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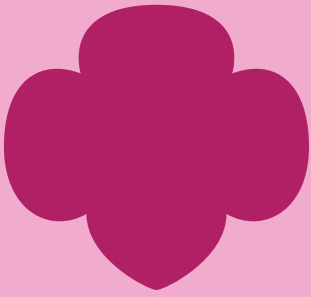
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Girl Scout

Cookie Program

Cookie Booths: Taking Payments

Don't forget, you can only take booth credit card payments through Digital Cookie once booths are entered and approved. Booths must be entered 24 hours in advance for Council approval. You may also use Clover to accept credit card payments. Check out this video that discusses how to accept credit card payments at booths through [Digital Cookie](#) and [Clover](#) and how to set up a [pre-pay virtual pickup booth](#). Cash and Check are always accepted at booths as well. Just remember that checks must be written out to the Troop, under \$200, and deposited within 30 days of check date. Please note – any credit card purchases for Caramel Chocolate Chip must be taken through Clover Go.

Receipts Reminder

RECEIPTS, RECEIPTS, RECEIPTS! Please remember whenever cookies or money exchange hands a receipt needs to be completed! We have additional receipt books available upon request. Please email customer care@gsmw.org.

Girl Delivery Orders

Girl Delivery Orders are available to customers through April 14th. These orders need to be credited to your Girl Scouts. To track and manage Girl Delivery Orders throughout the program please watch [this video](#) to help you distribute the orders to your Girl Scouts!

How to Place a Planned Cupboard Order

Are you making cookies go 'POOF!' at your booths this year? Need more cookies? You can restock your inventory as needed from your local cookie cupboard! Watch this helpful quick bite video on [How to Place a Planned Order](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

March 22 - April 14

Cookie Booths

April 14

Cookie Program Ends - Last Day for Booths

April 15

Camp Credit Earner email

April 17

Camp Credit Earner early registration at 9:00 AM

April 17

Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies by 11:59 PM

April 18

Service Unit Final Edits Due

April 18

ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops

April 23

ACH Sweep - 70% of Amount Due

Cookie Camp Credit Early Registration

If your Girl Scout sold 1200+ packages of cookies, she has the option to get a \$350 Camp Credit! Make sure all cookies are credited by April 14th. Camp credit emails are going out on April 15th, and on the 17th early registration for camp credit earners begins at 9AM! Signups are first come, first served so make sure you are ready to get registered! Keep an eye on your email for more details.

Girl Scout Cookie

Program Promotions

Congratulations to all of our promotion winners so far!

On Leap Day, Girl Scouts sold 7,842 Packages, 115 Girl Scouts sold 29 or more packages and earned the Exclusive Hoppy Leap Day Patch, and 10 Lucky Girl Scouts won a Build a Bear Axolotl for selling between 96 - 231 packages each! You all really Owned Your Magic this Leap day!

- » Our Initial Order top entrepreneurs worked their magic and earned a limited Charm-it Magic Wand Charm! See the Top Entrepreneurs [here!](#)
- » See all the promotion winners on the [Cookie Resources](#) page under Promotions and Marketing.

Bling Your Booth

We're excited to announce that we're bringing back our Bling Your Booth contest! Girl Scouts and Troops who Bling their Booth will be entered to win GSMW Sweatshirts!

To enter the 2024 Bling Your Booth contest:

1. Decide on a fun theme for your cookie booths and start creating!
2. Snap a photo of your booth that showcases your Girl Scouts' hard work and creativity.
3. Share your favorite Cookie Booth photo on Facebook!

In your post be sure to be sure include:

- Your Troop number
- Tag Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming
- Share the hashtag [#2024gsmwbling](#).
- Make sure your post is set to public so we can find your entry.

Bling Your Booth photos can be shared March 22nd – April 14th.

Winners will be announced on April 30th.



\$5 Shipping on Digital Cookie

From April 4th to April 14th, customers who purchase 8 or more packages of Girl Scout cookies on Digital Cookie will pay only \$5 for shipping! Share your Girl Scout's Digital Cookie link with friends and family by email or social media so they can take advantage of this sweet deal! [Learn more here.](#)

Level-Up Girl Scout!

From April 1st to April 14th, for every reward level she advances, your Girl Scout will be entered for a chance to win a \$250 Amazon Gift Card!

The best part? Every sale (online and in person) gets your Girl Scout closer to her cookie sales goal! Whether she's aiming for a camp credit or dreaming of cuddling up with an axolotl plush, every purchase helps her progress toward success. [Learn more here.](#)



Volunteer

Appreciation Month

GSMW Troop Leader Survey

Your voice matters! We at GSMW have a goal of streamlining the experience of our Troop Leaders so you get more of the fun stuff. We can only do this if we know about your experience, so please look out for an invitation at the end of April to complete a 10 minute survey. If you'd like to share with us your contact information you will receive a Super Volunteer Patch and an entry to win a \$200 Amazon gift card (details within the survey).



