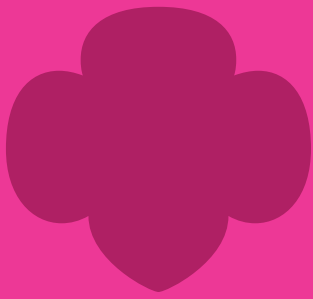


# February Newsletter

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## Facebook Groups

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GSMW - Eastcentral Wyoming

GSMW - Southeast Wyoming

GSMW - Southwest Wyoming

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# 2025 Cookie Merchandise

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Fun cookie-themed gear will be available throughout the Cookie Season!  
Contact the GSMW shop at 406-252-0488 or [shop@gsmw.org](mailto:shop@gsmw.org) to place an order.

\$21



## Cookie Time Tablecloth

72" x 108"

Will fit a 5' rectangular table best



\$30

## Tabletop Cookie Display Riser\*

Displays approximately  
40 cookie packages

\$4

## Cookie Tote Bag

Reusable bag perfect  
for delivering cookies.  
Laminated plastic/polyester  
with web handles



\$16

## Cookie Time Yard Sign\*

Weather-resistant yard sign  
with metal stake

\$16



## Cookie Time Banner

24" x 48"

\$8

## Cookie Time Twist Sign



## Cookie Boss Beanie

Available in  
Heather Green or  
Fuchsia

\$18

\*Extra shipping rates will apply

# Girl Scout

## Cookie Program

### Getting Started

If you haven't done so already, please make sure your girls appear correctly in Smart Cookies. If you need to add or edit girls, [submit this request form](#) so we may assist you. Need to add or change a Smart Cookie user? [Click here to submit a request.](#)

### Training and Resources

Join us for an evening with a cookie expert, [Wed, Feb. 12th at 6:00 PM](#), where we will take you on a virtual step-by-step walkthrough for placing your troop Initial Order. This is also a great time to ask any general cookie questions you may have.

- Missed the Caregiver Cookie Training? [Click here.](#)
- Request Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip cookies for your troop with the [GF Request Form](#).
- Access 2024 [Troop Cookie Initial Order Data](#) to help decide what to order during the 2025 Initial Order.
- For additional support, review our [Cookie Resources](#).

### Promotions to Kick Off Your Sale

Make sure you Embrace every Possibility to participate in these “Panda-tastic” promotions!

#### Blow Up Your Sales

Girl Scouts who set up their Digital Cookie Site and have at least one sale online by Feb 5th, will be entered to win an inflatable panda costume! Winners (one per state) will be announced on Feb 6th.

#### Fill Your Order Card

Through Feb 21st, girls can submit a picture of their filled and completed Paper Order Cards to be entered to win an 8” Panda Squishmallow! There will be 2 winners drawn every week. There will be a Grand Prize drawing on Feb 21st including all entries to win a 14” Squishmallow Velvet Panda and a 32 oz Owala FreeSip Water Bottle. Winners will be announced on Feb 7th, 14th, and 21st.

### Cookie Program Dates

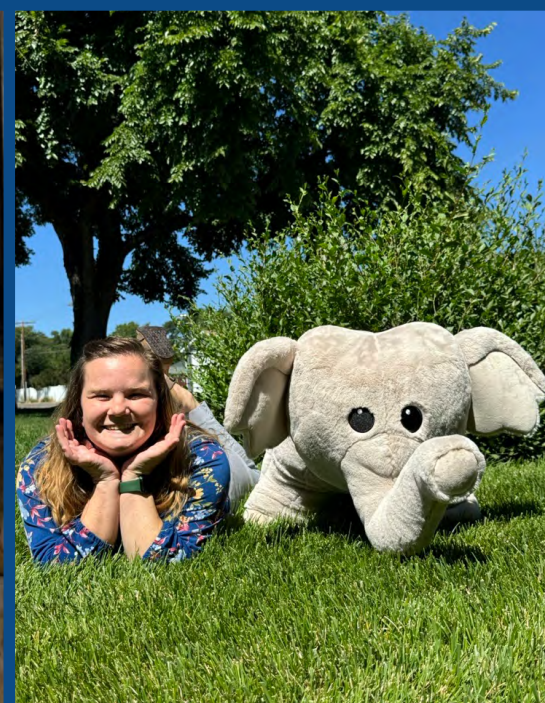
January 31	Cookie Program Begins
February 3	Booth Previews in Smart Cookies
February 10	Booth Signups Begin (at 5 PM)
February 16	Pre-Orders End. Paper Order Card Totals Due to Troop from Caregivers
February 17	Additional Order Taking Begins
February 18	Troop Initial Orders and Rewards Due in Smart Cookies (by 11:59 PM)
March 11-19	Cookie Pickups from the Service Unit
Mar 21-Apr 13	Cookie Booths
April 13	Cookie Program Ends
April 16	Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies (by 11:59 PM)

### Cookie Program Finances

If your troop is new and participating in the Cookie Program, please ensure your troop bank account is set up as soon as possible.

