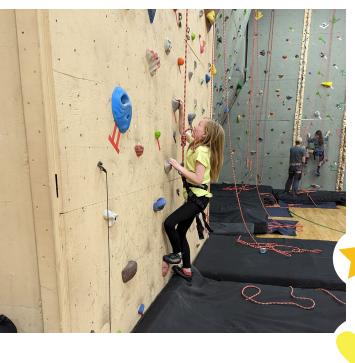


May Monthly Newsletter









Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Program

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is an experiential, cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them and raise their voices within a local, national, and global sisterhood.

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be

honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do,

and to

respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.





May

Monthly Newsletter

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GSMW - Billings, HDQ

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GSMW - Eastcentral Wyoming

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GSMW - Northwest Montana

GSMW - Central Montana

GSMW - Eastern Montana



Spring Renewal & Volunteer Recognitions

GSMW Early Renewal

April 1 - May 31, 2023

Renew 80% of your troop and required number of volunteers receive:

- 1. Renew by May 15 and all required leaders will receive a free membership.
- 2. Renew by May 31 and all Girls and Adults will recieve the 2023-2024 Custom Renewal Patch and required leaders will recieve the t-shirt.





Renewal Date	Free Leader Membership	Free Leader T-Shirt	Everyone Gets A Patch
By May 15	•	1	
By May 31		1	(1)

^{*}If required leaders currently have a Lifetime Membership, they may gift their free membership to another adult in the Troop.

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
21	17
22	18
23	18

Volunteer Recognitions - Because of YOU, they shine!

President's Award

- Rosy Hunt Casper, WY
- Elizabeth Moon Casper, WY
- Grace Collister Casper, WY
- · Rita Wentz Casper, WY
- Ender Collins Casper, WY
- · Michelle Collins- Casper, WY

- · Jennifer Thomson-Belgrade, MT
- Gail Miller Belgrade, MT
- · Tennia Lode Belgrade, MT
- · Rebekah Kamp-Belgrade, MT
- Crystal Nichols- Belgrade, MT
- · Melissa Meredith- Belgrade, MT

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.

Volunteer Recognitions - Because of YOU, they shine!

Outstanding Volunteer

Jarat Boujoukos - Belgrade, MT Crystal Chesmore - Billings, MT Heather Smith - Bozeman, MT Grace Collister - Casper, WY Meghan Anderson - Casper, WY Angela Baeza - Gillette, WY Madeleine Tope - Gillette, WY Jessica Sawyer - Laurel, MT Julie Krohmer - Red Lodge, MT

Volunteer of Excellence

Katie Eder - Belgrade, MT Crystal Nichols - Belgrade, MT Billie Grundhauser - Billings, MT Katie Holom - Billings, MT Alene Malloy - Billings, MT Paige Bealer - Billings, MT Christina Brown - Billings, MT Ruby Delp - Billings, MT Cassidy Straszewski - Cameron, MT Taylor Jessee - Casper, WY Rio Carno - Casper, WY Billie Alexander - Casper, WY Kora Paulsen - Casper, WY Michelle Collins - Casper, WY Elizabeth (Izzy) Moon - Casper, WY Carly Bruntmyer - Casper, WY Jennifer Crabb - Casper, WY Jesilyn (Jessee) Monahan - Cheyenne, WY Bettinna Moos - Circle, MT Ashley Dobson - Gillette, WY Christy Orchard - Gillette, WY Angela Baeza - Gillette, WY Brenda Brent - Gillette, WY Sara Wilson - Great Falls, MT Amanda Williams - Great Falls, MT Annette Hocker - Great Falls, MT Terri Stucker-Plunket - Great Falls, MT

Sandra Brown - Laramie, WY Heather Nack-Culbreth - Livingston, MT Chiara Schober - Whitehall, MT

