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### **GIRL SCOUTS IS TURNING 110!**

Girl Scouts will be turning 110 in 2022! Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming will be hosting four epic events with each event featuring one of our four pillars. Troops, Juliettes, and families are encouraged to attend all four, so be sure to save the date!

Billings – Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> (Entrepreneurship)

Helena – Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> (Outdoors)

Cheyenne – Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (Life Skills)

Jackson – Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (STEM)

Be on the lookout for more details!

### FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAM

Congratulations on a successful 2021 Fall Financial Literacy Program. You and your girls sure did RISE UP and have some great successes! At this point, all deliveries to customers should be completed and money should be turned in to the troop by December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you have caregivers who have not turned in all of the money due to the troop by December 6<sup>th</sup>, please complete and send in an Outstanding Balance Form by December 7<sup>th</sup> . Soon after, the ACH sweep will occur for the Fall Program with the ACH email arriving on December 9<sup>th</sup> and the sweep will be processed on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please email Accounting for any questions or assistance with bank accounts.

Keep an eye out for the Top Fall Entrepreneurs that will be announced on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM via a <u>Facebook Live Video</u>. We will announce the lucky Girl Scout who gets to adopt Penelope our GIANT Penguin -- and don't forget there will be a sneak peek at the 2022 Cookie Mascot!



Mark your calendars and register today! 2022 Cookie Conferences will be virtual

> this year again and we have 4 times you can join us. Please select one of the following times to tune in for all the latest and greatest to make it a successful Cookie Program!

Tuesday, January 18th at 7 PM Wednesday, January 19th at 8 PM Thursday, January 20th at 12 Noon Saturday, January 22nd at 10 AM

Juliette Mentors/Caregivers, please read through your mailed packet and plan to join us on Wednesday, January 19th at 6 PM for your Juliette Mentor/Caregiver Kickoff. Click here to register today!

If you are a Service Unit Volunteer and oversee the Cookie Program for the Troops in your area, please click below for the kickoff registration:

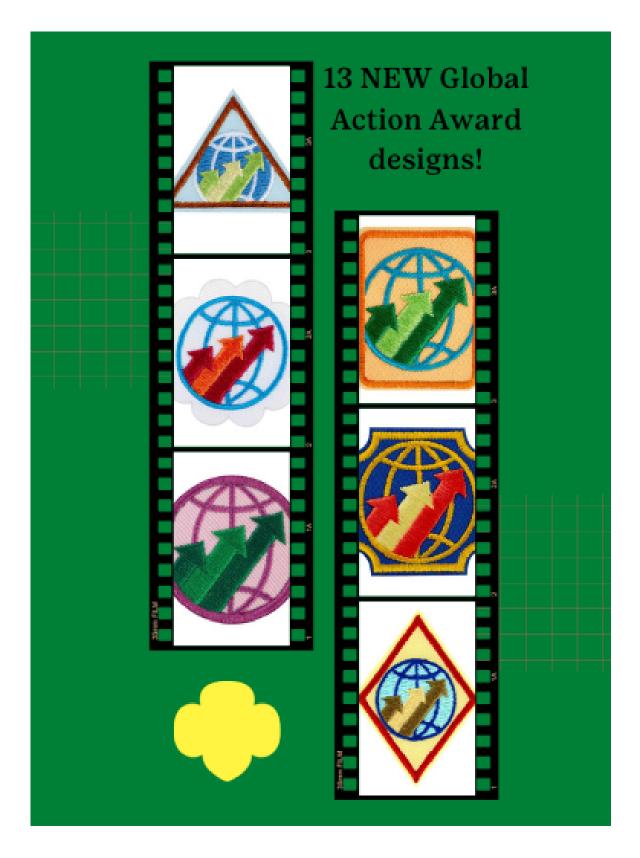
Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM

# **GLOBAL ACTION AWARD**

In 2015, leaders worldwide agreed to work together to accomplish <u>17 goals by</u> 2030 global goals. They focus on topics like taking care of the environment, making sure all people have enough to eat, and improving people's health. Although they're big goals, Girl Scouts know a thing or two about changing the world!

The Girl Scout Global Action award calls for girls to address the global goals by discovering, connecting, and taking action in their communities and the world. In 2022, the award focuses on goal 3: Health and Well-Being and goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

The Global Action award activity guides for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, and Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors provide information about the award and the global goals, as well as the five steps required to earn it. Award information is also available through the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK). New this year: We now have 13 new evergreen Global Action Award designs, one for each program year of Girl Scouts!



