



Juliette Girl Scout Handbook

2023 -2024

Welcome to Girl Scouts!

We are glad you are here! We look forward to bringing fun-filled adventures for your girl that will build lifelong leadership skills. This Juliette Girl Scout Handbook provides an overview of our program specifically for individual participants, Juliettes. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in helping you get started by emailing customercare@gsmw.org. Again, welcome to the Girl Scout Family!

About the Juliette Program

The Juliette program is Girl Scouting customized by you! With the support and guidance of a Juliette Mentor, girls can create their Girl Scout experience by choosing from a variety of Girl Scout activities that meet their interests, needs and schedule. As a Juliette, girls can participate in everything that is open to their grade level.

There are so many reasons why becoming a Juliette might be for you; there isn't a troop in your area or a troop for your age level, your troop no longer meets or you have become too busy with extracurricular activities to fit the troop meeting into your schedule. Being a Juliette allows you to start or continue your Girl Scout experience on an individual basis, in a way that works best for you! Think of all the possibilities!

Juliette Mentor

There are many adventures awaiting your Juliette. To ensure her ability to share in these opportunities, Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming (GSMW) requires that Juliettes have a Juliette Mentor – a parent, guardian or an adult (18 or older). The mentor will help shape the girl's involvement. Juliette Mentors are not assigned, they are chosen by the girl and her family.

Responsibilities of the Juliette's Parent/Guardian:

- Pre-register Juliette for activities as required.
- Ensure any necessary forms (health and permission form, etc.) for camps, events and other activities are signed and submitted in a timely manner to the appropriate person.
- Help your Juliette decide to participate in Fall Product and Cookie Programs and ensure she follow Program requirements and safety guidelines. By doing so, you will help her to learn the "5 Skills" and earn funding support to help her pay for Girl Scout memberships, events, camp and GSMW Retail Shop items such as books, badges and uniform pieces.
- Provide transportation, arriving and picking your girl up on time for all Girl Scout activities.

Responsibilities of the Juliette Mentor:

- Have a current GSUSA membership and background check
- Explore the Girl Scout Leadership Experience materials
 - Assist your Juliette in purchasing program materials or use the VTK to complete the Badges and Journeys.
 - Verify that your Juliette has completed the requirements for awards and badges and help her purchase them from the GSMW Retail Shop or submit a Juliette Fund Request form.
- Decide with your Juliette when to meet for Girl Scouts and related activities. Establish a calendar and appointments to help both of you fulfill your Girl Scout commitment to one another and help your Juliette to accomplish her goals.
- Discuss with your Juliette how to create a budget to help her reach her goals and earn her way to all of the fun programs and camps available to both of you as Girl Scouts.
- Read GSMW emails and visit GSMW's website and Facebook groups to learn about adventures that your Juliette can attend with you or attend on her own if the program allows and she is ready.
- Provide transportation, arriving and picking your girl up on time for all Girl Scout activities.

What do Girl Scouts do?

Girl Scout Leadership Experience

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) is the engine that drives Girl Scouts. Girls discover themselves and their values, connect with others in their community, and take action to make the world a better place. Discover, connect and take action are the three keys to leadership that focus on ‘what’ girls do. The second part of the GSLE model focuses on the importance of ‘how’ girls participate in activities: girl-led, cooperative learning and learning by doing. It is all about what girls do, how they do it, and what they get.

Journeys

Journeys are the core leadership program for Girl Scouts. The Girl Scout program centers on our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We know that this part can be overwhelming and the program may look different if you were a Girl Scout as a girl. Journeys and badges are the backbone of the program and will provide girls with a well-rounded Girl Scout experience!

The Girl Scout Journey program lays the foundation for the girls to build leadership skills while learning about themselves and their world. Each Journey is made up of Discovering, Connecting and Taking Action.

Through the Discover portion of Journeys, girls learn about broader topics, such as water or how to tell a story. Then, during the Connect portion, girls see how what they learned during “Discover” connects to their world. Finally, through Taking Action girls plan and implement a Take Action project that addresses a need in their community.

There are several different Journeys that girls can complete within three areas of leadership:

- Environmental Leadership
 - It’s Your Planet – Love It!
 - Outdoor Journey
- STEM Leadership
 - Think Like an Engineer
 - Think Like a Programmer
 - Think Like a Citizen Scientist
- Personal Identity Leadership
 - It’s Your Story – Tell It!
 - It’s Your World – Change It!

Journeys in blue are available in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) only for all levels.

Journeys in black are available in the VTK or for purchase through the GSMW retail shop.

Girls can earn the Journey Summit Award pin by completing three Leadership Journeys at their grade level. When your Juliette reaches this achievement let us know by emailing customercare@gsmw.org so GSMW can send her a certificate to commemorate her achievement.

Badges and Awards

In addition to the Journeys leadership curriculum, age level handbooks and Skill Building Badges complement the Journeys at each grade level. Through fun activities, girls can earn a variety of badges to build their skills and gain the confidence they’ll use to change the world. Badge requirements and activities are available in the VTK or badge pamphlets can be purchased through the GSMW retail shop.

The [Award and Badge Explorer](#) is an online tool that a Juliette and her Juliette Mentor can use to explore her interests and get badge overviews. You can filter by grade level and topic to find the badges and awards your Juliette would like to earn and then use the VTK and/or badge pamphlets to earn the badge. You can also download your Juliette's age level [Badge and Award Chart](#).

Girl Scout Highest Awards

The Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are the highest awards Girl Scouts can achieve in Girl Scouting. Projects focus on taking action and making the world a better place. Characteristics of a take action project include addressing a need; addressing a root cause of an issue; and creating a lasting impact that can be measured and includes provisions to ensure sustainability. A girl can embark on the project phase of the award once prerequisites have been completed and the time it takes to earn the awards depends upon a girl's age level and the nature of the project. Find out more about Highest Awards on our [website](#) or email customercare@gsmw.org.

