# June

# Newsletter

# girl scouts of montana and wyoming





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Register on our website, enjoy camp songs, dinner, fun travel, and nature activities!



# End of Year Financials

#### **End of Year Financials**

June 30th is the deadline for your troop and/ or service unit's annual report. Based on volunteer feedback, GSMW has decided to shift away from using the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) for completing the annual report. Our new form looks identical to the VTK form, but will be accessible directly through our website.

Can't complete the entire report in one sitting? Don't worry! There will be an option to save a draft of your report and come back to it later.

Need some guidance? GSMW has created an updated **Youtube tutorial video** this year to show you how to fill out the report step by step. Prefer written instructions? No problem! We have those available for you as well. Check out our website for the link to the new form and all the resources you'll need for the 2023-2024 **EOY Financial Report Essentials**.

Want to watch a live demo and ask questions? Join us for our End of Year Financials Training on June 18th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM.

#### **Product Finance Tool**

The Product Finance Tool will again be available for troops to determine product

sales income and expenses, troop proceeds, and cost of leftover product from the cookie and fall programs. Starting June 1st, you can find the tool on the website here.

#### Using the tool is easy!

- 1. Download the tool from our website.
- 2. Enter your troop number in the green box at the top. The specific figures for your troop will automatically populate.
- 3. Enter the sales value of Fall leftover product and the package count of Cookie leftovers in the corresponding boxes. The resulting cost of leftover product reflects the troop's proceeds.

Please note, bank accounts are subject to closure if we cannot ensure they comply with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies. This includes submitting your end of year financial report and appropriate documents by June 30th.

#### Office Hours

The Finance department has set aside time throughout June to meet with anyone who wants assistance with their report. The 15-30 minute time slots can be scheduled **here**. Please call 406-252-0488 or email customercare@gsmw.org if you need an additional appointment option.

### Girl Scout | Cookie Program

#### Top Cookie Entrepreneurs

Congratulations on the magical 2024 Cookie Program! Our girls were able to Own Their Magic and meet and exceed goals. It takes incredible dedication to be one of GSMW's Top Entrepreneurs! Congratulations to these girls who really excelled with Goal Setting, Decision making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics.

#### Top Overall Entrepreneurs

Overall Highest	Lilliana D.	Troop 2017
2nd Highest	Karlena G.	Troop 2101
3rd Highest	Ella D.	Troop 2092

#### Top Entrepreneursby Grade Level

Top Daisy	Ella C.	Troop 2057
Top Brownie	Presleigh B.	Troop 1146
Top Junior	Lilliana D.	Troop 2017
Top Cadette	Ella D.	Troop 2092
Top Senior	Aubrey M.	Troop 2281
Top Ambassador	Tamika L.	Troop 3764
Top Juliette	Vyvien A.	Troop 6225
Top Digital	Loriana W.	Troop 1177

#### Top Entrepreneurs by Region

SWW	Lexi T.	Troop 1325
SCW	Alyssa G.	Troop 1078
ECW	Presleigh B.	Troop 1146
SEW	Elise I.	Troop 1347
NEW	Makayla B.	Troop 1550
EMT	Aubrey M.	Troop 2281
HDQ	Lilliana D.	Troop 2017
SCM	Karlena G.	Troop 2101
NCM	Alice D.	Troop 3065
CMT	Hadley S.	Troop 3514
SWM	Vyvien A.	Troop 6225
NWM	Gabriella L.	Troop 3382

#### **Top Troop Entrepreneurs**

Troop 2026	16,625 Packages
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#### 3,000-5000+ Club

5,000+ Club	Lilliana D.
3,000+ Club	Karlena G.   Ella D.

#### 2025 Cookie Rewards Voting

We have a sneak peek for you! Don't miss voting on Cookie Reward options for the 2025 Cookie Program. Click here to cast your votes for your favorites by June 16th.

#### **Upcoming Theme & Mascots**

This upcoming year we are excited to "Embrace Possibility" with our two new mascots. We will have the Asian Elephant in the Fall and the Panda during the Cookie Program!



#### **New GSMW Shop Item for Summer!**

This cozy sweatshirt was made to be your new favorite! With a positive message and Girl Scout pride, it's a perfect addition to your year-round wardrobe.

Made of a 50/50 ring spun cotton/poly blend, the new GSMW zip-up hoodie is both cozy and fashionable. In dark heather gray with rainbow lettering stating "Not Waiting for Permission since 1912".

Adult sizes come in a zip-up hoodies and youth sizes come in a pullover hoode:

Youth Pullover Hoodie, \$39 S-XL Adult Zip-Up Hoodie, \$45 S-XL Adult Plus Size Zip-Up Hoodie, \$48 2X-4X

These hoodies are available at our council shops only and not online. Call (406-252-0488) or email (shop@gsmw.org) to purchase.



