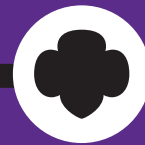


October Monthly Newsletter





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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Fall Product Program

Get Started

The Fall Program has begun! Start participating to “OWN YOUR MAGIC!” It’s easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Caregivers sign the [Permission Form](#)
2. Get Fall paperwork from your troop including the Order Card
3. Visit <https://gsnutsandmags.com/gsmw> where Girl Scouts can create their avatar, set up their online site, and share their store link on Social Media and via text and email!

Fall Product Program Promotions

Troop: If you as the Troop Leader log in to M2OS, send the Parent Adult Email Campaign (PAEC) and your troop has \$1—**THAT’S RIGHT JUST \$1** – in total Troop sales you have the potential to win your choice of **one** of the following:

- Customized GSMW Sweatshirts for your entire Troop
- A Customized Program for your Troop
- \$100 in Troop Funds

Girl Scout: Win Opal! Thank you to everyone who helped to vote and name our new mascot. Don’t forget — for every \$50 a girl sells in the Fall Product Program, she will receive an entry to win Opal, the GIANT Ocelot!

Important Dates

September 29th

Online and Paper Order Card sales begin! To get started, follow the instructions on the other side

October 22nd by 11:59PM

- Paper Order Card totals entered in M2OS
- Provide picture or a copy of the Paper Order Card to the Troop Product Manager

October 26th at 11:59 PM

Online Girl-Delivery order option ends

November 15th at 11:59 PM

Online sales end

November 16th by 11:59 PM

Girl reward selections due in M2OS

November 22nd

Product must be picked up from the Troop no later than this date

November 30th

All deliveries to customers should be completed and payments collected

December 4th

Turn money into the Troop Product Manager

OWN YOUR magic

Insurance Update & Grow Your Troop

IMPORTANT: Additional Insurance Update

Every participant of the Girl Scouts of the USA is automatically covered under the Basic Activity Accident Insurance. To ensure coverage of all registered Members, the entire cost of the Basic Plan is paid for by the Girl Scouts of the USA through membership dues. Troops, volunteers, and council staff are no longer required to individually order and pay for the extra Activity Accident (Additional) insurance in two scenarios:

- 1. Non-member participation:** Non-member participation is automatically covered. A non-member participant is any person invited to attend or participate in a Girl Scout approved/supervised event.
- 2. Trips longer than two overnight stays:** All domestic trips within the USA, regardless of time duration, are automatically covered under Basic Plan 1. There is no longer a time element involved. Please note that all troop trips must have a troop trip request submitted & approved two weeks prior to the departure date.

Should any accident occur, it should be immediately reported to local staff and council at customercare@gsmw.org or 406-252-0488.



Grow Your Troop or Build Another

Before October 15, 2023, take the Girl Scout Grow Your Troop or Build Another [PLEDGE](#) to recruit a minimum of two or more girls to your troop or recruit two new volunteers to start their own troop by December 31, 2023.

- 1** If you grow your troop by recruiting two new girls OR two volunteers to start a new troop before December 31, 2023 the troop will receive TWO Girl Scout outdoor blankets.
- 2** If you recruit at least two or more girls to your troop or volunteers to start a new troop, your entire troop (including leaders), will receive a fun Proud Girl Scout pin.
- 3** In order to participate and qualify for ANY rewards for your troop, you **MUST** take the "PLEDGE" before October 15th. If you don't end up with *growth of two girls/volunteers, there is no penalty.
- 4** However, in order to claim any rewards, you must officially register your PLEDGE.
*Troop growth does not apply to girl troop to troop transfers.



Don't Miss Out!

Are you ready to grow your troop or help build another by December 31?

TAKE THE PLEDGE

Travel and YMHFA Training

All New Destination Hosted by GSMW!

GSMW, for the first time ever, is hosting a Destination in late-July of 2024! And GSMW's incoming Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts are invited to apply and attend along with girls from across the country. On our council-sponsored Destination, discover how human impacts are affecting the forests and wildlife of these pristine natural places and how you can make a difference, while also having some western adventures, like horseback riding and whitewater rafting. [Check out the trip details HERE.](#)



Apply Now & Afford World Travel Through Girl Scouts

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone.

GSMW and GSUSA offer two scholarship opportunities for our Girl Scouts who travel through the Destinations travel program. GSMW invites our Destinations travelers to apply for our council Travel Scholarship as well as GSUSA's DPass Scholarship. Combining these two scholarships, many travelers have paid nearly all their Destinations travel expenses. Email customer-care@gsmw.org if you want more information on affording Girl Scouts Destinations travel.

[Search for Your Next Adventure Here](#)



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to the signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18.

This class will include two hours of pre-work that you will do online in preparation and then you will join us for 2 sessions of Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) Training virtually. Upon completion of this class, you will be a Certified Youth Mental Health First Aider.

