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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!](#)

A Note from our CEO

It has been my great honor to serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming since April 8th, 2008. After 18 years of leading this incredible organization, I have decided to retire from my role as CEO.

It has been such a privilege to work alongside all of you, our dedicated volunteers. If ever I questioned why I was working so hard, a simple visit with a girl would remind me exactly why our mission matters. Each of us believes in the power of a girl, and we believe deeply in our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character. We've seen firsthand how this work changes lives. Together, we have watched girls discover their voices, test their limits, and grow into leaders in their communities and beyond.

I am so grateful to all of you for the opportunity to serve as your CEO. I am also very excited about the future of Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming and have complete confidence that you will continue to do this work with the passion our girls deserve. Girls need Girl Scouting more than ever before!

Our board is now beginning the search for someone who is just as enthusiastic and passionate about our mission as we are. They are working with an outstanding search firm to identify someone who will continue to lead this organization forward.

The Council begins this transition from a position of strength and is well positioned for what comes next. I am committed to ensuring a smooth and positive transition for the new CEO.

Thank you all for your dedication and service to our girls. I look forward to watching the continued growth and impact of Girl Scouting in the years to come.

With gratitude,

Sally



Volunteer Appreciation

Thank You!

You make an absolutely incredible difference in the lives of girls across Montana and Wyoming, and we cannot thank you enough! In honor of Global Volunteer Month and Girl Scout Leader's Day, April 22, we want you to know just how deeply valued and appreciated you truly are. Your dedication, passion, and commitment to championing girls is something that inspires us every single day. This month, we celebrate YOU!

The time you give, the energy you pour in, and the heart you bring to every meeting, every adventure, and every moment with your girls does not go unnoticed. You are the backbone of Girl Scouting, and because of volunteers like you, girls across Montana and Wyoming are growing into the confident, courageous, and compassionate leaders of tomorrow.

Select Your Gift

To show our appreciation for your hard work and steadfast commitment, we are excited to offer you a special gift! You may choose from the one-inch quilt pin or the 2-inch quilt patch.

The pin and patch are exclusive gifts, available only to our adult volunteers and lifetime members. This year will be the last of the collection, so be sure to make your selection! This offer is non-transferable and limited to one gift per volunteer.

Visit www.gsmw.org/thankyou to submit your choice of a quilt pin or quilt patch **no later than May 3rd**. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for everything you do. Girl Scouting would not be possible without you!



2026 Product Program

Accepting Payments at Cookie Booths

[Check out this video](#) that discusses how to accept credit card payments at booths through Digital Cookie and [how to set up a pre-pay virtual pickup booth](#).

Don't forget, you can only take credit card payments through Digital Cookie once booths are entered and approved. Booths must be entered 24 hours in advance for Council approval.

Cash and Check are always accepted at booths. Just remember that checks must be written out to the Troop, under \$200, and deposited within 30 days of check date.

Accepting Payments for Paper Order Cards

Payments for paper order card orders can be taken on the app as a "Give Now" order.

1. Make sure you are on your girls account (not the troop)
2. Click "+ New Cookie Order"
3. Make sure the delivery option at the top says "Delivery Option: Give Now"
4. Select the cookies for the order and then click "checkout"
5. Confirm the method of sale under "SUBTOTAL" is "give cookies to customer now"
6. Choose payment method and get information/payment from customer. Make sure to log cash payments for easy tracking and recording

Use the [Digital Cookie Mobile App New Cookie Order Tip Sheet](#) for more information and guidance.

Receipts Reminder

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

Girl Delivery Orders

Girl Delivery Orders are available to customers through April 12th. 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!

Caregivers can track and manage Girl Delivery Orders for their Girl Scout(s) on Digital Cookie, or the mobile app. [Learn more about these processes here](#).



Placing a Planned Cupboard Order

Need more cookies? You can restock your inventory as needed from your local cookie cupboard! [How to Place a Planned Order.](#)

Camp Credit Early Registration

If your Girl Scout sold 800+ or 1000+ packages of cookies, she has the option to get a \$150 and \$250 Camp Credit for a potential total of \$400 in Camp Credits! Make sure all cookies are credited by April 12th. Camp credit emails are going out on April 13th, and on the 15th early registration for camp credit earners begins at 9 AM! Signups are first come, first served so make sure you are ready to get registered! Keep an eye on your email for more details.



