

girl scouts of montana and wyoming





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Do you want the chance to be featured in the next edition of the Membership Newsletter?

Tell us about your unforgettable adventures, inspiring acts of volunteerism, conquered challenges and more here!



Mark Your Calendars

The Fall Product Program begins October 3rd to November 19th.

A Beary Big Thank You

Thank you for helping us name our mascot! The winning name will be announced in September and will be featured in our monthly newsletter, on our social channels, and during our upcoming product trainings.

Product Managers, Complete The Required Agreements

Product Managers: Complete the Troop Product Manager Agreement by August 10. This information is essential so we can send Fall Program materials directly to you.

Service Unit Product Managers (SUPMs): If you have not completed the <u>SUPM Agreement</u>, it is now past due. Complete it today!

Thank you for helping us prepare for a great season!





Troops

1007	1146	1395	1745	2061	3180	3445	3665	
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1049	1246	1548	1944	2432	3272	3539	3768	
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1062	1258	1582	1948	2718	3324	3556	3815	
1069	1267	1596	1975	3008	3327	3557	3816	
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Service Units

Belgrade Billings Bozeman Butte Casper Cody Dillon Gillette **Great Falls** Havre Green River Jackson Kalispell Laramie Malta Newcastle Riverton Sheridan

Evanston Cut Bank Thank you to the troops and service units who completed their Annual Financial reports by June 30, 2025.







Peaks and Pines September 20 to 21, 2025

Register by 8/31/25

Looking for the perfect weekend getaway with purpose?

Peaks and Pines, our all-women's outdoor weekend benefiting GSMW, is happening September 20-21, 2025 in Red Lodge, MT, and registration closes August 31!

Whether you're into hiking, crafting, cozy campfire chats, or simply recharging in the fresh mountain air, Peaks and Pines has something for you. Best of all, every dollar goes toward helping build girls of courage, confidence, and character across Montana and Wyoming.

Event Details

WHEN: September 20-21, 2025

WHERE: Red Lodge, MT

COST: \$100 - \$300 (depending on level of participation and lodging accommodations)

A huge thank you to our Adventure Pal Sponsor:

First Interstate Bank

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Got questions? Email give@gsmw.org or join our Facebook event for more details!

Don't just take our word for it! Here's what last year's participants had to say:

- "I'm so glad I attended Peaks and Pines. It was a perfect time for me to relax and focus on myself."
- "Attending the very first Peaks and Pines event was such a treat! I knew that just getting a night away from home would be wonderful, but I was so pleasantly surprised by the incredible food, relaxing atmosphere, and care put into creating an experience where I felt important and pampered."
- "Peaks and Pines is the perfect getaway. I enjoyed soaking up time with other women, relaxing on my own on the solitude, and celebrating the amazing work of Girl Scouts. This is a can't miss event."

Register Now

Girl Scouts Love State Parks: September 13-14

From the sweeping plains of Montana to the rugged peaks of Wyoming, Girl Scouts Love State Parks is your chance to explore, discover, and connect with the outdoors alongside friends and family.

This September, GSMW is teaming up with eleven amazing state parks to bring you unforgettable hands-on adventures made just for Girl Scouts. Whether you're new to the trails or a seasoned explorer, there's something exciting waiting for you. Find an event near you on our events page!

Unable to join one of our programs, no worries. Visit a state park near you and complete this activity book to earn the

patch!



Explore with WAGGGS World Centres



Since 1932, the five World Centres—Our Chalet (Switzerland), Our Cabaña (Mexico), Pax Lodge (United Kingdom), Sangam (India), and Kusafiri (Africa Region)—have welcomed over 200,000 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from across the globe. These unique places are more than destinations. They're vibrant hubs where girls connect, grow, and take on new adventures together.

Each Centre offers dynamic programs for both individual Girl Scouts and troops, including in-person events, leadership experiences, cultural exchanges, and year-round virtual activities. Whether you're planning a trip abroad or looking for global engagement from home, there's something for everyone.

Curious to learn more? Visit the <u>WAGGGS World Centres website</u> to explore upcoming programs and check out their calendar of virtual events. In addition, for older Girl Scouts and alumni, the World Centres Volunteer Leadership programme is a 3-6 month residential leadership experience for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts over 18 years old. <u>Consider applying for a volunteer opportunity at one of the World Centres</u>.



Girl Scout Journey Retirement & Highest Award Announcement

Girl Scouts is launching fresh new Leadership Awards for Juniors through Ambassadors!

These awards celebrate all the ways you lead—yourself, your team, and your community. They're about building real skills that make a real impact, and gaining the confidence to turn your ideas into action.

Whether you're figuring out what leadership means to you, working with a team, leading a group, or stepping up to a challenge, these awards are designed to help you explore what leadership means to you, no pressure, just room to grow.

These awards include flexible options that let you explore and shape your own leadership style; you get to lead in a way that feels right for you. Because leadership isn't just about being in charge, it's about learning, growing, and making a difference. These awards are all represented by beautiful new pins that capture the essence of each award

Girl Scouts new leadership awards celebrate all the ways you lead – yourself, your team, and your community. Whether you are leading a team project, guiding younger kids, speaking up for change, or learning to trust your instincts, these awards recognize and support the many ways leadership shows up. They are flexible,

fun, and designed to help Junior through Ambassador Girl Scouts practice leading with confidence and purpose.

The leadership awards are part of an expanded menu of prerequisite options for Highest Awards.

Starting October 1st, 2026 Girl Scout Journeys will be retired and no longer available.

For more information please contact us at customercare@gsmw.org.

Summer Outdoor Challenge

Take the <u>Summer Outdoor Challenge!</u> Check out <u>the activities</u> to earn yourself a brand-new patch.

