

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

The Fall Product Program is Coming

Get your Girl Scouts “Ready to Explore” this year with the Fall Product Program from October 2 to November 18.

Product Managers, It's About That Time

To make the program run smoothly, we need to have designated volunteers to handle the product role for their troops and Service Units. This person(s) will be the main point of contact for any communication, mailing, and deliveries that may take place during each Product Program.

Troop Product Managers: Please complete the [Troop Product Manager Agreement](#) by August 9.

This information is essential so we can send Fall Program materials directly to you and communicate effectively throughout the programs. *Every troop is required to have one person in this role.*

Service Unit Product Managers

If you have not already, please submit your [Service Unit Product Manager Agreement](#) by July 13. Even if you're the only troop in your community, please fill out the form. Thank you for helping us prepare for a great season!

Name Our Fall Mascot

Our new kangaroo mascot needs a name and you get to choose it! [Cast your vote](#) by July 31 and find out the winning name at our Fall Kickoff in September.

Make an Impact by Providing Feedback

2026 Cookie Survey

By July 31, take a few minutes to provide feedback on our [2026 Cookie Program](#). We want to make sure these programs are as beneficial and seamless as possible for both our Girl Scouts and our Volunteers that support them. Any and all feedback is appreciated by girls, volunteers and caregivers.

2027 Cookie Rewards

By July 31, take a few minutes to [vote on potential Cookie Reward items here](#). We would love volunteer, caregiver and Girl Scout input so that we can make sure the Girl Scouts get items we know they will like!

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](#)

Annual Financial Reports: Past Due

If you haven't submitted the report for your troop and/or service unit yet, please do so IMMEDIATELY and include:

- ☐ [Annual Financial Report Form](#)
- ☐ Bank Statements from June 2025 to May 2026
- ☐ Receipts for all transactions other than those for the Product Program sweeps

Finance Resources

- [Quick Guide](#)
- [Product Finance Tool](#)
- [Video Tutorial](#)
- [Troop Banking Resources](#)

Reminder

GSMW will begin contacting those who haven't submitted a report. Please remember that **bank accounts are subject to closure if we cannot ensure they comply with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies.**





Peaks and Pines: September 11-13

The Mountains are Calling

Are you ready for adventure, connection, and a whole lot of fun, while supporting our future generation of leaders?

Don't just take our word for it! Here's what last year's participants had to say:

"I absolutely enjoyed this experience so much! I loved that I was able to give back to such a special organization in a fun way. From craft time to social hour, we had an epic and unique weekend to remember. I met some amazing women and would love to come back again and again!"

"From the moment we arrived, through driving away to head home, I felt welcomed, appreciated, and a little pampered! It's such a unique event and the team goes above and beyond to ensure everyone is comfortable. From beautiful flowers in our rooms, to the lack of pressure to participate (if I'd rather relax instead!), to delicious food, to tons of options – this event is already one of my favorites."

"Peaks and Pines is such a fun event. Getting a weekend away from responsibility, networking with other women, and all the fun activities is 100% worth every penny!"

The staff was accommodating and determined to make it a luxury experience in the mountains. The food was delicious and made with lots of love. If you haven't gone yet, make sure you go next year! I know I'll absolutely be returning for the third year in a row. My best friend and I have made it our annuals girl's trip."

Event Details

September 11-13, 2026

Timbercrest Camp | Red Lodge, MT

Overnight Rate: \$175/Per Person

Day Rate: \$75/Per Person

Questions? Email us at give@gsmw.org.

Register Now

GSMW Summer Outdoor Challenge

**GIRL SCOUTS
SUMMER OUTDOOR CHALLENGE
JUNE 1ST - AUGUST 30TH**

Take the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Summer Outdoor Challenge! Check out the activities below to earn yourself a brand-new patch!

1. Keep track of your activities and reach 100 points, earning a free fun patch!
2. Submit your 100-point list at www.gsmw.org/challenge by August 30, 2026.

80 Point Challenges	5 Point Challenges	1 Point Challenges
☐ Attend Girl Scout Summer Camp at Timbercrest Camp ☐ Attend Girl Scout Summer Camp at Camp Sacajawea ☐ Attend Girl Scout Summer Camp at Camp Castle Rock ☐ Work towards earning your Highest Award ☐ Work towards earning your Leadership Award ☐ Attend a Council Run Program ☐ Go to a Service Unit Day Camp ☐ Earn a Council Patch ☐ Earn a Service Unit Patch ☐ Attend a park ranger talk ☐ Complete an Outdoor Badge ☐ Make a Leave No Trace poster then share it ☐ Identify 5 different cloud types ☐ Learn to read a trail map ☐ Build a fort outside using natural materials ☐ Grow a plant from a seed ☐ Collect 5 different leaves and identify them ☐ Visit a National Park ☐ Learn about a local endangered animal or plant ☐ Visit a State Park	☐ Sing songs around a campfire ☐ Visit a local library and check out an outdoor picture book ☐ Find north without using your phone ☐ Make a bird feeder or bee hotel and hang it outside ☐ Go on a night hike/walk with your caregiver ☐ Attend an outdoor community event or festival ☐ Visit a local farmers market and try a new food ☐ Photograph Nature ☐ Visit a monument ☐ Learn about 5 edible wild plants in your region ☐ Plant vegetables ☐ Learn how to tie 3 different knots ☐ Read outside for 30 minutes ☐ Take a group photo with friends ☐ Learn to set up a tent ☐ Learn about bear safety ☐ Learn a new constellation ☐ Go on a nature walk ☐ Go to or host a picnic ☐ Pick up trash in the community ☐ Make a wind chime from sticks and string then hang it outside	☐ Skip rocks on water ☐ Look for the Big Dipper at night ☐ Skip in a hammock ☐ Watch the sunset ☐ Fly a kite ☐ Run through a sprinkler ☐ Draw or paint something you see outside ☐ Find and observe a butterfly ☐ Create sidewalk chalk art ☐ Make a wish on a dandelion