Volunteer Appreciation Gift

You make a world of a difference in the lives of girls across Montana and Wyoming! In honor of Global Volunteer Month (April) and Girl Scout Leader's Day (April 22), we thank you for being a champion for girls!

This month, we celebrate YOU! Thank you for all you do. As a token of our appreciation, all registered volunteers will be receiving a postcard by email or mail this month.

This email or postcard provides you with the choice of receiving GSMW's 2024 quilt pin or patch or a 30% coupon for one item at our GSMW shops.

Visit www.gsmw.org/thankyou to submit your choice of a quilt pin, quilt patch or 30% coupon no later than Friday, May 3rd.

The 30% off coupon expires May 31st, 2024.





2025 Spring Renewal

April 1 - May 31, 2024

Renew 80% of your Troop and required number of volunteers to receive:

- **Renew by May 15th:** the Troop will receive the exclusive Spring Activity Box (supplies for all renewed Troop girls), all required leaders will receive a free membership,* and all girls and adult volunteers will receive the 2024-2025 girl designed renewal patch.
- **Renew by May 31st:** all required leaders will receive a free membership* and all girls and adult volunteers will receive the 2024-2025 girl designed renewal patch.

**If required leaders currently have a Lifetime Membership, they may gift their free membership to another adult in the troop.*



Exclusive Spring Activity Box!

↖
Create
Chia Seed
Windchimes
and Wildflower
Seed Bomb
Paper!



Girl Designed
Spring Renewal Patch!

[\(Learn about the contest here\)](#)

Current Girls	80%
6	5
7	6
8	6
9	7
10	8
11	9
12	10
13	10
14	11
15	12
16	13
17	14
18	14
19	15
20	16

Renewal Date	Exclusive Spring Activity Box	Free Leader Membership	Everyone Gets a Girl Designed Patch
By May 15th			
By May 31			

Additional Money

Earning Guidelines

About Money Earning

Helping girls earn and manage money is an integral part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. When girls participate in money earning activities, they learn important skills such as goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. The Girl Scout Financial Literacy Programs, including the Cookie Program and Fall Product Program, are the two best opportunities for girls to earn troop funds. However, sometimes troops may need to do Additional Money Earning Activities when planning for trips or other travel.

Money Earning Activity Guidelines

GSMW has [Money Earning Activity Guidelines](#) in place to help troops comply with our annual reporting requirements. When soliciting donations for your troop or participating in a Money Earning Activity, please read through the Money Earning Activity Guidelines prior to completing the [Money Earning Request Form](#). All grant requests, donations \$250 or more, and Additional Money Earning Activities must be pre-approved. *Have questions? Email customercare@gsmw.org*



Summer Camp Registration Begins

As we gear up for an unforgettable summer, all of us here at GSMW are thrilled to invite and welcome you to “Find Your True North”. View the online camp guide and see what your favorite summer camp themes might be! Our summer camps fill up very quickly, so make sure you have more than one option ready for when you register. Check out some of the changes to our camp registration process this year by going to www.gsmw.org/camp.



Registration Timeline

- Wednesday, April 17 – Camp Credit Earner* registration begins at 9:00AM
- Wednesday, April 24 – Early Bird registration opens at 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, May 8 – Full price registration

*Girls who sell 1,200 packages of cookies can select the \$350 camp credit, redeemable only by the Cookie Earner. Girl Scouts that qualify will be notified by email prior to registration.

Troop Travel Season is Around the Corner



So far this year, over 300 Girl Scouts have traveled with their troops via Girl Scouts’ Travel Pathway. As your troop begins planning their end-of year field trips, overnights, or high-risk adventures, keep an eye on **GSMW’s online guidelines and instructions**.

Now is a great time to brush-up on GSMW’s online Troop Travel Training in gsLearn. and be sure to review the **Safety Activity Checkpoints** for all your troop’s travel and **High Risk Activity Plans**. Our gsLearn tip sheet can help you navigate the training that is required for troop trip leaders or volunteers every three years. *GSMW requires only one traveling adult volunteer to complete the Troop Travel Training before their troop travels.*

Once your troop has a plan, prepare to submit an online **Troop Trip Request Form** no later than two weeks before you travel domestically and six months before you travel internationally.

