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Your need to know information from Girl Scouts of Silver Sage, including upcoming programs, updates from departments, and more!

Council Updates

Early Bird Membership Renewal



Early Bird Girl Scout Renewal time is quickly approaching! If you are a Troop leader, it is time for you to renew your Troop members, both girls and adults. If you renew 100% of your girls and adults **on or BEFORE May 1st**, your Troop automatically receives a FREE overnight stay at the camp of your choice - Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall), Camp TAM (Swan Valley), or Camp Echo (Boise)!

For younger girls, Camp Echo at Friendship Square is the perfect spot to practice camping in the security of this amazing indoor space while working on a cooking badge in the full kitchen. For older girls, head up to CAP or TAM for your adventure. Troops can purchase an additional night at a reduced cost to extend the fun! Renew today!

Questions? Contact Customer Care at 208-377-2011, or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

[Renew Today](#)

Camp Early Squirrel Pricing Ends Soon!



Camp Early Squirrel pricing ends **April 14th!**

To receive the Early Squirrel discount, you must register for your [selected camp](#) **before April 15th**. You only need to put down a \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure the Early Squirrel pricing.

[Camperships](#) are available! If your family or Girl Scout would benefit from financial assistance, select "Financial Aid" as your payment type when registering for camp. A registration deposit of \$50 is still required to reserve your spot at camp. Campership requests are reviewed mid-April and all applicants will be notified of their application's status by April 30th.

Hurry and register today!

[Camp Registration FAQs](#)

April 22 - Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we are calling all Girl Scouts to recognize our amazing volunteers on April 22 for Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day!

It is no secret that Girl Scouts would not be possible without the dedication of our troop leaders and our many volunteers. Here are a few ways YOU can celebrate your favorite Girl Scout volunteers this month:

Because of You Photo Collage (Gift)

Collect photos from your troop sisters of your favorite Girl Scout moments. Arrange them in a slideshow or on a poster with the headline "Because of You..." Share your collage at your next meeting!

Say It with Service (Activity)

Troop leaders are busy people. What could you do to help make their lives easier? Wash their

car? Rake their leaves? Prepare their garden for planting? Work with your troop sisters to offer assistance to your troop volunteers to say thank you.

Throw a Surprise Party (Celebrate)

Surprise your troop volunteers with party hats and noisemakers at your next meeting. Take turns sharing what you appreciate most about them!

It is always a good time to thank your leaders for believing in the Girl Scouts mission and giving girls a safe space to grow, express feelings, and make memories!

Volunteer Appreciation Ideas

Help Wanted!



We are looking for a [Kitchen Director](#) and a [Health Care Director](#) for [Camp Alice Pittinger](#). If you or someone you know is interested in coming to camp and helping the girls this summer, please let us know. If your candidate is selected, you get a free camp sweatshirt!

Questions? Reach out to us at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2011.

Apply Today

Trades People Needed!



We are looking for skilled trades people to keep on reference for our **Eastern Idaho camp and office**. If you are a contractor, electrician, plumber, HVAC technician, or handyperson in the **Eastern Idaho, Pocatello, Idaho Falls area**, please email Eric Landaluce at elandaluce@girlscouts-ssc.org for a list of potential projects.

Albertson's Boise Open Tickets

Mark your calendars for the Albertsons Boise Open golf tournament, August 24 -27! As part of the Albertsons Boise Open Tickets Support Charity Program, Girl Scouts of Silver Sage will



receive **100% of ticket sale proceeds** when you select Girl Scouts of Silver Sage from the charity list. This is a great, fun way to support our Council!

Tickets go on sale **April 4** and include admission to the golf tournament and after-golf concert.

Questions? Reach out to us at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2011.

Tickets and Info

Upcoming Events, Programs & Closures

April

- April – [STEM Outreach](#) (multiple dates and locations)
- April 1 – [Daisy Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **d**)
- April 8 – [Outdoor Leader Training](#) (Boise - **v**)
- April 21 – [Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting](#) (Zoom)
- April 15 – [Brownie Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **b**)
- April 15 – [Outdoor Leader Training](#) (Twin Falls/Magic Valley - **v**)
- April 16 - 22 – [Volunteer Appreciation Week](#)
- April 22 – [Treasure Valley Girl and Adult Recognition Ceremony](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- April 22 – [Junior Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **j**)
- April 29 – [Outdoor Leader Training](#) (Pocatello - **v**)

