

girl scouts
of montana
and wyoming

April Monthly Newsletter





Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Program

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is an experiential, cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them and raise their voices within a local, national, and global sisterhood.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

to serve God and my country,
to help people at all times,
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be

honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,

and to

respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program



Accepting Card Payments for Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies

Girls can use Clover or Smart Cookies Mobile App to accept credit card payments from customers. If the Girl Scout needs to collect payment for **Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies**, they need to take cash, check or use the Clover App. If the order was previously keyed in by the Girl Scout, they can go in and take card payment for it. Please check out this video about [how girls take credit card payments from customers](#).



Thank You!

Thank you for your assistance as we moved through deliveries and distribution. We appreciate YOU! Reminder—Any time money or product exchanges hands, **A RECEIPT MUST BE COMPLETED!**

Cookie Booths

Booths must be entered 24 hours in advance for council approval. Don't forget, you can only take Smart Cookie payments once booths are entered and approved. You may also use Clover to accept credit card payments. Check out this video that discusses [how to accept credit card payments at booths and how to set up a pre-pay pickup booth](#).



Post-Initial Girl Delivery Orders

When girls fulfill new girl delivery orders (after 2/21) by picking up from the troop, those boxes need to be transferred to the girls in Smart Cookies. If girls fulfill Post-Initial Order Girl Deliveries from extras you have already assigned to her, do not add the cookies to the girl. Please view this Help Clip showing you information on how to see if girls have [additional orders](#) and [how to transfer cookies to girls](#).

Cookies



Cookies are Flying

We had a snowy start in some places the first booth weekend, but we have heard booths have been very successful. How VERY exciting! Hopefully at this point, your girls have started making deliveries and participating at booths. If you need more cookies, please request them from your local cupboard. Reminder: place orders for the following booth weekend by Sunday night by 11:30 PM so we can get needed cookies out to cupboards. The more notice we have with orders, the better! Here's the Help Clip with information about [How to Place a Planned Order](#).

Cookie Camp Earner Early Selection Begins!

Please be sure Girl Scouts have cookies transferred to them in Smart Cookies, so they show 1000+ by April 16th. We will be sending the email for Cookie Camp Earners on April 17th. Don't miss the Cookie Camp Earner Early Selection that begins April 19th at 9AM! We have a lot of camp earners each year and encourage your Girl Scout to make her top three choices right away so you are ready to submit. Camp selections are first come, first served with the Cookie Camp Earner selections.



Pay 100% of money owed to council on April 25th and receive an extra 1¢ per package! More details to come.

2023 Important Cookie Program Dates

Can you believe the Cookie Program is over April 16th? While some of you may choose to have booths past April 16th, here are some dates to keep in mind when closing out the Cookie Program.

ASAP	ACH Authorization Forms
April 16	Last day of the Cookie Program
April 17	Free camp earner emails go out to girls with 1000+ packages with free camp recognition choice
April 19 at 9AM	Free cookie camp earner selections begins
April 19 at 11:59PM	Packages assigned to girls in Smart Cookies and Main Recognitions due
April 20 at 11:59PM	Service Unit final edits due
April 20	ACH confirmation email sent to Troops
April 23	ACH Adjustment Form due (if applicable)
April 25	ACH Sweep #1 - 70% of amount due to Council
April 26	Camp early-bird registration opens for all Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting & Volunteers



Lifetime Membership for Graduating Seniors

Looking for the perfect gift for a graduating Girl Scout? Give her the gift of a Lifetime Membership! You can champion the next generation of change-makers by investing in Girl Scouts and forming a member for life. Your contribution will support Girl Scouts, which gives girls a place to prepare for a lifetime of leadership. And, by helping her in becoming a lifetime member, you're ensuring her a group of likeminded supporters, dedicated to Girl Scouts' mission – a network that will be with her wherever her future takes her, a network that will last a lifetime.



GIRL SCOUTS
Free Patch!

Uniform Health Check!

Stop by one of our GSMW Council Shops in your Girl Scout uniform, purchase any missing items, and receive a free Girl Scouts Bold & Bright fun patch with a purchase of \$20 or more.

Can't make it into the store? Between now and April 14th, email shop@gsmw.org with a photo of your Girl Scout in her uniform and place an order of \$20 or more to receive your free patch! Orders due Friday, April 14th. Shipping rates apply.