# **COMING SOON**

In the next few weeks every Troop Leader, Troop Administrator and Girl Program Mentor will receive a printed Volunteer Handbook filled with information at your fingertips to enhance your volunteer experience. If you fulfill one of the roles listed above, be on the lookout for an email to confirm your mailing address. If you require an address change, please respond to the email confirmation you will receive.



### **BADGE IN A BOX**

### GSMW Badge in a Box Seasonal Subscription: Winter Badge Series!

Our winter Badge in a Box subscription series focuses on making the world a better place through safety and advocacy while also learning about life skills, one of the Girl Scout pillars!

Step away from the Virtual Schedule and earn badges on your own time.

- What you need to know:
  - Boxes can be ordered between December 2<sup>nd</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> for boxes to be received January, February, and March.
  - We will be processing and packaging boxes for January in December and each month from there forward.
- What your girl can expect:
  - To learn about safety, life skills, and global action while creating change and having fun!
  - The winter series will engage your girl in global action, safety, life skills and more- all on their own schedule!
    - January will feature the 2022 global action award which focuses on health and sustainability, two of the global goals established by the UN in 2015!
    - In February, girls will learn about how to keep themselves and others safe while still having fun and earning their safety pin.
    - For March, girls have some fun in the kitchen will learning about cooking, an important life skill! Daisies will earn a petal, Brownies will earn the Snacks badge, Juniors will earn the Simple Meals badge, and Cadettes will earn the Eating for You badge.
  - Each box will contain everything girls will need to earn their badge, plus some fun extras to take the adventure outside the box.

### **REGIONAL UPDATES**

Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Week takes place in April but GSMW is asking for your nominations and submissions now! Do you have a volunteer you'd like to nominate? Check out the different volunteer awards available and the documentation required. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is the only recognition that does not require any letters of endorsement. All other recognitions need two or more letters of endorsement so now is a good time to start getting everything together. Nominations are open now!

**LEARN MORE / SUBMIT NOMINATIONS** 

### GIRL SCOUTS OUT AND ABOUT



#### **GOLD AWARD**

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has announced Gold Award Girl Scout, Kieran Burns of Laramie, Wyoming as one of its 2021 national scholarship recipients.

In the past, GSUSA has selected 10 Gold Award Girl Scouts annually from across all councils. This year the national organization announced that one Gold Award Girl Scout from nearly every local council (there's 111) has been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship

thanks to sponsorship from Arconic Foundation and Kappa Delta Foundation. Each local council was able to nominate one of its outstanding Gold Award Girl Scouts, whose project exemplifies the core components of the Gold Award, to receive a scholarship.

> Gold Award Girl Scouts identify the root cause of a problem, plan and implement innovative solutions that address that problem, and lead a team of people who support their success.

> For her Gold Award Project, Kieran collaborated with the University of Wyoming's Wyoming Natural Diversity Database to discover more about the declining native bee populations. She collected bee samples for identification and data analysis as well as assisted in species identification. She also tested a new bee trap that had not been previously used in the area. Incredibly, one of the samples Kieran collected included a species of bee that had not been observed in that area before; this finding will continue to be a topic of study for the University of Wyoming.

Kieran also launched a community educational campaign to teach people the importance of pollinators and how to protect them, specifically Mason bees and other solitary pollinators. She also led a hands-on workshop where participants learned about bees and built bee hotels for their backyard to serve as ideal habitats for pollinators.

Girl Scout in Gillette lays flags in honor of Veteran's Day

# Gillette News Record



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# **ROCK STAR TROOPS & SERVICE UNITS**

Thank you to these Rock Star troops and service units who turned in last year's financial report! We appreciate your diligence! (It's not too late to get added to the list. Please contact <a href="mailto:accounting@gsmw.org">accounting@gsmw.org</a> or your Member Experience Manager for help)