May

- May 13 – [Family Wellness Expo](#) (Meridian - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- May 20 – [Member Recognition Event \(Pocatello\)](#)

June

- June 10 – [Family Wellness Day - Gal-Pal Yoga](#) (Pocatello - **d, b, j, v**)
- June 10 – [Family Wellness Day - Ropes Course](#) (Pocatello - **c, s, a, v**)
- June 10 – [Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology Experience](#) (Boise - **c, s, a**)
- June 13 – [Senior & Ambassador Ropes Course](#) (Boise - **s, a**)
- June 14 – [Gold Award Training \(Boise/Zoom\)](#) (Boise & Zoom - **s, a, v**)
- June 15 – [Bronze & Silver Award Training for Leaders](#) (Boise & Zoom - **v**)
- June 21 – [Natural Grocers Cooking Workshop](#) (Boise - **c, s, a**)

Programs & Events

Program Credits



Do you have Program Credits ready to use? We still have some great camp opportunities available!

To use Program Credits to pay for registration for [Summer Camp](#), you must register online with a \$50 deposit to secure your spot. Once you have completed your registration, you may either drop off or mail the Program Credits to the Boise Office (ATTN: Camp Registrar; 8948 W Barnes St. Boise, ID 83709). Be sure to include your order number when submitting program credits. Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is not responsible for Program Credits lost in transit.

Make sure to follow all guidelines listed on the Program Credits. Expired Program Credits will not be accepted. For more information, click the button below and scroll to the bottom of the page, or contact Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or (208) 377-2011.

How to Use Program Credit

Become A Counselor In Training At CAP



Have you ever wanted to be a camp counselor? Do you love being around kids and all the silly things they say and do? As a [Counselor In Training \(CIT\)](#) at [Camp Alice Pittenger \(CAP\)](#), you will get a behind the scenes look at what it is like being a camp counselor!

As a CIT, you will shadow camp counselors, learn how to lead games and songs, discover the best tips and tricks of how to mentor young campers, serve as team leads for camp activities, and improve your leadership skills. With your CIT peers by your side, your adventures and successes will be honored at the end of your session with a special celebration!

Sign Up Today

Design With Nature at the Mathnasium



Our partners at Mathnasium of Southwest Boise are excited to host Girl Scouts for a fun, hands-on learning experience! Join us in April as Daisy - Junior girls complete the requirements for the **Design With Nature** badge at their level and will receive their badge at the end of their event. Click below for more information for your level.

April 1- [Daisy Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#)

April 8 - [Brownie Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#)

April 22 - [Junior Design with Nature at Mathnasium](#)

Outdoor Leader Training



Hey Troop leaders! Are you ready to get your Girl Scouts outdoors on overnight camping trips? Outdoor Leader Training is required for Troops who are planning overnight camping trips.

Outdoor Leader Training covers all the essentials in 402 and 403 training. This free hands-on skills course includes progression in the outdoors, clothing and equipment planning, menu planning and food safety, simple outdoor cooking, tent basics, and outdoor safety.

More information can be found on our [Forms and Documents](#) page under the "Travel" tab.

Training Dates will be :

April 8 – [Boise Training](#)

April 15 – [Twin Falls Training](#)

April 29 – [Pocatello Training](#)

STEM Outreach



Attention all K- 8 girls and families! You are invited to a fun evening of FREE hands-on STEM programming hosted by the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. We will learn coding and robotics basics, and will design and share our own robot creations! We will also explore topics in mechanical engineering and STEM careers.

Girls do not have to be members to attend. Bring a friend (or two!) All registered girl and adult participants will receive a robotics fun patch for participating. This

event is free, thanks to generous funding from the STEM Action Center, but registration is required.

STEM Outreach Dates:

April 3 - [Mountain Home](#)

April 5 - [Emmett](#)

April 6 - [Nyssa/Parma Grades K - 3](#)

April 6 - [Nyssa Parma Grades 4 - 8](#)

April 10 - [Jerome/Twin Falls](#)

April 25 - [Soda Springs](#)

April 27 - [Blackfoot](#)

April 28 - [Idaho Falls](#)

Details to follow on these locations! Check back on our [event calendar](#).

April 13 – Challis

April 14 – McCall

April 26 – Duck Valley

April 26 – Pocatello

Family Wellness Expo



Meridian - Come join Girl Scouts of Silver Sage for the first annual Family Wellness and Healthy Living Expo on **May 13, from 10am - 1pm** at Settlers Park in Meridian.

