

Monthly Newsletter

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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!](#)



August Summer Meetups

Join Us!

Summer is winding down and school is just around the corner, but before we say goodbye to sunny days, let's make some final memories together!

We're inviting all our amazing Girl Scouts and their families to join us for our third and final Summer Meet-Up this August, with events happening across Montana and Wyoming!

Get ready for outdoor adventures, fresh air, and tons of fun as we soak up the last bit of summer together.

Bring a Friend, Earn a Patch!

Know a girl who isn't a Girl Scout yet? Bring her along! When you introduce a friend to the fun, you'll earn a special fun patch as a thank-you for sharing the Girl Scout spirit.

The Best Part?

These events are completely FREE and open to the whole family and beyond! So, grab your sisters, cousins, neighbors, and friends, and come make the most of these final summer days with us.

[Find an Event Near You](#)

End of Year

Financial Report

On-Time Troops

3896	2004	1329	1279	1005	2321	1632
3683	3510	1512	3211	1745	2335	2046
2048	3711	2280	3962	2026	2447	2061
1722	3766	3815	1196	3457	2718	2074
3436	3846	1093	1887	1016	3185	2281
1007	1960	2116	3768	1216	3494	2423
2565	1022	2191	1021	1702	3515	2442
1031	1548	3757	1106	2153	3557	2540
1331	1898	1069	1695	3498	3590	3008
1948	1049	1400	2086	3630	3758	3009
1391	1246	1643	3644	3632	3844	3020
3428	1582	1085	1054	1026	1012	3321
1975	1080	1146	1207	1062	1042	3324
2077	1104	1258	1395	1247	1071	3330
1323	1183	1628	1396	1397	1171	3358
2028	1188	1815	1577	1479	1228	3466
3760	2170	1989	1912	1592	1281	3483
3010	3637	3544	3473	1932	1318	3509
3514	1048	3761	3483	1944	1472	3556
3711	1164	3955	3568	2057	1510	3574
1169	1267	1217	3734	2181	1626	3603
3708	3723	3751	3786	3808	3826	3903
						3954

Thank You!

To all our troops and service units who submitted their end of year financial reports by June 30th!

Your promptness gives our council the time we need to properly prepare for our audit, and it does not go unnoticed. A huge thank you for all your hard work!

On-Time Service Units

0115	179
074	036
146	145
027	065
087	211
137	211
073	225



Product Program

Get Ready for the Fall Product Program!

The Fall Product Program begins October 2nd to November 18th. Training sessions will begin mid-September, you can register to attend them below!

Service Units

Thursday September 10th, 6 PM:

For the volunteers that will be receiving product from distributors for troops.

Service Units	September 10th	6:00 PM
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Juliettes

For Juliette Girl Scouts and their caregivers.

Juliettes	September 15th	6:00 PM
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Troops

Troop Training is for troop volunteers that will be facilitating and assisting with the Fall Product Program at the troop level.

Troops	September 15th	7:30 PM
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Caregivers

Intended for all caregivers that will be assisting their Girl Scouts on their Fall Product Journey.

Caregivers	September 22th	6:00 PM
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A Hopping Big Thanks!

Thank you for helping us name our mascot, The Kangaroo's name will be announced in September and will be featured in our monthly newsletter, on our social channels, and during our upcoming product trainings. She is so "Ready to Explore" with you all!

Product Managers, Complete The Required Agreements

Troops: Complete the [Troop Product Manager Agreement](#) by August 10. This information is essential so we can send Fall Program materials directly to you and have the correct contact information for updates and information.

Service Unit Product Managers: If you have not completed the [Service Unit Product Manager Agreement](#), it is now past due and we need the information ASAP!

GSMW Summer Outdoor Challenge

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](#)

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](#)

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Save the dates! Girl Scouts Love State Parks will take place September 11–13 and September 18–20, 2026.

Join Girl Scouts from across the country for the largest national outdoor event of the year as girls, troops, friends, and families explore and celebrate their favorite state parks during these special weekends. Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming will host programs across council, making it easy for girls and families throughout Montana and Wyoming to join in the fun.

[View Events Near You](#)

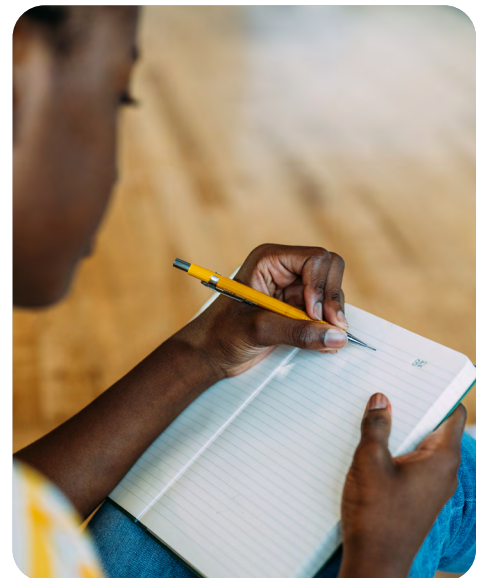


August is National Make-a-Will Month

Did you know 68% of U.S. adults don't have a will? Many people understand the importance of estate planning but haven't taken that first step. August is National Make-a-Will Month, and GSUSA has partnered with FreeWill—a free, easy-to-use tool that helps you create a will or trust in about 20 minutes.

You can use [FreeWill](#) on its own or as a starting point before working with an attorney. While planning, you'll also have the option to leave a lasting legacy by including a gift to Girl Scouts—supporting girls for generations to come.

