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October 2021

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WHAT'S NEW IN '22?

We're excited to share a few things that will be new for the upcoming membership year.

♦ [GSMW Silver Award of the Year](#)

GSMW is instituting an application and approval process for the Silver Award that (including a few other criteria) will qualify girls and troops to apply for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year, which will be announced on October 30th each year.

♦ Updated Branding and [new Retail Items](#)

As you may notice our monthly newsletter, emails and social media have a new look! GSUSA has rolled out new branding to unify Girl Scouts. The iconic trefoil will be used as the Girl Scout primary insignia, while the profiles will be used on historic and vintage marketing materials. In addition, you will see new retail items with updated branding. See a sneak peek below!

♦ Printable Newsletter

We know you love the monthly newsletter and now you can find it on our website. Please visit [GSMW Newsletter](#) to find the current and past newsletters in a new printable format!

♦ Volunteer Handbook **coming soon*

GSMW is working on an electronic and printed handbook for volunteers. There will now be one central location where you can go for guidance on council specific policy. Items such as Troop Trips, Additional Money Earning, Bank Accounts and much more will be in this handy book! Please make sure your

address is correct in [MY GS ACCT/VTK](#) as the handbooks will be mailed to all primary troop volunteers later in 2021.

♦ **Online Banking!!!** **coming soon*

You asked and we made it happen! Coming soon, all bank account signers will have the ability to do online banking including mobile deposits (where available). Imagine a cookie season without having to take checks to the bank! We'll keep you updated in future monthly newsletters.

GROW YOUR TROOP IS UNDERWAY

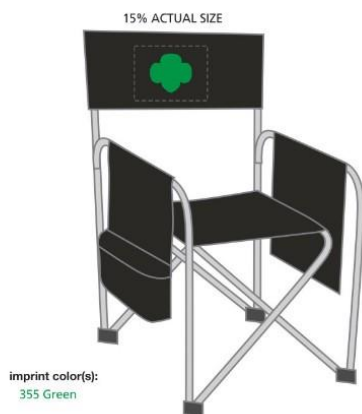
Between now and October 15, 2021, take the Girl Scout Grow Your Troop [PLEDGE](#) to recruit a minimum of TWO or more girls to your troop by December 31, 2021.*

1. If you grow your troop by recruiting two new girls before December 31, 2021 the troop will receive a two custom GSMW brass compasses, perfect to keep your troop headed in the right direction, while getting out and exploring the great outdoors!
2. If you recruit at least 2 or more girls to your troop, your entire troop (including leaders), will receive a fun Recruit a Friend patch!

* In order to participate in Grow Your Troop 2022 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 2 girls, there is no penalty. However, in order to claim any rewards for growth in your troop, you must officially [register](#) your pledge.



BUT WAIT! There is more... the troop that recruits the most new girls to their troop will earn two Girl Scout camp chairs!

FALL PROGRAM IS HERE!



The Fall Program has begun! [RISE UP](#) and JOIN in the fun! 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!

GIRL PROMOTION: Fall 2021

For every \$50 sold during the Fall Program, girls receive an entry to win Penelope the GIGANTIC Penguin (see above picture)!

Upcoming Fall Program Dates:

2021 Fall Program	
Fall Program	October 1 st – November 17 th
Paper Orders	October 1 st -October 24 th
Online Orders	October 1 st – November 17 th at 9:59 PM
Parent Entry Due in M2OS	October 24 th at 9:59 PM
Troop Entry/Edits Due in M2OS	October 27 th at 9:59 PM
Online Girl Delivery Orders End	October 28 th at 9:59 PM
Deadline to notify council if you need receipts printed and mailed	November 1 st

SPATACULAR SPECIAL INVITATIONS

At this virtual event for on-time renewed Girl Scouts only, our young wizards will learn about concoctions and potions used for relaxation and calmness – leaving them ready and energized to tackle anything that comes their way this year. Participants will receive a magical kit in the mail along with a Wizarding World of SPAtacular fun patch. If your Girl Scout was renewed for Membership

year 2022 by September 30th, 2021, then you should receive an email invitation next week to register for this event. If you do not receive the invitation, and feel that you should have, please email customercare@gsmw.org so we can send the invitation to you. Events will occur on October 18th and October 30th, and the program costs \$15 per girl. Daisies and Brownies should plan to participate in this virtual program with an adult.