Appreciation Pin

Angie Miller - Belgrade, MT Tennia Lode - Belgrade, MT Christiana Weiss - Belgrade, MT Gail Miller - Belgrade, MT Rosy Hunt - Casper, WY Rita Wentz - Casper, WY Grace Collister - Casper, WY Ender Collins - Casper, WY Elizabeth (Izzy) Moon - Casper, WY Susann Robbins - Cheyenne, WY Jessica Downs - Cheyenne, WY Emily Kruchten - Cheyenne, WY Aldea Bishop - Cheyenne, WY Jamie Stark - Great Falls, MT Samantha Houston - Great Falls, MT Heather Ashby - Great Falls, MT Lisa Henry - Great Falls, MT Ashlyn Dvoracek - Great Falls, MT Jena Hess - Green River, WY Andrea Hemmert - Green River, WY Brenna Kirsch - Green River, WY Chelsie Kirts - Green River, WY Kaylen Harrison-Hopkins - Laramie, WY Amanda Harms - Livingston, MT Kara Cook - Missoula, MT

Honor Pin

Rose Juhl - Cheyenne, WY Ariane Wille - Cheyenne, WY Juli Monahan - Chevenne, WY Rebecca Alderman - Livingston, MT

Thanks Badge I

Rebekah Kamp -Belgrade, MT

2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program



Cookie Ouestions?

If you have questions or need assistance, please email customercare@gsmw.org. We are here and ready to assist you! Thank YOU for helping our Girl Scouts GO BRIGHT AHEAD



Congratulations!

Congratulations on DIVING into a FIN-TASTIC 2023 Cookie Program. The Girl Scouts in Montana and Wyoming have gone BRIGHT AHEAD with a new baker partner and we hope your girls have lots of fun plans for your troop proceeds.

We had 207 Camp earners and 368 Membership Earners! A BIG Congratulations!

Tune in on May 31st at 3:30 PM on the GSMW Facebook Page to hear all about our GSMW Top Entrepreneurs. You don't want to miss this Facebook announcement where we'll reveal the Fall Program mascot!

That's a Wrap!

At this time, there are a couple of things to wrap up:

- 1. Do you have girls who earned a charm and need a bracelet to show off their new bling? 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 \$3.95 per bracelet).
 - Because Shoes Troop Donations: If your troop heard about Because Shoes and would like to donate additional pairs of these shoes, please purchase those donations through this form by May 15th.
- 2. <u>Cookie Share Donation Requests</u>: Please complete this form if your troop would like to donate cookies in their community. Donation requests are due by April 30th. 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.



Cookies & EOY Financial Reports

Cookie End-of-Year Financial Reports

To help you complete your end-of-year financials, follow these steps to save the Troop Balance Summary Report from Smart Cookie:

- 1. Visit the reports tab click on Current
- 2. Select the Finance Category of reports
- 3. Select the Troop Balance Summary Report or Troop Balance Summary Report Snapshot
- 4. Save this report as a PDF to use on your end-of-year financials

You can download this report now or after your final ACH sweep has been completed.

Recognition Update

Recognitions should be arriving end of May/June and we'll keep you updated when they ship. Your Smart Cookie online recognition rewards were figured manually offline, so we will email you list of earners for reference. As a reminder, the dolphin charms will arrive with your main recognitions and can be found on your Recognition Order Summary by Girl report.



Final Cookie Sweep

Final Cookie Program ACH Sweep will occur May 16th. Thank you for all your great communication this year. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to troops who were 100% ready with the first ACH Sweep!

Financial Reports

The 2022-23 Girl Scout program year is almost over and that means Annual Finance Reports are due soon! June 30th is the deadline for troop and service unit bank signers to submit a summary of their banking activity from June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

Annual finance reports need to include bank statements and receipts for all spending.

REMEMBER: Troops who do not submit their annual finance report may have their bank account closed.

Office Hours TBA

The Accounting department will be hosting office hours again this year to help with annual report questions. Look for a Signup Genius link to set up an appointment in the upcoming June newsletter.

We will have availability during normal business hours and a few available evening hours.





