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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](#)!



Peaks and Pines

September 20 to 21, 2025

Registration Now Open!

Join us for a mini-weekend escape where adventure meets relaxation alongside your closest friends!

Hosted by the Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming, Peaks and Pines is our signature fundraiser, supporting programs that empower girls and strengthen our communities.

This unique event combines philanthropy, the beauty of the outdoors, and the joy of female friendships. Whether you're craving excitement or seeking serenity, Peaks and Pines offers something for everyone.

Be a champion for girls while enjoying a weekend of fun, laughter, and inspiration—all set against the stunning mountain valley views of the Custer National Forest in Red Lodge, Montana. Our Timbercrest Camp provides the perfect retreat, featuring cozy cabins, comfortable lodge accommodations, and plenty of outdoor space to unwind.

Experience the ultimate getaway, create lasting memories, and leave a meaningful impact that uplifts and empowers the next generation of girls.

Event Details

September 20-21, 2025

Timbercrest Camp | Red Lodge, MT

Registration is now OPEN!

All proceeds will go directly toward financial assistance for girls in need, helping them access programs in leadership, STEM, outdoor adventure, and more. Don't wait—register today and be a part of something big!

[Sponsorship Details](#)

[Receive Updates](#)

[Register Now](#)

Heat Press Services from GSMW

The Billings retail shop now offers heat press services! Just in time for bridging season.

For \$8, 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!



Girl Scout Bridging Season

Order your Bridging Kits online or through the Billings shop. Bridging awards mark a girl's transition from one leadership level to the next. An exciting time in a Girl Scout's life, the earning of the award and completion of the activities are designed to emphasize the continuity of one Girl Scout program and welcome girls to an anticipated "next level." Email shop@gsmw.org for more information or to place an order!





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!**

Register Here

Camp Theme Highlights



Mining Mania | Grades 4-12

Week One at Camp Castle Rock Now Open to Grades 4-12 Discover the hidden treasures of Butte, MT in our exciting mining and geology camp!

Campers will explore fascinating museums, mine for sapphires, create geode jewelry, and even venture into a real mine shaft. It's a hands-on week of fun and learning all about rocks, gems, and minerals—perfect for curious minds ready to dig deep!



Long Weekend | Grades K-8

Join us for a dynamic four-day camp where kids dive into action-packed fun while adults engage in enriching Girl Scout training, including a session on Youth Mental Health First Aid.

With a schedule designed to prioritize campers enjoyment and development, this experience offers the perfect blend of adventure for youth and meaningful, skill-building opportunities for adults.



Survival Scientists | Grades 2-8

Unlock the secrets of the wild through science in this thrilling, hands-on camp experience!

Campers will spark fires with chemistry, purify water with real-world reactions, build climate survival shelters using earth science, and track wildlife like true outdoor experts.

It's the ultimate adventure for curious minds ready to master survival skills and explore the science behind staying safe in the wild!



Camp Information

For detailed information about our camps, program offerings, accommodations, and more, please visit our website at www.gsmw.org/camp and review our Resident Camp Success Guide.



Camp Collection

Get ready to show off your camp spirit in style!

We're now taking pre-orders for our official Camp Hoodie & GSMW White Tee— perfect for cozy nights by the fire and sunny days on the trail! The GSMW White Tee is perfect for tie-dying at camp or with your troop! The [pre-order](#) date has been extended to May 30th, so don't miss out!

Not attending camp?

You can still place an order! [Order now](#) and be ready to represent your Girl Scout pride this summer!



GSMW White Tee
\$10 for Youth | \$10 for Adult



Camp Hoodies
\$32 for Youth | \$35 for Adult



2026 Spring Renewal

April 1 - May 31, 2025

Renew 80% of Your Troop and Required Volunteers to Receive Rewards!

Renew by 11:45 PM May 6

- Any Girl Scout renewing their membership will receive \$5 off using the [MY26GIRL](#) coupon code.
- All required troop leaders will receive a free membership.*
- All renewed girls and adult volunteers will receive the girl-designed Spring Renewal patch.
- All renewed girls and required troop leaders will receive a Spring Renewal t-shirt with their troop number.

