



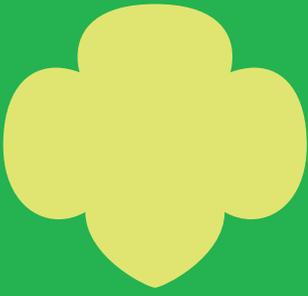
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of montana  
and wyoming



# Monthly Newsletter

## *March, 2026*





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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

## Top Entrepreneurs

Check out the [video announcement](#) of our Top 25 Entrepreneurs at Initial Order in each state. Girls receive the Limited-Edition BFF charm to add to their collection! If you don't already have a bracelet, you can order [charm bracelets here!](#)

## Cookie Resources

Please check out the [GSMW Cookie Resources Page](#) for resources regarding 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 12th! Get your [printable Additional Order Cards](#) here for Girls who are continuing to take orders and need new paperwork.

## Cookie Booths

Troops can start to booth on Friday, March 20th through Sunday, April 12th. Check out these [Booth Etiquette guidelines](#) to have a successful booth with our partners.

Cookie booths are still available to be [scheduled in Smart Cookies!](#) Make sure you take advantage of every opportunity for your Girl Scouts to meet and exceed their goals.

You can also organize your own booths by taking the [Booth Request Form](#) to local businesses for booth opportunities. Have them fill out the paperwork (make sure you both retain a copy), then enter the booth into Smart Cookies as a [Troop Secured Booth](#). This way customers can

find your booth to buy cookies, and you can use the [Smart Booth Divider](#) afterwards to divide up the sales.

## Top Entrepreneurs 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



## Take on Cookie Program Challenges

Help your Girl Scouts be Brave. Fierce. FUN! [by taking on some exciting challenges](#). Be sure to check back to our webpage regularly for new challenges and challenge winners.

### Share the Love

Alice A. from Troop #2565 (44 Cookie Share Sales)

### Brick-by-Brick

Ava C. from Troop #2026

Charlotte H. from Troop #1643

### No Lafufu's Here!

Isabella P. from Troop #1279 (102 Weekend Sales)

## Leap into Spring

February 26th - March 19th

Girls who complete 4 of 5 [Leap into Spring Digital Cookie challenge activities](#) in each skill category will earn rewards, and those who master all five skills will unlock an exclusive virtual experience with ZooMontana featuring Poblano the Black-Footed Ferret. The top three Digital Cookie sellers from Feb. 26 – March 19 will also win Amazon gift cards: \$500 (1st), \$300 (2nd), and \$200 (3rd).

## B2B Bingo

January 30th - April 12th

Sell cookies to businesses and mark one square on your bingo card for each business sale. Get a bingo to earn an exclusive B2B Bingo patch PLUS one entry to win a Build-A-Bear gift card (12 winners total). Fill the whole card (blackout) to earn FIVE entries! [Submit a photo of your completed bingo sheet](#) through the [Jotform](#) to enter.

## Sell More, Explore More

January 30th - February 14th

The Girl Scout troop who has the highest per girl average (PGA) of Exploremores sales on April 12th will win a \$250 Amazon gift card.

## The Ferret 500 Frenzy

February 26th - April 12th

Troops that reach a 500+ Per Girl Average (PGA) will earn a sweet bonus through the Ferret 500 Frenzy! [Troops hitting the 500+ mark receive \\$0.10 per package sold as a GSMW Reward Card or Amazon gift card](#), so the more you sell, the bigger the reward.

## 2026 Cookie Program Dates

March 10-18

Cookie Pickups from the Service Unit

March 20 - Apr 12

Cookie Booths

April 12

Cookie Program Ends

April 15

Troop Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies (by 11:59 PM)

April 16

ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops

April 17

Deposit Money into Troop Bank Account

April 21

ACH Sweep - 70% of Amount Due

May 4

Outstanding Balance Forms & Receipts Due\*

May 7

ACH Confirmation Email Sent to Troops

May 12

Final ACH Sweep - Remaining Balance Due

\*If your troop is paying the amount due to Council in full on the first ACH Sweep, you must submit Outstanding Balance Forms prior to that date.



## Service Units

- ❑ On March 4th, check the cookie delivery dates in Smart Cookies to view the tentative delivery date for your Service Unit. Make sure you get help!
- ❑ Prepare to meet the delivery driver.
- ❑ Count and visually inspect all cases to note damages. DO NOT accept or sign for damaged cookies. If cookies are delivered on a full pallet, they must be broken down to inspect all cases.
- ❑ Once you have the cookies delivered in full, you can arrange for troop pickups.
- ❑ Using the Dot Sheets that were sent with paperwork, print two sets 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 one 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 one 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 9th Weekly Bites.





