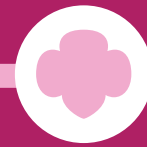


February Monthly Newsletter





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.

February

Monthly Newsletter

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Product Program



it's Cookie Time



Adventurefuls



Caramel deLites



Peanut Butter Sandwich



Lemonades



Thin Mints



Toast-Yay!



Peanut Butter Patties



Trefoils



Caramel Chocolate Chip



Thin Mints



Caramel Chocolate Chip



Peanut Butter Patties



Toast-Yay!



Trefoils



Lemonades



Peanut Butter Sandwich



Caramel deLites



Adventurefuls

GSMW Shop Items

Contact us to place an order | 406-252-0488 | shop@gsmw.org



2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program

Check out the cookie dates and get started today! Please click on these links if you need to [add missing girls or edit girls showing in Smart Cookies](#) or have a [Smart Cookies Volunteer User Addition/Change Request](#).

If you missed watching trainings or need access to our additional resources, including the [Caregiver Cookie Training Video](#) or the [2022 Troop Cookie Initial Order Data](#), check out the [GSMW Cookie Resources page!](#)

If your Girl Scouts need customer emails from last year in Digital Cookie, they should email customercare@gsmw.org and include their name, requesting this information.

2023 Cookie Program Dates

Smart Cookies Setup Begins for Girls	February 1
Cookie Program Begins	February 3
Booth Sign-ups Begin (at 5:00PM)	February 13
Paper Order Taking Ends	February 19
Troop Initial Order & Troop Early Recognitions Due in Smart Cookies (at 11:59PM)	February 21
Additional Order Taking Begins	February 22
Cookie Pickups From the Service Unit	March 13 - 22
Cookie Booths	March 24 - April 16
Cookie Program Ends	April 16

Volunteers & What's New



Volunteer Retreat

We are excited to be gathering together again for the 2023 Volunteer Retreat! Save the date for Friday, August 4th at 4:00PM through Sunday, August 6th at 10:00AM! Volunteer Retreat is for all our Girl Scout Volunteers! More details and registration information will follow. We cannot wait to see you all at Timbercrest Camp again soon!

GIRL SCOUT SUMMER CAMP



We Are Now Hiring!

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



It's Here!

The digital version of the 2023 Summer Camp Guide is now available! You should receive the camp guide in your mailboxes soon!



Travel the World on Girl Scout Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts.

Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone.

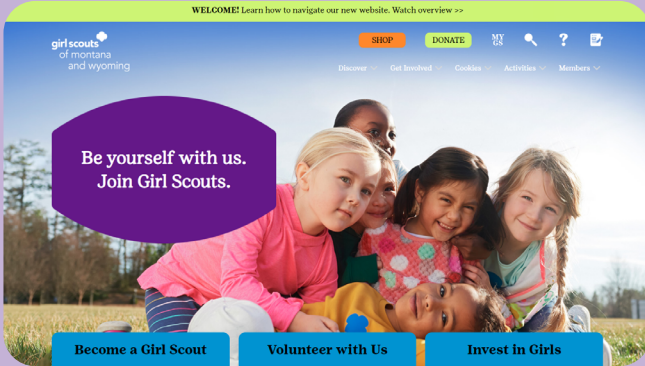
Trip hosts are still accepting Destinations applications, so check out your options, and apply through GSUSA today! [Check out all the trips HERE.](#)

Scholarships are still available, too! Email customer-care@gsmw.org if you have any questions about Destinations.



What's New & Celebrations

New Website Overview



Join Us For a Website Walkthrough!

Are you looking for some more information on how to navigate through the new and improved website? Be sure to check out [this video](#) for our detailed walkthrough of the basics!

Need additional information? Contact us at customer-care@gsmw.org



Girl Scout Silver Award of the Year

Is your troop or Juliette working on or thinking about earning the Girl Scout Silver Award? Do you know that the project could be considered for the GSMW Silver Award of the Year?

Find out how on our [Silver Award resource page](#) or email customer-care@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

"I started Girl Scouts in 2nd grade (fall 2011) as a first-year brownie because some of my close friends were in the troop then and I wanted to be with them. My favorite Girl Scout memory was when my troop went white water rafting with the money we had earned from cookie sales. We spent the weekend together and had a great time rafting down the Arkansas River. I am now a first-year student at Montana State University studying chemistry education with honors. I found my love of education through Girl Scouts."

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



Sydney Sandifer
Girl Scout Alumna



Upcoming Programs



Virtual Viewing of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival: Feb. 17th - Mar. 3rd

The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (BSDFF) has invited our Girl Scouts to virtually view a selection of the festival's school-age appropriate documentary films, otherwise known as Schoolhouse Docs:

- Girl Scouts must sign-up through GSMW first, and GSMW will send you a BSDFF registration link
- Films become available February 16th
- Viewing is open until March 3, 2023

NEW THIS YEAR: There will be a selection of films for younger-girl viewers and another selection for older-girl viewers. Both age groups will enjoy age-appropriate, short, documentary films about courageous women! GSMW and BSDFF have also partnered to create a commemorative patch and learning materials to accompany the films. [Check out more information, costs, and deadlines on our events page.](#)



Girl Scout Week: March 12th - March 18th

During Girl Scout Week—March 12-18, 2023, GSMW invites our Girl Scouts to two special virtual events.