Quilt Pin or Patch!



Volunteer Appreciation Month

What you do means so much! Thank you for being a Girl Scout Volunteer. That's why National Volunteer Month is so near and dear to our hearts.

Every April, we celebrate the powerful, life-changing contributions our volunteers make to Girl Scouts and their communities all year long. As a token of our appreciation, all registered volunteers will be receiving a postcard by email or in the mail later this month.

This postcard provides you with the choice of receiving GSMW's 2023 quilt pin or patch, or a 30% coupon for one item at our GSMW shop. This gift is available to all adult members of GSMW, but you must **submit your choice of quilt pin or patch no later than Wednesday, May 5th**. The 30% off coupon expires June 1st, 2023.



August 4th ~ 6th



Volunteer Retreat: Own Your Magic

To honor the magic volunteers bring to their Girl Scouts, GSMW is hosting an enchanting weekend opportunity for our volunteers to meet, mingle, learn, and play in the hills and meadows of Timbercrest Camp in Red Lodge, Montana August 4th - 6th.

Volunteers who attend the retreat can expect a marvelous experience, enjoying learning sessions covering topics like:

- Older Girl Engagement
- Highest Awards
- Multi-Level Troops
- Journey in a Day
- STEM activities at every level
- Outdoor Cookout Training
- Oula, Hiking and other optional activities

In addition, our volunteers will have a chance to join the Order of the Green Bloods, participating in Girl Scout events that teach mastery of Girl Scout traditions like tie-dye, SWAPS, s'mores, unique crafts, and campfire songs & games.

By bringing together adult members from all corners of our council, our gathering aims to rekindle our Girl Scout Sisterhood through shared stories, ideas, and goals for an innovative, mystical, and energized new Girl Scout year.

Volunteer Retreat: Register in April and save \$25!

Once registered, you will receive notification of how to sign up for learning sessions during the event. [Register HERE today!](#)

In addition to the magical Volunteer Retreat, GSMW invites volunteers to participate in two optional certification programs. Register separately for one or both of the following adult certification programs:

- **First Aid & CPR on Friday afternoon, August 4th**
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid on Thursday and Friday, August 3rd-4th**

Lodging and food is provided to adult volunteers registered for the two additional certification programs. The certification programs are open to all volunteers, whether they attend the retreat or not.

Outdoors and Donations

Donate to the
GSMW Backcountry
Campaign:

[Donate Now](#)

Purchase Outdoor
Gear From Our
Amazon Wish List:

[Shop Here](#)



Help Her Reach New Heights!

With your generous support, we've reached 30% of our goal to get girls outside during our 2023 Backcountry Programs.

While we've gotten this far, we still need your help!

Here are three easy ways you can help girls reach new heights:

1. Donate (no amount is too small, every dollar counts!) [Click here to DONATE!](#)
2. Shop our Amazon Wish List! Thanks to a generous donor, we have plenty of bear spray, but we still need tents and backpacking stoves. [Click here to SHOP](#) our Wish List!
3. Can't donate? Share our campaign with your friends and family by forwarding this email. Word-of-mouth referrals will also help us reach our goals!

Your contribution not only empowers girls to get outside, but it allows them to gain crucial life and outdoor skills, encourages them to challenge themselves, and leads them to discover an appreciation for the environment.

Let's keep climbing; donate today!

WE ARE HIRING FOR CAMP!

Someone you know interested in [working at camp](#)? We have started hiring for the 2023 summer camp season! [Learn more.](#)

Summer Camp & Celebrations



SUMMER CAMP

We've got action packed weeks coming your way this summer. 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 the [2023 Summer Camp Guide](#) to pick your favorite camp themes!

REGISTRATION TIMELINE: WWW.GSMW.ORG/CAMP

Wednesday, April 19 – 2023 Cookie Reward Earners* selection begins

Wednesday, April 26 – Early bird registration opens for all at 9:00AM

Wednesday, May 10 – Campers pay full price

*Girls who sell 1,000 boxes of cookies can earn up to two camps that can be redeemed only by the Cookie Earner in 2023. Girl Scouts that qualify will be notified by email April 17th.



