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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

"Let Your Voice Be Heard" Today!!



The "Let Your Voice Be Heard" survey deadline has been **extended to December 10th** and we need **YOUR** help to make our camps fun and safe places for girls to grow.

Silver Sage Council is working with the Newmark Consulting team to better understand our properties and improve them. We need **YOU** to be a part of this important process by taking our survey!

Everyone - Girl Scouts and adults - who completes the survey (link below) will receive a "Let Your Voice Be Heard" patch and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win an electric s'mores maker!

The survey only take a couple of minutes to complete, so "Let Your Voice Be Heard" and click below now!

[Girl Scouts of Silver Sage - Girl Survey](#)

[Girl Scouts of Silver Sage - Volunteer Survey](#)

Check Out the "What's New" Website Page!



Earning badges is now easier than ever! On the brand-new ["What's New"](#) page on the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council website, you can access FREE volunteer guides, printable activity pages for girls, new badge overviews, and more!

From the **"Members"** tab, go to **"For Girl Scouts"** and click on **"Awards, Badges, and Journeys."** From there, click on **"See What's New"** to discover new ways to explore, unlock a world of fun, choose your next badge, and show off your Girl Scout pride.

[What's New](#)

It's the Season For Giving



Help give the gift of Girl Scouts this holiday season. Your monthly gift of just \$10 per month will help a new girl join Girl Scouts, and will cover her membership, uniform, and supplies for a year.

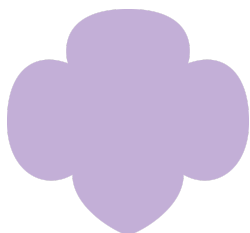
As part of the Girl Scouts family, **your** ongoing support is vital in helping girls carry out Girl Scout traditions, and experience the magic of friendship and togetherness.

Invest in a girl-led future this season and experience the magic of changing futures!

[Donate Today](#)

Adult Recognition Awards

Volunteers are the heart and hands of Girl Scouts and we want to recognize them for their commitment, volunteer service and exceptional contributions!



Visit the Adult Recognitions page on our website or click below to nominate your fellow Troop Leaders, Service Unit volunteers, Troop parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends.

Nominate Today

Top Cookie - Save the Date!



Join us for the 3rd annual Top Cookie event, **February 29, from 5-7pm** at the Boise Depot. Sample unique Girl Scout Cookie desserts made by local chefs as they compete for the title of "Top Cookie." Tickets will be available in January and all proceeds support Girl Scouts of Silver Sage programs.

If you have questions or would like to be a part of this event, please reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call 208-377-2011.

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

December

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**)

December 12 - [Service Unit Cookie Training, Zoom](#)

December 20 - **Volunteer access to Smart Cookie begins**

December 22 - January 1 - **Store and office closed for Christmas and New Year holidays**

January

January 2-5 - [Winter Break Camp](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)

January 4 - **Cookie Rally** (Magic Valley - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

January 5 - **Cookie Rally** (Pocatello - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

January 6 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Idaho Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

January 11 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Treasure Valley - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

January 12 – **Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins!**

January 13 – [Junior Budget Maker Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **j**)

January 20 – [Brownie Budget Builder Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **b**)

January 27 – [Daisy Money Explorer Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - **d**)

January 27 – [Senior Girl-topia Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **s**)

February

February 10 – [Girl Scouts on the Mountain](#) (**d, b, j, c, s, a, v** - Bogus Basin)

February 17– [Snowshoe Adventure at Mink Creek Nordic Center](#) (**d, b, j, c, s, a, v** - Pocatello)

February 17– [Cadette Media Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **c**)

March

March 18-22 – [Amazing Animals Spring Break Camp at Camp Echo](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)

March 19 – [Junior Amuse Journey in a Day](#) (Idaho Falls - **j**)

March 20 – [Cadette Media Journey in a Day](#) (Idaho Falls - **c**)

March 22 – [Senior and Ambassador Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - **s, a**)

March 23 – [Daisy and Brownie Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - **d, b**)

March 26 – [Cadette Media Journey in a Day](#)(Twin Falls - **c**)

March 27 – [Senior and Ambassador Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - **s, a**)

April

April 6 – [Daisy Three Cheers for Animals! Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **d**)

April 27 – [Family Wellness Expo](#) (Meridian - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

May

May 3 – [Girls' Climbing Night Out](#) (Twin Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

May 4 – [Family Wellness Expo](#) (Eastern Idaho - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

June

June 1 – Honoring Excellence, Girl and Adult Recognition (Boise)

June 7-9 – Jubilation (Eastern Idaho)

June 15 – Honoring Excellence, Girl and Adult Recognition (Eastern Idaho)

Cookie Program

Girl Scout Cookie Season Is Almost Here!



The 2024 Cookie Season is almost here. Are you ready? Let's get started!

Step 1: Make sure that Girl Scouts and Volunteers in your family and/or Troop are registered for Membership Year 2024. Go to [MyGS](#), or contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Step 2: If you are a Cookie Volunteer, you must complete the appropriate contract. Each Service Unit and each Troop must have a Cookie Manager who signs the appropriate contract(s) **and** attends Cookie Training. It is important to get started as early as possible so you are able to attend the training session(s) offered. Troop Manuals and Family Guides will be sent and distributed by your Service Unit Cookie Manager.

Service Unit Cookie Managers [register here](#).

Troop Cookie Managers [register here](#).

