



girl scouts  
of montana  
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# Monthly Newsletter

## *September, 2025*







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Tell us about your unforgettable adventures, inspiring acts of volunteerism, conquered challenges and more [here!](#)





# Girl Scout Financials & Clover Go

## Annual Report Deadline was June 30, 2025

### Account Closures

Final Reminder. End of Year Financials were due June 30th. If you have not turned in your report yet, your troop or service unit bank account is at risk of closure.

Please contact Council immediately at [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) for help completing your report so your account does not close.



### Clover Go Changes

Starting with the 2025 Fall Product Program, GSMW is streamlining credit card payment options and will no longer support third-party vendors for troop transactions.

Troops currently using Clover Go can continue to do so through December 2025, as long as no changes are needed.

After December 2025, GSMW will be focusing exclusively on supporting Digital Cookie for credit card payments for cookies, ensuring a smooth and secure transaction experience.

While Clover Go accounts will no longer be hosted by GSMW after January 2026, we're here to help ensure a seamless transition and continued success with Digital Cookie.

Troops choosing to use a third-party credit card vendor beginning January 2026 will be responsible for any associated fees.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!



# Girl Scout

## Product Program

October 3 - November 19

### Mark Your Calendars

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

### What is the Fall Product Program?

The Fall Product Program is where Girl Scouts can master the 5 entrepreneurial skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics all while earning funds for their troop!

It's a friends and family sale where girls can share emails and shop site links, as well as sell door to door just in time for the holidays with delicious snacks and treats, and other items. You can visit [www.gsmw.org/fallresources](http://www.gsmw.org/fallresources) for more information.

### Paperwork

Program paperwork is on its way! If you do not receive your paperwork by September 15th or you have any questions, please email [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org). If you need additional paperwork, please submit the [Product Program Paperwork Request](#).

### Introducing Blossom!

It's official! Our new giant plush Grizzly bear friend has been named Blossom—want a chance to win this adorable stuffed mascot?

Girl Scouts who sell seven Care-to-Share items will receive an entry to win Blossom! For every two additional Care-to-Share items sold, girls will get an additional entry. One lucky Girl Scout will win!







# Fall Product Training

## Get Ready for the Fall Product Program!

Get ready to kick off the 2025 Fall Product Program. Whether you're a troop leader, service unit volunteer, caregiver, or juliette, our trainings will give you everything you need for a fun, successful season. Questions? Email [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) or call 406-252-0488.

### Service Units and Troop Leaders

All troops must have at least one leader complete the training live or watch the recording through gsLearn before the Fall Program begins.

<a href="#">Service Units</a>	September 11th	6:30 PM
<a href="#">Troop Leaders</a>	September 16th	7:30 PM

### Juliettes

Join us for your Fall Program walkthrough with Bridget and the Product Program Team. Juliette Girls Scouts and their caregivers are welcome to attend.

<a href="#">Juliettes</a>	September 16th	6:00 PM
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### Caregivers

We want to make sure you are informed and prepared to help their Girl Scouts have a successful Product Program.

<a href="#">Caregivers</a>	September 23rd	6:00 PM
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#### The training will cover:

- Program dates and important updates
- How to support your Girl Scout.
- Accessing and using M2OS.
- How to enter order and reward information in M2OS.





# Cookie Program: Gluten Free Order DUE by October 20, 2025

It's almost time to start talking about cookies! But right now, we are just getting our Gluten Free Order out of the way, then you can relax until January.

[Order your Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies](#) no later than October 20th to ensure you receive Gluten Free Cookies. **NOTICE: This will be the ONLY order opportunity for in hand sales and booth Gluten Free Cookies.**

If you can't remember what you ordered last year check out the [2025 Cookie Sales document](#) for guidance.



## New Girl Scout Cookie Alert!

Meet the new cookie on September 9th! We are very excited to introduce a new member to our cookie lineup and we think you will love it too!

Keep an eye out on September 9th for the national launch of the new Girl Scout Cookie in the news, social media and possibly your email!







**What is**

**Meeting**

**in a Minute?**

Take the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting. There are always new and exciting themes, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!



### **NEW! Body Appreciation**

Empower girls of all ages to define beauty on their own terms, practice wellness habits, and express confidence through self-awareness, style, and self-care. Boost confidence, develop healthy habits, and celebrate our unique bodies



### **Cadette Robotics**

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



### **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.



### **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.



### **Funshine Sunshine**

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



**Order Your Kit Here**







# Volunteer Resources

## Troop Code of Conduct Agreements

As you start the new year with your troop, remember to reference the Volunteer Relations Conflict Management Roadmap Resource for sample Code of Conduct. ([accessed through gsLearn](#)). Pages 18 and 19 have sample agreements for both girls and caregivers that you can discuss and agree to as a troop.

