



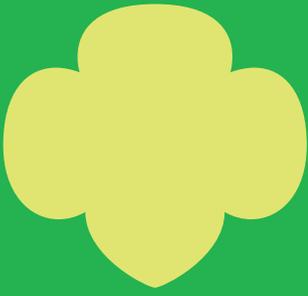
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Monthly Newsletter

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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!](#)



2026 Product Program

It's Cookie Time!

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 Recordings

Missed the Caregiver Cookie Training? [Watch here!](#)

Didn't make it to the Cookie Kickoff? [Watch here!](#)

Initial Order

Initial Order is a major bulk order of Girl Scout cookies placed by troops, covering initial in-person sales (order cards) and booth inventory.

Join us for an evening with a cookie expert, [Wed, Feb. 11th at 7:00 PM](#), where we will take you on a virtual step-by-step walkthrough to place your troop Initial Order. This is also a great time to ask

any general cookie questions you may have. Access [2025 Troop Cookie Initial Order Data](#) to help compare and determine your 2026 Initial Order. For additional support, review our [Cookie Resources page](#).

Cookie Kickoff SWAG Follow-up

If you attended a Cookie Kickoff and are waiting to receive your SWAG handwarmer, you can expect to receive yours with the cookie deliveries in March just in time to keep warm at booths!

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 (no later than March 5th). Product Managers and bank signers, save yourself some trouble during cookie sales by giving your troop 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.

Gluten Free Cookies

Gluten Free cookies were pre-ordered in October. If your troop placed a pre-order, you should have received email confirmation on January 18th from the Product Program department with important information including: total cases ordered, printable attachable gluten free order form to go with the paper order card, and the link for individual girl gluten free sales.

If you placed a preorder and did not receive this email, or you are unsure if you placed an order, please contact us at customercare@gsmw.org.

If you are a new troop and missed the pre-order, contact customercare@gsmw.org if you are interested in securing gluten free cookies to sell in the Cookie Program.



2026 Cookie Program Dates

January 30
Cookie Program Begins

February 6
Fall Product Early Cookie Booth Signups

February 9
Booth Signups Begin (at 5 PM)

February 15
Pre-Orders End.
Paper Order Card Totals Due to Troop from Caregivers

February 16
Additional Order Taking Begins

February 17
Troop Initial Orders and Rewards Due in Smart Cookies (by 11:59 PM)

March 10-18
Cookie Pickups from the Service Unit

March 20-Apr 13
Cookie Booths

April 12
Cookie Program Ends

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

Take on the Cookie Program Challenges

Help your Girl Scouts be Brave. Fierce. FUN! [by taking on some exciting challenges](#). Be sure to check back to our webpage regularly for new challenges and challenge winners.

Share the Love

January 30th - February 14th

Girl Scouts who sell 14 Cookie Shares online or on their paper order cards from January 30th to February 14th, will earn themselves an exclusive Share the Love Patch PLUS an entry to win a Tea Rose Pink lululemon Everywhere Belt Bag filled with valentine surprises.

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 - February 14th

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.

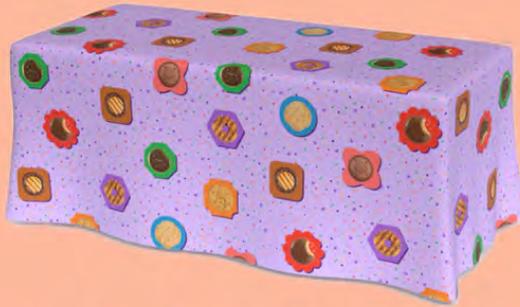
[Learn More About Challenges](#)



2026 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 to place an order.



Full Color Tablecloth
\$35 | 72" x 108"



Cookie Time Table Runner
\$15 | Tablecloth sold separately



Yard Sign
\$15 | Extra shipping rates apply



Troop Table Banner
\$8 | Decorate your booth!



Cookie Riser
\$35 | Display multiple cookie boxes



Cookie Belt Bag
\$15 | Adjustable Belt Bag



Cookie Beanie
\$18 | Stay warm this cookie season



Cookie Tote Bag
\$5 | Laminated reusable bag

Add-A-Girl: Self-Report by February 28th

Thank you for opening your troop to new Girl Scouts and giving them a place to build friendships, explore new activities, imagine exciting adventures, and—most of all—have fun! Your dedication is creating meaningful, lasting experiences that will stay with these girls for years to come.