## Troops

- ❑ When you hear from your Service Unit about cookie arrival, sign up for a troop pick up time.
- ❑ Pick up your troop 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 9th 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 bank account (including change of mailing address and/or email address) 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 account, please make sure you complete 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.

New troop accounts will need to upload an image of their new account paperwork, a bank letter or a voided check. We just need one document from

**Document Examples**  
Please attach one of the two required documents to the request

**Voided Check Requirements**  
Starter checks may not be used.

**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.

**Bank Letter Requirements**

**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 bank with account numbers printed on them to help us get the account and routing numbers correct. Troop accounts that are just updating signers do not need to upload bank documents since it is an established account.

Please Note: Starter checks cannot be used, as they typically don't include the account name and address. Questions? Please reach out to [customercare@gsmw.org](mailto:customercare@gsmw.org) or call us at 406-252-0488 Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

## Girl Scout Week Fireside Chat

Join GSUSA in celebrating a legacy of courage, leadership, and lasting impact during Girl Scout Week. As part of Women's History Month, Gold Award Girl Scouts are invited to a special Campfire Chat on March 10, 2026, honoring Gold Award Girl Scouts and the trailblazing women who came before them – including Gold Eagle of Merit, Golden Eaglet, First Class, and Curved Bar recipients.

The panel will feature Connie Matsui, Honorable Jennifer Rochon, and Susan B. Major, moderated by GSUSA Chief Development Officer Meridith Maskara.

[Save the Date and Register](#)



## 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](#)





**What is**

**Meeting**

**in a Minute?**

Take the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting. There are always new and exciting themes, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!



### **Body Appreciation**

Empower girls of all ages to define beauty on their own terms, practice wellness habits, and express confidence through self-awareness, style, and self-care. Boost confidence, develop healthy habits, and celebrate our unique bodies



### **Cadette Robotics**

Cadettes will gain an understanding of robots, physics, and programming while earning their Programming Robots Badge



### **Robot Design**

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will gain an understanding of problem solving like an engineer while earning their Robots 1: Designing Robots badge.



### **Art and Design**

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will discover their artistic talent while earning their Art and Design badge.



### **Summer Fun**

Unleash your Girl Scouts' creativity with this nature-themed box, where they'll craft stunning art using treasures they discover outdoors!



### **Turtle-y Awesome**

Daisy, Brownie, and Juniors will dive into the incredible journey of sea turtles and discover how they navigate the ocean using magnetism.



### **Funshine Sunshine**

This box is designed for all ages! Get ready to soak up the sun and explore the magic of solar-powered fun!



**Discover all of the Meeting in a Minute Boxes and Order Here!**



# Winter Outdoor Challenge

The GSMW Winter Outdoor Challenge is back again! Girls, families, or troops can complete these activities with a goal of reaching 100 points. You can submit the finished sheet online and earn a free fun patch from GSMW. Download our activity sheet with fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door!

[Take the Challenge](#)



# Girl Scout Week Meeting in a Minute Box

Let's get ready to celebrate Girl Scout week! This all-new Meeting in a Minute box contains all the materials needed to make watercolor bookmarks, a beaded windchime, a Girl Scout Law SWAPS, a Girl Scout Journal, and you'll get to create your very own DIY patch!

The activities in this box will earn you the Girl Scout Week Fun Patch pictured on the right! Order now, while supplies last below.

[Order Now](#)





# 2026 Summer Camp

## Registration Dates

April 15, 2026 – Camp Credit Earners

April 22, 2026 – Early Bird Price

May 6, 2026 – Regular Price

*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.

*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 2026 summer camp season! [Learn more here.](#)



Read the Camp Guide  
Online Here!

Learn More

# Interested in Working at Summer Camp?

Looking for a summer job that's fun, adventurous, and meaningful? We're hiring summer camp staff at Girl Scouts of Montana & Wyoming!

## Why work with us?

- Gain leadership and professional skills
- Build lifelong friendships
- Room, board, and scenic camp life included
- Explore amazing locations like Camp Castle Rock, Timbercrest, and Camp Sacajawea
- Experience for resumes and future careers



[Apply Now and Be Part of Something Incredible](#)

## Outdoor Cookout Refresher

Did you know that your Outdoor Cookout Certification needs to be renewed every three years? If it's time for your renewal, simply fill out the form below. To qualify, you must have taken the course at least once and continued to use the skills you learned. Once submitted, your form will be reviewed, and you'll be contacted regarding your renewal status. Keep your certification current to ensure safe and successful outdoor experiences!