Renew by 11:45 PM May 31

- All renewed girls and required troop leaders will receive a t-shirt.
- All required troop leaders will receive a free membership.*
- All renewed girls and adult volunteers will receive the girl-designed Spring Renewal patch.

*Required leaders with a Lifetime Membership may gift their free membership to another adult in the troop. All adult memberships must be redeemed by May 31, 2025.



Spring Renewal Patch!
Designed by Adelyn H.

[Girl Membership Coupon](#)

Spring Renewal T-Shirt

Renewal Date	\$5 off Girl Membership	Free Leader Membership	Girl-Designed Patch	Troop # on T-Shirt	T-Shirt
By May 6 th	✓ MY26GIRL	✓	✓	✓	✓
By May 31 st		✓	✓		✓

Current Girls	80%
6	5
7	6
8	6
9	7
10	8
11	9
12	10
13	10
14	11
15	12
16	13
17	14
18	14
19	15
20	16



What is Meeting in a Minute?

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for any Girl Scout troop! The best part? Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting. Your troop can look forward to a new and exciting theme, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!

Meeting in a Minute: Funshine Sunshine

Get ready to soak up the sun and explore the magic of solar-powered fun! The Funshine Sunshine Box is packed with bright and crafty adventures perfect for curious minds and creative hands.

What's Inside the Box

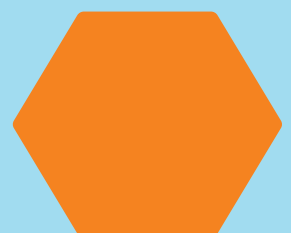
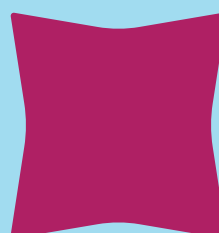
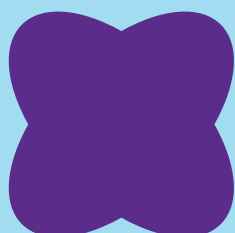
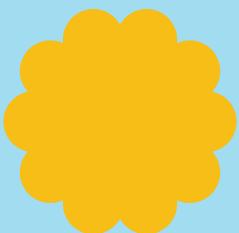
- UV bead bracelets & lizard keychains – learn about UV rays while making color-changing crafts.
- Solar oven – cook up sunny treats using the power of light.
- Trefoil bandana – create your own sun-printed design.
- Plus, sun safety tips to stay cool and protected while you play!



When will I get my Order?

- Shipping orders will begin on June 1st in the order they were placed.
- Please email customercare@gsmw.org with any additional questions.

PRE-ORDER NOW



Keep the Fun Going All Summer Long!

Summer might mean a break from school, but it doesn't have to mean a break from Girl Scouts! Across Montana and Wyoming, exciting Girl Scout events are happening all season long—just waiting for YOU to join the fun.

Girls can participate in summer programs with your troop or as an individual. That's right—no matter how you're spending your summer, there's a way to stay connected to the Girl Scout Sisterhood.



[Program Calendar](#)

Troop Finances: Annual Report

May marks the final month of the reporting year for your troop's bank account, so it's time to start gathering your receipts and bank statements.

Financial reports are due by June 30, 2025—submitting them on time ensures we can process everything smoothly and send out certificates without delay.

All tutorials and helpful information can be found using the button below to guide you through the process.

If you need additional assistance or have any questions, please give us a call at 406-252-0488 or email customercare@gsmw.org.

[Troop Banking Tutorials and Helpful Information](#)

Council Training Requests

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.**

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

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 have continued using 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!

Renew Your Certification

Calling all Girl Scout Alumna!

Were you a Girl Scout?

Whether you earned badges, camped under the stars, or sold cookies, once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout!

We're building a network of Girl Scout alumnae who want to reconnect, share their stories, and support the next generation of young leaders.

