at 9 or 10, then we're not doing our job. If we are not meeting your expectations, please email customer care@gsmw.org and tell us why. The first 300 individuals who complete the survey will receive a special patch! Please know that while your answers are anonymous, GSMW receives a list of who participated so that we can issue the patches.



WANTED: Volunteer Outdoor Training Facilitators

GSMW is looking to serve our volunteers better and that means enlisting Volunteer Outdoor Training Facilitators. Many of you are very experienced with the outdoors, including safety of fires and cooking in the outdoors, and are interested in sharing your experience with others. If you or someone you know would like to become a Volunteer Outdoor Training Facilitator for your area, please email customer care@gsmw.org

Outdoor Training Facilitator requirements:

1. Have completed both the gsLearn Troop Travel Training and the in-person GSMW Outdoor Training component
2. Completed and passed the gsLearn Outdoor Training Facilitator module
3. Complete a short phone interview with the Outdoor Manager
4. Commit to following GSMW guidelines on training and reporting



Prepare for Summer Day Camp: Volunteer Leaders

Prior to running a volunteer led Day Camp for Girl Scouts in your community, download and read the [Day Camp Director's Manual](#). Once you have read the manual, take the online [Day Camp Director Questionnaire](#). Volunteer directors should complete the questionnaire every three years.

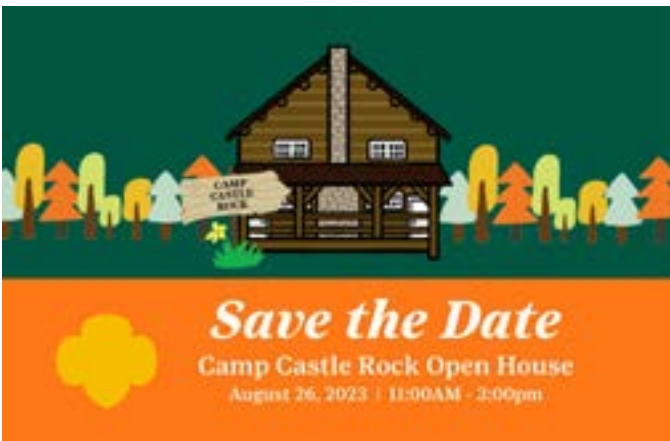
Once your questionnaire responses are confirmed, submit the [Day Camp Director's Intent Form](#). Even if you have directed day camp for over a decade, all day camp directors must complete the day camp intent form annually. Completing this form will help your Day Camp qualify for Girl Scouts' supplemental insurance coverage. Submit your intent form at least six weeks before your camp.

For more Day Camp details and a whole slew of valuable Day Camp resources, be sure to visit our [Volunteer-Led Day Camp](#) web page.

Volunteers

Volunteer Retreat at Timbercrest Camp in Red Lodge, MT

We are excited to be gathering together again for the 2023 Volunteer Retreat! Save the date for Friday, August 4th at 4:00PM through Sunday, August 6th at 10:00AM! Volunteer Retreat is for all our Girl Scout Volunteers! Please complete [this survey](#) to let us know what you would like to see at this year's Volunteer Retreat. We appreciate your input and cannot wait to see you in August!



Save the date! The Castle Rock Open House has been scheduled for Saturday, August 26th. Take a tour and see what we've been working on at Camp Castle Rock, including our new amphitheater, new trails, cabins, and more! This event is free and lunch will be provided. More details to come!



We Are Now Hiring!

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



Troop Trips Made Easier

Troops can take a Girl Scouts on a field trip to the nearest fire station, a trip to Yellowstone Park, or even a trip to Rome. Wherever your troop trip takes you, GSMW will help provide a safe and memorable experience through our online Troop Trip & High Risk Activity Request process. Visit www.gsmw.org/troop-trips for the NEW easier than ever Troop Trip and High Risk Activity Form.

Trips requiring prior GSMW approval include:

- Extended overnights (3+ nights) and travel outside of Montana or Wyoming.
- Any high-risk activity or that requires approval per the Safety Activity Checkpoints.

If you have questions about planning a trip, please contact us at customer care@gsmw.org.

Sweet Partnerships



Darigold Partnership

Darigold is proud to be going into their 4th year as partners with Girl Scouts. Through our Milk & Cookies campaign, we donate funds to support Girl Scouts financial assistance and outreach programs across the Northwest states.

How can you help support this program? All you have to do is purchase Girl Scout cookies and Darigold milk at participating grocery stores.

Donate to the
GSMW Backcountry
Campaign:

[Donate Now](#)

Purchase Outdoor
Gear From Our
Amazon Wish List:

[Shop Here](#)



Empower Girls Outdoors

Help us pave the way for future trailblazers, world-shakers, and environmental leaders by contributing to our 2023 Backcountry Gear Campaign!

GSMW is preparing to launch its 2023 Backcountry Programs to teach Girl Scouts backcountry skills, confidence, and leadership during the summer.

This year girls will embark on multi-day backpacking trips in Southeast Wyoming to learn valuable outdoor skills such as Leave No Trace, camp safety, navigation, and cooking outdoors. They'll also become certified in basic first aid and have an opportunity to earn their Senior Adventure Camper badge or Ambassador Survival Camper badge, but we need your support!

Your contribution of a donation towards our fundraising goal of \$1,800 or purchase from our Amazon wish list empowers girls to engage in the outdoor world in ways that may not be available otherwise, giving them valuable first experiences, the confidence to take on new challenges, and a sense of environmental appreciation. Click the links above!

Calling all
Gold Award
Girl Scouts:



You've changed the
world, now apply for a
\$10,000 scholarship!