[Renewal Form Here](#)





## Girl Scout Robotics

### Congrats, Girl Scouts!

Congratulations to the Adventurefuls from Bozeman, MT, and the RoboScout Squad from Kalispell, MT, for making it to the FIRST LEGO Robotics 2026 State Championship competition!

The RoboScout Squad secured their spot at the World Championship by winning the 2nd Place Inspire Award. Lillie G. of the RoboScout Squad was selected as a FIRST Tech Challenge Leadership

Award finalist at the State Championship competition. This prestigious award recognizes students who demonstrate outstanding leadership, entrepreneurship, and dedication to advancing the mission of FIRST within their communities.

Lillie will attend a special luncheon at the World Championship, where 10 students will be selected as Leadership Award winners.



# Add to Your Volunteer Toolbox

## Request Trainings

GSMW offers a variety of trainings to help volunteers build skills, ensure safety, and create positive, supportive experiences for girls.

Whether you're planning outdoor trips, supporting youth mental health, or getting certified in CPR & First Aid, these opportunities will help you lead with confidence. Explore the options below and let us know which trainings you're interested in!

## Outdoor Training

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.

## Youth Mental Health First Aid

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. To earn your certification, you will need to complete approximately two hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session. This training must be renewed every 3 years.

## CPR & First Aid

GSMW can now offer CPR & First Aid training. It is recommended that at least one adult who is attending troop activities is certified in CPR & First Aid. This training ensures that a trained adult is prepared to respond quickly and appropriately in the event of an emergency. To earn your certification, you will need to complete approximately four hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session. This training must be renewed every 2 years.

## Request Form

Complete [this form](#) to indicate that you are interested in receiving any of the training options listed above.

[Request Training](#)



# Day Camp Season Is Almost Here!

## Volunteer-Led Day Camp

Summer is just around the corner, and Volunteer-Led Day Camp season is about to begin! Thank you for helping make camp magic happen across Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming.

To meet insurance requirements, all Volunteer Day Camp Directors must complete the following steps:

**Step 1: Review the Manual & Complete the Questionnaire**  
[Download and read the Day Camp Director's Manual](#), then complete the [online questionnaire](#). This is required for all Directors and Co-Directors, regardless of experience, and should be completed every three years. The questionnaire isn't a

test—it familiarizes you with the manual and takes about 45–60 minutes. A GSMW representative will follow up once you finish.

### Step 2: Submit the Intent Form

After the questionnaire is confirmed, submit the [Day Camp Director's Intent Form](#). Fill out this form every year, for every day camp. This annual form ensures your camp qualifies for Girl Scouts' secondary insurance and clarifies your role and responsibilities.

Be sure to review our web page for additional [Day Camp information and resources](#). Day Camp Directors are the heart of summer fun! Thank you for helping girls grow in courage, confidence, and character!



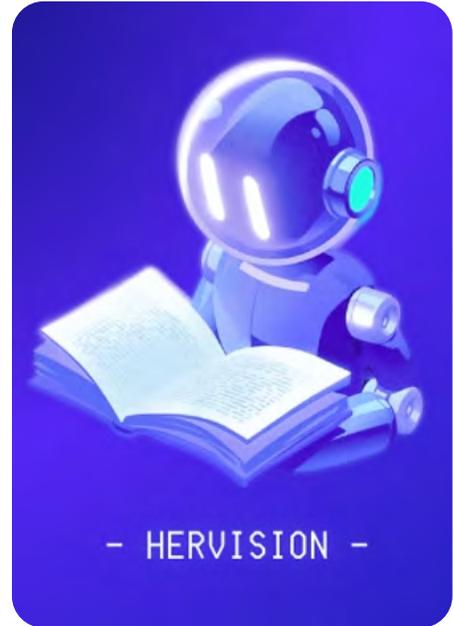
# Free Online STEM Courses for Girl Scouts

HerVision is a nonprofit empowering girls in STEM, where women currently hold just 34% of careers. Founded by Senior Girl Scout Shreya Siju as her Girl Scout Gold Award project, HerVision creates supportive spaces for girls to explore science, technology, engineering, and math.

Girls can join free online courses in Coding + AI, Public Speaking, and Hands-On STEM Projects, learning from supportive instructors and guest speakers while building confidence and real-world skills.

All classes are FREE and open to girls ready to try something new.