Whether you're looking to mentor, volunteer, or simply stay in touch with the movement that shaped you, we'd love to hear from you!

Join our Alumna Network:

- Connect with fellow Girl Scouts past and present
- Stay updated on special alum events and opportunities
- Inspire and empower today's Girl Scouts

Celebrate the lifelong impact of Girl Scouts. Because the lessons, friendships, and adventures never end!

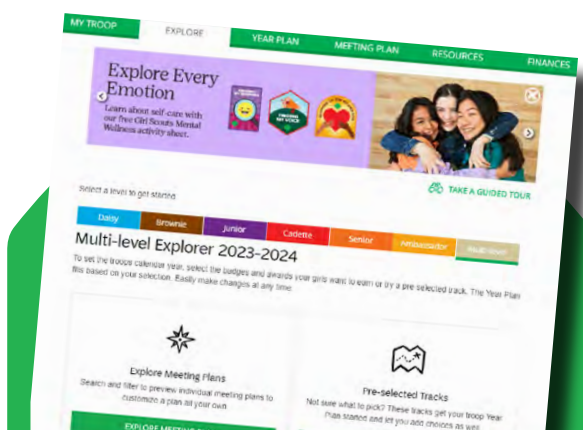
Welcome Alumna!

Badge Booklets Available in Volunteer Toolkit

We're excited to share that as of April 1, you have access to all badge booklets digitally in the Volunteer Toolkit!

You will find this content on each meeting page in the VTK, directly under the steps and purpose of the badge.

Due to digital licensing limitations for older badges, some content is presented in a plain text PDF; newer badges are in the fully designed badge booklet. You will also find easy links to purchase the badge and printed booklet if you choose.



Volunteer Toolkit

1 in 6

youth will experience a
mental health challenge
at some point during
their life.

Source: JAA Pediatrics



Youth Mental Health Training

Register and Learn!

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.

Complete 2 hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session of learning about Youth Mental Health First Aid. After completion of the course, you will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider!

Join us to learn more about supporting your Girl Scouts with mental health challenges at one of the classes being offered this summer.

Thanks to a generous grant from Shifting Gears, registration is FREE, and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register [click here.](#)

Register for one
of our FREE
Sessions Below

June 28th – Butte, MT

July 26th – Red Lodge, MT

Aug 2nd – Casper, WY



Girl Scout

Cookie Program

That's a Wrap!

Congratulations on Embracing Possibility during the 2025 Cookie Program. Thank you for helping your girls have lots of fun and creating plans for your troop proceeds. We had 170 camp credit earners and 509 Membership Earners for 2026! A BIG Congratulations!

Charm Bracelets

Do you have girls who need a bracelet to show off their new cookie charm? [Click on this link](#) to order Charm Bracelets for girls in your troop.

BONUS: If you order the bracelets by May 10th, (shipped with Final Rewards) it is \$3 per bracelet! (after May 10th, it is \$8 per bracelet).

Gift of Caring Donation Requests

Donation requests were due by April 30th and you will be notified by May 10th regarding cupboard pickups.

We will do our best to provide cookies from your local cupboard, but that largely depends on availability. If you do not want to distribute donations, not a problem! We will make sure they are donated on your behalf.

Cookie Rewards Update

You can expect your rewards in mid-May. Your Service Unit Product Manager will reach out to you when they are all sorted and ready to be picked up. Your Initial Order Panda Blankets will arrive with final rewards. Please run the Recognition Order Summary

by Girl report for Early and Main rewards to view girl distribution. Any damages or shortages for rewards need to be submitted within 2 weeks of delivery. Email customercare@gsmw.org with what needs to be replaced.

Final Cookie ACH Sweep

The final Cookie Program ACH Sweep will occur May 13th.

Please be sure any Outstanding Balance Forms for caregivers are submitted by May 5th.

If you paid 100% of your balance owed on the first ACH Sweep in April, new outstanding balances for your troop will not be accepted.

