



March 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](#)!



Girl Scout

Cookie Program

Get Ready to Bling Your Booth!

From March 21st-April 13th, Girl Scouts who bling their booth and share a photo will have the chance to be featured on GSMW's social media and be entered to win each of your participating Girl Scouts & required Troop Leaders/ Mentors a customized Girl Scout Crewneck Sweatshirt! The winner(s) will be announced during a Facebook Live event on May 30th. Please Note: Customization options are available but limited.

Top Entrepreneurs at Initial Order

The Top 25 Entrepreneurs at Initial Order will receive the Limited-Edition Swap charm, and our Top 5 Troops will receive the Cookie Booth Bundle. Congrats Girl Scouts! [Watch our announcement video.](#)

The Past Promotion Winners Are...

We've had a blast with our Cookie Promos so far, and we want to thank everyone who joined in on the fun! Now, let's celebrate our lucky winners!

Blow up your Sales

Elizabeth S. | Troop #3766
Aliza M. | Troop #1216

Fill Your Order Card

Kinsley P. | Troop #1245
Abigail R. | Troop #1628
Briella E. | Troop #1410
Elizabeth M. | Troop #1808
Isely S. | Troop #2057
Hudson N. | Troop #3955
Piper J | Troop #3020

Cookie Program Resources

Check out the [Cookie Resources Page](#) for resources about entering Girl Payments, Delivery Ticket Printing and Best Practices, tools for upcoming booths and more! Reminder that Girl Delivery orders are available on Digital Cookie through April 13th!

Get your printable [Additional Order Cards](#) for Girls who are continuing to take orders and need new paperwork.

How Many Cases of Cookies Can Your Vehicle Carry?

Compact car	23 cases
Hatchback car.....	30 cases
Standard car	35 cases
SUV	60 cases
Station wagon.....	75 cases
Minivan	75 cases
Pickup truck.....	100 cases
Cargo van	200 cases





Cookie Delivery and Pickup

Get excited because cookies are coming!
Below are steps for a smooth cookie pickup.

Service Units

- ❑ On March 6th, check the cookie delivery dates in Smart Cookies to view the tentative delivery date for your Service Unit.
- ❑ Prepare to meet the delivery driver.
- ❑ Count and visually inspect all cases to note damages. DO NOT accept or sign for damaged cookies.
- ❑ Once you have the cookies delivered in full, you can arrange for Troop pickup.
- ❑ Using the Dot Sheets that were sent with paperwork, print two sets of Dot Sheets prior to troop pickups. [Click here for the Dot Sheet template](#). These sheets will act as receipts.
- ❑ Schedule pickup times with Troops and once they arrive, have all cars associated with the Troop pull up together. Give the Dot Sheet to the Troop Leader.
- ❑ Count cases with the Troop Leader prior to loading the vehicle(s). When in doubt, recount!
- ❑ Both Troop Leader and SU Product Manager should sign both Dot Sheet Receipts.
- ❑ Give a Dot Sheet receipt to the Troop for their records and keep the other receipt for Service Unit Records.
- ❑ Following all Troop pickups, please send receipts to council by no later than March 30th.
- ❑ For more delivery details, please see the March 10th Weekly Bites.

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Cookie Program Dates

March 11-19	Cookie Pickups from Service Units
Mar 21 - Apr 13	Cookie Booths
April 13	Cookie Program Ends
April 16	Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies by 11:59 PM
April 17	ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops
April 19	Deposit Money into Troop Bank Account
April 22	ACH Sweep 70% of Amount Due
May 5	Outstanding Balance Forms and Receipts Due*
May 8	ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops
May 13	Final ACH Sweep Remaining Balance Due

*If your troop is paying the amount due to Council in full on the first Automatic Clearing House (ACH) sweep, please submit Outstanding Balance Forms prior to that date.



Troops

- ❑ When you hear from your Service Unit about cookie arrival, sign up for a troop pick up time.
- ❑ Pickup your troop's cookies from the Service Unit, then arrange times for Caregivers to pick up cookies.
- ❑ Run the Girl Initial Order report from Smart Cookies and print two copies to use as receipts. You may also use the receipt book you have been provided.
- ❑ Don't forget RECEIPTS, RECEIPTS, RECEIPTS! Whenever cookies or money exchanges hands, please fill out and complete a receipt; one copy for the troop and one copy for the Caregiver.
- ❑ Count twice then have the caregiver sign for the product they pick up. When in doubt— RECOUNT! Once cookies have been signed for, they CANNOT be returned.
- ❑ If girls want to reach even higher goals after Initial Order, additional cookies will be available at local Cookie Cupboards across Council while supplies last. Please refer to the Troop Quick Guide for more information.
- ❑ For more delivery details, please see the March 10th Weekly Bites.



