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November 2021

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NEW GIRL SCOUT BADGES THAT SPARK HER IMAGINATION

This summer, GSUSA launched 28 new badges for all ages to explore their world, whether online or unplugged! The newest class of badges take on even more topics that Girl Scouts and their families care about, like getting outside, using technology to run girls' cookie businesses, and growing girls' digital leadership skills to make the world a better place.

Earning the badges is also easier than ever: based on feedback from girls, volunteers, and families, the new badge booklets now include a volunteer guide and printable activity pages for girls, as well as new badge overviews in the Volunteer Toolkit and fun and fast badge introductions in gsLearn.

Meet the new Girl Scout badges for Digital Leadership

Technology can help girls empower themselves and others—and by earning Digital Leadership badges, Girl Scouts of every age can do just that! They'll learn about digital literacy and wellness and use what they've learned to raise awareness on a topic or cause they care about.

[Girl Scouts are already digital leaders.](#) (PDF) These future-forward badges will support them in using technology to connect with others and create a digital product that makes a positive impact and inspires others to action.

GSMW SHOP

We now have Girl Scout Christmas ornaments from Kurt Adler in all three council shops!

The Trefoil Holiday Ornament is \$8 for one ornament and the Cookie Ornament Set is \$24.99 for a set of three cookie ornaments (Samoa, Trefoil and Thin Mint). For the Cookie Ornament set we are currently running a special and the price for that will include free shipping!



The Billings store will be open on Saturday, November 13, during our Journey-in-a-Day program. The shop will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm that day.



FALL PROGRAM CONTINUES ONLINE



Encourage girls to RISE UP and reach for their goals. Customers can purchase magazines and direct shipped candy and nuts Online until November 17th at 11:59 PM. Reward choices are due in M2OS by November 18th at 11:59 PM. Girls who send 18+ emails through the M2OS system will automatically receive a patch and qualify to receive the Cookie Crossover Patch. Don't forget to log in and create your avatar as a leader so you are qualified to receive the Cookie Crossover Patch!!

If you need assistance with getting girls added to M2OS or need to make changes, please [click here](#) to submit their name and the troop number where they should be added.

Fall Product Deliveries:

Deliveries of product should be arriving in Mid-November between the 16th and the 23rd.

REMEMBER: Count, Inspect, and sign for product when picking it up from the Service Unit. Be sure you receive a copy of the receipt.

Troop Pickups: Print receipts off from M2OS for when caregivers pickup their Girl Scout's product from you. ANY TIME PRODUCT OR MONEY EXCHANGES HANDS, A RECEIPT SHOULD BE WRITTEN Troops should retain a copy and give one to the caregiver who is picking up the product.

****If you do not have a printer and need to have receipts printed and sent to you—please let us know by emailing customercare@gsmw.org ASAP so we can get them out to you. Deadline to request receipts be sent to you is/was November 1st if you needed that assistance.****

SPARKLE JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



'Tis the season to sparkle, and GSMW is hosting a joyful crafting event to fit the festive time of year. Depending on their age, girls will cleverly create decoupage votive holders, origami string lights, and homemade paper cards while learning about repurposing, recycling, and the kindness of giving. This program includes a shipped kit with the contents to create the crafts and illuminating gifts that girls can keep for themselves or give to others. Registration is \$20 and will open soon on our [website](#). The program dates and times are as follows:

- Grades K-5 on December 4th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- Grades K-5 on December 15th from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- Grades 6-12 on December 16th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Grades 6-12 on December 18th from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

SUMMIT AWARDS

Journey Summit Award Pins are earned by girls who have completed three national Leadership Journeys at their grade level. This award is available at every grade level and is the highest award a Girl Scout Daisy and Girl Scout Brownie can earn. Journey Summit Awards are available through our GSMW store.

We also offer Summit Award Certificates to help the girls celebrate their achievement! These certificates are colorful and suited to each Girl Scout Level, and signed by Sally Leep, GSMW CEO! If you know of any girls who have achieved summit in the past membership year, please email customercare@gsmw.org to let us know so we can get the certificates to them.

Also, keep an eye out on our events page to see upcoming Journey In A Day programs to help your girls get closer to earning their Summit Awards!



HELP US HIT THE ROAD

GivingTuesday, created in 2012, is a day that encourages people to do good. On November 30, GSMW encourages do-gooders to donate to its [Mobile STEM Learning Center](#) Campaign!



What exactly is the Mobile STEM Learning Center? The cargo style van will be retrofitted to store a myriad of technology and resources that will allow us to “meet girls where they are” and let them experience STEM in a whole new way.