Cookie Questions

If you have questions or need assistance, please email customercare@gsmw.org. We are here and ready to assist you!

Top Entrepreneurs and our Promotion Winners

Big announcements are coming May 30th at 4 PM on the GSMW Facebook Page.

Tune-in as we reveal our Cookie Program top entrepreneurs, promotion winners, and our Fall Product Program mascot!

Bling Your Booth

Troop 3748 made embraced all the possibilities this Cookie Season! Congratulations for winning the drawing for this years Bling Your Booth! With 49 fantastic entries, we're grateful for everyone's hard work!

B2B Bingo

We're thrilled to announce that Mia B of troop 2170 who visited 16 businesses took their cookie sales to the next level by selling to local businesses!

5 for 5 Cookies

Over 1,304 customers purchased five or more packages of cookies to be entered to win five cases, that's 60 packages! Congrats to these customers and troops who also won five cases of cookies. Tune into the GSMW Facebook on May 30th to hear who won!

Thank You!

Thank you ALL for your hard work this Cookie season! You and your Girl Scouts really Embraced Possibility this year. We can't wait to see how you will be Brave. Fierce. & Fun in the Fall!

Cookie Program Automatic Clearing House (ACH) Sweep

The final ACH sweep is on May 13th.

- If your troop has a balance, troop leaders will receive an email from Accounting on Thursday, May 8th.
- If your Troop still has a caregiver that has not paid for product, or if the Troop cannot pay the balance due, [you MUST submit an Outstanding Balance Form](#) and the corresponding receipts to council by 12:00 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025.
- If your troop has already paid the full balance with last month's sweep, you cannot submit a Caregiver Outstanding Balance Form.



2025 Volunteer Recognitions

Volunteer of Excellence

Amanda Flohr	Belgrade
Amanda Mills	Belgrade
Anna Gasner	Missoula
Carmen Toole	Gillette
Chelsea N. Schulz	Three Forks
Harlee Quin	Casper
Heather Brawley	Casper
Jodi Wilson	Gillette
Katie Eder	Belgrade
Kelly Hawkinson	Gillette
Kizzy Ledesma	Laramie
Krista Dropps	Gillette
Krista Heiken	Gillette
Mary Ann Skender	Billings
McKenzie Johnson	Livingston
Melissa Smith	Gillette
Sara Croghan	Belgrade
Sara Wilson	Great Falls

Honor Pin

Christiana Weiss	Belgrade
Emma Loveday	Belgrade
Jackie Haider	Billings
Jordan Hower	Casper
Katie Goodheart	Helena
Lauren Dubell	Billings
Marilyn Ridder	Belgrade
Melissa Quigley	Helena
Rebecca Alderman	Emigrant
Scott Weiss	Belgrade

Appreciation Pin

Alexis Moneymaker	Great Falls
Ashley Dobson	Gillette
Karen Houghton	Laramie
Liz Gibson	Billings

Outstanding Volunteer

Alaina Stedillie	Casper
Angela Merchant	Casper
Aya Giron	Gillette
Briana Breit	Casper
Carly Bruntmyer	Casper
Christina Krasovich	Gillette
Courtney Roy	Rock Springs
Devyn Hardy	Gillette
Elizabeth Kelsey	Missoula
Elizabeth Moon	Casper
Grace Collister	Casper
Jennifer Noreus	Missoula
Jesse Apland	Casper
Kathy Fleming	Casper
Kelani Urlaub	Gillette
Kristi Kountz	Casper
Marci Kendall	Rock Springs
Michelle Collins	Casper
Natasha Lybbert	Casper
Nicole Kennedy	Casper
Noel Konkler	Casper
Rachel Meats	Casper
Rae Appel	Casper
Rio Carno	Casper
Rosy Hunt	Casper
Sarah Bauman	Gillette
Serenity Greenfield	Lakeside
Stephani Smith	Gillette
Stephanie DePalmer	Casper
Stephanie Weant	Casper
Taylor Jesse	Casper
Tonya Marshall	Casper
Wendy Conner	Casper

Thanks Badge II

Gail Miller Belgrade

Presidents Award

Belgrade Service Unit

Amanda Flohr
Christiana Weiss
Gail Miller
Jennifer Thomson
Marilyn Ridder
Sara Croghan

Each year, GSMW formally recognizes those Girl Scout adult members whose accomplishments are significant. Awarded recognitions provide the means to acknowledge individuals for their unique and outstanding service. All Volunteer Award recipients were nominated by parents of Girl Scouts and fellow Girl Scout volunteers.