SILVER AWARD OF THE YEAR



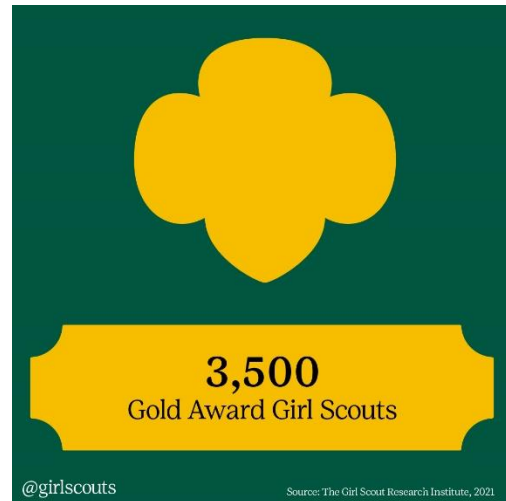
Each membership year Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming will honor one Silver Award project with the GSMW Silver Award of the Year. A membership year starts on 10/1 and ends on 9/30 of the following year. If your Girl Scout team has already started the Silver Award project, the project can be eligible for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year by having Troop Leader/Juliette Mentor complete the [online GSMW Silver Award training and](#)

[Silver Award Quiz](#), achieving a minimum score of 8/10. Then complete the GSMW Silver Award Approval Request and the team will have the opportunity to make project adjustments as stated in Silver Award of the Year [criteria](#).

GOLD AWARD CLASS OF '21

This week leading up to International Day of the Girl, we are celebrating the 2021 class of Gold Award Girl Scouts from our council. Across the country, 3,500 Girl Scouts earned their Gold Award in 2021, together spending 350,000 hours to make the world a better place. [Meet the GSMW Girl Scouts who contributed to that astounding number!](#)

Also, new this year, GSUSA will announce one Gold Award Girl Scout from nearly every council to be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship thanks to sponsorship from Arconic Foundation and Kappa Delta Foundation.



NEW IN THE GIRL SCOUT SHOP



Fall retail items are in! Come shop our new, 90's inspired GS apparel. We are also announcing extended hours in our Billings store. This only happens twice a year, so don't miss out! The next opportunity is Saturday, October 23, from 10:00am to 1:00pm! Contact the Billings store at Shop@GSMW.org or call 800-736-5243 to place your order.

Last but not least, we can now sell Zoom licenses through our shop! Although, it must be done [online](#). If you currently have a gsZoom license, you do not need to purchase another until August 1, 2022. Check on the [online product details](#) for more information.

COUNCIL-WIDE LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMMING

Throughout the month of October, join your regional Girl Scouts for various life skills programs like cooking, self-defense, hand tools, gardening, and auto care. If the in-person programs are out-of-reach, don't fret! We have two virtual Self-Defense & Self-Esteem programs for younger and older girls. Be sure to check out the events list [here](#) to find an event near you or near your computer!

JOURNEY IN A DAY IS BACK

Be on the lookout for November Journey in a Day programs for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors as well as virtual Journey Jump Starts for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. This year's Journey in a Day will be each age group's respective It's Your World – Change It! Journeys. The It's Your World—Change It! Leadership Journey encourages girls to make the world a better place and make new friends along the way. For all events, participants will receive their Journey Awards along with guidance to complete a Take Action Project. Check out [our events page](#) for Journey programs in your area!

GIRL SCOUTS CHANGE THE WORLD EVENT

International Day of the Girl is just around the corner! Tune in Saturday, October 9, for a FREE virtual celebration where you can discover how you and your friends can make the world a better place for girls everywhere.

You'll meet some of the 2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts and see that you (yes, YOU) have what it takes to become a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Girl Scout. If you've already earned Gold, you can look forward to a special session honoring all you've achieved. It's a day of inspo, sisterhood, and global action.



[REGISTER NOW](#)

GIRL SCOUTS REALLY DO LOVE STATE PARKS!



On September 11th and 12th, GSMW staff and volunteers partnered with State Parks employees to host Girl Scouts Love State Parks events all over Montana and Wyoming. Programs occurred in Pryor, Great Falls, Dillon, Evanston, and Douglas. Along with a few tagalongs, 100 girls and 69 adults participated in the events. All across the country, councils and State Parks played host to thousands of Girl Scouts and their friends and family. In fact, GSUSA estimates that over 12 thousand girls and their families were expected to attend the events.

To learn more about upcoming GSMW events, please visit www.gsmw.org.

