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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

Paid Recruitment Contractors Needed



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council needs your help! We are looking for **paid** recruitment team members to join us during our back-to-school season to invite girls to become a part of Girl Scouts. Tasks will include attending Back-to-School Nights and hosting follow-up Parent Information Nights to spread the word about what Girl Scouts has to offer. All marketing materials and training will be provided. To learn more and apply, please reach out to at Craig Richey crichey@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Troop Travel Vital Information

Hey Troop Leaders! Are you planning to travel with your Troop this year? Here are some important things you should know.



It is crucial that your Intent to Travel forms are sent in **at least 4 weeks in advance** of your departure date.

If your Troop is going out of state and will be purchasing Plan 3 Insurance, please keep in mind it takes **at least 2 weeks** for the insurance company to process.

Finally, **all adults** going on the trip must be members of GSUSA with a cleared background check.

If you have questions, please reach out to Customer Care at **208-377-2011** or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

It's Time to Update Your MyGS Account



A new school year is rapidly approaching - have you updated your family's information on your [MyGS](#) account?

Please sign into your account and verify that your girl's school and grade level as of Fall 2023 is correct. This is also a great time to update any personal information for the household such as address, phone number, email addresses, and opt-in communications.

If you have questions, or need help accessing your MyGS account, please call Customer Care at **208-377-2011** for assistance.

[MyGS Log In](#)

Troop Renewal Time is Now!

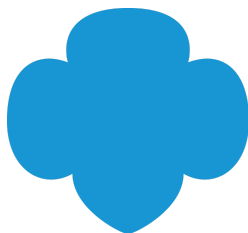


Attention Troop leaders, Troop volunteers, and caregivers! The new Girl Scout season is right around the corner and **now** is the time to make sure ALL members - girls and adults - are renewed for next year in your Troop. This is also a great time to sign up to volunteer for Service Unit teams!

If you are interested in volunteering for your area Service Unit team, would like to more

information, or if you need help getting renewed, please reach out to customer care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call 208-377-2011.

Albertson's Boise Open Tickets



Great news - there are still tickets available for the Albertson's Boise Open on **Friday, August 25** which includes the Joan Jett and the Blackhearts concert!

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 purchase tickets using our [designated link](#) or select Girl Scouts of Silver Sage from the charity list. This is a great, fun way to support our Council!

Daily tickets include admission to the golf tournament and after-golf concert.

[Tickets and Info](#)

Upcoming Events, Programs & Closures

August

August 4 - 6 - [TAM Troop and Family Camp](#) (Swan Valley - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#)) - SOLD OUT

August 6 - 11 - [TAM Art on the Mountain](#) (Swan Valley - [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#))

August 6 - 11 - [TAM Horse Camp](#) (Swan Valley - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#)) - SOLD OUT

August 7 - 11 - [Camp Echo Sweet Summer Shenanigans](#) (Boise - [s](#), [a](#))

August 7 - 11 - [Camp Echo Teen Leader](#) (Boise - [s](#), [a](#))

August 15 - [Gold Award Training](#) (Zoom - [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

August 16 - [Bronze and Silver Award Training for Leaders](#) (Zoom - [v](#))

August 24 - [Destinations Information Night](#) (Zoom - [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

September

September 4 - Office and Retail Store closed in observance of Labor Day

September 8-10 - [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) (Various Locations - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 15 - [Back to Troop Night at Wahooz](#) (Meridian - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 16 - [Back to Troop Night at The Splatter Lab](#) (Rexburg - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 16 - [Back to Troop Night at Hands On Art Studio](#) (Twin Falls - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 16 - [Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology Family Experience](#) (Boise - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [v](#))

September 19 - [Gold Award Training](#) (Zoom - **s**, **a**, **v**)

September 21 - [Bronze and Silver Award Training for Leaders](#) (Zoom - **v**)

September 23 - [BLISS Ambassador Journey in a Day](#) (Zoom - **a**)

October

October 4 - [Teen Mentor Training](#) (Zoom - **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

October 6-8 - [Septoberfest 2023](#) (McCall - **v**)

October 7 - [Girl Scouts Day at Idaho Potato Museum](#) (Blackfoot - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

October 7 - [The House That She Built with CBH Homes](#) (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