Caregivers

- ❑ Your Troop Leader will be getting in touch with you about deliveries.
- ❑ When receiving product, count twice then sign for the total number of cookies requested at Initial Order. When in doubt— RECOUNT! Once cookies have been signed for, they CANNOT be returned.
- ❑ Caregivers take financial responsibility for cookies they sign for.
- ❑ If girls want to reach even higher goals after Initial Order, additional cookies will be available at local Cookie Cupboards across Council while supplies last.
- ❑ If you have any questions, please refer to your Troop Leader for more information.



Troop

Finances

Troop Account Changes

Please inform Council if you need to make changes to your troop's bank account using the [Troop Banking Request Form](#), found on our website.

If your troop has been established for a while, it's a good idea to make sure you know who the troop account signers are and confirm they are still part of the troop. All troops need two signers on their bank account.

ACH Authorization Form

If you've recently updated or opened your troop's account, please make sure you completed the [ACH Authorization Form](#).

This lets GSMW know the updates were completed, and if you're a new troop, will give us the banking information necessary to sweep the cookie sales balance in the spring.

Clover Go

If your new troop intends to use Clover Go for Product Sales, **The ACH Authorization form needs to include a voided check or bank letter.**

Document Examples

Please attach one of the two required documents to the request

Voided Check Requirements

Starter checks may not be used.

The diagram shows a check with the word "VOID" in large letters. Callouts point to the following information:

- Business DBA or Legal Name:** The DBA name or legal name of the business must be preprinted on the check.
- Check Number:** Check number must be present on the top right and bottom of the check.
- ABA Check Routing Number:** 123456789
- DDA/Account Number:** 000123456789
- Check Number:** 1001
- ACH Routing/Transit Number:** 123456789

Bank Letter Requirements

The diagram shows a bank letter from "Generic Bank & Trust". Callouts point to the following information:

- Business DBA or Legal Name:** The DBA name or legal name of the business must be included on the letter and match the merchant account.
- Bank Letterhead:** The letter must be printed on official bank letterhead.
- Banker Signature:** The banker must sign the letter and include their contact information.

The requirements provided to us by Clover are displayed above.

Please Note: Starter checks cannot be used, as they typically don't include the account name and address. Your troop's onboarding to Clover may be delayed if the necessary documentation is not included in the ACH Authorization Form.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@gsmw.org or call us at 406-252-0488 Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-4:00 PM.



2025 Summer Camp

Pack in the Memories at Summer Camp!

Registration Timeline

April 16, 2025: Camp Credit Earner Registration Begins

April 23, 2025: Early Bird Registration Begins

May 7, 2025: Full Price Registration Begins

Please Note: The date of our camp locations have changed. Timbercrest Camp and Camp Castle Rock have switched schedules. Be sure to check the new dates for each location.

Cookie Program Camp Credit

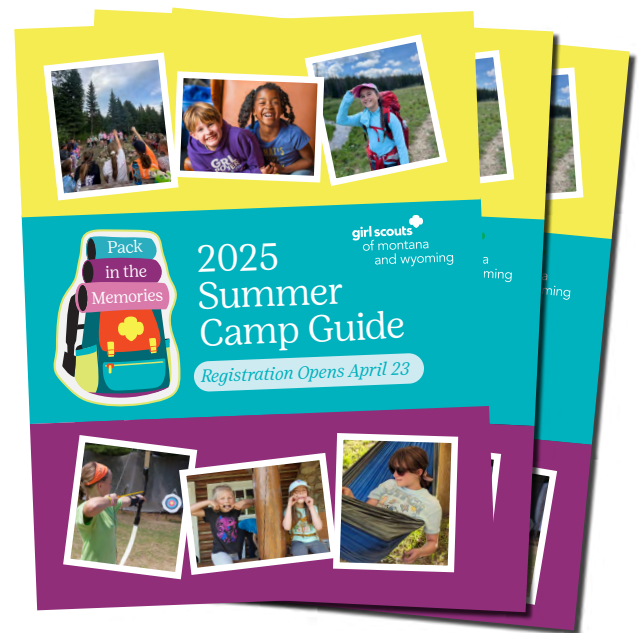
Earn up to \$400 in Camp Credits through Cookie Sales.

- Sell 800 packages to earn \$150
- Sell 1,000 packages to earn \$250
- You may then combine your earnings to get \$400 total in Camp Credit.

Girl Scouts that qualify will be notified by emails prior to registration.

Join our Summer Camp Team!

Are you or someone you know interested in working at camp? There are still staff spots available for the 2025 summer camp season! Learn more [here](#).