Training Requests: Get Ready for Summer



- **Leaders and volunteers:** If your troop wants to go hiking, have an outdoor cookout, or go on an overnight trip, one participating adult volunteer must complete GSMW's Outdoor Trainings. The first step in the training is available through gsLearn. The second part of the training is an in-person Outdoor Cookout Training.
- **Girl Scouts:** Become a Teen Mentor as you earn your Program Aide (PA) Award! Program Aide training gives girls the skills and tools needed to develop leadership skills while working with younger girls.

Please complete **this form** to indicate that you are interested in receiving either Outdoor Cookout training or Program Aide training. We will then work to coordinate training opportunities based on requests.

Volunteer-Run Day Camp Reminders



Service Unit volunteers and Program Aides will soon have their plans ready to implement a great volunteer run day camp. As a reminder, if your region plans to host a volunteer-run day camp this summer, please review **GSMW's Volunteer-Run Day Camp** web page for information regarding policies and procedures to ensure your day camp is insured and safe!

Of particular importance, note that Day Camp Directors must review the **Day Camp Director's Manual**. The manual holds policies and procedures for every Day Camp Director. Every three years, Day Camp Directors must complete the online **Day Camp Director Questionnaire**. The questionnaire is meant to familiarize directors with the manual content. Finally, directors must submit an **online Day Camp Intent form** meant to help your camp meet GSMW's insurance and safety standards.



Community Days

June 1st - June 8th, 2024



Community Days Across Council this Spring

This June, Girl Scouts, their friends, and their families will gather to create positive change in their communities during our annual Community Day events. This year's events will take place over one week starting on National Trails Day, June 1st, and ending on June 8th.

Check-out the council-sponsored Community Day events on GSMW's events page:

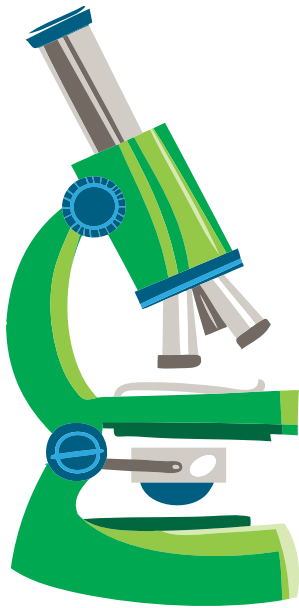
www.gsmw.org/events. Community Day events are open to Girl Scouts of all ages, their friends, and their families.

For troops, households, and service units hosting their own Community Day events, GSMW wants to know who's out there helping their communities! Use the **Community Day Independent Group Form** to share your project overview and participant numbers. When planning your service project, first review the **Safety Activity Checkpoints** starting on page 65. You can also use the form to order your Community Day stickers for \$1 each and custom patches for \$2 each. Independent Community Day events can occur anytime in June.

Registration for council-sponsored events and independent event patch & sticker orders close on May 19th. GSMW will ship independent event patches and stickers by the end of May.



Citizen Science Month: April



April is Citizen Science Month and together with our national partners, GSUSA and SciStarter, we encourage Girl Scouts to use their newfound citizen scientist skills to contribute their data and observations to a project they have supported in the past or to support a new scientific study. Check out [SciStarter's Girl Scouts](#) page to find out more about projects needing Girl Scouts' help.

While on SciStarter's page, read more about the April 1st - 30th movement to make a collective effort of **One Million Acts of Science**. Throughout April, SciStarter asks Girl Scouts, our friends, and our families to join the effort to collectively generate over one million data points to featured SciStarter projects. Let's show SciStarter GSMW's commitment to being citizen scientists and contribute to the One Million Acts of Science!

Cybersecurity & Coding Online Programs with STEM the Gap Academy



There is still time to register for the STEM the Gap Academy LIVE virtual coding and cybersecurity badge programs. The Academy hosts badges for each Girl Scout level as well as multiple date options. All workshops are led by live teachers who are female STEM experts!

Cybersecurity Badge programs, lasting one to two hours each, occur on weekends in April or May. Find available days and times on our events page [HERE](#).

Coding Badge programs, also lasting one to two hours and occurring on weekends, take place in April, May, or June. Find available days and times on our events page [HERE](#).

Journey 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 and we also offer Summit Award Certificates to help the girls celebrate their achievement! These certificates are colorful and suiting to each Girl Scout Level, and signed by Sally Leep, GSMW CEO! If you know of any girls who have summited in the last membership year, please contact customercare@gsmw.org so we can get the certificates sent out.

Join Our Facebook Groups!

Join your local Girl Scout Facebook group!

These groups act as a communication tool for all Girl Scout members, staff, leaders, parents and more in your area! Join us and help build girls of courage, confidence and character; who make the world a better place.

Join your local Facebook Group by selecting your area to the right!

Not sure which group is for you? Visit our Council map [here](#).

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