# 12th GRADE GIRL SCOUTS EMAIL OPT-IN

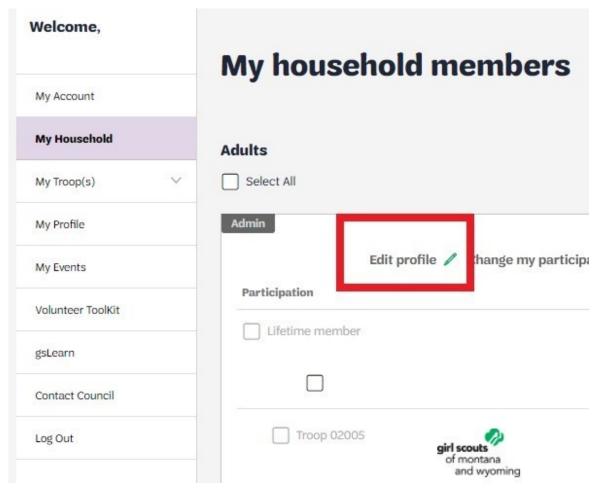
Are you a soon to be graduating Ambassador Girl Scout or the caregiver to a soon to be graduating Girl Scout? Please make sure that you've opted in to receive emails from GSMW and GSUSA. There are exclusive opportunities available to graduating Girl Scouts only and we don't want you to miss out! Not sure if you're opted-in? Email us at <a href="mailto:customercare@gsmw.org">customercare@gsmw.org</a> and simply ask, "Am I opted in to receive email communication?" Or, you can check your preferences yourself by following these instructions:

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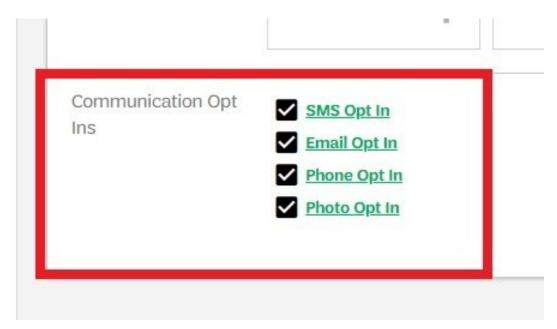
1. Access your account by selecting MY GS ACCT/VTK from the menu bare on the <u>www.gsmw.org</u> homepage.

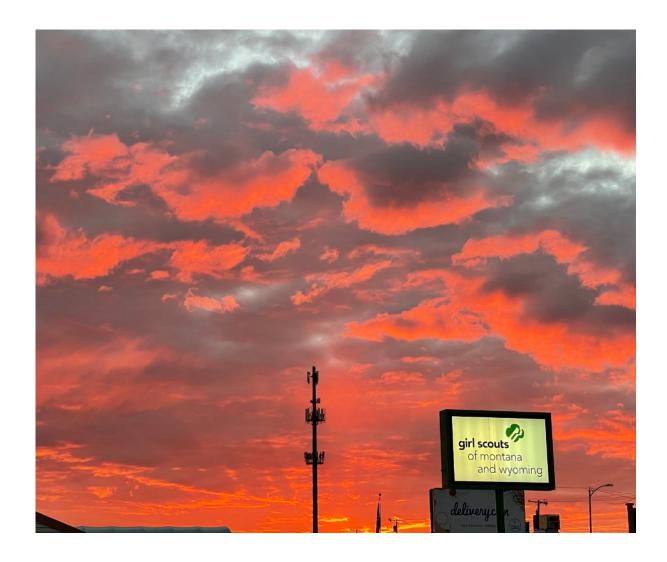


2. Select My Household from the options on the left. Next, select the pencil icon to edit an individual's profile (you will need to do this for each member of your household).



3. Once inside the profile of an individual, scroll to the bottom and you will find options for receiving Girl Scout communications. Be sure to save your changes (button located on bottom right).





You can see more of what Girl Scouts are up to by following the GSMW Facebook page and your regional Girl Scout Facebook page:

Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Billings & Eastern Montana

Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northcentral Montana

**Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northeast Wyoming** 

**Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Northwest Montana** 

**Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southcentral Montana** 

Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southeast & Southcentral Wyoming

**Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southwest Montana** 

**Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming - Southwest Wyoming** 

## **Upcoming Events**

### Sparkle Joy - December 15, 2021, VIRTUAL (grades K-5)

'Tis the season to sparkle, and GSMW is hosting a joyful crafting event to fit the festive time of year. Girl Scouts will cleverly create decoupage votive holders and homemade paper while learning about repurposing, recycling, and the kindness of giving.

Sparkle Joy - December 16, 2021, VIRTUAL (grades 6-12)

Sparkle Joy - December 18, 2021, VIRTUAL (grades 6-12)

'Tis the season to sparkle, and GSMW is hosting a joyful crafting event to fit the festive time of year. Girl Scouts will create origami string lights and homemade paper while learning about repurposing, recycling, and the kindness of giving.

#### CSA Winter Camp Out - January 7-9, 2021, Casper (Grades 6-12)

Join Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts from all across GSMW at this exciting winter camp out at beautiful Camp Sacajawea! At the event, when we aren't having winter outdoor adventures, we will explore STEM, investigate our council's Girl Scout history, and have loads of wintry camp fun!















### Have a question? Don't be shy! Contact us for more information.

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