This helps get everyone on the same page with expectations of behavior and involvement within your troop for the year.

Check it out in [gsLearn \(via myGS\)](#) and download the document for your use. gsLearn before the Fall Product Program begins.

## Body Appreciation Badges

[These badges](#) are 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 boost confidence, develop healthy habits, and celebrate their unique bodies—making your next troop meeting meaningful and memorable!

[Through the Body Appreciation series](#), girls will earn age-appropriate badges while building a positive relationship with their bodies.

## Adult Centered Digital Well-Being Resources

Meta and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) have partnered to provide volunteers, parents, and caregivers with four practical resources to help girls build positive digital habits.

[These resources](#) in the Volunteer Toolkit offer guidance on fostering teens' digital well-being.

Content includes tips for starting open conversations about social media, balancing screen time, supporting youth through negative online experiences, the importance of modeling positive digital behavior, and using technology with intention.



# International Day of the Girl: October 11, 2025

On October 11, GSMW joins GSUSA and people around the world in celebrating International Day of the Girl, a day that honors girls' voices, leadership, and limitless potential.

Every girl can make a difference. When we support her dreams and give her a seat at the table, we build stronger communities and a brighter future.

GSUSA offers [free resources](#), including an activity guide and a special patch, for troops and families to help girls explore, take action, and celebrate their power.



## National Convention Early Bird Registration

GSUSA has released updated information about the National Convention, and as of September 3rd, early-bird registration is open, **saving you 20%**! Don't wait—early-bird pricing ends October 3rd.

Follow GSUSA on social media and visit their website for details on registration and hotel reservations: [National Convention Info](#). If you're signed up for GSUSA's National Convention updates, you'll also receive an email from GSUSA with all the latest info.

Want updates directly from GSMW's National Convention support team? Sign up here: [GSMW 2026 National Convention Email List](#). We're excited to support you, your families, and your troops as you plan this unforgettable National Convention adventure!





# Girl Scout Gold Award

Olivia C.

## Gold Award Spotlight

Olivia C. of Casper, WY, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award by taking on an important issue: the lack of training and resources many elementary school teachers face when supporting autistic students.

To make a lasting difference, Olivia partnered with teachers, school counselors, and the Child Development Center to create a user-friendly website with resources on classroom management, sensory needs, communication, and IEPs/504s.

Her site helps educators and caregivers better understand and support autistic children, ensuring they feel seen, included, and set up for success.

To further spread awareness, Olivia also designed and distributed fidget toys with a QR code that linked directly to her website. Thanks to her creativity and commitment, more children will get the support they need both in and out of the classroom.

Congratulations, Olivia, on this incredible achievement and for making a positive impact on your community!

**Congratulations Olivia!**





# Journey Retirement and Highest Awards

## 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 1, 2026

Girl Scout Journeys will be retired and no longer available. For more information, contact us at [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org).







## Highest Awards Deadline Reminder

The deadline to submit your Highest Awards Final Report is approaching. Please reference the dates below for the age level deadline requirements. Visit our website or email [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) for [applicable paperwork](#).

### Bronze Award

Sept. 30th for Girl Scouts who are starting 6th grade this fall.

### Silver Award

Sept. 30th for Girl Scouts who are starting 9th grade this fall.

### Silver Award of the Year

Sept. 30th, please [visit the Silver Award page](#) of the website for information on how to be considered for this recognition.

### Gold Award

Sept. 30th for Girl Scouts who have completed 12th grade.

## Highest Awards Resource Update

Earning a Highest Award is an incredible achievement and we're here to support you by making the process as simple as possible.

The Leadership Awards have been added to the prerequisite menu for earning a Highest Award, giving girls more opportunities to grow and find their unique leadership style, as well as making the Highest Awards more accessible.

The Highest Awards guides, training videos and resources have been updated to reflect these changes with the exception of the GSUSA Bronze Award adult and girl guides.

GSUSA is working to update these guides as well as enhance the Bronze Award resources. If you have any questions about the Bronze Award prerequisite

during the transition, email [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org).

## Training Modules

Volunteers can find Highest Award training modules in gsLearn including a newly released Gold Award module for adults supporting a girl as she earns her Gold Award.

This module is perfect for Cadette, Senior, Ambassador (CSA) leaders, caregivers, Service Units, and Gold Award project advisors.

