

September

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On Time Renewal

On-Time Renewal means fun with friends, new adventures, and making a difference! This year especially, they are ready to get going again and Girl Scouts is ready for her! Continuing her journey with Girl Scouts will allow her to build leadership skills, learn how to impact her community, and take the next step toward changing the world.

We can't wait to launch another great year, renew by September 30th to receive a surprise fun patch!



2025 Troop Leader Resources

For Girls: No Prob-Llama Conflict Management Guide

Conflicts and disagreements are part of life, but if handled constructively, they show girls that they can overcome their differences, exercise diplomacy, and improve their communication and relationships. [These guides](#), offered at each age level, help Girl Scouts practice being respectful and kind, make thoughtful decisions, and relate to one another.

Want to earn a fun patch? We will send you the No Drama Llama GSMW patch for each girl and adult that participates in the activities, signs the No Bullies Pledge, and shares photos of your troop completing the "No Prob-Llama" activities upon submitting your [Troop Entry](#). If you need additional support related to bullying and conflict in your troop, please contact your Membership Experience Manager or reach out to [customer care](#).



**No Drama
Llama Patch**

For Volunteers: Troop Code of Conduct Agreements

As you start the new year with your troop, remember to reference the [Volunteer Relations Conflict Management Roadmap Resource](#) for sample Code of Conducts. Pages 18 and 19 have sample agreements for both girls and caregivers that you can discuss and agree to as a troop. This helps get everyone on the same page with expectations of behavior and involvement within your troop for the year. Check it out in gsLearn and download the document for your use.



6 activity sets
only \$15
12 activity sets
only \$30

Meeting in a Minute

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for your Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette 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!

MIAM: Math in Nature

The Math in Nature: Meeting in a Minute kit will get troops outdoors to explore patterns found in nature! Using math, girls will create their own shapes while earning their Shapes in Nature badge. Girls will learn about symmetry in nature by observing rocks, bugs, birds, and trees. They will also learn about geometric shapes, fractals, tessellations, and the Fibonacci sequence.

Kits will include all materials to create their own spider web, fractal bouquets and sunflowers, and mosaic tile coasters! Badges are not included, but they can be ordered at the same time and will be delivered in your box.

Thanks to support from the Neff Outreach Fund, the cost of this box has been reduced and is more affordable than ever*! Limited quantities are available, so be sure to order your box today!

Please note that activity sets are only available in sets of 6 or 12 and no alternative box sizes are available. Shipping is included in the cost.

*The only supplies you'll need to provide include paper and pencils/crayons/markers.

ORDER NOW

Girl Scout

Product Program

Fall Product Program Promotions

Early Cookie Booth Signup Opportunity

It's time to get girls excited for the Fall Program! Participating in this money-earning activity is a great way to get start-up funds for the year AND gives your troop a chance to score early access to reserving popular Cookie Booths! When your troop has 80% of registered girls participating (and having at least \$1 in sales) during the Fall Program, you'll get to reserve booths early for the 2025 Cookie Program.

Embrace the Outdoors Troop Promotion

Troops also have a chance to Embrace the Outdoors with the opportunity to win a free two-day/one-night stay at a GSMW Camp Property or a \$150 Program Credit. To qualify, Troops that accrue \$1500+ in total troop sales will receive an entry to win. For every additional \$300+ sold, your troop gets an extra entry! One lucky troop will be chosen after the Fall Program ends.

Introducing Ellie!

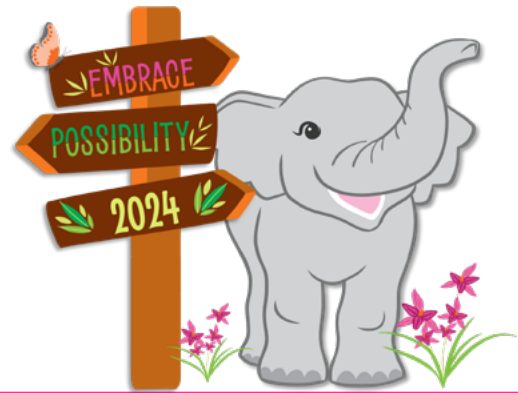
It's official! Our new giant plush Asian Elephant friend has been named Ellie! Want a chance to win this adorable stuffed mascot? Girl Scouts who sell seven Care-to-Share items will receive an entry to win Ellie! For every two additional Care-to-Share items sold, girls will get another entry. One lucky Girl Scout will win! Good luck as you *Embrace Possibility* during the 2024 Fall Program!



Fall Product Paperwork

Fall Paperwork should have been delivered to your troop by now. An email was sent to volunteers receiving the Fall Paperwork as confirmation.