First, on Monday the 13th, we will celebrate together with a [virtual Girl Scout Birthday Celebration](#). All ages are welcome! This program does not include a kit, but participants will receive a list of basic supplies they need to collect for the program. After the program, participants will receive a fun patch in the mail. *Registration closes on March 5th.*

Second, on Wednesday the 15th, a special guest host from the US Space Force will lead girls in a STEM project and a Q & A session where girls can ask every question they ever had about the US Space Force. The [STEMtoSpace program](#) will include a basic STEM experiment kit and a fun patch for \$15. *Registration closes on February 22nd.*

Our annual Girl Scout Week Challenge has also returned. [Go to our Challenges Page](#) to download the checklist, check-off activities for each day of Girl Scout Week, and submit your form to GSMW to receive your 2023 Girl Scout Week fun patch!



Upcoming Programs

Girl Scout Day of Science



The Second Annual Girl Scout Day of Science: March 4th

Partner museums will provide girls with hands-on explorations of all things STEM. This year, we have nine museums participating! Find your nearest participating museum by going to our events page at www.gsmw.org/events.



Registration \$5 per girl and closes on February 19th. Participants can add a \$3 fun patch during registration. Girl Scouts friends and family members are welcome to join the fun, too!

Hope & Restoration - Saving the Whitebark Pine: March 4th

In conjunction with the Girl Scout Day of Science, GSMW has partnered with American Forests and the Montana Science Center to offer our Girl Scouts a virtual viewing and panel discussion regarding the endangered whitebark pine.

Hope and Restoration – Saving the Whitebark Pine is a short powerful documentary that tells the story of whitebark pine, its role in the ecosystem, current threats, and the coalition of leaders working to restore it. The film was shot in a span of 2.5 years and includes never-before-filmed scenes of Clark’s nutcrackers, grizzly bears and the iconic soaring mountain landscapes whitebark pine call home.

During the virtual viewing, Girl Scouts will join in-person film viewers for a discussion with women scientists and foresters, learning more about forestry careers and how they can help the whitebark pine. Libby Pansing, a special guest speaker and featured scientist from the movie, will lead a panel of experts in the women in STEM & forestry careers discussion. Families and friends are encouraged to virtually view the film, participate in the Q&A, and learn from the discussions. Find more information [HERE](#).

Sneak Peek Image of the Film Below!



Register today for a chance to win!

Register for the Girl Scout National Convention Today for a Chance to Win!

Now through February 21st, when you register for a three or five-day pass, you'll be entered for a chance to win two Walt Disney World® theme park tickets (a retail value of \$288)! Five winners will be selected. [Official sweepstakes rules](#) and [privacy policy](#).

Plus, Girl Scout troops and families can now take advantage of the group of four package—four 3-day passes for \$1,300 (savings start at \$200).

Get ready to have fun and make lifelong memories at this epic, can't-miss gathering.

2023 National Convention

56th National
Council Session
July 18th - 20th, 2023

2023 Girl Scout
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2023 National Convention Support, Updates, and Required Traveler Survey

GSMW has prepared a new set of travel support videos for your group's trip to Orland for the 2023 National Convention. [Check out the videos on our YouTube playlist page](#). Our newest videos cover scholarships, budgeting, and money earning.

Travel Group Required Survey

If you are traveling to the 2023 National Convention in Orlando, please have one of your traveling adults complete our required travel update survey. Your group is required to [COMPLETE THIS SURVEY](#) by March 1st, 2023. The information you supply will help us prepare support materials before and during the National Convention. We would love to know who is going, if you'd like to attend a GSMW meet-up, and whether your group is interested in GSMW swag for your trip. Thank you in advance for completing the survey in a timely manner.

Updated Pricing for Group of Four Pricing Package

GSUSA has updated their price for the group of four National Convention price package. The package is now \$1,300. If you purchased this package between November 1st, 2022 and now, you can request a refund by contacting the convention team at convention@gsmw.org and provide the first and last names of your group's four registrants. You can register your group of four [HERE](#).

GSUSA Seeks Girl Discussion Co-Facilitators for National Convention

The National Board is seeking Girl Scouts to serve as discussion co-facilitators at the 56th National Council Session at the National Convention. The Girl Discussion Topic Co-facilitators will work with the Discussion Planning and Implementation (P&I) Team to implement a robust discussion format for those topics placed on the National Council Session agenda. Girl Discussion Topic Co-facilitators:

- Will receive an orientation and guidance for their role in discussions within their council and during the National Council Session by the P&I team.
- Must have a familiarity with discussion topics (when finalized).
- Are expected to participate in any delegate discussions within their council.
- Specific roles during the on-site discussion will be determined when the format has been finalized by the Discussion P&I Team.
- Need to have a comfort level in working with groups of 65-100 people.

If your girl is interested in applying to be a Co-Facilitator, have them fill out [this application form](#) by February, 10th.