For girls embarking on their Gold Award journey, they can access the [Gold Award training and resources from the website](#).



## Girl Scout Destinations: Adventure Awaits!

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts, get ready to step out, explore, and make memories that last a lifetime! Destinations are packed with unique, life-changing experiences for every interest and skill level. Travel on your own, meet new friends from across the country, and challenge yourself in ways you never imagined.

Apply before Thanksgiving 2025 to get the early bird advantage for trips in 2026 and 2027—and start money-earning this Fall to make your dream adventure a reality. [Spots are limited, so don't wait!](#)



## Global Action Award in a Day

This fall, girls all over Montana and Wyoming have exciting chances to try something new, build confidence, and have fun! In October, our partner-led Life Skills programs offer hands-on experiences in everything from self-defense and pottery to girl power workshops, cars, and even truck driving. There's something for every girl—find a program near you!

And don't miss our new Global Action Award in a Day programs this November. Girls will explore the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and see how they can make a real difference in their communities and the world. Plus, this is the last year Daisies and Brownies can earn this award—so don't wait!

Learn more and register today at [www.gsmw.org/events](http://www.gsmw.org/events).





# Girl Scout

## Almuna Spotlight

### Bridget Moore

#### What advice would you have for a young Girl Scout today?

Try new things—learn new skills through badges and awards, demonstrate your leadership through Highest Awards, discover the outdoors while building confidence by attending camp whether it's with your troop or Summer Camp, explore the world around you through travel opportunities like Destinations. The opportunities that offered to you through Girl Scouts are priceless and the things you will learn will help mold you into a leader for the future!

#### What is your favorite Girl Scout memory?

I have so many memories throughout my years, but camp memories are my favorite. One that particularly sticks out is when I was winter camping and we made snow shelters to sleep in. I took my boots off one night and must have stepped on it as I got into my sleeping bag because when I woke in the morning, the top part of my boot was frozen shut, and I couldn't put my boot on. I don't recall how I got to the lodge to thaw my boot out so I could wear it. A favorite memory as an adult is going to Our Cabana in Mexico with my sister and mom.



[Read the Full Story](#)





# Peaks and Pines

## September 20 to 21, 2025

Register by  
9/5/25

### 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 September 5!

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 Outdoor Enthusiast Sponsors: [Tempest Technologies](#) and [Sibanye-Stillwater Mine](#).

### Can't make it to Peaks and Pines?

You can still support GSMW by participating in our online silent auction! Bidding begins September 12th at 8:00am and will end September 20th at 7:00pm. [Place your bids here\\*](#)!

**\*Please Note:** We're in the process of uploading all auction items. The website will be fully updated on September 12th at 8:00 AM, so be sure to check back then!

### Do you have questions?

Email [give@gsmw.org](mailto:give@gsmw.org) or visit our [Facebook Event](#) for more details!

Register Today

Online Silent Auction

Learn More





## 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](mailto:shop@gsmw.org) or call 406-252-0488.



## Retail: GSMW Shop Inventory

The GSMW shops will be closed for their annual inventory count. For your convenience, the shops won't be closed at the same time, but please plan your orders accordingly. You may also place your order online at [www.girlscoutshop.com](http://www.girlscoutshop.com).

### Billings Inventory:

September 10 – September 11

### Great Falls Inventory:

September 18 – September 19





## 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](mailto:shop@gsmw.org) or call 406-252-0488.



## Retail: Body Appreciation Badges

Big news! Girl Scouts just launched new Body Appreciation badges for every level—from Daisy to Ambassador.

From wiggling and dancing to celebrating what their bodies can do, these fun activities help girls feel strong, confident, and proud in their own skin.

You can find the badge requirements in the [Volunteer Toolkit](#) and you can place your order by emailing [shop@gsmw.org](mailto:shop@gsmw.org).







## Council Crew: Angela Slade

Angela joined GSMW about a year ago as our Director of Membership, overseeing membership goals for the entire council. As a Girl Scout alum herself, she was excited about the opportunity to work with Girl Scouts. One of her favorite parts about working at GSMW is getting to meet so many incredible people and volunteers.

With her high energy and positive attitude, Angela has made a fabulous member of the team. She's dedicated most of her career to working with

non-profit organizations, gaining experience in everything from fundraising to leadership and management.

Angela is fortunate to share life with her wonderful husband. They have three grown children who make them incredibly proud. Five years ago, they were blessed with their first grandchild—their “joy bringer”—who truly lives up to the name.

Outside of work, she loves spending time with family, traveling, crafting, treasure hunting at garage sales, and the occasional shopping trip.