Daisy Circle

Did you know that by donating as little as \$5 per month, you can make a BIG impact? Become a member of our Daisy Circle Family by donating any amount monthly and you'll support underserved girls in our council. A \$5/month contribution equals \$60 each year which provides two low-income girls the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts. Over the course of five years, you'll support 12 girls! To learn more about Daisy Circle, visit our website. Questions? Email give@gsmw.org.

Summer Camp & Bridging



GSMW SUMMER CAMP

We've got action packed weeks coming your way this summer. View the online camp guide and see what your favorite summer camp themes might be. Our summer camps fill up very quickly, so make sure you have more than one option ready for when you register! Check out the 2023 Summer Camp Guide to pick your favorite camp themes!



HAPPY CAMPER KIT

New to camp this year is the Happy Camper Kit! Included with the 32 oz water bottle, campers will be given a variety* of fun and practical items for camp! Campers will also choose a special Squishmallowtm once they arrive at camp. A limited number of Happy Camper Kits are available for purchase, so order soon!

*Design and color may differ

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: WWW.GSMW.ORG/CAMP

Early Bird Registration is now open through May 9th! Starting May 10th, campers will pay full price.



WE ARE HIRING FOR CAMP!

Someone you know interested in working at camp? We are hiring for the 2023 summer camp season! Learn More!

Bridging Kits

Bridging is right around the corner! Make sure your troop's ready to bridge by purchasing your bridging kits now. Kits include a certificate, rainbow bridging arc, membership star, disc to indicate level completed, a pair of wings (Juniors and Cadettes only), fun patch, and pencil.

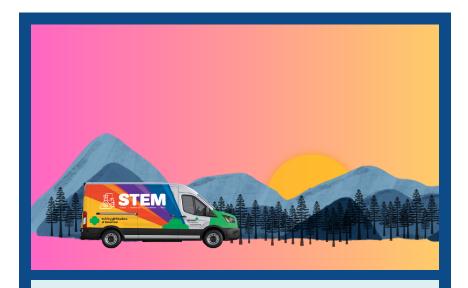
Bridging Kits are \$8.00 - \$9.75 each.

*Place an order online or through the Billings shop at shop@gsmw.org.

(*all orders will be sent from the Billings shop).



The Mobile STEM Learning Center



STEM Van Open House

Join us to celebrate the launch of GSMW's new Mobile STEM Learning Center on Tuesday, May 16th from 4:00pm-6:00pm at Rose Park Pavilion in Billings, MT. The event will showcase the STEM van, have hands-on STEM activities, food, and more!

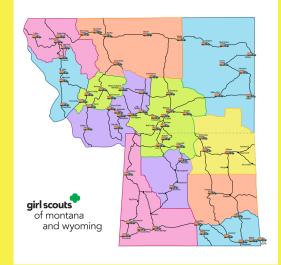
The STEM van will provide girls with empowering, hands-on STEM learning opportunities in their communities! The STEM van will be equipped to engage girls, across 245,000 square miles of our council, in a girl-led environment. By taking STEM on the road, we will be able to meet girls where they're at so they can continue exploring their interest in STEM and future STEM careers, ultimately helping to bridge the gap across the STEM workforce pipeline.

RSVP here! Can't make it? Join us in Casper, WY on Tuesday, September 5th to celebrate!

The Mobile STEM Learning Center Has Officially Arrived!

Can we get a drum roll please? We're excited to announce that our Mobile STEM Learning Center project is complete! After fundraising and patiently (sometimes impatiently) waiting to find a van to purchase, having delays for parts or equipment due to inventory issues, and waiting for the van to be retrofitted, we can finally say IT'S HERE!





STEM Van Tour Dates

The STEM van will be launched this summer and will be traveling all across our council! To see if the van is visiting your area, you can check out the tour dates. Please note, we'll be adding more locations in Wyoming as we secure locations and dates.