Product managers and bank signers, save yourself some trouble during cookie sales by giving your troop's account number to caregivers. This way they can go to the bank and deposit funds themselves. Just make sure to ask for a picture of the deposit slip/receipt.





# Alumna Spotlight: Debbie Grill

## Favorite Girl Scout memory?

I was in a Troop with my three best friends, and we did everything together. We went skiing, ice skating, spelunking, white water rafting and LOTS of biking. I remember this one trip called Tour de Chesapeake. It was a biking trip across old railroads all through Chesapeake Bay area, we rode about 20 miles a day. But my friends and I still laugh to this day about the stereo party there was in the community and the late-night adventures we had on the playground; I even lost a shoe! We found it in the most peculiar place the next day.

My favorite memory however, was going to Savannah when we were in 5th or 6th grade. We saw Juliette Gordon Low's house, the Girl Scout Museum, went on walking ghost tours and just made so many memories, from the drive up to exploring the city. Ironically, I lost another pair of shoes!

## What are you up to now?

I live in Billings, and I am the Product Program Manager for Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming. I will have been here for two years in March and honestly have loved every day of it. I wish I had joined this team years ago!

I can't express how it feels to give back my time and energy to an organization that I credit for who I am as a person today. Girl Scouts was there for me my entire childhood and provided opportunities and relationships that I still hold very dear to this day.

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

What's right isn't always easy... but you can do ANYTHING if you put your mind to it. Trust yourself and take chances!

## When did you start with Girl Scouts?

I started Girl Scouts in 1st Grade. I'm not really sure how it came about, but I wanted to make new friends!

[Read Debbie's Full Story](#)

# Atta Girl for Adding Girls: It's Time to Report!

Thank you for welcoming new Girl Scouts into your troop and creating opportunities for them to form new friendships, try exciting activities, dream up adventures, and most importantly, have FUN! Your efforts are truly making a lasting positive impact on these girls' lives.

To receive Your “Atta Girl” rewards, please complete the [Atta Girl for Adding Girls - Report](#) by **February 24, 2025**.

Rewards will be distributed by the end of March. All entries will be verified. We appreciate everything you do to inspire and empower these young leaders!



## World Thinking Day Leader Guides



Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate [World Thinking Day](#). It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes

that could improve the lives of girls around the globe. Observed by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide, World Thinking Day has a different theme each year.

Dive into this year's focus of **“Our Story: Reflecting the symbolism and values of our Movement”** and explore how you can build the confidence to know you can make a real difference, in your community and beyond.

For more information, and to download the younger-Girl Scout or older-Girl Scout World Thinking Day Guides, [CLICK HERE](#).





# Big Sky Documentary Film Festival

## February 17 - 27, 2025

### Explore the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival with GSMW

Join GSMW & Big Sky Documentary Film Festival for a curated selection of school-age friendly documentary films viewed virtually from the comfort of your home or troop meeting location.

Participants will enjoy inspiring short documentaries about nature, the arts, and brave individuals—perfect for Girl Scouts and their families!

### How to register and watch

1. [Sign up for FREE](#) with GSMW.
2. After registering, you'll receive a special BSDFF link.
3. Use the BSDFF link to register and pay just \$10 per family or troop for virtual, at-home access to all the short films.
4. Watch anytime between February 17–27, 2025. Once you start a film, you'll have 24 hours to finish it.
5. Enjoy inspiring short documentaries about nature, the arts, and brave individuals—perfect for Girl Scouts and their families!

### Make the experience even more memorable with a patch

Add a fun NEW patch and exclusive digital learning materials for only \$4!

- The NEW \$4 patch will be of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival logo and is optional to purchase during [GSMW registration](#).
- If you do purchase, the learning materials will be emailed, and patches will be shipped after the festival.
- All patch orders **must be placed by February 14, 2025**.
- The \$10 film access fee is paid separately through BSDFF.

### Get started

1. Complete the [Virtual Film Festival Link Sign-up & Patch Purchase Form](#). The optional \$4 patch purchase is available through this form.
2. Receive your BSDFF registration link and secure your \$10 film access.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to enjoy thought-provoking documentaries and earn a fun patch!



# 2026 National Council Session Delegates

Every three years, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) holds a National Council Session, also known as NCS. During NCS, elected National Council delegates representing all 111 councils across the nation and USA Girl Scouts Overseas, and the National Board, gather to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement as well as elect national leaders for the next triennium.

GSMW [National Council Delegate applications](#) are now open. Applications will be accepted through March 5, 2025.