This will be a fun day of hands-on healthy living activities, booths, and presentations. Join us in group yoga and field games, presentations from local wellness organizations, face painting, food trucks, and more!

Our Teen Advisory Committee will be showcasing activities you and your family can do to earn the GSUSA Resilient Ready Strong patch. In addition, the first 300 girls and adults who attend in Girl Scout regalia will receive the 2023 Wellness Day fun patch! Registration is not required to attend.

Pocatello - Save the date and join us in Pocatello **June 10th** for our girl and family wellness events, [Gal-Pal Yoga](#) and [Ropes Course](#). More details will be shared in the May newsletter.

More Info

Outdoor Equipment Rental Program



Are you looking to take your Troop on an outdoor adventure? Our Council has outdoor equipment available to rent. Current inventory includes snowshoes, handheld GPS units, compasses and trail maps. Click below to learn more and submit your rental request.

Rental Program

Cookie Program - A Big Thank You!



Thank You to valuable volunteers, enthusiastic families, and enterprising Girl Scouts for your participation in the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Girl Scouts have set high goals and then surpassed them with hard work and dedication, backed by the support of their families and the hundreds of volunteers that make the Cookie Program possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Through the Cookie Program, girls in our council have earned hundreds of patches and prizes, along with thousands of dollars' worth of Program Credits and Bonus Council Adventure Credits. All of these valuable rewards will come to Service Unit Cookie Managers, and will be distributed to Troop Cookie Managers who will then distribute rewards to girls.

Adventure Awaits - Destinations Trips Available



Calling all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts! There are still spots available for a 2023 or 2024 Destinations trip. Push past your comfort zone, make friends in new places, and level up your life!

Search [international travel options](#) and get started on your next big adventure. Not ready to travel abroad? There are also [Family and Troop travel options](#) available here in the United States.

Adventure awaits - get started today!

Apply Today

Winter Fun Challenge - Final Reminder!



SNAP!LOGOS

Get outside and complete your challenges because all [2023 Winter Fun Challenge](#) forms are **due on April 15th**. Patches will be mailed to Service Units shortly.

Winter Fun Challenge Form

Summer Camp

Featured Camp Sessions



CAMP ECHO

[Animal Lovers \(Grade K-5\)](#) - ONLY 11 SPOTS LEFT!

Join us at Camp Echo for a week of fur, feathers, and scales! Explore different types of animal habitats ranging from tiny ant holes to gigantic eagle's nests at Friendship Square and Zoo Boise. Interact safely with animal visitors and learn all about pet care. It's an animal lover's dream! **Badges earned:** Daisies: Eco Learner, Brownies: Pets, Juniors: Animal Habitats

[Off Broadway \(Grade K-5\)](#) - ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!

Lights, camera, action! Jump into the world of the performing arts and work with your fellow campers to create a one-of-a-kind production. At camp, you'll develop characters, write scripts, learn choreographed dances, and more! Join us as we go on a field trip to a local theater for a tour and acting skills workshop. Then hit the stage on Friday afternoon to show off your performance to friends and family. **Badges earned:** Daisies: Theater fun patch, Brownies: Dancer, Juniors: Musician

[Teen Leader \(Weekly Program, Grades 9-12\).](#)

We have a special role for High Schoolers at Camp Echo. Work with camp staff to bring one-

of-a-kind camp experiences to our campers each week. Assist with check in and check out, work alongside our counselors to lead small group activities, and chaperone units on field trips. Hours spent at Camp Echo can be used for volunteer service awards, including Service to Girl Scouting, and the President's Volunteer Service Award. This opportunity is available for up to four teens per week.

CAMP ALICE PITTINGER (CAP)

[Fairy Slumber Party \(Grade 2-3\)](#) - ONLY 7 SPOTS LEFT!

Grab your friends and join Fairy Phifanella in making the magic at Camp Alice Pittenger. Experience all camp has to offer while you and your friends create your own fairy wings, tutu, and wand; throw a pixie party; go on a fairy hunt in the forest; and create a house for Phifanella's friends!

[Summer Bucket List Challenge \(Grades 9-12\)](#) - ONLY 3 SPOTS LEFT!

Can your group complete the summer bucket list challenge? Jump in Payette Lake, paddle a canoe or SUP, go whitewater rafting, enjoy a sunrise or sunset, make a new friend...there are so many possibilities!