**Read the Camp Guide
Online Here!**

**Learn More About
GSMW Summer Camp**

Day Camp

Director Preparation



Volunteer Led Day Camps

Even though it's still winter, now is the perfect time to start planning your volunteer-run summer day camps! Are you interested in helping Girl Scouts grow and thrive by hosting a Day Camp in your community? As a Day Camp Director, you play a vital role—serving as a role model, teacher, and friend. Your contribution makes a lasting impact!

To ensure your day camp is safe, visit our [Volunteer-Run Day Camp page](#) for essential policies and procedures.

Become a Day Camp Director

1. [Review the Day Camp Director's Manual](#)

This manual contains all the policies and procedures you'll need as a Day Camp Director. Be sure to download and familiarize yourself with its contents.

2. [Complete the Online Day Camp Director Questionnaire](#)

This questionnaire helps directors understand the manual's guidelines. It's not a test, but a resource to ensure you feel prepared. Both Directors and Co-Directors must complete the questionnaire every three years.

3. [Confirm Completion & Submit the Day Camp Intent Form](#)

Once you finish the questionnaire, a council representative will reach out to confirm your completion and assist with camp preparation. When your plans are finalized, you'll need to submit the online [Day Camp Intent Form](#) to meet our insurance requirements.

Additional Insurance Policy

As of October 1, 2023, Additional Insurance is no longer required for domestic camps, events, trips, and programs. While accident insurance is not mandatory, you may opt to [purchase optional sickness insurance](#) for your day camp.

We hope these resources help you feel confident in your role. If you have any questions, please contact customercare@gsmw.org.

Request Training from Council

Volunteers: If your troop wants to go hiking, have an outdoor cookout, or go on an overnight trip, one participating adult volunteer must complete GSMW's Outdoor Trainings. The first step in the training is available through gsLearn. The second part of the training is an in person [Outdoor Cookout Training](#). **This training must be renewed every 3 years.**

Need to renew your outdoor cookout training? Be on the lookout in our April Newsletter for more information on how to easily renew your Outdoor Cookout Training!

Girl Scouts: Become a Teen Mentor as you earn your Program Aide (PA) Award! [Program Aide training](#) gives girls the skills and tools needed to develop leadership skills while working with younger girls.

Complete [this form](#) to indicate that you are interested in receiving either [Outdoor Cookout training](#) or [Program Aide training](#). We will then work to coordinate training opportunities based on requests.

Request Form

Girl Scout Sunday Bulletin Insert



Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout.

Girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony at their place of worship.

GSMW offers bulletin inserts for troops looking to share their Girl Scout experiences with their church community, whether digitally or by printing out the inserts provided.

Sunday Bulletin



Scholarship Opportunities

Submit by April 15, 2025

GSMW Scholarships

GSMW offers college scholarships that Girl Scouts can apply for. We provide links to other scholarship resources, so be sure to check out our [College Scholarship page](#) on the website!

Upcoming opportunities include:

- Herb Waltermire - Cascade County \$2,500
This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who reside in Cascade County and who are working on (or received) their Gold Award. Must demonstrate strong community service, leadership, and have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Suzanne Salzmänn - Teton County \$1,250
This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who reside in Teton County. Preference is given to girls who are working on or have received a Girl Scout Gold Award. Must demonstrate strong community service, leadership, and have a 2.75 GPA or higher. Renewable for up to four years.
- University of Wyoming - up to \$1,000
This scholarship is available to Girl Scouts who are enrolled at the University of Wyoming (high school seniors or college students may apply). Applicant must submit three letters of reference (one from an adult active in Girl Scouts), have demonstrated leadership and community service, and have a 2.75 GPA or higher.
- Nancy Fifer - \$300
High school senior Girl Scouts whose field of study is of a financial interest (Banking, Business Administration with emphasis on finance, etc.) are encouraged to apply. Three letters of reference are required, one of which must be from someone in the banking/finance industry.



Girl Scout Robotics

Congrats, Girl Scouts!

Congratulations to the Adventurefuls from Belgrade, MT, and the RoboScout Squad from Kalispell, MT, for making it to the FIRST LEGO Robotics 2025 State Championship competition!

We wish the RoboScout Squad the best of luck competing at the World Championship in Houston this April!

The RoboScout Squad secured their spot at the World Championship by winning the 2nd Place Inspire Award and being part of the 2nd Place Alliance!

Congratulations, Girl Scouts!

Interested in Leading our FIRST LEGO League?

We're looking for enthusiastic coaches, mentors, and volunteers to help lead FIRST LEGO League teams for the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming!

This is a great opportunity to inspire young girls in STEM, guiding them through problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation.

Join us in making a lasting impact! [Fill out an interest form](#) to learn more!