To receive your “Add-A-Girl” rewards, please complete the [Add-A-Girl for Adding Girls - Report by February 28th](#). All entries will be verified.

We appreciate the time and care you give. Your impact on these girls’ lives is truly invaluable!



Black Footed Ferret Conservation Patch

Girl Scouts can join a nationwide conservation effort with the Louisville Zoo to learn about the endangered black-footed ferret and earn a special fun patch. As this year’s Cookie Program mascot, the ferret offers a fun way to connect cookies, conservation, and real-world science while building leadership and community action skills.

Troops can also schedule a virtual or in-person visit with ZooMontana’s ferret, Pablano, by emailing educator Jaclyn at jauslander@zoomontana.org

[Download the Activity Guide](#)





Big Sky Documentary Film Festival

February 13 - 22, 2026

Explore the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival with GSMW

GSMW invites Girl Scouts and their families to enjoy a virtual documentary film experience with the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival. This curated collection of short films, designed for school-age viewers, can be watched at home or with a troop and highlights real people, big ideas, and inspiring stories that spark reflection and conversation. Best suited for mature Brownies and older Girl Scouts.

Register and Watch

1. [Sign up for FREE](#) with GSMW.
2. After registering, you'll receive a special BSDFF link.
3. Use the access link to register with BSDFF and pay just \$10.50 for virtual access to selected short films.
4. Watch anytime during the festival window February 13th through the 22nd. Once you begin a film, you will have 24 hours to finish each film.
5. New this year: All registrants will receive a set of all-new 2026 documentary film activity worksheets.

Make the Experience Even More Memorable With a Patch

Commemorate the experience with a Big Sky Documentary Film Festival patch for \$4 each.

- The optional patch features the BSDFF logo and is the same patch as 2025.
- Patches will arrive after the festival.
- Place your patch order no later than February 22nd.
- GSMW only collects patch purchases, you will pay the \$10.50 film access fee separately through BSDFF.

Get started

1. Complete the [Virtual Film Festival Sign Up and Patch Purchase Form](#) through GSMW.
2. Receive your BSDFF registration link and secure your film access.

Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy thought-provoking documentaries, share a meaningful Girl Scout experience, and earn a fun festival patch.

Interested in Working at Summer Camp?

Looking for a summer job that's fun, adventurous, and meaningful? We're hiring summer camp staff at Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming!

Why work with us?

- Gain leadership and professional skills
- Build lifelong friendships
- Room, board, and scenic camp life included
- Explore amazing locations like Camp Castle Rock, Timbercrest, and Camp Sacajawea
- Experience for resumes and future careers



Apply Now and Be Part of Something Incredible

View The 2026 Summer Camp Guide!

Each year, we strive to create a summer filled with wonder, adventure, and moments that turn into lifelong memories. This year, we invite you to join us as we Capture the Moment! Whether it's your first camp experience or your fifth, this is your chance to make memories that will last a lifetime.

Registration Dates

April 15 - Camp Credit Earners

April 22 - Early Bird Price

May 6 - Regular Price

Check It Out





What is

Meeting

in a Minute?

Take the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting. There are always new and exciting themes, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!



Body Appreciation

Empower girls of all ages to define beauty on their own terms, practice wellness habits, and express confidence through self-awareness, style, and self-care. Boost confidence, develop healthy habits, and celebrate our unique bodies



Cadette Robotics

Cadettes will gain an understanding of robots, physics, and programming while earning their Programming Robots Badge



Robot Design

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will gain an understanding of problem solving like an engineer while earning their Robots 1: Designing Robots badge.



Art and Design

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will discover their artistic talent while earning their Art and Design badge.



Summer Fun

Unleash your Girl Scouts' creativity with this nature-themed box, where they'll craft stunning art using treasures they discover outdoors!



Turtle-y Awesome

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will dive into the incredible journey of sea turtles and discover how they navigate the ocean using magnetism.



Funshine Sunshine

This box is designed for all ages! Get ready to soak up the sun and explore the magic of solar-powered fun!