October 14 - [A World Of Girls Brownie Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **b**, **v**)

October 21 - [STEM Exploration Day](#) (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

October 28 - [STEM Exploration Day](#) (Pocatello - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

November

November 4 - [Super Saturday](#) (Pocatello - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

November 8 - [Destinations Information Night](#) (Zoom - **c**, **s**, **a**)

November 11 - [Super Saturday](#) (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

November 14 - [Bronze and Silver Award Training for Leaders](#) (Zoom - **v**)

November 16 - [Gold Award Training](#) (Zoom - **s**, **a**, **v**)

November 18 - [College of Southern Idaho Planetarium Visit](#) (Twin Falls - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

November 20-22 - [Fall Break Inventor Academy](#) (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**)

December

December 2 - [Think Like An Engineer Junior Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **j**)

December 2 - [403 Outdoor Leader Training](#) (Boise - **v**)

December 5 - [Teen Mentor Training](#) (Zoom - **c**, **s**, **a**)

December 9 - [Gal Pal Yoga](#) (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

December 9 - [Gal Pal Yoga](#) (Magic Valley - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

December 9 - [Gal Pal Yoga](#) (Pocatello - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

Programs & Events

Fall Product Program Is Coming!

We've got an **oceLOT** to share with you about the Fall Product Program! It's an easy way for girls to learn & practice the Five Skills: people skills, money management, business ethics,



goal setting, and decision making, as they earn funds for their Troop and exciting rewards.

There is a delicious **new** salty-sweet snack product in the Order Card lineup called Cheddar Caramel Crunch, plus two new online-only options, Tervis Tumblers and an adorable Girl Scout Bark Box. The program is easy to implement, and troops earn \$1.00 - \$3.00 per item sold. Click [here](#) for more information.

Volunteers, if you're ready to sign up to lead your Troop or Service Unit's participation in the Fall Product Program, fill out your forms now!

[Troop Fall Product Manager Contract](#)

[Service Unit Fall Product Manager Contract](#)

Important Program Dates:

August 14 – Fall Product training for volunteers (Zoom)

September 12 – Fall Product Program begins

October 15 – Fall Product Program ends

October 18 – Last day for Troop volunteers to enter fall product orders

November 8 – Fall Product deliveries to Service Unit Volunteers begin

[Learn More](#)

The Silver Sage Summer Fun Challenge Is Here!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council challenges YOU - Girl Scouts, families, and friends - to get outdoors this summer!

Register today and complete at least 50 of the 100 fun activities on the [challenge list](#) between now and **September 23rd** and you will receive a **free** Summer Fun Challenge Patch! You do not have to be a Girl Scout to participate.

[Register Today](#)

Super Saturday Is Back! - Save the Date

Join us at Super Saturday, **November 4th** (Pocatello) and **November 11th** (Boise) for a day of volunteer enrichment, networking, and fun. **Registration opens August 14!**

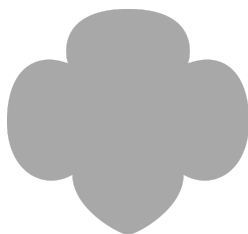


New and established volunteers will learn about various topics in our Girl Scout community, including program level training, troop travel, outdoor adventures, and team building activities for your Troop.

Volunteers will have the option to choose topics at breakout sessions throughout the day, and lunch will be provided! All volunteers are encouraged to attend. A Girl Track will be available for girls with an adult participating in Super Saturday. We will be collecting school supplies to donate to local students, so bring your donations!

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

Updated GSUSA Silver Award Process and Requirements



The Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, has been updated!

Starting **October 1, 2023** all girls who finish their Silver Award requirements must complete the NEW [Silver Award Final Report Form](#). (Girls may still submit the original Silver Award Final Report Form through September 30, 2023.)

Girls who start planning their Silver Award **on or after October 1st** will need to complete a [Silver Award Proposal Form](#) with their troop. (More information can be found on our [Forms and Documents](#) page under the "Highest Awards" drop down.)

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

Teen Mentor Training Basics



Join us online **October 4th** and **December 5th** for [Teen Mentor Training](#) sessions.