- 1. Download our activity sheet to see what's possible right outside your own front door!
- 2. Keep track of your activities and reach 100 points, earning a free fun patch.
- 3. Before August 30th, submit your 100-point list and submit a photo of you completing activities to be entered in the giveaway!



Second Lady's Summer Reading Challenge

Second Lady Usha Vance invites Girl Scouts to take part in her 2025 Summer Reading Challenge for grades K–8 through September 5th.

Participants can read 12 books to receive a personalized certificate and entry into a drawing. Connect this challenge with the <u>Girl Scout I AM Wild About Books personal pin</u> from the Girl Scout Shop.





What is

Meeting

in a Minute?

Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out or preparing for your next troop meeting. Your troop can look forward to a new and exciting theme, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!



Funshine Sunshine

This box is designed for all ages! Get ready to soak up the sun and explore the magic of solar-powered fun!



Summer Fun

Unleash your Girl Scouts' creativity with this nature-themed box, where they'll craft stunning art using treasures they discover outdoors!



Celebrate Girl Scouts

Learn all about Girl Scouting with fun activities focused on the history of Girl Scouting.



Turtle-y Awesome

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will dive into the incredible journey of sea turtles and discover how they navigate the ocean using magnetism.



Robot Design

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will gain an understanding of problem solving like an engineer while earning their Robots 1: Designing Robots badge.



Art and Design

Daisy, Brownie and Juniors will discover their artistic talent while earning their Art and Design badge.



Cadette Robotics

Cadettes will gain an understanding of robots, physics, and programming while earning their Programming Robots Badge











Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Survey

Big things are coming in 2026 for older Girl Scouts—and we want your ideas!

GSMW is planning exclusive programs just for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Help shape the year by taking a quick survey and sharing what excites you—outdoor fun, leadership, creativity, college prep, or something brand new.

Ready to lead the way? CSA Girl Scouts, take the survey today!



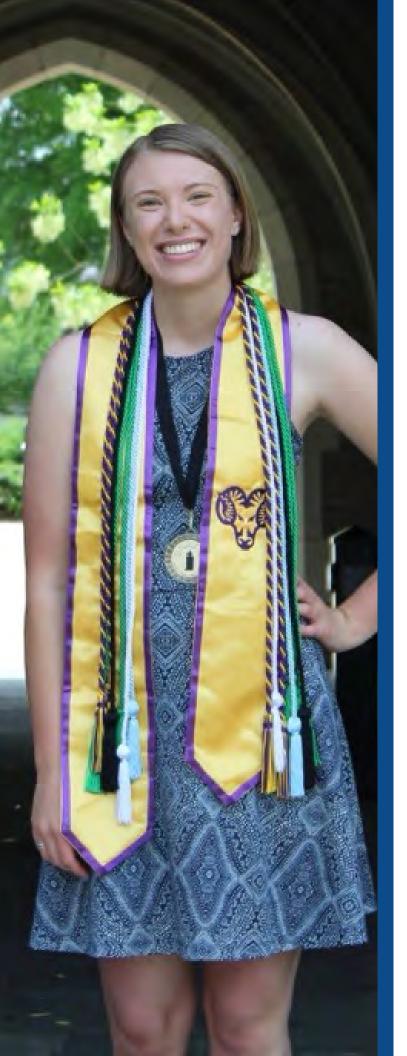
August is National Make-a-Will Month

Did you know 68% of U.S. adults don't have a will?

Many people understand the importance of estate planning but haven't taken that first step. August is National Make-a-Will Month, and GSUSA has partnered with FreeWill—a free, easy-to-use tool that helps you create a will or trust in about 20 minutes.

You can use <u>FreeWill</u> on its own or as a starting point before working with an attorney. While planning, you'll also have the option to leave a lasting legacy by including a gift to Girl Scouts—supporting girls for generations to come. <u>Learn more here!</u>





Girl Scout

Almuna Spotlight

Alex Moore

What is your proudest Girl Scout achievement?

My favorite Girl Scout achievement is my Silver Award, which I earned with my troop. One of our troop members utilized a wheelchair and was unable to attend camp because the camps aren't accessible. For our project, we created a proposal to make Timbercrest wheelchair accessible to ensure girls of all abilities can experience camp! It was a great introduction to disability awareness and advocacy.

What is your favorite Girl Scout memory?

My favorite Girl Scout memory is the Destination I went on when I was in high school to Sydney, Australia. The experiences of that trip were priceless and I'm still in touch with many of the girls I met on that trip.

What are you up to now?

I live in Boston, Massachusetts where I am an audiologist at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Hospital. Audiologists are professionals that test hearing, recommend and fit hearing aids, and perform balance testing. It's a profession where I incorporate STEM every day to improve the lives of people with hearing loss and balance disorders.



Council Crew Spotlight

Meet the Girl Scouts of MT & WY Team







Dani Moore

Organizational Marketing and Communications Manager

After volunteering at the Billings 110th celebration of Girl Scouts in 2022, Dani was inspired to become a part of the Girl Scout team.

With her upbeat energy, creative flair, and sharp eye for consistent branding, Dani has been instrumental in keeping GSMW's voice strong and vibrant. She's also the ultimate hype girl, bringing positivity, laughter, and a spark of fun to the workplace every day.

Dani helps shape how GSMW shows up in the world both visually and through our voice. From patches and flyers to merchandise, social graphics, and event signage, she brings a thoughtful eye to nearly everything we create. Her work helps keep our communications clear, consistent, and full of the fun and spirit that make Girl Scouts shine.

Dani's passions include collecting rocks, traveling, all things Star Wars, caring for her many plants, gaming, and spending time with her husband, two dogs, snake, and tortoise.