All girls are welcome! Not a Girl Scout? Not at Problem. You can become a member when you register for camp.

Camp Info

Don't Forget to Purchase Camp Merchandise!



Surprise your camper with some special goodies that will be delivered during her stay at camp! **Items for at-camp delivery must be purchased through [this event](#) on our website by April 14th.**

Merchandise can be purchased through the store after April 14th, but will not be delivered at camp.

Questions? Please contact Customer care at (208) 377-2011 or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

Council Highlights

Girl Scout Voices Count Survey



Girl Scouts Voices Count is an annual national survey to gather feedback from Girl Scouts, parents/caregivers, troop leaders, and Service Unit volunteers from Girl Scout Councils across the country.

The results of the Voices Count survey help GSUSA and Girl Scouts of Silver Sage improve national programming and aid in providing the best possible Girl Scouting experience. For those who complete the survey on time, GSUSA is offering a chance to win a \$50 gift card!

Girl Scouts, parents/caregivers, and troop leaders - if you are a registered member of Girl Scouts as of January 31, 2023, look for your email invitation to take the survey during the week of April 3; survey closes April 30. Service Unit volunteers - look for your email invitation the week of May 8; survey closes June 5.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this survey! Your answers will be kept confidential, and you will not receive any sales or marketing contact because of your participation.

Bringing Back Tradition - The Bridge Ceremony



As we approach the end of the school year, it is time to start thinking about our Girl Scouts and their progression to the next level! A very important tradition in Girl Scouting is the Bridging Ceremony, marking a girl's move from one level of Girl Scouting to the next.

Silver Sage Council and GSUSA recognize a girl's scouting level by grade level, so Bridging is typically performed at the end of the school year. However, you may choose to wait and do it during the summer, or even before the next school year begins - it's up to you!

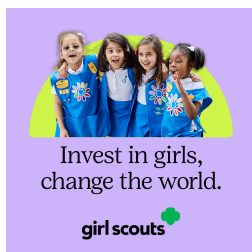
Ceremonies can be simple or elaborate, but the planning should rest with the girls. Troop leaders should be the guides and help the girls plan the celebration of their accomplishments. Some service units may decide to do a multi-troop Bridging event, and troop leaders may want to have their girls participate with girls from other troops for an even larger experience.

While planning your Bridging Ceremony, make sure to devote enough time to plan the ceremony, take safety precautions, make it symbolic, yet keep it fun. Most importantly, use a physical bridge! There are many types of bridges - a special walkway, a homemade bridge, an actual bridge, or just walking from one side of the room to the other. Bridges are available for

loan from the Girl Scout Leadership Center in Boise. Please contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 for more information.

Learn More About Bridging

Troop Annual Report Deadline Is Almost Here!



All troops are required to complete a Troop Annual Report **by May 31**. Submission starts May 1 – May 31.

We have added some new questions this year that will facilitate the audit, and we are also providing an Excel tool that can assist in calculating categories. This Excel tool will be sent to all Service Unit

Managers and Service Unit Treasurers along with Annual Report instructions to forward to troop leaders.

If you are a Troop Leader or Treasurer and have questions, we will hold open office hours on the following dates: (Registration is required on GS Events to acquire the zoom link.)

Tuesday May 2, 6pm - 7pm

Friday May 5, 12:00 - 1pm

Wednesday May 17, 6pm - 7pm

Thursday May 18, 12:00 - 1pm

Monday May 29, 12:00 - 1pm

Annual Business Meeting



The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting will be held **Friday, April 21, 6:30pm - 8pm**, via Zoom. This meeting will provide an opportunity for Delegates to give input on matters of importance to our Council and the Girl Scouts movement.

The Annual Meeting will be a virtual web and/or telephone based meeting, as permitted by the by-laws of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. Delegates and voting members of the Council will receive a Delegate notebook via email by April 14. Paper materials can be made available to those who need them to make participation as convenient as possible.

It is essential for all Delegates to participate in order to meet the requirements of our Council's legal by-laws. Delegates will vote on directors and officers for the Board of Directors, and members of the Board Development Committee.

For questions, please contact Dawn Rising at drising@girlscouts-ssc.org.

[Learn More](#)

Member Recognition Events



Join Girl Scouts of Silver Sage as we honor girls and adults for their achievements in Girl Scouting from the last year!