2026 Cookie Program Dates

March 20 - Apr 12
Cookie Booths

April 12
Cookie Program Ends

April 15
Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies (by 11:59 PM)

April 16
ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops

April 17
Deposit Money into Troop Bank Account

April 21
ACH Sweep - 70% of Amount Due

May 4
Outstanding Balance Forms & Receipts Due*

May 7
ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops

May 12
Final ACH Sweep - Remaining Balance Due



[Cookie Program Challenges](#)

Congratulations to all our challenge winners so far! See all the challenge winners on the GSMW [Cookie Program Challenges Page](#). Including the Leap into Spring challenge!

Our Initial Order top entrepreneurs embraced possibility and earned a special Charm-it BFF Charm! See the [Top Entrepreneurs here](#).

5 for 5

March 20th - April 12th

When customers buy 5 packages of cookies, they earn an entry into our drawing for a chance to win 5 free cases of Girl Scout Cookies. The selling troop wins too! On May 29, we'll draw five lucky winners.

B2B Bingo

January 30th - April 12th

Sell cookies to businesses and mark one square on your bingo card for each business sale. Get a bingo to earn an exclusive B2B Bingo patch PLUS one entry to win a Build-A-Bear gift card (12 winners total). Fill the whole card (blackout) to earn FIVE entries! [Submit a photo of your completed bingo sheet](#) through the [Jotform](#) to enter.

Sell More, Explore More

January 30th - April 12th

The Girl Scout troop who has the highest per girl average (PGA) of Exploremores sales on April 12th will win a \$250 Amazon gift card.

The Ferret 500 Frenzy

February 26th - April 12th

Troops that reach a 500+ Per Girl Average (PGA) will earn a sweet bonus through the Ferret 500 Frenzy! [Troops hitting the 500+ mark receive \\$0.10 per package sold as a GSMW Reward Card or Amazon gift card](#), so the more you sell, the bigger the reward.



2026 Summer Camp

It's Almost Registration Time!

Camp registration opens this month! We are so excited to kick off Early Bird registration on April 22nd at 9:00 AM.

Please Note: UltraCamp requires all users to reset their passwords every 90 days for security purposes. Be sure to log in prior to registration to update your password.

Registration Dates

April 15, 2026 – Camp Credit Earners

April 22, 2026 – Early Bird Price

May 6, 2026 – Regular Price

Cookie Program Camp Credit

Earn up to \$400 in Camp Credits through Cookie Sales.

- Sell 800 packages to earn \$150
- Sell 1,000 packages to earn \$250
- You may then combine your earnings to get \$400 total.

Girl Scouts that qualify will be notified by emails prior to registration.



**Read the Camp Guide
Online Here!**

Learn More



Peaks & Pines, September 11th - 13th

Registration Now Open

Join Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming for Peaks and Pines | A Women's Weekend for a Cause—a unique blend of adventure and philanthropy.

This unique event combines philanthropy, the beauty of the outdoors, and the joy of female friendships. Whether you're craving excitement or seeking serenity, Peaks and Pines offer something for everyone.

Be a champion for girls while enjoying a weekend of fun, laughter, and inspiration—all set against the stunning mountain valley views of the Custer National Forest in Red Lodge, Montana.

Our Timbercrest Camp provides the perfect retreat, featuring cozy cabins, comfortable lodge accommodations, and plenty of outdoor space to unwind.

Sponsorship Opportunities

By sponsoring Peaks and Pines, you invest in the future of girls in your community while helping raise essential funds for financial assistance.

In 2025, GSMW served 7,003 girls, with 62% qualifying for financial aid due to ongoing economic hardship, a need that continues to grow.

Your support ensures girls can access membership, uniforms, camp, travel, and meaningful leadership development opportunities.

Your sponsorship makes these life changing experiences possible, fueling skill building, mentorship, and a strong sisterhood that empowers girls to reach their full potential. In return, your business receives valuable visibility through event promotions,

branding opportunities, and recognition before an engaged audience of women who are passionate about supporting girls. Partnering with Peaks and Pines positions your organization as a champion for the next generation while creating lasting local impact. To register, sponsor, and learn more, visit our [website](#).

New This Year

We heard our past guests loud and clear! Participants will have the opportunity to add Friday night as an add-on.

That's right! You can now stay Friday-Sunday, giving you more time to recharge, make new friends, and enjoy endless laughter.

[Register Now](#)

[Learn More](#)



Troop Travel & Field Trips

Troop Adventures

Big adventures start with a simple plan, and your next troop trip could be the highlight of the year. From local day trips to overnight escapes and even high adventure experiences, GSMW is here to help you make it happen.