GSMW plans to have the Mobile STEM Learning Center on the road by March of 2022 with the goal of providing STEM programming to girls in every county in Montana and Wyoming within its first two years.

Everyone has something to give and every act of generosity counts!



WIN A TROOP EXPERIENCE

Girl Scout Troops can help GSMW hit the road with its Mobile STEM Learning Center and enter in a drawing for an exclusive troop experience with the Mobile STEM Learning Center! That's right—the Mobile STEM Learning Center will travel to the winning troop's location.

For every \$100 donated through Tuesday, November 30th, a troop will earn one entry in a random drawing for an exclusive experience with GSMW's new Mobile STEM Learning Center. Donations must be accompanied by troop info in the comments section. Juliettes who wish to make a contribution can contact Brianar@gsmw.org for more information.

The winning troop will be drawn and announced Wednesday, December 1st via Facebook Live.

DONATE NOW

OCTOBER LIFE SKILLS EVENTS

During the month of October, GSMW staff, most of whom partnered with outside facilitators, shared expertise and insight into various life skills categories:

- The Self-Defense & Self-Esteem program gave girls a virtual opportunity to work on hand-eye coordination through martial arts movements with a



focus on self-respect, discipline, and care. Thirty-one Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors enjoyed the program hosted by Prestige Martial Arts. And 16 Cadettes and Seniors also enjoyed the challenge and the self-improvement.

Several of GSMW's regional offices offered cooking skills programs. In Rawlins, 11 girls learned food safety, choices, and preparation at Michael's Big City Steakhouse. In Billings, 21 Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, 2 Cadettes, and 6 adults enjoyed Culinary lessons from the chef of Raven's Café at the Yellowstone Art Museum. In

Gillette 24 Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will embark on a culinary exploration of snacks at the Campbell County Public Library.

- Additionally, Casper will be teaching five Girl Scouts how to grow their own gardens even in the winter. And five Rock Springs area girls will learn auto care necessities from students at Western Wyoming Community College (Picture attached).
- Finally, we have played host to a special-invitation-only virtual Wizarding World of SPAtacular program focusing on girls' self-care. This event is only open to girls renewing their GSMW memberships by September 30th, 2021. Girls made their own bath bombs and pixie dust lip gloss while learn self-calming and breathing techniques to deal with stressful times. Seventy-eight girls will participate in this online kit-based event that will help them all earn the coveted Wizarding World of SPAtacular fun patch.

All-in-all, 193 girls and a handful of adults participated in our October life skills events.

Troop Trips

Troops wanted to travel right out of the gate this new Girl Scout year. During September and October, 81 girls and 42 adults ventured on troop trips that required council approval. Trips included hot springs, council-owned camps, climbing gyms, ice skating rinks, and camp-outs, among other fun outings. Still

to come, we have four more trips planned in October, with 45 girls and 19 adults will travel to places like Myrtle Beach, Savannah Georgia, and Camp Sacajawea! That's a total of 126 girls and 61 adults traveling on trips in just two months.

Destinations DPass Applicants

Seven GSMW Girl Scouts applied for and were accepted to Destinations in the summer of 2022. All seven travelers have applied for D-Pass Grant Scholarships to help fund their traveling dreams. These older Girl Scouts will travel to Italy, Switzerland, Minnesota, and Atlanta in the summer of 2022. Girls may continue to apply for 2022 Destinations and many 2023 Destinations are open for applications, as well. Check out our [Destinations page](#) for more information about the Destinations timeline and links to the application and trip descriptions.

GIRL SCOUTS OUT & ABOUT



Congratulations to **Railyn D.** of Missoula, MT on earning her Girl Scout Gold Award. Railyn is passionate about archery and recognized a need in her community to create a safe space for people to learn more about archery. For her

Gold Award project Railyn partnered with a local archery expert and hosted a community archery workshop for people to learn the basics of the sport as well as raise awareness for the need for a practice space in her community. She also created a website with information for beginners including where to find equipment and classes as well as basic technique instructions. She promoted her website with a QR code on a pamphlet that she distributed in her community.



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

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Upcoming Events

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

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

[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.

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

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

[JIAD: It's Your World - Change It!, TBD - Great Falls](#) (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.

[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.

[Sparkle Joy - December 4, 2021, VIRTUAL](#) (grades K-5)

[Sparkle Joy - December 15, 2021, VIRTUAL](#) (grades K-5)

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[Sparkle Joy - December 16, 2021, VIRTUAL](#) (grades 6-12)

[Sparkle Joy - December 18, 2021, VIRTUAL](#) (grades 6-12)

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Have a question? Don't be shy!

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