The GSMW Board of Directors will select delegates and notifications will be made in April 2025.

This position is responsible for determining the direction Girl Scouting will take throughout the country. The number of delegates to be elected is based on membership. The formula used to calculate the number of delegates allotted to Montana/Wyoming is set forth in the Blue Book of Basic Documents.

**Read the Full Delegate Position Description**

# Chess, Coding, Cybersecurity, & Artificial Intelligence Online Programs for All Ages

[Join STEM the Gap Academy](#) for LIVE, online workshops that will help Girl Scouts understand modern STEM topics and online safety in a fun, girl-led way.

There are badge and patch workshops available for each Girl Scout level as well as multiple date options, so make sure to register for a workshop that is specific to your grade. All workshops are led by live teachers who are female STEM experts!

**Please Note:** STEM the Gap Academy™ manages registration and programming.



# Winter Outdoor Challenge

The GSMW Winter Outdoor Challenge is back again!

Girls, families, or Troops can complete these activities with a goal of reaching 100 points. You can submit the finished sheet online and earn a free fun patch from GSMW.

Find the Winter Outdoor [challenge on our website.](#)



# Girl Scout Week: March 9-15, 2025

During Girl Scout week March 9th – March 15th, GSMW invites our Girl Scouts to participate in the Girl Scout Week Challenge.

The challenge will be available on our website starting March 3rd. Go to our Challenges Page to download the checklist, check-off activities for at least five of the seven days, and submit your form to GSMW to receive your 2025 Girl Scout Week fun patch! Look for more information on the [GSMW Challenge page starting March 3rd.](#)







# Youth Mental Health Training - Adults

## Register by February 28, 2025

### Join us to learn more about supporting your Girl Scouts with mental health challenges.

Did you know that the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reports that **1 in 5 teens and young adults** lives with a **Mental Health condition**?

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.

### How does the training work?

Complete 2 hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session of learning about Youth Mental Health First Aid. After completion of the course, you will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider!

- Pre-Work: 2 hours to be completed online prior to the training (this is at your own pace through an online site)

- Through a generous grant from Shifting Gears, all Youth Mental Health Training is **FREE** to volunteers and caregivers. Lunch will be provided.
- Attendees will also need to attend a virtual session to complete their certification on Wednesday, March 19th from 5-8 PM.
- All Non-Member Adults registering for YMHFA will receive a complementary Girl Scout Membership.

### Get Certified!

Know someone who would benefit from a Youth Mental Health First Aid training? Encourage them to sign up for one of our upcoming trainings!

March 15th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, we will be hosting the first session of the YMHFA training in-person at the Billings Girl Scout Office.

[Sign up today](#) as spots are limited.

Registration closes on February 28th.



# 2025 Summer Camp

## Pack in the Memories at Summer Camp!

### Registration Timeline

April 16, 2025: Camp Credit Earner Registration Begins

April 23, 2025: Early Bird Registration Begins

May 7, 2025: Full Price Registration Begins

*Please Note: The date of our camp locations have changed. Timbercrest Camp and Camp Castle Rock have switched schedules. Be sure to check the new dates for each location.*

### Cookie Program Camp Credit

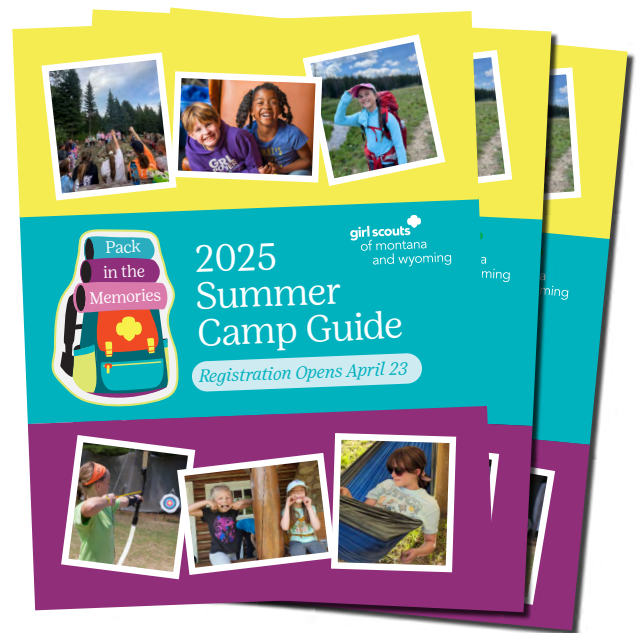
Earn up to \$400 in Camp Credits through Cookie Sales.

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

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

### Join our Summer Camp Team!

Are you or someone you know interested in working at camp? View our available positions [here](#).



**Read the Camp Guide  
Online Here!**

**Learn More About  
GSMW Summer Camp**