Each year, Girl Scouts continues to refine safety and insurance guidelines to keep troop travel smooth, organized, and fun. That's where [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) come in, helping volunteers create meaningful experiences while staying aligned with

current safety standards. Award finalist at the State Championship competition. This prestigious award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, entrepreneurship, and dedication to advancing the mission of FIRST within their communities.

Lillie will attend a special luncheon at the World Championship, where 10 students will be selected as Leadership Award winners.

Stay in the Know

GSMW regularly updates the [Travel & Field Trips](#) web page and gsLearn—your go-to hubs for the latest trip planning tools, tips, and requirements!

If you are planning to take your troop beyond your usual meeting location, you will need to complete our gsLearn Troop Travel Training, which is required every three years. This ensures you are up to date on the latest guidelines, so your troop can travel safely, confidently, and with ease.

Ready to Begin?

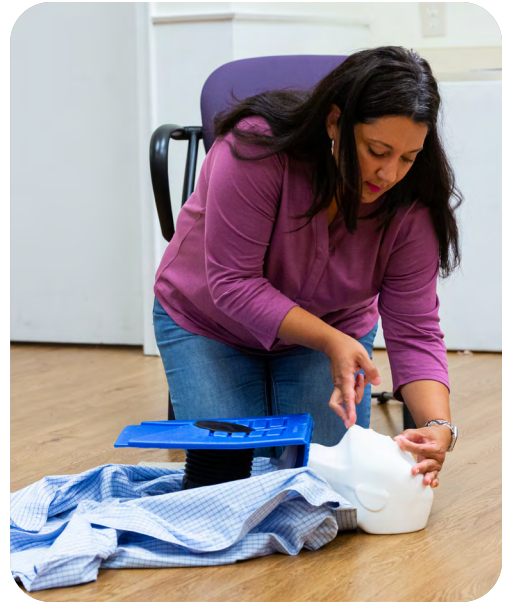
Visit the [Travel & Field Trips web page](#) for helpful resources and inspiration. Then, log in to your gsLearn dashboard to complete or renew your Troop Travel Training and get your next adventure underway.

NEW! CPR & First Aid Training

GSMW is excited to now offer CPR & First Aid training! It is recommended that at least one adult attending troop activities is certified in CPR & First Aid. If your troop plans a field trip, overnight campout, or any activity outside of your regular meeting location, at least one attending adult must be CPR & First Aid certified. This training ensures that an adult is prepared to respond quickly and appropriately in the event of an emergency.

Complete the form below to indicate your interest in receiving CPR & First Aid training.

[Interest Form](#)



Outdoor Cookout Training Renewal

Did you know that your Outdoor Cookout Training needs to be renewed every three years?

If it is time for your renewal, simply fill out the form below. To qualify, you must have taken and completed the course at least once and continued to use the skills you learned. Once submitted, a member of our team will contact you regarding your renewal.

[Renewal Form](#)





Add to Your Volunteer Toolbox

Request Trainings

GSMW offers a variety of trainings to help volunteers build skills, ensure safety, and create positive, supportive experiences for girls.

Whether you're planning outdoor trips, supporting youth mental health, or getting certified in CPR & First Aid, these opportunities will help you lead with confidence. Explore the options below and let us know which trainings you're interested in!

Outdoor Training

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. This training must be renewed every 3 years.

Youth Mental Health First Aid

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. To earn your certification, you will need to complete approximately two hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session. This training must be renewed every 3 years.

CPR & First Aid

GSMW can now offer CPR & First Aid training. It is recommended that at least one adult who is attending troop activities is certified in CPR & First Aid. This training ensures that a trained adult is prepared to respond quickly and appropriately in the event of an emergency. To earn your certification, you will need to complete approximately four hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session. This training must be renewed every 2 years.

Request Form

Complete [this form](#) to indicate that you are interested in receiving any of the training options listed above.

[Request Training](#)



Add a Girl

Growing Your Troop

A Heartfelt Thank You!

We are incredibly grateful to the outstanding troops who earned the Add a Girl recognition by welcoming two or more new girls into their troop this year.

By opening your troop to new members, you have introduced many girls to the inspiring world of Girl Scouts and provided them with a place where they can learn, grow, and feel supported.

Through your guidance, these new Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to form meaningful friendships, build confidence, and discover their leadership potential. They will also get to explore a wide variety of experiences along the way.

From outdoor adventures and STEM exploration to community service and creative activities, Girl Scouts offers endless opportunities for girls to try new things and create lasting memories.

