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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!](#)



2025 Product Program

The Fall Product Program is Here

Fall Product Program is from October 3 to November 19.

Getting Started

Review the fall product program paperwork.

Watch our training videos to go over the program details.

Visit www.gsnutsandmags.com/gsmw to set up your Girl Scout's online site.

Why Participate?

Learn Business Skills

goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

Troop Funds

15% of all sales are troop proceeds! PLUS, as an extra bonus for 6th grade and older Girl Scouts, troops can choose to opt out of rewards and receive an additional 2% in proceeds.

Exciting New Challenges

This year, Girl Scouts can take on fresh challenges throughout the program and earn exclusive prizes! These challenges are in addition to the rewards listed on the paper order card, giving girls even more ways to earn.

NEW! Challenges

We have some exciting challenges from now, until November 19, 2025!



Exclusive Water Bottle

From Oct 3 to Nov 19, make at least one sale during the Fall Product Program to receive an exclusive water bottle and "Fall Product Program" sticker. Girl Scouts will have additional chances to earn more exclusive stickers to add to their water bottle throughout the program!

Troop Challenge

Troops that sell \$1,500 in total sales from October 3 to November 19 will be entered for a chance to win custom troop

hoodies OR a \$150 program credit. The winning troop gets to decide! Every additional \$300 in sales earns an extra entry.

Early Cookie Booth Sign-ups

Troops with 80% of their Girl Scouts participating in the Fall Product Program will be able to secure cookie booths a day early! Troops will be able to select up to two premium and four non-premium booths on February 6, the Friday before all booth sign-ups begin.

Win Blossom the Giant Grizzly Bear Plush

Sell 7 Care to Share packages to earn 1 entry for a chance to win—every 2 additional packages sold earns an extra entry to win!

Helpful Resources

[Leaders & Product Managers](#)

[Troop Girls & Caregivers](#)

[Juliettes & Juliette Mentors](#)

[2025 Challenges](#)

Caramel Chocolate Chip

Cookie Pre-Order

Due October 20th

Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming will again offer a gluten free Girl Scout Cookie during the upcoming 2026 Cookie Program.

Troops **MUST PRE-ORDER** their supply of Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip cookies in advance of our normal ordering and selling period. This pre-order is required by ABC Bakers due to the special requirements of gluten free products.

If your troop would like to order Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip cookies to sell during the 2026 Cookie Season, [please place your order here](#).

Read ALL the details on the order form and submit your order by October 20, 2025.

Not sure what you ordered last year? Check out our [2025 Cookies Ordered document](#) to plan your order.

[Pre-Order Now](#)

[Review Your Last Order](#)





What's new for MY26?

Volunteer Toolkit Content

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital tool that helps troop leaders, service unit volunteers, and Juliettes plan meetings, manage troops, and access Girl Scout resources all in one place. The VTK now includes current Badge Booklets for all program levels, Daisy through Ambassador. Visit the VTK at: [MYgs](#)

Badge Line Resources

The Body Appreciation badge line helps Girl Scouts (K-12) build confidence, practice self-care, and celebrate their unique strengths through fun, age-appropriate activities. Girls learn to value their bodies, set healthy boundaries, and support others with kindness and respect. A Volunteer Guide

makes it easy to lead. Made possible by Flamingo. New badges, badge requirements and volunteer guides can be purchased through www.girlscoutshop.com.

Leadership Awards

Girl Scouts is launching new Leadership Awards for Juniors through Ambassadors! These awards celebrate leading yourself, your team, and your community while building real skills and confidence. With flexible options, you can explore leadership in your own way—no pressure, just growth. Each award is represented by a beautiful new pin. [Learn more here.](#)

Updated Insurance Requirements

As of October 1, 2025, GSUSA no longer requires additional insurance purchases for any

Girl Scout activities. All Girl Scout events are now automatically insured to cover accidents and sickness for all participants, member and non-member.

Additional Updated/New Resources

[Solutions Superstar Patch:](#) This patch program invites Girl Scouts of all grade levels (K – 12) to tackle real-world challenges through six fun, hands-on activities.

[World Thinking Day:](#)

We're celebrating 100 years of World Thinking Day in 2026! This year's special theme is Our Friendship.

[Brownie Year 1 Troop Plan:](#)

This new troop plan has been adjusted to reflect the new Brownie Girl Scout Experience Box.

Stay Connected – Sign Up for Text Updates!

We're excited to introduce our new text messaging service!

By signing up you'll receive timely updates and important opportunities directly to your phone, so you never miss out on what's happening across Girl Scouts whether it's travel and camp opportunities, events, or other council activities.

Sign up today to stay informed, take advantage of opportunities, and get the most out of your Girl Scout membership!

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Meeting in a Minute: Body Appreciation

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for any Girl Scout troop! The best part? Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting.

The Body Appreciation box is designed to empower girls to define beauty on their own terms, practice wellness habits, and express confidence through self-awareness, style, and self-care. Fun, hands-on activities help girls celebrate their unique bodies. [Order here!](#) (6 Girl Kit is \$25 - 12 Girl Kit is \$40)





Fall Troop Trips

Submit a Troop Trip & High-Risk Activity Request

Submit a Request

Fall is here, and that means pumpkin patches and hayrides! Planning a hayride with your Girl Scout troop? Don't forget a [Troop Trip & High-Risk Activity Request](#) (TTR) is required before you hit the hay. Hayrides are considered a high-risk activity, and submitting your TTR helps ensure everyone has a safe, magical time.