We will provide program overviews and outline the requirements for Program Aide at the Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador levels, and Volunteer In Training at the Senior and Ambassador levels. Troop volunteers are highly encouraged to attend with their girls. A Zoom link will be sent out on the day of the event.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

Register Today

Destinations Info Night



Are you seeking uncommon adventure? Join us online **August 24th from 6pm - 7pm** for a Destinations Information Night. We will cover what Destinations are, what to expect from your experience, how to apply, scholarship opportunities, and more.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

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BLISS Ambassadors Journey In A Day



Ambassador Girl Scouts! Join us **September 23 from 9am to 5pm** for our **BLISS Ambassador Journey In A Day** virtual event. Tune in from the comfort of your home to earn your Dream Maker Award!

We will interview successful female Dream Makers, help you define your own dream, and guide you in becoming a Dream Maker leader. This Journey can be used towards your Gold Award prerequisite.

Each girl must register separately, even if participating from the same location. Materials will be mailed to all girls the week before the event.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

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Lucky Peak Take Action Project



Join us **Saturday, September 9, any time from 10am – 12pm** at Lucky Peak to celebrate with Troop 627 from Kuna as they finish a combined Bronze and Silver Award Take Action project.

These Girl Scouts have been working hard to revamp the butterfly habitat, and will be hosting Opening Day. The girls will be providing education to park patrons, and handing out materials related to their project.

Welcome Back To Troop!



We are so excited to kick off your 2024 Membership Year with you!

We have three Back to Troop Events for you this September:

September 15 – [Back to Troop at Wahooz \(Meridian\)](#)

September 16 – [Back to Troop at The Splatter Lab \(Rexburg\)](#)

September 16 – [Back to Troop at Hands On Art Studio \(Twin Falls\)](#)

All participants will take part in a fun activity, have the chance to learn about our upcoming programs and events, and will receive a fun patch! There will also be a drawing for a chance to win a giant animal stuffie (species TBD) for all girls who attend these events.

We can't wait to see you there!

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend



Spend a day with your family or Troop getting to know Idaho's State Parks during [Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend](#), **September 8-10**.

We have three amazing State Park partners this year: Castle Rocks State Park (Almo), Lucky Peak State Park (Boise), and Ponderosa State Park (McCall). Some parks will offer drop-in programs and have ranger-led activities throughout the weekend just for Girl Scouts!

All registered participants will receive a fun patch, and pre-registration is required to receive your patch.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010.

Register Today

Summer Camp

Come to Camp Echo for Sweet Summer Shenanigans



Sweet Summer Shenanigans (August 7 - 11)

Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors - bring on the dance parties, pop wars, and flash-mob routines! Do things you never thought that you could do at camp like throwing a spa party, playing epic Twister games, or attempting to create a fort large enough to fit your entire unit. Join us for an unforgettable week of brouhaha as we shuffle up the camp week as we know it. We'll close out the Camp Echo summer season with a field trip to Jump Boise for some gal-pal fun!

Camperships are available at Camp Echo because we want all girls to have the Girl Scout Camp experience! [Click here](#) for information on scholarships and aid.

Register Here

Camp TAM Buses



If your camper is planning to ride the bus to Camp TAM be sure to sign up ahead of time! You will need to select a sign up for each direction of travel your camper will be riding on the bus.

Camp TAM Bussing - Week of 8/6 - 8/11

Trading Post at Camp TAM

In case you haven't heard, we have a Trading Post at Camp TAM this year!



The Trading Post will be open at check-in and throughout the week at camp. You can send your camper with cash in an envelope (we recommend \$20 to \$30) so she can make purchases.

Camp TAM will only accept cash for purchases and all sales are final.

Camp Lost and Found



What a great Camp Season it has been, full of great adventures and shenanigans. If your camper left items at camp, Lost and Found will be at the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council office **starting August 15th**. Please reach out to us at summercamp@girlscouts-ssc.org and let us know if you are looking for a lost item.

Council Highlights

Investiture Ceremony - By Susan Kurdy



As a new Troop year approaches, it is time to start thinking about welcoming new girls and adults into the world of Girl Scouting with an Investiture Ceremony.

What on earth is an Investiture Ceremony? We are glad you asked!

This is an exciting moment when we celebrate new members becoming part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program in the world!