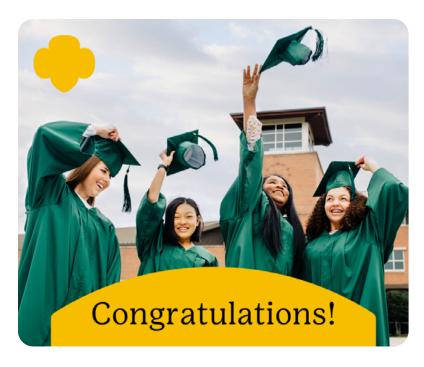
#### **Congrats Grads!**

From all of us at GSMW, congratulations to the graduating Class of 2024!

As a Girl Scout and graduate, the world is ready for your brilliance, leadership, and compassion.

Your dedication to your communities and helping make our world a better place is unmatched. We cannot wait to see what you do next as you embark on a new chapter.

Here's to your bright future!





### 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.





#### 2024 Outdoor Challenge

The GSUSA Outdoor Challenge is back again! Girls, families, or troops can complete these activities with a goal of completing 25 activities. Once you've completed your Summer Outdoor Challenge, don't forget to order your patch! Find the challenge on our website here.

#### Take the Challenge!



#### **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** and will begin shipping on July 8th in the order they were received.





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



# Summer Compass Skills & Navigation Thrills

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In a survival situation, your sense of direction can steer you away from danger and toward safety. Give your sense of direction a boost with this active, hands-on navigation program sponsored by Riverton, Wyoming's Brunton compasses.

Across GSMW, Girl Scouts will find their trajectory as they learn to orient a map, take bearings, and plot a course. Participants will enjoy challenging games, magnetic experiments, and trendy compass crafts.

After learning a range of new compass skills, Girl Scouts will orienteer their way through a course of riddles, skills tests, and pit stops. Along their route, teams will demonstrate their navigational savvy and survivalist whit to earn clues on their way to the final treasure. Truly keen navigators will find themselves with a new understanding of how to see themselves in the world!

Founded in 1894, Brunton is a woman-owned, geologist-led, family business. By making the world's most reliable compasses, Brunton envisions a world where everyone can find their direction. Brunton has supplied the compasses and guidance for this program!

Check-out www.gsmw.org/events for our compass programs occurring council wide this summer. New programs will be posted in the coming weeks!







### STEM the Gap:

### Virtual Coding & Cybersecurity

Keep the badge pursuit moving forward this summer with STEM the Gap's Coding and Cybersecurity programs for all Girl Scout age levels!

These online workshops will help keep girls safe while they learn and play online. There are badge workshops available for each Girl Scout level and multiple date options, so register for a workshop specific to your grade.

All workshops are led by live teachers who are female STEM experts! All STEM the Gap Academy virtual programs are hosted by the Academy and NOT by GSMW. Please note that STEM the Gap runs their own registration and programming externally from GSMW.

For Coding badge program links, click here.

For Cybersecurity badge program links, click here.

### Cadette, Senior, Ambassador 2025 Program Survey

Coming to the 2025 membership year, GSMW will host council-wide programs just for our older Girl Scouts. To start the program planning on a Girl-Led trajectory, GSMW wants to ask our Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to complete a simple survey. The survey will gauge Girl Scouts' interest in a variety of program topics like art, community service, games, health & wellness, college readiness, STEM, careers, or VOICE your own choice. Older girls, take the CSA Program Survey HERE!



#### **Summer Camp**

It's not too late to register for the fun this summer! View our online camp guide and register for your favorite themes at www.gsmw.org/camp.

**Find Your True North** 

#### **STEM Van**

Our Mobile STEM Learning Center will be hitting the road again this summer! To see if we're visiting your area, check out our tour dates. Please note, we will be adding more locations as they are finalized.



#### **Support Peaks & Pines**

We need your help in making our upcoming fundraiser, Peaks and Pines, a success! Please share our sponsorship and silent auction donation information **linked here** with your networks to help us secure the support needed to empower girls and create unforgettable experiences.

We appreciate your support! For more event info, **click here.** If you have questions about this event, please email customerservice@gsmw.org.



# Celebrate the Tree Promise Destination at Timbercrest

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate travel adventure for Girl Scouts. Come to camp to connect with Girl Scouts from across the country as we celebrate the culmination of GSMW's Adventure & Forestry Destination with young travelers. Participants will enjoy camp songs, dinner, fun travel stories, and nature activities!

The traveling Seniors and Ambassadors from across the country will host the evening, sharing inspirational stories of their adventures through Yellowstone Country. Drift up to Timbercrest to meet the brave travelers and learn about their commitment to the Girl Scout Tree Promise, to serving their communities, and to saving the Whitebark Pine forests.

This event is open to Girl Scouts of any age, adult and child, and their friends and family members. Bring a non-Girl Scout friend from the community, and remember, they need to register, too. All guests will receive a camp dinner and a good time!

During the celebration, the travelers hope to inspire younger Girl Scouts to pursue travel and the Girl Scout Tree Promise.

Register on our web site today!

Registration for this event is \$5 per guest and closes on July 21st.