If there is an issue with receiving paperwork, or if you need additional paperwork, please submit a request by emailing customercare@gsmw.org.



Fall Program Training

Sign up for Fall Kickoff Training

Service Units and Troops

All troops must have at least one leader complete the training live or watch the recording through gsLearn before the Fall Program. Be sure to attend this training to get the latest and greatest details. You may even win a fun giveaway!

Service Units: Thursday, September 5th | 7:00 PM | [Register Here](#)

Troops: Tuesday, September 10th | 7:30 PM | [Register Here](#)

Caregivers

New this year Caregivers are invited to attend a brief kickoff with the GSMW Product Program Team. Help us ensure Troop Leaders have informed and prepared caregivers for the program.

We will review:

- Program dates and important information for the 2024 Fall Program
- How to support their Girl Scout during the Fall Program
- Accessing and using M2OS
- How to enter order and reward information in M2OS

Caregivers: Tuesday, September 17th | 6:00 PM | [Register Here](#)

gsLearn Update:

GSUSA Girl Scout Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course

All Girl Scout volunteers have been assigned to the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course in gsLearn. Please log in and take this valuable course.

Child abuse and neglect are difficult subjects to think about, yet the prevention of abuse is a topic Girl Scouts take very seriously. This training prepares supervising adults of Girl Scout youth to recognize, respond to, and report concerns of child abuse and neglect.

Additionally, supervising adults will be empowered to prevent abuse by learning Girl Scout recommended practices, policies and procedures. Girl Scout practices, policies and procedures are proactive measures designed to prevent abusers from interacting with Girl Scouts to foster a safe space for children to thrive.



[ACCESS THE COURSE HERE](#)

End of Year Financials

Final Reminder

End of Year Financials were due June 30th. If you have not turned in your report yet, your troop or service unit bank account is at risk of closure.

Please contact council immediately for help completing your report so your account does not close.





Volunteer Advisory Committee

Do you want to provide valuable input as a volunteer on upcoming GSMW initiatives and council business? If so, apply to serve on the new GSMW Volunteer Advisory Committee!

Volunteers will be appointed to serve for a one-year term and must be able to commit up to two hours per month. Volunteer Advisory Committee members are expected to give timely and unbiased feedback.

Applications are due **September 30th, 2024** and will be reviewed by council. Committee members will be appointed in October.

The first committee meeting will be held in November.



[SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION HERE](#)

My Girl Scout Kit

Make sure your Girl Scout is ready for Back to Troop! When you spend \$60 on Girl Scout essentials for new or returning girls, you will receive a free bag!

This adorable drawstring is available in green or purple!

Act fast! Supplies are limited!



GSMW Shop Annual Inventory

The GSMW Shops will be closed for their annual inventory count. For your convenience, the shops won't be closed at the same time, but please plan your orders accordingly.

As always, you may place orders online at www.girlscoutshop.com.

Billings Inventory: September 11 – September 12

Great Falls Inventory: September 26 – September 27

Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Survey

To start the 2024-2025 program year, GSMW invites our Daisy, Brownie, and Junior Girl Scouts to complete a survey to gauge Girl Scouts' interest in a variety of program topics.

Girl Scouts, tell us what programs you want!

Parents, please help your young Girl Scouts respond to this important program survey.



[TAKE THE SURVEY HERE](#)



Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

Life Skills for All Girls

Kick-off the new school year with programming to prepare you for whatever life throws your way! This October, GSMW staff partner with community members and organizations to offer various life skills programs. Check out www.gsmw.org/events for a life skills partner program near you.

Wizarding World

If your Girl Scout wants to enjoy a virtual program with GSMW and their sister Girl Scouts from across Montana and Wyoming, check-out our two virtual events. The first, for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, will occur on October 24th. Younger Girl Scouts will explore the Wizarding World of Patronus and Pets, earning a fun patch, learning about pet companions, and how to be a good friend to everyone!

On October 29th, just in time for Halloween, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to the Wizarding World of Defense Against the Dark Arts. Older Girl Scouts will learn how to protect themselves and others from the dark arts. Both programs will include a Wizarding World fun patch and a shipped kit of supplies.

CHECK OUR CALENDAR FOR MORE INFO

Girl Scout Destinations

World Travel Opportunities

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends.

There are lots of unique and life-changing experiences for every interest and skill level. Find your ultimate Destination on GSUSA's Destination web page. Apply before November 28, 2024, to get the early-bird advantage so you can plan your money-earning for trips in 2025 and 2026. Trips accept applications until full.

