

July

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Reserve your cabin, mark your calendars, and join us for the 100 year celebration!



End of Year Financials

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End of Year Financials are now past due. If you haven't submitted the report for your troop and/or service unit yet, please do so by July 15th and include the following:

- **Annual Financial Report form** (as noted in the June newsletter, we will no longer be using VTK)
- Bank statements from June 2023 to May 2024
- Receipts for all transactions other than those for cookie and fall sweeps.

Finance Tools and Resources

- **[Youtube Video Tutorial](#)**
- **[Quick Guide](#)**
- **[Downloadable Product Finance Tool and Monthly Template](#)**
- **[Frequently Asked Questions Video](#)**

Reminder

GSMW will begin contacting those who haven't submitted a report by July 15th. Remember, bank accounts will be closed if we cannot ensure they comply with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies.

Girl Scout

Product Program

Fall Product Program is Coming!

Get ready for girls to “Embrace Possibility” beginning with the Fall Product Program from September 27th - November 13th.

Help us name our Fall Mascot, the Asian Elephant! Click on [this link](#) to cast your vote for a name by July 31st. We will announce the winning name as part of our Fall Kickoffs.



Product Managers Get Ready for the Fall Product Program

Please fill out the **Troop Product Manager Agreement** by August 4th. This information is critical as we will be sending materials for the Fall Program to the Troop Product Manager.

If you are the Service Unit Product Manager (SUPM), please fill out a **SUPM Agreement** by July 15th.

2025 Cookie Rewards Voting

Don't miss out on helping choose Cookie Reward options for the 2025 Cookie Program! [Click here](#) to vote for your favorite items by July 31st.



Highest Award Ceremony

Huge thanks to the Helena Service Unit for hosting the Highest Awards ceremony at the Montana State Capitol!

Congrats to all Girl Scouts who earned their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. Your leadership and dedication to making the world a better place is truly inspiring. We are so proud of you!

To learn more about how to earn a Highest Award, head over to [our website](#) or email customercare@gsmw.org.



Gold Award Spotlight: Joelle T. | Helena, MT

Joelle T. of Helena, MT tackled the issue of drug use and addiction by using her art skills to create a mural for the Montana Meth Project. Joelle's mural was created to raise awareness in her community about the risks of methamphetamine use and was placed in a high-traffic location to maximize its impact. She also partnered with the Sheriff's Department to plan and host a workshop to educate participants about preventing drug use, including how to maintain physical and mental health, and how to recognize drug use. Joelle also invited a guest speaker to the workshop to share her story about her sister's battle with drugs.



Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend

Every year, thousands of Girl Scouts explore the natural wonders found across our country during the Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend.

With their friends and families, Girl Scouts nationwide celebrate our shared love of the outdoors. Please celebrate with us by grabbing your backpack and heading to your local state parks for self-guided tours, family hikes, campouts, stargazing, and more!

Keep your eyes on www.gsmw.org/events for event and registration details throughout July.



Celebrate with Us at Timbercrest

Join us at Timbercrest Camp to celebrate the culmination of GSMW's Adventure & Forestry Destination with young travelers from across the country. Paired with an informal presentation and a camp dinner, traveling Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors will talk about their adventures traversing Yellowstone's National Park region and their commitment to the Girl Scout Tree Promise and helping save the Whitebark Pine trees.

This event is open to Girl Scouts of any age, adult and child, their friends and family members, and non-Girl Scout community members interested in conservation. Registration is \$5 per guest and includes a camp dinner. Please register on our [website](#) by July 21st.





Peaks and Pines

September 7-8, 2024 | Timbercrest Camp | Red Lodge, MT

A Women's Weekend for a Cause

You're invited to a weekend of adventure, relaxation, and philanthropy at Peaks and Pines, our premier fundraiser supporting Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.

Picture yourself throwing axes, hiking scenic trails, reading in a hammock, enjoying a lively Happy Hour, and unwinding with yoga alongside like-minded women.

The best part? You'll help raise critical funds to support our outdoor leadership programming, providing financial assistance for low-income girls to attend summer camp, improving our camp properties, and enhancing our outdoor and summer camp leadership programs.

This women's-only event will be hosted at our picturesque Timbercrest Camp property in Red Lodge, Montana.

What's Included?

All meals, snacks, and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages will be available through breakfast on Sunday morning. Saturday night's dinner will include a full-course meal, drinks, a silent auction, a paddle raise, and a special presentation.