- [November 2nd from 5 PM - 8 PM](#)
- [November 4th from 11 AM - 3 PM](#)

It is \$20 a person. Don't delay... get registered today!
Registration closes October 26th.

Highest Awards

New Silver Award Resources

Earning the [Silver Award](#) is an incredible achievement. We're here to support you by making the process as simple as possible. The requirements have not changed, however new resources and guides will support you every step of the way.

New For Adults:

- [Adult Guide for Earning the Silver Award](#)

New for Cadettes and Adults to Introduce the Silver Award:

- [Volunteer Toolkit Meeting 1: Silver Award Overview](#)
- [gsLearn modules GSUSA Silver Award Overview and GSUSA Silver Award Requirements: A Closer Look](#)

New for Silver Award Teams and Adults Mentoring Silver Award Teams:

- [Cadette Workbook for Earning Your Silver Award](#)
- [Girl Scout Silver Award Project Proposal*](#)
- [Girl Scout Silver Award Final Report](#)
- [Volunteer Toolkit Silver Award meeting plans 3-4](#)
- [gsLearn GSUSA Silver Quest: Complete the Steps for Earning Your Silver Award \(3 modules\)](#)

**GSMW encourages but does not require Cadettes to seek approval from council prior to executing their project, however if you would like your Silver Award to be eligible for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year recognition, it is a required step.*



Gold Award Spotlight

Marly G. of Sheridan, WY collaborated with the American Legion Sheridan Post 7 and the Sheridan Municipal Cemetery to update the cemetery's database of where veterans are buried and Marly ensured that the graves are marked accordingly for easy identification. With Marly's work, an additional 1,000 veteran's graves have been identified and cataloged. She also worked to improve the process used at Memorial Day to place stakes and flags for veteran recognition and lead a group of volunteers to execute her plan with great success that can be used in the future.



Congratulations on your accomplishment, Marly!



Marly G.
Girl Scout Gold Award

Council-Wide Programming

Last Chance to Register for October Life Skills Programs

There are still spots available in our October Life Skills programs across council, but registration closes soon, so [get to our events page today!](#) GSMW has partnered with community members and organizations to offer a myriad of life skills events. Regionally, you can find programs about cooking, computer skills, mental well-being, and more.

If your Daisy, Brownie, or Junior Girl Scout wants to enjoy a virtual life skills program with GSMW, check out our virtual event [Moving & Grooving on October 26th](#). Girls will dance, do yoga, and share their musical tastes while earning a fun patch. Registration for our virtual event closes on October 12th.



Think Like a Citizen Scientist Council-Wide Journey Programs

Throughout November, council staff are hosting Journey in a Day programs to help our Girl Scouts earn their Think Like a Citizen Scientist Journey and Take Action awards.

Throughout the day's events, Girl Scouts will play games, create crafts, record in scientific journals, and experiment with the scientific method. After a bit of practice, they will conduct citizen science observations and send the information to real-life scientists. In addition to in-person Daisy, Brownie, and Junior programs, [Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors may earn their awards through a self-paced virtual program.](#) Check-out www.gsmw.org/events to find a Journey in a Day program near you.



GSMW Hears Cadette, Senior, & Ambassador Voices

This past summer, GSMW asked our older Girl Scouts to tell us what programming they would like to experience. Through the online survey, we heard the girls' voices, and their choices have determined this year's CSA-only program in January. The program topic they chose above all others is DESIGN! So, coming in January, all across council, GSMW will host design-based programs for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Programs will include architectural design, video game design, interior design, and more!



Volunteer Training & My Girl Scout Kit



Monthly Volunteer Training

We want to support you! Join us for a monthly training that covers a relevant topic and hear from volunteers and staff experts! Trainings will generally be held during the 3rd week of the month on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Click to sign up today!

- [October 17th – Kicking Off your Troop Year – Volunteer Toolkit](#)
- [November 14th – Grade Level Support/Multi-level Troops](#)
- [December 12th – Managing Conflict](#)
- [January 23rd – Virtual Cookie Conference](#)

My Girl Scout Kit

Back for the New Troop Season?
Your Girl Scout Kit is 5 Easy Steps Away.

1

Choose 1-
Official Apparel



2

Choose 1-
Program



3

Add This-
Accessories



4

And This-
Uniform (Optional)



5

Free Bag
With Purchase

\$60 minimum

while supplies last



My Girl Scout Kit bags are great for new and bridging Girl Scouts! Select items from select insignia, uniform items, badge requirements, books, and more. Purchase \$60 or more and receive a FREE cute and convenient nylon drawstring bag in light blue or purple. Place orders by contacting us at shop@gsmw.org or online by clicking your Girl Scout level below!

Daisy

Brownie

Junior

Cadette

Senior

Ambassador