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End-of-Year Financial Report

Annual Report

Reminder: June 30

The deadline to submit your troop and/or service unit's annual financial report is June 30, 2020. All bank account signers are required to submit reports through the online form found directly on our website.

Please note: Bank accounts may be subject to closure if GSMW cannot confirm compliance with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies. Submitting your end-of-year financial report and all required documents by June 30th helps ensure your account remains in good standing.



Helpful Resources

We've pulled together everything you need on our [Troop Banking Resources](#) webpage. Visit the page to access:

- A video tutorial on submitting the report
- Written step-by-step instructions
- A template for tracking account activity
- A recording of a past Q&A session on the report
- The Product Finance Tool

Schedule Office Hours

Our finance team is happy to connect with you! Schedule a 15–30-minute call for personalized support by emailing customer-care@gmsw.org with your preferred days and times and your specific question(s) or issue(s). The finance team will confirm your appointment via email.

Appointments are available 7:00 am–4:30 pm. If you need a different time, please reach out by email and we'll do our best to accommodate.

Using the Product Finance Tool

The Product Finance Tool helps you calculate your troop's product sales income and expenses, troop proceeds, and the cost of any leftover products from both the cookie and fall product programs.

Getting started is simple:

1. [Download the tool from our website.](#)
2. Enter your troop number in the green box at the top – your troop's data will automatically populate.
3. Complete the leftover product section by entering the sales value of the Fall leftover product and the package count of Cookie leftovers.

Summer STEM Van Tour



The Mobile STEM Van is back for the summer, bringing STEM activities to communities across the region. You can view the current [tour schedule](#) to see if the van will be visiting a town near you. Additional stops may be added as the summer continues, so be sure to check back for updates.

[View Tour Dates](#)

Congrats, Grads!

On behalf of everyone at GSMW, we want to shout out a heartfelt congratulations to the graduating Class of 2026!

You've worked hard, grown so much, and made your communities prouder with every step. As a Girl Scout and a graduate, you carry with you the values, skills, and spirit that will help shape the world around you — and we have no doubt the world is ready for everything you bring to it.

Whether you're heading to college, entering the workforce, or charting your own unique path, this is just the beginning of an incredible journey. We can't wait to see where your leadership, compassion, and determination take you.





2026 Product Program

That's a Wrap!

Congratulations to all our Girl Scouts for another successful Cookie Program. You all worked so hard and learned and mastered Goal Setting, Decision making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics. Make sure to celebrate all your hard work and have a wonderful summer.

Program Survey

Please make sure to provide your feedback on our [2026 Cookie Program Survey](#). Set aside some time to let us know how this season went for you, and what we can do better in the future. We want to make sure these programs are as useful and seamless as possible for both our Girl Scouts and our Volunteers that support them. Any and all feedback is appreciated by girls, volunteers and caregivers.

Rewards Update

Thank you for your patience while we waited for some backordered items. They now have arrived at the shipping distributor, and orders are being packed to be shipped to your Service Unit in early June. They will receive communication from Council with tracking once rewards are on the way!

NEW Fall Product Theme and Mascot

Are you ready to HOP into some new adventures and explore the world around you? This Fall you can do just that with our new mascot, the Kangaroo!

READY TO explore



Kangaroo Facts

- **Scientific Name:** Macropus
- **Animal Type:** Marsupial
- **Height:** 4–6 feet tall when standing
- **Weight:** 40–200 pounds
- **Gestation Period:** 30–36 days
- **Life Span:** 8–12 years in the wild



Top Entrepreneurs and Challenge Winners

You all worked so hard and we want to celebrate those of you that were extraordinarily Brave. Fierce. FUN! [Here are our top entrepreneurs](#) from this Cookie Season:



Top Overall Entrepreneurs

Overall Highest	Jocelyn G	Troop 2026
2nd Highest	Hadley S.	Troop 3514
3rd Highest	Ella D	Troop 2092

Top Troop Entrepreneurs

Troop 2026	22,656 Packages
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Top Entrepreneurs by Grade Level

Top Daisy	Jessica J.	Troop 3065
Top Brownie	Elena O.	Troop 2026
Top Junior	Hadley S.	Troop 3514
Top Cadette	Jocelyn G.	Troop 2026
Top Senior	Ella D.	Troop 2092
Top Ambassador	Raisa P.	Troop 3106
Top Juliette	Vyvien A.	Troop 6204
Top Digital	Izabel S.	Troop 1397

Top Entrepreneurs by Region

SWW	Gracie A.	Troop 1722
SCW	Elizabeth M.	Troop 1808
ECW	Presleigh B.	Troop 1146
SEW	Cierra C.	Troop 1912
NEW	Jordana B.	Troop 1643
EMT	Aubrey M.	Troop 2281
HDQ	Jocelyn G.	Troop 2026
SCM	Emmagrace F.	Troop 3557
NCM	Jessica J.	Troop 3065
CMT	Hadley S.	Troop 3514
SWM	Harper C.	Troop 3630
NWM	Juliette E.	Troop 6179



Peaks and Pines: September 11-13

Registration Now Open!