Discover all of the Meeting in a Minute Boxes and Order Here!



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. Download our activity sheet with fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door!

[Take the Challenge](#)



Girl Scout Week Meeting in a Minute Box

Let's get ready to celebrate Girl Scout week! This all-new Meeting in a Minute box contains all the materials needed to make watercolor bookmarks, a beaded windchime, a Girl Scout Law SWAPS, a Girl Scout Journal, and you'll get to create your very own DIY patch!

The activities in this box will earn you the Girl Scout Week Fun Patch pictured on the right! Order now, while supplies last below.

[Order Now](#)



Celebrate 100 Years of World Thinking Day

Girl Scouts and Girl Guides around the world will gather on February 22, 2026 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of World Thinking Day. This global tradition began in 1926 as a day for WAGGGS members to think of each other, honor international friendship, and reflect on the values of our shared Movement. This year's theme is Our Friendship, a chance for us to explore the connections that unite us across cultures, generations, and communities. Visit [World Thinking Day web page](#) to download activity packets for younger and older Girl Scouts and find a link to purchase the 2026 World Thinking Day badge.



Let's Celebrate

Explore Virtual STEM Badge Programs with STEM the Gap Academy

Girl Scouts of all ages can earn STEM badges and patches through engaging virtual programs with STEM the Gap Academy, a woman-led organization empowering the next generation of girls in STEM. Programs are taught by real-life women scientists and are available for individual Girl Scouts or entire troops. Badges and patches offered include Cybersecurity, Coding, Chess, STEM Career Exploration, and Artificial Intelligence. Girls can explore everything from online safety and game design to chess strategy, STEM careers, and hands-on AI projects that inspire critical thinking and innovation. View program details, schedules, pricing, and registration by visiting the STEM the Gap Academy website.



Learn More



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](#)



Apply for Girl Scouts Destinations

Girl Scout Travel

Ready to explore somewhere new, try something bold, and connect with Girl Scouts from across the country and the world?

Girl Scouts Destinations offers unforgettable travel experiences for older Girl Scouts, from

outdoor adventures and STEM focused trips to global explorations and career inspired journeys.

It is not too late to apply! [Apply before March 1](#) to ensure your eligibility for the DPass Grant Travel Scholarship, which can help make your destination

experience more affordable. Destinations applications are open until the trip is full.

Do not miss your chance to turn travel dreams into real life adventures. Learn more and apply today at the [GSUSA Destinations webpage](#).

Outdoor Cookout Refresher

Did you know that your Outdoor Cookout Certification needs to be renewed every three years? If it's time for your renewal, simply fill out the form below. To qualify, you must have taken the course at least once and continued to use the skills you learned. Once submitted, your form will be reviewed, and you'll be contacted regarding your renewal status. Keep your certification current to ensure safe and successful outdoor experiences!

[Renewal Form Here](#)



February is Full of Sweet Savings!

All Month Long: Score a FREE Cookie Tote Bag
Spend \$50 or more on any Cookie Merchandise during the month of February and receive a FREE Cookie Tote Bag!

One Day Only: February 20th
This is the big one! If you spend \$50 or more on ANY retail items (not just cookie gear!) on February 20th, you'll receive FREE shipping on your entire order* and a FREE Cookie Tote Bag!

To lock in your freebies, reach out to Carol directly to place your order by calling 406-252-0488 or email shop@gsmw.org

*Please Note: *This offer excludes the Cookie Riser, Cookie Yard Sign, and Cookie Tablecloth on February 20th. Free totes are only available while supplies last, so act fast!*





Council Crew

Alice

Alice has been the Executive Assistant/Hiring Manager for GSMW for five years. She supports the leadership team by keeping operations organized and efficient. A key part of Alice's role is sourcing, interviewing, and hiring the incredible individuals who make up our Girl Scout team! One of her favorite parts about working at Girl Scouts is getting to meet so many incredible people and volunteers. She loves hearing about their experiences in Girl Scouts.

If anyone knows Alice, you know that she's obsessed with giraffes! Aside from dreaming of owning a giraffe, she loves to crochet, go on walks with her dog, bake treats, and travel with her husband!