Available March 15th

GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

GSUSA recently announced that 2023 Gold Award Scholarship recipients will receive a \$10,000 scholarship, a 400% increase from 2022. GSMW Gold Award recipients who wish to apply for this scholarship opportunity must be either:

- A high school senior at the time of the scholarship application who has earned the Gold Award at any point in their high school tenure, OR
- A high school graduate who graduated in May or June 2022 and earned the Gold Award between 4/1/22 - 9/3/22.
- Gold Award Girl Scouts who applied for the 2021 or 2022 scholarship are not eligible to re-apply.
- Qualifying Gold Award Girl Scouts will be invited to login and complete the application in full.
- ***The scholarship webpage and application portal will be available on March 15, 2023.***



College Scholarships: Deadline to apply is April 15th.

GSMW offers a few college scholarships that Girl Scouts can apply for. We also provide links to other scholarship resources, so be sure to check out our College Scholarship page on the website! Upcoming opportunities include:

Herb Waltermire – Cascade County, MT – \$2,500

This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who reside in Cascade County, MT 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.

Suzanne Salzmann - \$TBD

This Scholarship is available to Girl Scouts in Teton County, WY. Application coming soon!



Uniform Health Checks & Celebrations



Uniform Health Check!

Visit the Billings store Saturday, March 25th from 11:00am – 2:00pm in your Girl Scout uniform and purchase any missing items you might need! Can't make it to the store? Email us at shop@gsmw.org or call us at 406-252-0488.



GSMW Girl Scout Silver Award of the Year

Is your troop or Juliette working on or thinking about earning the Girl Scout Silver Award? Do you know that the project could be considered for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year?

Find out how on our [Silver Award resource page](#) or email customer care@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 or give us a call at 406-252-0488.

Alumna Spotlight

" I was a Girl Scout in Dillion, Montana, from 2004-2016. Girl Scouts gave me so many skills to be independent and confident in the outdoors. Some of my favorite memories came from Girl Scout camps, where I created lifelong friendships and gained skills that have become part of my everyday career. I have also had the opportunity to travel to around 16 countries, some of that while I was still active in Girl Scouts, and my troop traveled in spirit with me via Dabby the Duck."

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



Abigail Thomas
Girl Scout Alumna



Spring Series

BADGE in a BOX



April – May – June



April: Snow or Climbing Adventure

Snow? In April? Where we live, it's possible! With this badge, girls can choose their adventure! Will you go on a winter adventure or learn climbing skills? Either way, girls will learn how to plan, prepare, and execute a physical activity.

May: Global Action

In 2023, the Global Action award focuses on Responsible Consumption (how we use things) and Production (how we make things). Depending on if you earned your Global Action badge last year, you will earn the Global Action 1 or Global Action 2 badge.

June: Outdoor Art

From a blue sky to a bird's song, nature can give us many ideas for art. Girls will use the inspiration they get from exploring the outdoors to make music, choreograph a dance, draw a picture, or paint a masterpiece!

Badge in a Box Seasonal Subscription

Our Spring Badge in a Box Step focuses on getting outdoors, being creative, and changing the world, all while spending time away from the screen! Step away from your busy schedule and earn badges on your own time.

What you need to know: Just \$25/Month!

- We will be taking orders from March 1st to March 20th for boxes received in April, May, and June.
- Expect to receive your first box in April and each month from there forward.
- Order link [here!](#)

What your girl can expect:

- To work on outdoor skills, get in touch with their inner artist, and change the world!
- Each girl will earn badges through learning by doing! Badge-earning instructions encourage an independent, girl-led environment with the help of family and friends!
- Each box will contain everything the girls will need to earn their badge, plus some fun extras related to the badge to take the adventure outside the box.

[Order Your Badge in a Box Here!](#)

Upcoming Programs

On April 17th, Brownies and Daisies can choose to challenge themselves in a quest to earn their Daisy Eco Learner badge or their Brownie Inventor badge.

In this program, taught by our special guest Challenge Island instructor, girls will bring their own treasure chest of problem solving supplies to earn their Daisy Eco Learner or Brownie Inventor Badge.

During the program, kids will face an obstacle. Using their wits, imagination, and skills, they will invent a solution using household craft supplies. Whether your girl is a Daisy wanting to learn how to protect nature while camping, or a Brownie exploring ways to engineer a better world, our Girl Scouts will experience an unforgettable adventure while having STEAM-tastic fun! For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).



Challenge Island: Eco and Inventor Badge Adventure
Virtual (Grades K-3)

Monday, April 17th, 2023
Virtual | 5:30PM - 6:45PM

The poster features a green arched banner at the top with the title. Below the banner is a central illustration of a tropical island with two palm trees. To the left of the island is a circular badge with a red flower and a girl. To the right is a triangular badge with a red and blue design. The background is light blue with a white cloud in the top right corner.



Mystery Owl Pellet Art
Virtual (Grades 4-12)

Saturday, April 12th, 2023
Virtual | 5:15PM - 6:15PM

The poster has a dark blue background with an orange arched banner at the top containing the title. Below the banner is an illustration of a brown owl wearing a yellow beret and holding a magnifying glass. Next to the owl is an easel with a drawing of an owl's skeleton. The background also features a white cloud in the top right corner.

For our Juniors and older Girl Scouts, on April 12th, Montana Natural History Center naturalist educators will show our Girl Scouts how to turn mouse bones, dissected from owl pellets (which are not poop), into fine art.

Our guest naturalist educator will lead Girl Scouts through an exploration of owl digestion and the production of owl pellets. Then, participants will roll up their sleeves to dissect their owl pellets, discovering the remnants of the owl's meals.

Participants will discover what's in their pellet, identify the mysterious parts, and then put them back together in a wondrous, and possibly eerie, piece of skeletal art. For more information and registration, click [HERE](#).