Registration is now open for Peaks and Pines, our all-women's weekend getaway benefiting Girl Scouts!

What is Peaks and Pines?

Enjoy a relaxing and fun-filled retreat in the great outdoors with other amazing women while supporting a cause that builds girls of courage, confidence, and character. Whether you're up for hiking, crafting, campfire chats, or simply unwinding in nature, this weekend has something for everyone.

Where do Proceeds Go?

All proceeds help fund Girl Scout programs across our council. Don't miss out on this meaningful and memorable experience—register today!

Event Details

September 11-13, 2026

Timbercrest Camp | Red Lodge, MT

Overnight Rate: \$175/Per Person

Day Rate: \$75/Per Person

Questions? Email us at give@gsmw.org.

[Sponsorship Details](#)

[Register Now](#)

[Visit our Webpage](#)

GSMW Summer Outdoor Challenge

**GIRL SCOUTS
SUMMER OUTDOOR CHALLENGE
JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 30TH**

Take the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Summer Outdoor Challenge! Check out the activities below to earn yourself a brand-new patch!

1. Keep track of your activities and reach 100 points, earning a free fun patch!
2. Submit your 100-point list at www.gsmw.org/challenges by August 30, 2022.

50 Point Challenges	5 Point Challenges	1 Point Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Girl Scout Summit Camp at Timbercrest Camp Attend Girl Scout Summer Camp at Camp Sacajawea Attend Girl Scout Summer Camp at Camp Castle Rock Work towards earning your Highest Award 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sing songs around a campfire Visit a local library and check out an outdoor/j Nature book Find words without using your phone Make a bird feeder or bee hotel and hang it outside Go on a night hike/walk with your caregiver Attend an outdoor community event or festival Visit a local farmers market and try a new food Photograph Nature Visit a monument Learn about 5 edible wild plants in your region Plant vegetables Learn how to tie 3 different knots Read outside for 30 minutes Take a group photo with friends Learn to set up a tent Learn about bear safety Learn about constellations Go to or host a picnic Pick up trash in the community Make a wind chime from sticks and string then hang it outside. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skip rocks on water Look for the Big Dipper at night Skip in a hammock Watch the sunset Fly a kite Run through a sprinkler Draw or paint something you see outside Find and observe a butterfly Create sidewalk chalk art Make a wish on a dandelion
25 Point Challenges		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards earning your Leadership Award Attend a Council Run Program Go to a Service Unit Day Camp Earn a Council Patch 		
10 Point Challenges		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go camping for a night Attend a park ranger talk Complete an Outdoor Badge Make a Leave No Trace poster then share it Identify 5 different cloud types Learn to read a trail map Build a fort outside using natural materials Grow a plant from a seed Collect 5 different leaves and identify them Visit a National Park Learn about a local endangered animal or plant Visit a State Park 		

GIVEAWAY ALERT
Complete all the activities on your Summer Challenge checklist, then submit a photo of you completing them along with a brief description for your chance to win! One lucky winner will take home the adorable Jellycat Amuseables Sun (Medium).

Patches mailed weekly starting July 1st | This challenge is exclusive to GSMW Girl Scouts only. Questions? Email customer@gsmtw.org or call 406-252-0488

Get Outside This Summer with the GSMW Summer Outdoor Challenge! This summer, Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming are heading outdoors and we want YOU along for the adventure!

From June 01 - August 30, Girl Scouts can earn points by completing fun outdoor activities like camping, visiting national parks, flying kites, learning to read a trail map, and so much more. Reach 100 points and earn a free fun patch! Plus, submit photos of you completing tasks for a chance to win a Jellycat Amuseables Sun. Ready to take the challenge?

[Download the Challenge](#)

Animal Awareness and Support Patch

The Animal Awareness and Support Patch Program invites Girl Scouts from Daisies through Ambassadors to explore animal behavior, responsible care, and the financial realities that impact local shelters and rescues. By examining how these pieces connect, girls gain a well-rounded understanding of animal welfare. Click here to learn how to earn your Animal Awareness and Support Patch!