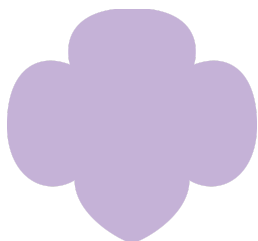
Boise - The girl and adult [Member Recognition Event](#) will be held **Saturday, April 22 from 10am - 12pm** at Boise State's Micron Business and Economics Building, 2360 University Drive. Paid parking is available in the adjacent Brady Parking Garage. Light refreshments will be served.

Pocatello - Save the date! Girls and adults from Eastern Idaho will be honored for their achievements at the [Member Recognition Event](#) on **Saturday, May 20** at Idaho State University, Pond Student Union. (Time and details to follow in the May newsletter.)

For questions, please contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011, or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Retail Store

New Store Hours!



The Silver Sage Retail Store is now open Fridays!

Our new hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 11am - 7pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Saturday: Open second Saturday of each month, 9am - 1pm

Sunday: Closed

The store will be open Saturday, April 8 from 9am - 1pm.

We will be closed Friday, April 21.

Spring Into New Styles!



Spring has arrived in the store and on our website! Come by the retail store or [shop](#) our brand new styles online. We have so many cute t-shirts, sweatshirts, and accessories to choose from. [This sweatshirt](#) is a favorite at the Silver Sage Council office!

[Order Online](#)

Last Call For Cookie Merchandise!



You've worked hard Girl Scout! Celebrate the end of the council-led cookie season with some Go Bright Ahead merchandise.

Our cookie carts from last year have been reduced to \$34.99, and are available for pick up only from the leadership office. (We can coordinate to bring them to service unit meetings if needed!)

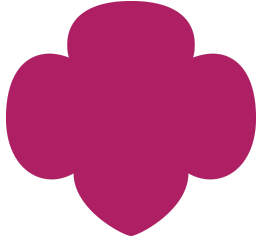
Grab some cute patches to jazz up your vests and sashes, snap up some clothing and accessories and let everyone know you are a Cookie Boss!

Come by the retail store or order from the [online store](#) before they are gone for good!

[Order Online](#)

Volunteer Resources

Family Information



Parents or caregivers, have you updated your family's information in your MyGS account? With girls transitioning from Elementary to Middle School, and Middle School to High School it is important that the correct school is reflected on your girl's profile. Check the grade of your girl and any other information that could have changed in the past months, i.e., address, contact information, etc.

If you need help, please contact our Customer Care Team at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

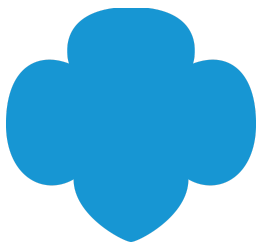
Five Star Troop Award



Earn the Five Star Troop Award with your troop this year! This award, which can be earned each year, is to encourage and support troops in having a diversified and high-quality troop year. Learn more about this award on our [website](#).

Five Star Troop Award Form

Volunteer Tool Kit



The Volunteer Tool Kit is ready to help you and your troop thrive! From enhanced features to new badges to check out, there's a lot to explore to set your troop up for a smooth and successful year.

If you are a caregiver of a Juliette (individually registered girl), you can manage her experience using the Volunteer Tool Kit's digital resource on your My Girl Scouts page.

Volunteer Tool Kit

How to...

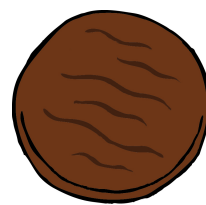
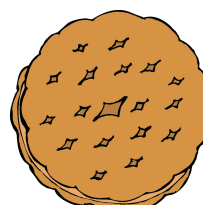


We have created a series of 'how to' videos for a number of tasks located in your MyGS account.

If you are wondering how to update your troop roster, contact information, receive communications, register for a program and then view and fill out any required forms, check-out our how-to videos.

Please do not create a new account when changing your email address.

How-to videos



Silver Sage Store and Office Hours

Customer Care & Boise Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 4pm

Closed for lunch daily: 1pm - 1:30pm

Friday: 10am - 1pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

Silver Sage Store Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 11am - 7pm

Friday: 9am - 1pm

Open second Saturday of each month, 9am - 1pm

Sunday: Closed

***Please see Council Updates in this newsletter for special April hours.**

Need Help?

Are you looking for more information? Have a specific question about this email or what your next steps might be? We're just a call or email away! Contact our Customer Care Department and we will be happy to assist you!

customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

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