[Learn More and Enroll](#)



# Archery Fundraising Campaign

It's time to replace our archery equipment! New gear ensures a top-notch experience for every Girl Scout who picks up a bow at summer camp and creates even more opportunities to build perseverance, patience, and focus in ways only archery can teach. A gift of...

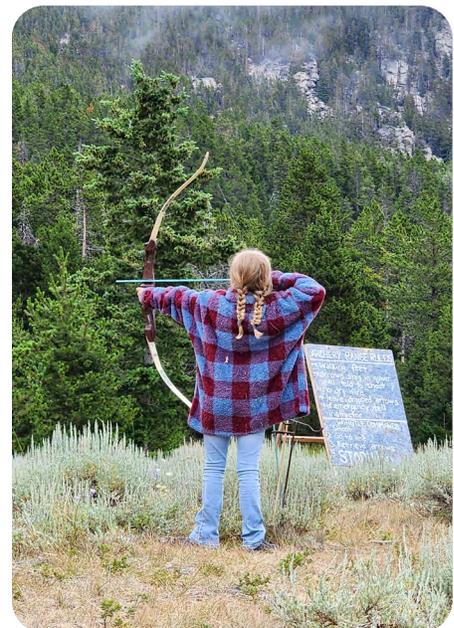
\$150 replaces a bow

\$35 provides five new arrows

\$10 equips a camper with an arm guard

Every gift helps us keep our archery range safe, exciting, and ready for girls to take aim at new skills and confidence.

[Make Your Donation Today](#)



## NEW Retail Item: Hippo Mug!

Show your Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming pride with the new Hippo Mug! The Hippo Mug holds 40oz. of your favorite beverages, keeping them cold for 11 hours and hot for 7 hours. Each stainless-steel mug is strong and durable, with a removable straw and double-wall vacuum insulation. Comes in purple or light blue. Retail for \$25.

Call 406-252-0488 or email [shop@gsmw.org](mailto:shop@gsmw.org) to place your order today or [purchase online](#).

[Purchase Online](#)



## Join Girl Scouts Unite 2026

The 2026 national Girl Scouts convention, Girl Scouts Unite, is just around the corner. Taking place July 20–25 in Washington, D.C., this once-every-three-years event brings together thousands of Girl Scouts, volunteers, families, and supporters for workshops, inspiring speakers, interactive activities, and celebrations of how girls make history.

There is still time to register, book your hotel, and fund your troop's or family's experience through cookie sales or other additional money-earning efforts.

Visit [GSMW's National Convention web page](#) to view our [National Convention Toolkit](#). On the page, you can also find a link to join GSUSA's convention insider email list. If your troop or family is interested in traveling to convention, complete the [2026 Girl Scout National Convention Interest Form](#) to have your contact information added to a list of interested travelers from our council.



# Peaks & Pines, Save the Date!

**September 12-13, 2026**  
 Save the Date for our third 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.

*New this year!* You can add on Friday, September 11th to your stay!

Want to stay in the loop? [Sign up](#) to receive updates about event tickets, activities, and more!

**Event Updates**



## Council Crew

### Kelly

Meet Kelly, GSMW's Program Process Manager. She has been with GSMW for 10 years and her project manager experience provides support for large system release projects as well as designing internal processes. Her main role is managing the GSMW website, UltraCamp (our camp registration software), and Doubleknot (program registration software). Kelly is more of a behind-the-scenes gal and enjoys problem solving and working her way through the complex systems our staff and members use regularly. Kelly's family is her life and she wouldn't have it any other way! She and her husband met at MSU and just celebrated their 25th anniversary this past summer! They have two kids (15 and 20) and the best yellow lab. She loves watching sports (especially her kids and Bobcat football) and traveling to explore new places.



# Stay at Etoquinnow

## Girl Scout House

Etoquinnow, a Shoshone word meaning “a place to meet and talk”, is the name of the Girl Scout House located in Cody, WY.

Girl Scouting became prevalent in the small Wyoming town in 1938 with a clear and evident need for a consistent meeting place. After several years of fundraising, the Girl Scout House was built by community members and dedicated in 1949. A non-profit was formed in 1950 to manage the house, which is still exists today.

Today, Etoquinnow continues to provide a troop meeting space, in addition to a welcoming beacon for all Girl Scouts near and far. Located only 52 miles from Yellowstone National Park, the Girl Scout House is an ideal and convenient home base for troops and other visiting groups.

Troops or groups who are interested in booking a stay at Etoquinnow can contact Jan Jones at 307-250-2423 or by emailing [janetjones670@gmail.com](mailto:janetjones670@gmail.com).