With cozy accommodations, activities for all interests, and ample outdoor space, you'll experience the ultimate getaway while making a meaningful difference and will leave a legacy that inspires and empowers girls.

Premier accommodations are limited and will book fast!

To learn more and register, visit www.gsmw.org/peaksandpines



Girl Scouts Have No Limits Photo Challenge

We're excited to announce an amazing photo contest, and we want YOU to join in on the fun!

Participating is easy! Simply capture a photo of yourself wearing your Girl Scout sash, vest, or branded gear while showcasing your favorite activities.

One lucky Girl Scout will win an awesome Boba Party Kit and a Giant Boba Squishmallow! The lucky winner will be chosen at random. Get ready to take your best shot! Find all the deets [here](#)!



Summer Fun Box

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for your Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops!

This nature themed box taps into your girl's creativity and sense of adventure, delivering a hands-on experience for them and a hands-off experience for you.

With this box, girls will design and make pet rocks, use nature as their inspiration to craft flowers and nature looms, and create clay impressions to make a necklace. Designed to be simple for you and fun for them, this box is sure to be a home run with your troop!

This box contains all the primary supplies you need to conduct a successful troop meeting:

- Creative, Fun and Age-Appropriate Crafts
- Detailed Instructions
- A Surprise Fun Patch & Snacks
- Activity Supplies*

* The only supplies you will need to provide are scissors.

Colors and materials may vary.

Orders can be placed [HERE](#).



\$25 for 6 Girls
\$40 for 12 Girls

Chess Girl Virtual Programs (K-12)

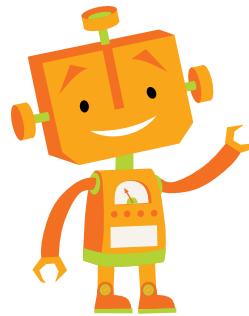
Through STEM the Gap Academy's Chess Girl programs, girls prepare to take on tomorrow's world with confidence, resilience, and enthusiasm. STEM the Gap delivers an innovative and engaging learning experience designed to help students calculate risk, prepare for the unexpected, and confidently discover and nurture their inherent strengths. For Girl Scouts, the Chess Girl program helps girls earn Chess Girl fun patches and charms. Daisies, Brownies, and Cadettes can also earn official badges. STEM the Gap hosts programs for Girl Scouts across the country from September through December. For more information, check out the age-specific program details [on our website](#). STEM the Gap also hosts Cybersecurity and Coding Badge virtual programming for Girl Scouts of all age levels.



Join Robotics

We are looking for interested troops, coaches, mentors, volunteers, and individual girls to form FIRST LEGO League teams to represent Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming in this wonderful educational program.

[Learn more here.](#)



STEM Van



By bringing our STEM programming on the road with our STEM van, we're meeting Girl Scouts where they're at so they can explore their interest in STEM. Through hands-on activities, girls can learn about future STEM careers, helping to fill the STEM workforce pipeline, and aid in closing the STEM gender gap. Montana and Wyoming - we're coming to you! [Check back here](#) as more dates are scheduled.

2024 Summer Tour Schedule: August 3-4, Townsend Fair, Townsend, MT | August 5, Fireman's Park, Libby, MT | August 9-11, Missoula County Fair, Missoula, MT | August 23-24, Miles City County Fair, Miles City, MT | More to come soon!



Celebrate 100 Years of Castle Rock!

August 17, 2024 from 11:00AM - 3:00PM

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Mark your Calendars

On Saturday, August 17th from 11:00am-3:00pm GSMW will be celebrating 100 years of Camp Castle Rock with an open house. Camp Castle Rock is GSMW's most historic resident camp property and we've been working hard to make some much-needed improvements.

Open House

Join us for an open house at Camp Castle Rock, located six miles south of Butte, MT. You can participate in a guided or self-guided tour of the property, hike on our new trail system, see our new amphitheater and cabins, and learn about upcoming improvement projects. This event is free and lunch will be provided.

Overnight Accommodations

Grab your troop and make it a weekend! Troops or families wishing to travel for the event may stay overnight at Camp Castle Rock on Friday, August 16th. Cabins will be available to rent at \$25/cabin. Each cabin sleeps up to four guests and are available on a first come first serve basis. There are a limited number of cabins available for the weekend, so **reserve your cabin today!**

Questions? Email customercare@gsmw.org.