Girl Scout

Gold Award Spotlight

Victoria N.

Gold Award Spotlight

Victoria took a proactive approach to addressing carbon emissions and promoting environmental sustainability in her community through a multifaceted environmental initiative. Recognizing the urgent need for grassroots climate action, she developed a suite of educational resources—including an informative slideshow presentation and step-by-step planting instructions—designed to empower community members with knowledge about the importance of “carbon eaters,” such as trees and plants, in absorbing atmospheric CO₂.

To bring her project to life, Victoria forged meaningful partnerships with local nurseries, securing generous donations of 50 tree seedlings, 200 seed packets, and numerous perennial plants. She organized a series of hands-on community planting sessions, providing participants with both the tools and knowledge needed to contribute to carbon reduction efforts. These events not only facilitated environmental restoration but also fostered a strong sense of stewardship and community collaboration.

Victoria extended the reach of her project by collaborating with local organizations and civic groups to distribute planting instructions and donated seeds more broadly, ensuring that even those unable to attend the planting sessions could still participate.

Her thoughtful planning included a sustainability component: participants committed to the long-term care of the trees and plants they received, embracing an ongoing role in the fight against climate change. Through education, community engagement, and environmental action, Victoria's project laid the foundation for lasting positive impact in her community.

Congratulations Victoria!





Highest Award Ceremony

Would You Like to Attend the Highest Award Ceremony in Helena, MT?

The Helena Service Unit together with GSMW will be hosting a Highest Awards Ceremony on Monday June 16th at 2:00 pm in Helena, MT. The deadline to submit Bronze, Silver and Gold Award paperwork to attend is Friday May 30th. If your Girl Scout or group would like to attend, please [RSVP by Friday June 6th](#).

[RSVP Here](#)

Interested in Learning More about Highest Awards?

You've got what it takes to make a lasting impact—Get started by earning a highest award in Girl Scouting

You're ready to make the world a better place. Show everyone how you'll do it by earning the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards. Each award will challenge you and helps you take action in a big way.

Click the button below to learn all about Highest Awards, read some of our Councils amazing Gold Award stories, and more!

[Learn More](#)

Ready, Set, Action!

Help us Tell Your GS Story

Girl Scouts make a difference

Girl Scouts are making a difference every day—conquering challenges, giving back to their communities, and creating unforgettable memories. Now, we want to showcase your adventures! We're collecting photos and b-roll footage of Girl Scouts in action—whether they're exploring the outdoors, earning badges, meeting inspiring people, or simply having fun! Your submissions may be featured in Girl Scout promotions, social media, newsletters, and more!

How to Submit Your Story

Upload your photos or videos and include a description. Be sure to include details like who is featured, what is happening, and what the story is behind the video or image shared. [Then submit!](#) If you have problems uploading content, please reach out to us at customercare@gsmw.org.

Tips for Filming Great Video

- Shoot in landscape mode! (Turn your phone sideways for a wider, more professional shot.)
- Find good lighting. Natural light works best—avoid dark spaces or backlighting.
- Keep it steady. Hold your phone with both hands or use a tripod.
- Capture natural sound. Let us hear the excitement but avoid wind or loud background noise.
- Short & sweet! Clips between 10-30 seconds work best.
- Send the highest quality file. Don't compress or resize before submitting.

Permissions

By submitting your content, you grant Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming permission to share your story. We will only use first names and last initials when referencing individuals.

Submit Your Girl Scout Stories and Experiences!