Girl Scout Years of Service

After 30 years, GSMW recognizes individuals for their years of membership to Girl Scouts. Girl Scout years of service and membership are self-reported and include your years as a girl and adult member. If you have 30 or more years under your belt, we'd love to recognize you! Please complete [this simple form](#) by April 21. Questions? Email marcomm@gsmw.org.



Calling All Girl Scout Alumna

We want to hear from YOU, our Girl Scout alumna. You know more than anyone about the benefits of being a Girl Scout and we want to share your experience.

If you're interested in sharing your Girl Scout story, please reach out to us at alum@gsmw.org or give us a call at 406-252-0488.

Alumna Spotlight

"Girl Scouts helped me develop my confidence and independence and opened doors to the outdoor education world where I have built my career. I am still in contact with several members of my troop and with people I worked with at a Girl Scout camp nearly 20 years ago. It's cool to see what we are up to now, from jobs to families to travel to leading their own Girl Scout troops! I still get called Jabberwocky (my camp name) often, which always makes me smile!"



Virginia Miller Shoup
Girl Scout Alumna

[Read Virginia's Story Here!](#)



GSMW STEM Van Open House



The Mobile STEM Learning Center (STEM Van) is a new resource that will soon be available to GSMW! Help us celebrate the launch of this powerful project by joining us for an open house and ribbon cutting on **Tuesday, May 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm** at the Billings Headquarters office (2303 Grand Avenue). The event will showcase the STEM van, have hands-on STEM activities, food, and more!

Join Us
May 16th

The STEM van will provide girls with empowering, hands-on STEM learning opportunities in their communities! The STEM van will be equipped to engage girls, across 245,000 square miles of our council, in a girl-led environment. By bringing our STEM programming on the road, we will be able to meet girls where they're at so they can continue exploring their interest in STEM and future STEM careers, ultimately bridging the gap across the STEM workforce pipeline. You can learn more about the project on our [website!](#)

To help us plan better, please [RSVP here](#) to let us know if you're coming!

Can't join us in Billings? Save the date to celebrate with us in Casper, WY on September 5th. More details to come!



Early Renewal & Spring Spruce

GSMW Early Renewal

April 1 - May 31, 2023

Renew 80% of your troop and required number of volunteers receive:

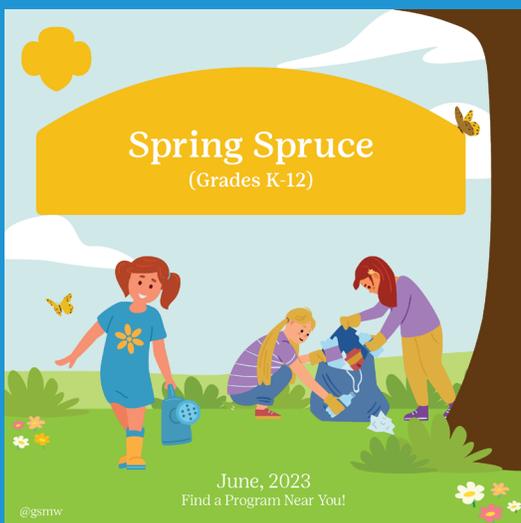
1. Renew by May 15 and all required leaders will receive a free membership*
2. Renew by May 31 and all Girls and Adults will receive the 2023-2024 Custom Renewal Patch and required leaders will receive the t-shirt



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
21	17
22	18
23	18

Renewal Date	Free Leader Membership	Free Leader T-Shirt	Everyone Gets A Patch
By May 15			
By May 31			

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



June 3rd - June 10th

This year's Spring Spruce, formerly known as Community Cleanup, will once again take place over a week, starting on National Trails Day, June 3rd and ending on June 10th. Through these council-wide events, participants will see first-hand the impact of community service. All participants will receive a trucker hat and girls will receive a patch.

Check-out our handful of council sponsored Spring Spruce events on our events page: www.gsmw.org/events, or plan your own Spring Spruce event with your troop, service unit, or household.

Council events and private group events are open to Girl Scouts of all ages, their friends, and their families. For folks planning their own cleanup, order your \$7 trucker hats and custom patches by registering your group here: [Spring Spruce Independent Group Form](#). Registration for council-sponsored events and independent events close April 30th.