Volunteer Toolkit

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital resource that supports Juliettes and their Juliette Mentors in making the process of planning and executing badge work more efficient. Some of the new badges and Journeys are only available in the VTK. Using the VTK is a great online, organizational, planning and curriculum tool. GSMW does have [resources](#) available to help guide and teach you how to use this tool and the VTK also has an embedded Help feature to get you started.

Juliette Trek Challenge

The Juliette Trek Challenge is a challenge designed for any Juliette Girl Scout to earn and it provides guidance as a Juliette Girl Scout customizes her Girl Scout experience. The Juliette Trek Challenge is a great place to start if you are a new Juliette Girl Scout and perfect for returning Juliettes as they continue their Girl Scout journey. The Juliette Trek Challenge can be found on the [Juliette page](#) of our website.

Product Programs

Girl Scouts learn these five skills: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics when participating in the Fall and Cookie Programs. GSMW has important policies and procedures to keep girls safe in the product programs. All families participating must follow these policies. As a Juliette, you will receive information from GSMW twice a year inviting you to participate in these programs. To finance activities, Girl Scouts rely on a combination of family partnership and Product Program proceeds. As a Juliette progresses through the grade levels, her goal should be to become self-sufficient using the Product Program proceeds she earns. The proceeds are called Juliette Funds.

Fall Product Program (October-November): Allows Juliettes to earn funds early in the membership year. Girls earn proceeds for magazine and nut/candy sales to friends and family. Visit www.gsmw.org/juliettesfallprogram for more information.

Cookie Program (February-April): The largest girl-led business in the world where girls participate by taking customer pre orders, using the digital online platform and through booth sales. Visit www.gsmw.org/juliettescookies for more information.

Juliette Funds

How are Juliette Funds managed?

Girls participating in Girl Scouts as Juliettes can earn Juliette Funds by participating in the Product Programs. In accordance with IRS guidelines, these funds are maintained by GSMW not the individual girl or Juliette Mentor. A Juliette Mentor can use the online [Juliette Fund Request](#) form to request to use Juliette Funds for program materials, uniform pieces, badges/awards/pins, Juliette and Juliette Mentor membership fees, Girl Scout camp/program/Destination fees and reimbursement for community service and Highest Awards project expenses. Juliette Funds cannot be used when a caregiver has an outstanding balance from a Product Program.

Additional Money Earning

Juliettes can participate in activities to earn additional funds when necessary for a specific project or activity goals. All Money Earning Activities must be pre-approved by GSMW and follow the Money Earning guidelines. Juliettes, like troops, must participate in the Fall and Cookie Programs in order to participate in Money Earning activities. The Money Earning form and guidelines can be found at www.gsmw.org under Forms & Resources.

Programs, Events and Camps

GSMW hosts programs and events throughout the membership year and has three residential camps where your Juliette can attend summer resident camp. Please visit www.gsmw.org for more information. In addition to these programs, your local Service Unit may host events. To get connected with your Service Unit, please email customercare@gsmw.org. GSUSA also [hosts free virtual programming](#) for girls of all age levels.

How do I Stay Informed?

There are several ways to stay informed and connected to what's going on.

1. Regularly visit our council's website www.gsmw.org to learn more about upcoming events, activities, resources and what's new. Juliettes also have a [page](#) dedicated to them with resources and information.
2. Join the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming Facebook page.
3. Join your regional Facebook Group.
4. Join the GSMW Juliette Facebook group.
5. Watch your email for monthly newsletters and other announcements.
6. Attend Service Unit meetings (a Service Unit is comprised of all active registered Girl scouts, both girls and adults, who reside in a given area, typically a city/town).
7. For Fall Program information for Juliettes, visit www.gsmw.org/juliettesfallprogram.
8. For Cookie Program information for Juliettes, visit www.gsmw.org/juliettescookies.

General Information

Who do I contact with questions?

GSMW has a Juliette Coordinator to provide support, help you stay connected and answer any questions you may have. Please contact Bridget Moore at bridgetm@gsmw.org or 406-252-0488 ext 2026 Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.

How much does it cost?

Girl Scouts pay an annual membership fee to GSUSA. This fee is sent to GSUSA for program development. This fee also allows supplemental activity accident insurance for each member while participating in Girl Scout activities. Other optional costs include uniform pieces, program materials and cost for program activities. By participating in the Fall and Cookie Programs, a Juliette can earn proceeds to cover these costs.

Why does my Juliette have a troop number when she isn't in a troop?

The membership system that is used by GSMW requires all girl members to be assigned to a troop. GSMW assigns Juliettes in the same Service Unit together so that we can easily identify Juliettes and include them in communications. Juliette troop numbers all begin with the number 6 followed by 3 digits.

Does my Girl Scout need a uniform?

We are proud of our identity and the sense of belonging that comes from wearing a Girl Scout uniform. Girls display badges, pins and other earned awards on official tunics, vests, or sashes (required when participating in ceremonies or officially representing the Girl Scout Movement). Juliettes can choose to wear their Juliette troop number or the purple Juliette patch from GSUSA on their uniform. If you are not sure where to place insignia, check out the [Where to Place Insignia](#) resource.

Where can I purchase Girl Scout Merchandise?

GSMW has retail shops in Billings, MT and Great Falls, MT. You can email our Retail Manager at shop@gsmw.org to place an order or submit a Juliette Fund Request form if using Juliette Funds for the purchase. You can also purchase Girl Scout merchandise through the [GSUSA online shop](#).