There are no rules regarding the actual ceremony, and an Investiture Ceremony does not need to be formal - in fact, it only has three components. New members must:

- Recite the Girl Scout Promise and Law, either individually or as a group.
- Receive the appropriate membership pin - the Girl Scout Daisy pin, the Girl Scout Brownie pin, or the Traditional Membership pin, depending on the Troop.
- Be verbally welcomed into the Troop. The Troop leader may choose to welcome the new members, or returning members may wish to participate.

Your Troop may want to hold this ceremony during a regular meeting, or plan an outing to a park or local area. You may have the ceremony any time your Troop would like, but most plan to do this in the month of October to allow new girls time to learn the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and allow Troops to learn about Juliette Gordon Low's birthday and Founder's Day on October 31. New adults to the Troop may also be included in the ceremony.

Whatever your Troop decides to do for this ceremony, remember the importance of making new members feel welcome, and get them excited for all the upcoming adventures!

Kaylie L. Awarded Girl Scout Medal of Honor



A BIG congratulations to Kaylie L., a Brownie from Eagle, ID, for being awarded the **Girl Scout Medal of Honor**! This Lifesaving Award is awarded to a girl who shows presence of mind (a clear and calm head) and true Girl Scout spirit in an emergency.

Last September, Kaylie's mom was unresponsive due to low blood sugar. Kaylie recognized this crisis and immediately went to her grandmother for help, insisting her grandmother call 9-1-1. While waiting for paramedics to arrive, Kaylie placed pieces of candy in her mom's mouth to raise her blood sugar, and stayed by her side, remaining calm and giving words of encouragement.

Her family, troop, and Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council are extremely proud of Kaylie!

Brynn Davis Receives Gold Award



Congrats to Brynn Davis from Idaho Falls for successfully completing her Gold Award!

Brynn created a mindfulness-focused coloring book, [Coloring for Grounding: A Coloring/Activity Book for Daily Mindfulness](#), that you can purchase on [Amazon](#). She worked with various community partners in her area to publish her book and to purchase books to be donated to local hospitals and community centers. Support Brynn and purchase yours today!

Purchase Your Coloring Book

Retail Store

August Retail Store Hours



Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 5pm

Thursday: 11am – 7pm

Friday: 9am – 1pm

Second Wednesday of the month (August 9): 12pm – 5pm

Second Saturday of the month (August 12): 9am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

2021 Program Credits Expiring Soon!



Hurry! 2021 Program Credits expire **September 15th!**

If you still have Gold Cookie Dough you need to use up, be sure to visit the store. We have big ticket items and lots of fun smaller items for you to choose from.

Need a reminder of the program credit policy for in store and online purchases? Find it [here](#).

Last Call for Roaring Springs Tickets

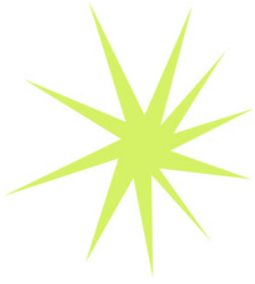


Last Call for Roaring Springs Tickets! We have less than 20 left, and once they're gone, they're gone!

Tickets work for **all ages** and can be used for any day of the 2023 season. Be sure to come grab yours before they are gone!

Clearance Event and Back to School

Our Clearance Event is happening now [online](#) and in the store. Pick up something for that special Girl Scout in your life. We also have fun new stationery, school supplies, and



backpacks to get you ready for Back to School.

[Shop Now](#)

2023 Fall Collection



Get excited because our 2023 Fall collection is starting to trickle in! This includes the brand-new adult vest, and tons of fun accessories for your Girl Scout!

Come in and keep an eye out for new products coming in!

[Shop The Collection](#)

Volunteer Resources

Community Partner Resource Guide



The [Spring 2023 Community Partner Resource Guide](#) is out now!

This valuable tool is a great way to find activities for your troop whether they want to earn a badge, fulfill service requirements, or just have fun! If you are new to the area and/or looking for ways to keep your Girl Scout busy, this guide is a great resource. Pick up one at the Silver Sage Leadership Center, or click below for your copy!

Resource Guide

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...

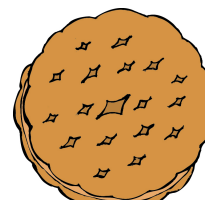


We have created a series of 'how to' videos for a number of tasks located in your MyGS account.

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 Office and Retail Store 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 August 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!

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Contact us for more information.

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