[Learn More Here](#)



Gold Award Spotlight: Aubrey M.

Aubrey M. of Circle, MT identified a need in her community to improve an outdoor space so it could be a more functional stop for local families travelers.

The project focused on children's needs, improvement of physical and mental health, and increasing outdoor community engagement. She organized volunteers and coordinated the project logistics so the finished space is welcoming to all. She installed a covered picnic shelter, picnic tables and playground equipment.

Aubrey has received positive feedback from her community about the impact the new space has made. Congratulations Aubrey!



Highest Awards Deadline

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 for [applicable paperwork](#).

- ▶ **Bronze Award** – September 30 for Girl Scouts starting 6th grade this fall.
- ▶ **Silver Award** – September 30 for Girl Scouts starting 9th grade this fall.
- ▶ **Silver Award of the Year** – September 30, please visit the [Silver Award page](#) for information on how to be considered for this recognition.
- ▶ **Gold Award** – September 30 for Girl Scouts who have completed 12th grade.

Earning a Highest Award is an incredible achievement, and we are here to support you. For more information on how to earn a Highest Award, visit our [website](#) or email customercare@gsmw.org.

Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Survey

An exciting new membership year is on the horizon, and GSMW is planning council-wide programs just for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors!

To keep these opportunities truly girl-led, we want older-girl input. Have your Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts take this quick program survey to tell us what activities, adventures, and topics they're most excited about.

We truly love their input that will help us create the programs Girl Scouts want to experience most!



[Take the Survey](#)

WAGGGS World Centres

Did you know that Girl Scouts is part of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), a global movement connecting more than 10 million girls and young women in over 150 countries?

Through WAGGGS' five World Centres in Switzerland, Mexico, India, the United Kingdom, and Africa, Girl Scouts, volunteers, and families can enjoy international travel, leadership experiences, cultural exchanges, and unforgettable adventures.

Whether you're planning your next trip or simply looking for inspiration, the World Centres offer incredible opportunities to connect with the global Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting community.



[Learn More About the World Centres](#)

[Upcoming Events and Opportunities](#)



Peaks and Pines: September 11-13

Looking for a weekend getaway with purpose?

Peaks and Pines, our all-women's outdoor weekend benefiting GSMW, is happening September 11-13, 2026 in Red Lodge, MT, and registration closes August 21 to receive an exclusive Peaks and Pines t-shirt!

Is This Event Right for Me?

Whether you're into hiking, crafting, cozy campfire chats, or recharging in the fresh mountain air, Peaks and Pines has something for you.

Plus, you get to choose how long you want to participate. Come Friday - Sunday, Saturday - Sunday, or just for the day on Saturday. Best of all, every dollar goes toward helping build girls of courage, confidence, and character across Montana and Wyoming.

Register Now

Event Details

WHEN: September 11-13, 2026

WHERE: Red Lodge, MT

COST: \$75 - \$225 (depending on level of participation and lodging accommodations)

Got questions? Email give@gsmw.org or join our [Facebook event](#) for more details!

Register by 8/21/26 and receive your exclusive Peaks and Pines t-shirt!

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Classic Camp Activities & Relaxation Station:
Roots Garden Center



Coffee Bar: SCHEELS



Council Crew

Meet Sarah Megyesi, AKA Megatron. Sarah is the Program Manager at GSMW and works hard to coordinate programming for our members across the council. Additionally, Sarah is our in-house safety guru and ensures that volunteers are running safe troop travel. She loves when she gets to run local programs, the Glacier Park Service Camp, and the occasional council-sponsored Destination. Have a safety, travel, or insurance question? Sarah is your gal!

Sarah has two things she loves most about her job: the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make

the world a better place and attending the Glacier Park Service Camp. She's so grateful to have had the opportunity to share the experience with so many Girl Scouts over the years.

When Sarah isn't working, she spends time with her family. She, her husband, and daughter are a very close-knit and outdoorsy family, often going on a new adventure each weekend. They enjoy skiing, swimming in hot springs, rafting, hiking, and camping. Spare moments are spent dreaming of what wacky traverse or river is next! Once the kid is asleep, you'll find Sarah sneaking out to play hockey or frisbee. And while she may pack her non-workdays with skiing, hikes, bike rides, and river swims, she relishes the time when she can veg on the couch and watch *The Office* for the millionth time or one of her favorite movies, such as *Ferris Beuhler's Day Off*, *What About Bob*, or *Semi Pro*.





Alumna Spotlight: Melinda Young

What is your favorite Girl Scout memory?

My favorite girl scout memories are from the times I spent as a volunteer at Kayak Community Camp. This weeklong sleepover camp is completely staffed by volunteers. I was first invited to a community camp as a unit leader for an older scout unit. At Kayak Community Camp I volunteered as a unit leader for the youngest scouts before moving to the kitchen. I spent many years supervising the food service for camp. I made friends and even recruited both my daughter and son to volunteer for camp. My son worked in the kitchen and my daughter continues to volunteer as a boating instructor.

What is your favorite Girl Scout achievement?

In my previous council, I was a volunteer facilitator-a guide on the side-leading workshops for adults and youth. I received the Juliette Low Leadership Award for outstanding service working directly with youth members over an extended period for my work with youth earning their Silver Award. I enjoy working with Cadettes.

If you could give a young Girl Scout of today some advice, what would it be?

Be a sister to every girl scout. You might be surprised that no matter your age, you can have a positive impact on someone's life, and they will help you grow. Some of those you meet will become your lifelong friends.

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