Interest Form



Girl Scout

Almuna Spotlight

Angela Slade

What is your favorite memory?

I have so many it is hard to pick. I truly loved every aspect of Girl Scouts. I met some great friends who I am still friends with today, did some meaningful service projects, and grew as a person. One memory my Girl Scout friends still talk about is our troop's weekend at Timbercrest Camp in Red Lodge. It snowed 3 feet the night before camp, so we had to walk into camp (about 1/4 mile) because the leader's car could only get in so far without getting stuck. We all (my troop) stayed in the main lodge two nights and had such a wonderful time playing games, singing songs, doing crafts and making s'mores in the fireplace.

If you could give a Girl Scout some advice, what would it be?

Enjoy this time exploring and learning with your Girl Scout troop. So many of the skills you learn in Girl Scouts will be utilized throughout your life. Also, many of the friends you make while in Girl Scouts will oftentimes be some of your closest friends throughout your life. Participate in as many programs as you can. Each program teaches you so much.

What is your favorite achievement?

The one that left a huge impact on me at a young age was making cookies and then delivering them during the holidays to older individuals that were shut in. We would also sing them Christmas carols. Many would cry. At a young age that really taught me a huge life lesson that such a small act of kindness can really have a huge impact on others. I would look forward to this activity every year.

[Read Angela's Full Story](#)



Peaks and Pines: September 20-21, 2025

Save the date for our second annual Peaks and Pines: A Women's Weekend for a Cause event!

This women-only retreat combines a unique overnight camp experience with opportunities to support girls in our Montana and Wyoming communities. Nestled among picturesque mountain valley views, our Timbercrest Camp property provides the perfect backdrop for an unforgettable weekend getaway.

With lodge accommodations, cozy cabins, and ample outdoor space, you will experience the ultimate mountain retreat while making a meaningful difference and leaving a legacy that inspires and empowers girls.

Want to stay in the loop?

[Sign up to receive updates](#) about event tickets, activities, and more!

**Receive Updates about
Peaks and Pines**

Daisy's Circle: Learn More and Join Today!

Join GSMW's Daisy Circle family by making a weekly, monthly, or quarterly donation!

An ongoing contribution of any amount affords girls an opportunity to experience Girl Scouts, who may not otherwise be able to participate due to financial barriers.

Monthly donations help lower costs through automation and reduced mailings, meaning that more of your donation goes directly to Girl Scouts. Visit our website to [learn more](#) or [sign up](#) today!



Sign up for Daisy's Circle!



What is Meeting in a Minute?

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for your Daisy, Brownie, and Junior troops! Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!

Meeting in a Minute: Turtle-y Awesome

Dive into the incredible journey of sea turtles and discover how they navigate the ocean using magnetism! This all-in-one kit includes everything your troop needs to create a turtle navigation game, craft sea turtle magnets, and make magnetic slime.

Get ready for a hands-on adventure that's turtle-y awesome! [Learn more here.](#)

Please Note: Activity sets are only available in sets of 6 for \$25 or 12 for \$40. Alternative box sizes are not currently available.

Questions? Reach out to us at customercare@gsmw.org

[Order Now](#)



Girl Scout Week Challenge: March 9-15, 2025

From March 9–15, we invite you to take on the Girl Scout Week Challenge. By completing at least one activity on five of the seven days, you'll earn a special Girl Scout Week fun patch.

Plus, enter our giveaway by completing challenge activities, capturing a photo, and sharing a short description of what you did!

Submit everything with your challenge form, and you could be our winner!



Get Started!

Retail STEMinist

Calling all STEMinists!
Show off your love for science, technology, engineering, and math with our **Girl Scout STEMinist** t-shirts—on sale NOW!

Perfect for future engineers, fearless coders, and all-around problem solvers. Get yours before they're gone! Youth tees are \$15 and adult tees are \$20.

Email shop@gsmw.org to place your order today!



Brunton Partnership Discount: GSMW20

GSMW is excited to announce that we have partnered with Brunton, a female owned company based in Riverton, WY that designs and manufactures high quality, reliable compasses, transits, and exploration tools for all outdoor field pursuits.

They have graciously created a discount code for all GSMW members! Shop online and **enter code GSMW20 at checkout**. This code is good for any quantity of items any number of times per customer.



Heat Press Services: Begins April 1, 2025

The Billings retail shop will begin offering heat press services April 1, just in time for bridging season.

For \$12, we will iron on your uniform essentials, including council ID, flag patch, troop numbers, and troop crest. Have a stack of badges or patches lying around? We'll iron on each additional badge or fun patch for \$1/ea.

Do you have questions or are you interested in this service? Email shop@gsmw.org for more information!