You can see more of what Girl Scouts are up to by following the [GSMW Facebook page](#) and your regional Girl Scout Facebook page:

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Billings & Eastern Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northcentral Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northeast Wyoming](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northwest Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southcentral Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southeast & Southcentral Wyoming](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southwest Montana](#)

[Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southwest Wyoming](#)

Upcoming Events

[Girl Scouts Change the World, October 9 - VIRTUAL](#)

Girl Scouts in 4th grade and higher can join Girl Scouts across the country for a FREE virtual celebration on Saturday, October 9. Girl Scouts Change the World will help you discover how you and your friends can make the world a better place for girls everywhere. You'll meet some of the 2021 Gold Award Girl Scouts and see how you (yes, YOU) have what it takes to become a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award Girl Scout. Register by 10/5!

[Voter Girl, October 16 - Bozeman](#) (grades 4-8)

Earn your Junior or Cadette Citizen Badge and a Voter Girl fun patch in one day with the League of Women Voters! Be part of the fun and excitement of an election while learning how to lead positive change through civic action.

[Grow That, Girl Scout, October 21 - Casper](#) (grades K-12)

This life skills program connects Girl Scouts to nature, science, and gardening. During the program, we will discuss what a garden needs to thrive and how to

care for a growing garden. Together, girls will explore indoor gardening with terrariums, and girls will make their own mini gardens to take home.

Culinary Snack-Tacular, October 21 - Gillette (grades K-5)

There is nothing better than giving your girls the life long skills of healthy eating! One of the best ways to encourage your girls to eat healthy is to give them the skills to create their own meals and snacks. At this event, girls will learn to make simple healthy breakfasts and snacks.

Life Skills: Auto Care, October 23 - Rock Springs (grades 6-12)

This program is perfect for troops and girls who are ready to master basic car maintenance techniques and learn new skills on their way to becoming safe, savvy drivers.

The Great Tool Reinvention, October 27 - Missoula (grades K-5)

Girls will develop new hand tool skills before they create a blueprint and explore the halls of Missoula's Home ReSource for the reusable materials they need to make amazingly inventive construction projects. Each participant will get to take home their innovations and a sweet fun patch to commemorate the evening.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 6 - Evanston (grades K-5)

During one brief Saturday session, younger Girl Scouts get a chance to achieve and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will leave the event with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 6 - Laramie (grades K-5)

The It's Your World—Change It! Leadership Journey encourages girls of all ages to make the world a better place and make new friends along the way. During this event, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will discover what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 6 - Miles City (grades K-5)

During one brief Saturday session, younger Girl Scouts get a chance to achieve and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will leave the event with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Cadette Journey Jump Start: It's Your World - Change It!, November 8, VIRTUAL (grades 6-8)

This Journey Jump start will provide Girl Scout Cadettes with the materials and direction needed to earn and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will discover a new sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Senior Journey Jump Start: It's Your World - Change It!, November 9, VIRTUAL (grades 9-10)

This Journey Jump start will provide Girl Scout Seniors with the materials and direction needed to earn and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will discover a new sense of purpose and accomplishment. Following the GIRLtopia Journey, Girl Scouts will examine the realities of girls throughout the world, identify the characteristics of their ideal world, and strategize ways they can create change within their community.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 13 - Bozeman (grades K-5)

During one brief Saturday session, younger Girl Scouts get a chance to achieve and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will leave the event with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 13 - Casper (grades K-5)

The It's Your World—Change It! Leadership Journey encourages girls of all ages to make the world a better place and make new friends along the way. During this event, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will discover what it means

to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 13 - Missoula (grades K-5)

During one brief Saturday session, younger Girl Scouts get a chance to achieve and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will leave the event with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 13 - Gillette (grades K-5)

The It's Your World—Change It! Leadership Journey encourages girls of all ages to make the world a better place and make new friends along the way. During this event, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will discover what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, November 13 - Billings (grades K-5)

During one brief Saturday session, younger Girl Scouts get a chance to achieve and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will leave the event with a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

Ambassador Journey Jump Start: It's Your World - Change It!, November 15, VIRTUAL (grades 11-12)

This Journey Jump start will provide Girl Scout Ambassadors with the materials and direction needed to earn and receive their It's Your World - Change It! Journey Awards. Through hands-on explorations of their communities and personal strengths, Girl Scouts will discover a new sense of purpose and accomplishment. Following the Your Voice, Your World: The Power of Advocacy Journey, Girl Scouts will discuss how to identify issues they care about and creating a plan that will advocate for change relating to their chosen issue.

JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, TBD - Great Falls (grades K-5)

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this event, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will discover what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.



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