[Earn Your Patch](#)





2026 Summer Camp

It's not too late to register for camp!

Summer camp is filling fast, so don't miss your chance to give your camper an unforgettable experience she'll be talking about for years to come!

[Check out the camp guide.](#)

A Camp Experience for Everyone

Join us for our non-traditional summer camp experience. The following options allow campers to experience all the fun of summer camp in less time.

Short Week, Grades 2-12

Busy summer? Not sure about being away from home for 5 days? Join us at any of our camp locations to experience the fun of a full week wrapped up in a 3-day adventure!

Camp Castle Rock (June 21-24)

Gives campers the chance to become detectives during Mystery Mission and outdoor specialists during Outwit, Outlast, Outdoors.

Timbercrest Camp (July 19-22)

Allows campers to investigate a mystery during Mystery Mission, learn survival skills during Outwit, Outlast, Outdoors, and express their inner artist during Masterpiece Makers.

Camp Sacajawea (July 30-August 2)

A future artist can join the Masterpiece Makers, an outdoor enthusiast can explore in Outwit, Outlast, Outdoors, and a camper looking for relaxation can embrace their inner granny during Granny Getaway.

Long Weekend, Grades K-8 Timbercrest | Castle Rock (July 23-26) | (June 25-28)

Not ready to go camp alone but want more time with us?

Join us for a dynamic four-day camp with your caregiver or troop leader! Kids will have action-packed fun while adults engage in enriching Girl Scout training, including a session on CPR and First Aid.

Adults and kids will meet up for meals and all camp activities for extra shared fun! Join us for skill building, adventure, and summer camp experiences galore!

Camp Guide

More Info

Keep the STEM Fun Going All Year Long!

Girl Scouts can keep exploring, creating, and discovering with STEM the Gap's virtual badge and patch programs! These fun and flexible online workshops make it easy to stay engaged in STEM—no troop meetings required.

Girls can dive into exciting topics like AI, cybersecurity, coding, and STEM careers, all led by women working in STEM fields and designed for every Girl Scout level. Be sure to check out the Virtual Chess patch program, which even includes a dangling chess charm!

Please note: STEM the Gap Academy is independently operated. Visit [GSMW's STEM the Gap page](#) for program details and registration information.



NEW! Meeting in a Minute Box

Celebrate the magic of summer with Build It, Glow It, Throw It! A Girl Scout Meeting in a Minute Box designed for creativity, exploration, and outdoor fun. This hands-on experience brings together crafting, simple engineering, and playful activities that girls can enjoy in the sunshine.

Inside the box, you'll create your own glowing lightning bugs that light up the night, bringing a little sparkle to summer evenings. Then, channel your inner inventor by building pompom launchers and experimenting with motion and design. Add a splash of color by making your own custom sidewalk chalk - perfect for decorating driveways and sidewalks. Finally, beat the heat by crafting reusable water balloons for endless eco-friendly fun.



[Order Here](#)



Girl Scout

Gold Award

Teah V.

Gold Award Spotlight

Congratulations to Teah V. of Wilsall, MT on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award. Teah recognized that youth have limited access to practical training to develop the skills in livestock care and showmanship which lead to frustration, unsafe practices and youth dropping out of livestock programs like 4-H and FFA.

Teah developed a hands-on educational program to teach youth beef livestock care, safety and showmanship and then expanded her program from Montana to Nevada to increase access to her program. Participants showed measurable improvement in skills and confidence and over 70% went on to compete in livestock shows and placed successfully.

The project created a replicable model with plans for future camps beyond Teah's involvement.

Congratulations Teah!



Council Crew

Jess

Jess Carley is GSMW's resident Girl Scout scientist! Joining GSMW in 2021, they worked seasonally as a camp counselor for two summers (you may know them as Mac!). After the STEM Van was completed in 2023, Jess worked as our STEM Van Coordinator the first summer it hit the road and served over 1600 girls across Montana and Wyoming.

Jess now works for GSMW full-time as our Program Coordinator and schedules all programming for the STEM Van. They have begun their travels with the STEM Van, so be on the lookout this summer! In addition to the STEM Van, Jess also creates and manages our Meeting in a Minute kit

program. When asked what their favorite part of the job was, they said "I love being able to mentor and spark an interest in STEM in young girls. Also, showing them that there are many ways to be a 'scientist'".

Outside of work, Jess loves to go fishing and is currently learning how to fly fish. They enjoy the outdoors, camping, backpacking, and consider themselves an amateur rockhound. When not outdoors, they love to go thrifting for treasures!