Want to stay closer to home while traveling as an independent Girl Scout? High School Girl Scouts - consider applying for GSMW's own Adventure & Forestry Destination!

EXPLORE MORE HERE



Highest Awards Resources

Earning a Highest Award is an incredible achievement and we're here to support you by making the process as simple as possible. You will find training modules for each Highest Award in gsLearn and Silver Award meeting plans in the Volunteer Toolkit.

Additional resources and information are available on our website. For questions about Highest Awards, email customercare@gsmw.org.



Highest Awards Deadline Reminder

The deadline to submit your Highest Awards Final Report is approaching. Please reference the dates below for the age level deadline requirements. Visit our website or email customercare@gsmw.org for applicable paperwork.

- **Bronze Award**
September 30th for Girl Scouts who are starting 6th grade this fall.
- **Silver Award**
September 30th for Girl Scouts who are starting 9th grade this fall.
- **Silver Award of the Year**
September 30th, please visit our website for information on how to be considered for this recognition.
- **Gold Award**
September 30th for Girl Scouts who have completed 12th grade.

[VISIT THE WEBSITE HERE](#)

Special National Council Session

Saturday, October 19, 2024

A virtual session of the National Council will be called in October. This will be a historic moment in Girl Scout governance history as the first special session ever held.

This special session will discuss and vote on a potential increase in membership dues. According to the Blue Book, both the National Board and the National Council share authority over membership dues, but the National Board is limited to a raise of no more than 25% between anyone triennium. A raise over 25% requires approval from the National Council.

Proposals for this special session will be sent out no less than 30 days before the set date per Section 3 of Article V in the GSUSA Constitution. The proposal(s) will be published on www.gsmw.org once they have been released to National Delegates. No business other than what has been presented in the call to meeting can be heard during the special session per the GSUSA Constitution.

GSUSA is researching the platform they will use for the special session; therefore, it has not been determined if visitors can attend.

Save the Date for Girl Scout Convention

Monday, July 20 - Saturday, July 25, 2026

We're excited to announce that the 2026 Girl Scout Convention will take place in Washington, DC, from Monday, July 20, through Saturday, July 25. Girl Scouts Nation's Capital will be our host council. We are grateful for their hospitality and support in preparing for and carrying out this important event for our Movement.

In addition to our convention, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA. What better place to hold convention than the capital of our nation—a symbolic and literal representation of people who live in every corner of the United States? Similarly, the National Council Session is where delegates representing every corner of the Girl Scout Movement come together to discuss, debate, and make Girl Scout history.

We hope to see you at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention. Join our Convention Insider email list to be the first to receive updates as they become available.

[JOIN THE EMAIL LIST HERE](#)

Camp Castle Rock Open House Recap

On Saturday, August 17, 2024, GSMW celebrated 100 years of Camp Castle Rock. Guests explored the property and the new trail system while learning about all the camp improvements. Several guests were former Girl Scout campers, camp counselors and directors as well as other staff, and local community members.

A time capsule was buried to commemorate the occasion which included various patches, a map of the property, a newspaper from the day, a Thin Mint cookie box, and much more!



Atta Girl for Adding Girls

Girl Scouts is about making new friends and keeping the old! Each time you add a new Girl Scout to your troop, you create new friendships and provide girls with the opportunity to try new things, dream up new adventures and have FUN! Introducing new friends to Girl Scouts allows existing members to flex their leadership skills and build confidence. Everyone wins—Atta girl!

Between now and December 31st, add a first time troop girl and collect great rewards! Keep track of girls added to your troop to self-report during January with rewards delivered mid-February.

Reward	+2 First-Time Troop Girls	+3 First-Time Troop Girls	+4 First-Time Troop Girls
Atta Girl Patch for girls and required leaders	✓	✓	✓
Meeting in a Minute Box of Your Choice for 6 girls	✓	✓	
\$20 GSMW Store Credit		✓	✓
*Meeting in a Minute Box of Your Choice for 12 girls			✓
*Prize Entry			✓

**Troops will receive one prize entry after adding four first time Troop Girls. Troops will receive an extra prize entry for each additional first time Troop Girl that they add.*

Meeting in a Minute Details

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! Each box contains all the primary supplies you need to host a successful troop meeting:

- Creative, fun, and age-appropriate activities
- Detailed instructions
- Activity supplies
- Snacks

**Only one meeting in a minute per troop. At the +2 and +3 level, troops get one box for 6 girls. At the +4 and +5 level troops get one box for 12 girls.*

Each prize entry is eligible to win one of the following:

\$50 GSMW Store Credit

Party in a Box w/Pizza

STEM Van Experience for Your Troop