No Additional Insurance Needed

Hayride Season is Fast Approaching, No Additional Insurance Needed!

Good news. As of October 1, 2025, GSUSA automatically insures all Girl Scout events, covering accidents and sickness for every participant, member or non-member.

Just follow the [Hayride Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) and get your TTR submitted early to enjoy a worry-free adventure!

[High-Risk Activity Request](#)

[Safety Activity Checkpoints](#)

Girl Scouts Trailblazer Troops

Does your troop love adventure and the great outdoors? Trailblazer Troops dive into nature, try new activities, and learn to care for the environment all while having fun together.

With the new Girl Scout year, it's the perfect time to start! Troops just commit to the idea and complete one outdoor activity to begin.

Complete the requirements and earn the Trailblazer Troop pin. From there, the sky's the limit for outdoor adventures, teamwork, and unforgettable memories!

[Learn more and get started here.](#)



Girl Scouts Destinations

Girl Scouts Destinations offer life-changing experiences that expand horizons, build confidence, and create lifelong memories. Scholarships are available to help make travel possible and proceeds from Fall Product and Cookie Sales can also help finance trips.

Girls from Montana and Wyoming have already traveled to India, Switzerland, Minnesota, Space Camp, New York, London, and more. Encourage your Girl Scout to explore all the trips, find the one that excites her, and apply today to follow in their footsteps.

[**Explore Destinations**](#)





Daisy, Brownie, Junior

Program Survey

The Girl Scout Experience

At GSMW, everything we do is about creating programs that spark curiosity, build confidence, and inspire adventure for your Girl Scout.

Choose Your Path

As we begin the 2025–2026 program year, we want to hear directly from you and your Girl Scout.

We have created a short

survey for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors to share the kinds of programs they are most excited about.

From outdoor adventures to creative arts to STEM and more, your input helps us design experiences that truly match the interests of our girls.

Take the Survey!

Girl Scouts, tell us what

programs you would love to try this year.

Parents, please support your Girl Scout by helping her complete the survey. Your voice matters, and together we can make this year unforgettable.

Click below to get started and help shape the Girl Scout programs in our council.

[Get Started](#)

Heat Press Services

We understand how busy Fall is, so let us do the work for you! For only \$8, we will heat press your uniform insignia so that you don't have to*. This price includes the Council ID set, Flag Patch, Troop Numerals, and Troop Crest.

Have some extra badges lying around that you meant to iron on and forgot about? We'll do that for you too! Each badge is \$1 to heat press. For more information, email Carol at shop@gsmw.org or call 406-252-0488.

*This service is only available at the Billings shop location.



2026 National Convention: Girl Scouts Unite

The 2026 Girl Scout National Convention will take place in Washington, DC, from Monday, July 20, through Saturday, July 25. Attendees will gain inspiration, learn tools to empower themselves, connect with influential women, and discover how to lead change in their communities.

We created a [National Convention Toolkit](#) full of helpful resources for travel, budgeting, packing, and planning a smooth experience.

Check out the toolkit and all the resources on [GSMW's National Convention page](#). While exploring the web, be sure to view [GSUSA's National Convention page](#), too.

Registration and hotel bookings are now open! If your troop is interested in attending, please fill out this [interest form](#) so GSMW can provide support and guidance throughout the year. This form is for GSMW members only. Start planning today!



Council Crew: Judy Schofield

Working for Girl Scouts was always a dream of Judy's. She fulfilled that dream 10 years ago and works for GSMW as the Senior Member Experience Manager in South Central Montana. Judy loves seeing girls learn and grow through Girl Scouts, making people happy, and loves getting to know people all over her region.

Judy grew up in North Carolina where she was a Girl Scout, moved to Colorado for college, and eventually moved to Montana 16 years ago.

Girl Scouts has been in Judy's family for generations: her grandmother was a troop leader, her mom was the cookie mom, and Judy has been a leader for her children and now grandchildren.

Her mom, who is now almost 80, still has a troop of Daisy Girl Scouts in California!

She's been married for 35 years, has three grown children, and four amazing grandchildren with another on the way. She enjoys hanging out with her family, traveling, visiting Disney, and scrapbooking.

My Girl Scout Kit

Make sure your Girl Scout is ready for Back to Troop by getting her uniform! When you purchase a Girl Scout Tunic, Vest, or Sash plus insignia*, you'll receive a FREE My Girl Scout Kit Bag (\$15 value!). This drawstring bag is available in tie-dye pink or purple. Supplies are limited, so act fast!

*Insignia includes Council ID set, Flag Patch, and Troop Numerals.

To order, email Carol at shop@gsmw.org or call 406-252-0488.



International Day of the Girl

Every year on October 11, we celebrate International Day of the Girl—a time to recognize the power of girls everywhere, amplify their voices, and advocate for their inclusion in changemaking spaces.

By supporting and investing in girls, we build a brighter, more equitable future. Celebrate by sharing their achievements and exploring fun activities in our [downloadable guide](#)!