Your willingness to welcome and mentor new members truly strengthens our Girl Scout community. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference and for helping girls grow into confident, capable leaders—one girl at a time.

- Qualifying Troops**
 These troops qualified for Add a Girl—Great job!
- Troop #2565 Troop #3544
 - Troop #3751 Troop #3524
 - Troop #2170 Troop #3783
 - Troop #2230 Troop #3510
 - Troop #1085 Troop #1183
 - Troop #1258 Troop #3188
 - Troop #3761 Troop #3020
 - Troop #1021 Troop #1222
 - Troop #3923 Troop #3776
 - Troop #2057 Troop #3962
 - Troop #3808 Troop #2026
 - Troop #3385 Troop #3815
 - Troop #3211 Troop #3568
 - Troop #3011 Troop #3010
 - Troop #2525 Troop #3637
 - Troop #3896 Troop #1695
 - Troop #3428 Troop #2048
 - Troop #1898 Troop #1171
 - Troop #3786 Troop #1698
 - Troop #3827 Troop #1022
 - Troop #2079 Troop #1216
 - Troop #1114 Troop #2280

- Prize Winners**
- \$100 GSMW Store Credit**
Troop #3010
 - Pizza Party in a Box**
Troop #3188
 - STEM Van Experience**
Troop #3783

Girl Scout Gold Award

Calling all high school seniors wanting to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award! The deadline for submitting your proposal for approval is May 1. This will allow sufficient time for your project to be approved and for you to complete your project by September 30.

Need more information about the Gold Award and Highest Awards? Visit the link below.

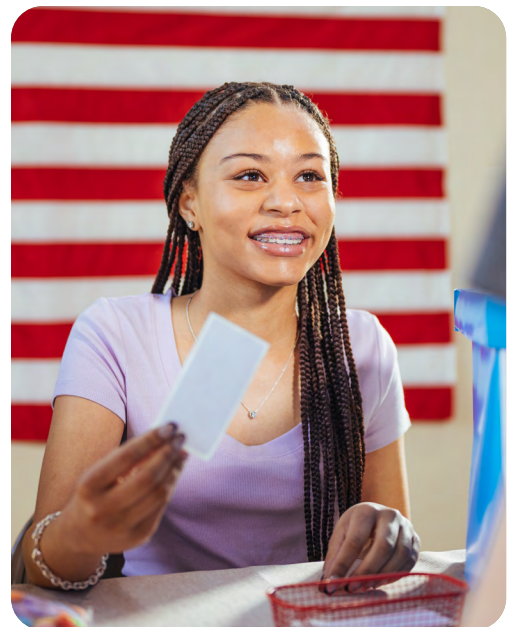
[Gold Award](#)



Advocacy and Public Policy

Girl Scouts' Public Policy and Advocacy Office works across party lines with Congress and the Executive Branch to champion issues important to girls and young women, establishing Girl Scouts as a trusted authority with policymakers nationwide. The Girl Scout Advocacy Center equips you with the tools to become a powerful voice for girls — locally and nationally — by influencing key policy issues moving through Congress and state legislatures. [Join today](#) to write letters to elected officials about Girl Scout priorities and sign up to receive email and text notifications whenever there's a new action to take. (Must be 18 or older to participate.)

[Learn More](#)



Meeting in a Minute: Habitat Helpers

Kitties and puppies and bunnies—oh my! This box includes all the materials girls need to explore animal care, habitats, and responsibility through hands-on activities and creative projects.

- Dog Treats
- Dog Toys
- Mini Habitat Diorama
- Animal Track Matching Game

Upon completion, girls will have earned their animal observer, pet, or animal habitats badge.



[Learn More & Order Now](#)

Postcard Exchange Connections



Troops from around the country often reach out looking to connect with GSMW troops to exchange postcards!

We're creating a list of troops who'd like to participate so we can match them quickly.

Interested? Contact caseyr@gsmw.org to be added to our list.



Council Crew

Kim

Kimberley has been a part of the GSMW family for four years working as the Northeast Wyoming Member Experience Manager. Kimberley gives support to those who are teaching our future leaders and presents fun and educational programs and events for girls of all ages.

Kimberley's favorite part about working for GSMW is getting to be a part of our future generation and to watch them grow to unimaginable heights through their troop meetings and programming presented. When Kimberley isn't working, she loves to read and learn new things. She's totally a girly-girl, until you throw her into a competition, then look out! She also loves to spend time with her family and dogs.