GIVEAWAY ALERT
Complete all the activities on your Summer Challenge checklist, then submit a photo of you completing them along with a brief description for your chance to win! One lucky winner will take home the adorable Jellycat Amuseables Sun (Medium).

Patches mailed weekly starting July 1st | This challenge is exclusive to GSMW Girl Scouts only.
Questions? Email customer@gsmtw.org or call 406-252-0488

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](#)

Animal Awareness and Support Patch

The Animal Awareness and Support Patch Program invites Girl Scouts from Daisies through Ambassadors to explore animal behavior, responsible care, and the financial realities that impact local shelters and rescues. By examining how these pieces connect, girls gain a well-rounded understanding of animal welfare. Click here to learn how to earn your Animal Awareness and Support Patch!

[Earn Your Patch](#)



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. Watch for local event details and registration information coming soon!



NEW! Meeting in a Minute Box

Celebrate the magic of summer with Build It, Glow It, Throw It! A Girl Scout Meeting in a Minute Box designed for creativity, exploration, and outdoor fun. This hands-on experience brings together crafting, simple engineering, and playful activities that girls can enjoy in the sunshine.

Inside the box, you'll create your own glowing lightning bugs that light up the night, bringing a little sparkle to summer evenings. Then, channel your inner inventor by building pompom launchers and experimenting with motion and design. Add a splash of color by making your own custom sidewalk chalk - perfect for decorating driveways and sidewalks. Finally, beat the heat by crafting reusable water balloons for endless eco-friendly fun.



[Order Here](#)



Girl Scout National Convention

Looking Ahead

The [Girl Scout National Convention](#) is the premier national gathering of Girl Scouts from across the country, bringing together girls and adults for inspiring speakers, hands-on workshops, leadership experiences, and celebrations of the impact Girl Scouts are making nationwide.

This year's Convention will take place July 20–25, 2026 in Washington, D.C., and will conclude with the exciting announcement of the location for the next National Convention in 2029.

We encourage Girl Scouts and families to follow along with this year's Convention highlights and announcements, and to start dreaming about how they might take part in 2029.

The National Convention is a powerful opportunity to connect with the wider movement, be inspired by new ideas, and imagine your place in the future of Girl Scouting.

[Learn More](#)



GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

Congratulations Hazel!

Congratulations to Hazel M. on receiving the 2026 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship in the amount of \$5000 for her Gold Award project “Indiana Prevention Project”.

After moving to Bloomington, IN, Hazel H. continued to participate with her troop in Missoula, MT and Hazel drew from an experience she had with her troop for her Gold Award. Her troop participated in the “Paint the State” mural competition to educate youth about the dangers of first-time drug use.

Using her experience and knowledge of the impact that “Paint the State” has in Montana, Hazel implemented the “Indiana Prevention Project.” Hazel engaged youth through a website and social media in Monroe and Greene counties to create public art to raise awareness of substance abuse risks.

She networked with local organizations, city officials and schools to gain support and established a nonprofit to secure funding to cover project costs and an award for the winning design. A school-based Mural Action Club was created by Hazel to engage students in community art projects and plans were laid with a local business for a second mural contest featuring a graffiti artist.

Hazel will be attending Indiana State University as a rural health scholar as a pre-med major. This program is designed for students on the medical school path with a particular interest in primary care in rural underserved areas. She plans to continue her Gold Award, Indiana Prevention Project work as an undergraduate, hoping to expand her "Paint the State" mural initiative in the western Indiana region.

[Read More](#)



Council Crew

Behind every successful organization is a strong accounting team, and Kevi Berger is an essential part of ours! As a member of GSMW's Accounting Department, Kevi keeps the numbers in check by processing and reconciling financial transactions, maintaining accurate financial records, and supporting month-end and year-end close activities. She also helps ensure compliance with accounting standards, assists with financial reporting and analysis, and conducts troop audits—all of which help keep Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming financially strong and running smoothly.

Kevi has a BS in Business Administration with a focus on Leadership and Management. For the past 30 years, she has worked in nonprofit management, primarily 6 as a CEO/CFO. She is a beauty queen and competes in one pageant per year. She currently serves as Ms. Continental Worldwide and loves all things sparkly! Kevi is a wife, mother to three, grandmother to one, and has three fur babies.