Don't see your community on the tour? Our goal is to serve every county in our council over the course of two vears. Hang tight and we'll get to your community as soon as we can! In the meantime, we hope you'll follow our journey on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. Questions? Email customercare@gsmw.org.

Alumna Spotlight & Upcoming Events



Calling All Girl Scout Alumna

We want to hear from YOU, our Girl Scout alumna. You know more than anyone about the benefits of being a Girl Scout and we want to share your experience.

If you're interested in sharing your Girl Scout story, please reach out to us at alum@gsmw.org or give us a call at 406-252-0488.

Alumna Spotlight

"I started Girl Scouts as a Daisy in 1997; my mom always helped with the meetings. I am sure at the time, it was probably my mom's decision to have me join, but all of my friends were involved as well, so I didn't mind. I have so many wonderful memories from being in Girl Scouts. My favorite memories were when we traveled to a larger town, and Girl Scouts from all over the area would get together to work on multiple badges that day. It was a fun way to get to know other Girl Scouts, make lifelong friends, work on the fun badges, and participate in the flag ceremonies."

Read Katrina's Story Here!



Katrina Letsche Girl Scout Alumna







Castle Rock Open House

Join GSMW on Saturday, August 26 from 11am - 3pm for an open house at Camp Castle Rock! Camp Castle Rock is GSMW's most historic resident camp property and we've been working hard to restore the nearly 100-year-old lodge while making some much needed improvements to the grounds. Join us in celebrating this historical Girl Scout camp and come see the new additions including an amphitheater, cabins, and trails! Overnight accommodation is available! For more information and to RSVP, visit our website! Questions? Email customercare@gsmw.org.



Summer Outdoor Challenge

The GSMW 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. Don't forget submit your photo to enter for the all NEW GIVEAWAY bucket, The Summber Bucket Full of Fun! Find the challenge on our website here.

Upcoming Events & Programs



Upcoming Highest Award Ceremony

The 2023 GSMW Highest Award Ceremony will be hosted on Friday, June 16th at 4:00pm in Helena, MT. If your group would like to attend the Highest Award Ceremony, please submit your Bronze, Silver, or Gold paperwork by May 31st to customercare@gsmw.org



National Convention: Troop Trip Request Forms

As the National Convention sneaks closer and closer, traveling groups should now focus on submitting their Troop Trip & High Risk Activity Request Form to ensure their group's travel is covered by GSMW's supplemental insurance. Because travel to National Convention involves alternative transportation, multiple nights away from home, possible high risk activities, and more, GSMW recommends submitting the Troop Trip & High Risk Activity Request Form no later than one month before your trip start date. This way, we have plenty of time to work together to ensure your trip is safe and supported!

National Convention: Troop Travel Training

All troop travel volunteers must complete our new Troop Travel Training. Be sure an adult in your travel group has completed our online Troop Travel Training prior to submitting your Troop Trip Request Form. The new training will help you and your troop prepare, plan, and implement memorable troop trips and high risk activity experiences. Volunteers can access the Troop Travel Training now in gsLearn! Do you have questions about how to access gsLearn? Check out the My Account Tip Sheet: gsLearn for more information.

For more support in the National Convention travel planning process, visit GSMW's National Convention web page!



Everyone in the GSMW family is welcome at our annual Spring Spruce! Formerly the Community Cleanup, the Spring Spruce is an opportunity for Girl Scouts, their families, and their friends to come together for a good cause, sprucing-up their communities! This year's Spring Spruce occurs across council within the week of National Trails Day, June 3rd - 10th. Check www.gsmw.org/events for a Spring Spruce event happening near you! Registration closes May 15th at midnight.

If you want to host your own Spring Spruce for your troop, service unit, or family, you can order the Spring Spruce hats and patches through this link: Spring Spruce Independent Group Form. Order your hats and patches by May 15th.

After May 15th, your independent Spring Spruce group may order patches for your event, depending on the remaining supply. Email customercare@gsmw.org to order yours!