Important Cookie Program Dates



December 12 - Troop Volunteer Cookie Training, Zoom

December 20 - Volunteer Access to Smart Cookie Begins

January 4 - Girl Scouts Can Begin Building Digital Cookie Sites

January 4 - Magic Valley Cookie Rally

January 5 - Pocatello Cookie Rally

January 6 - Idaho Falls Cookie Rally

January 11 - Treasure Valley Cookie Rally

January 12 - Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins

January 21-27 - Booth Scheduling

Be on the lookout for Cookie Training and Cookie Rallies on our [Silver Sage Events Calendar](#) and register for your best option. If your Service Unit's Cookie Training is not listed on the calendar, reach out to your Service Unit for more details. If you cannot attend your Service Unit's Cookie Training, please plan to attend our [Troop Cookie Training](#) on **December 12** on Zoom.

Calling All Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors!



Calling all girls, Cadette and above! If you are interested in volunteering at any of the upcoming Cookie Rallies, please contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org to be referred to an Event Coordinator.

Fall Product Rewards Have Shipped!



Girl Rewards for the Fall Product Program have shipped! Service Unit Fall Product Managers should receive and distribute them to Troops within the next two to three weeks.

Entrepreneurship Volunteer Resources



We have a couple of resources to help guide you during this Cookie Season!

Our [Facebook Group](#) offers up-to-the-minute updates for families and Volunteers seeking Entrepreneurship Program information. This is a private group, so please request access and invite other caregivers and

Volunteers to join.

For Cookie Volunteers, check out the [2024 Cookie Programs Updates and FAQs](#) . We update this regularly with news, tips, and instructions.

Programs and Events

Winter Break Camp at Camp Echo

Calling all K-5 girls taking on the Winter Fun Challenge this year! Join us **January 2 - 5** at Camp Echo for an unforgettable week where we will jump start you on your adventures to



earn your Winter Fun Challenge Patch.

At camp, work together with other campers to complete 15 activities from our 2024 challenge program. Register today - we can't wait to see you there!

Register Now

Trim the Trees at Lucky Peak



Looking for a fun activity to do with your troop or family? Join our partners at Lucky Peak State Park on **December 9th from 2pm - 8pm** for the annual Trim the Trees event.

Help make a pinecone bird feeder garland to hang around the trees and decorate your own special wooden "tree cookie" to take home. All of the wooden tree rounds used in the craft are from routine limbing of trees in the park.

Event will be held outside under the middle picnic pavilion. Please dress for winter conditions and bring your own mug or thermos. Hot cocoa and craft supplies will be provided.

More Information

Important Reminder About Program Credits



Please be aware when selecting Program Credits during event registration, they **must be mailed, or hand delivered** to the Girl Scouts Leadership Center (8948 W Barnes St, Boise ID 83709) **at least one week prior to the registration deadline**. Your spot is not reserved for an event until the Program Credits are received which may result in being waitlisted for sold out events.

The Silver Sage Winter Fun Challenge Is Here!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage challenges YOU - Girl Scouts, families and friends - to get outdoors this winter. **NEW! Adults can earn the patch with their troop!**

Complete 50 of the 100 activities on the list between December 1st and March 31st, submit the form no later than April 15th, and you will receive a **free** Winter Fun Challenge Patch! Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate.

Winter Fun Challenge Form

Outdoor Equipment Rental Is Available



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 online rental request.

Rental Request Form

Destinations Scholarships



Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts, are you ready for adventure? [Apply here](#) for a 2024 / 2025 Destination trip today!

Silver Sage Council has Destination funding available. All girls who have been accepted to a Destination trip are encouraged to apply. Last year, award amounts ranged from \$250 -

\$1,000. [Apply here](#) for a scholarship. Applications are due **January 26 by 5pm.**

And the 2024 Summer Camp Theme is...

...Wild About Camp!

Get ready, because camp registration opens **February 1!** Be on the lookout for the Camp Brochure coming to your mailbox this month!



Council Highlights

Adult to Girl Ratios - By Susan Kurdy



It is very important that the adult supervision rule is strictly enforced at Girl Scouts. Whenever girls meet, there must be **at least** two registered, approved adult volunteers who are unrelated, and who do not live in the same residence, with a minimum of one who is female. Troop leaders must always be adults. It is great to have older girls assist with events, but they are not permitted to substitute for adult supervision. This rule applies to every Girl Scout gathering.

Adult-to-Girl Ratios for Troop Meetings

The adult-to-girl ratio for Troop meetings means a **minimum** of two registered, approved adult volunteers who are unrelated, including one female, must be present at Troop meetings for up to the following number of girls:

12 Girl Scout Daisies

20 Girl Scout Brownies

25 Girl Scout Juniors

25 Girl Scout Cadettes

30 Girl Scout Seniors

30 Girl Scout Ambassadors

Add one extra registered, approved, adult volunteer for every additional:

1-6 Girl Scout Daisies

1-8 Girl Scout Brownies

1-10 Girl Scout Juniors

1-12 Girl Scout Cadettes

1-15 Girl Scout Seniors

1-15 Girl Scout Ambassadors

Adult-to-Girl Ratios for Outings, Activities, Camping, and Travel

The adult-to-girl ratio for outings, activities, camping, and travels means a **minimum** of two registered, approved adult volunteers who are unrelated, including one female, must be present at Troop meetings for up to the following number of girls:

6 Girl Scout Daisies

12 Girl Scout Brownies

16 Girl Scout Juniors

20 Girl Scout Cadettes

24 Girl Scout Seniors

24 Girl Scout Ambassadors

Add one extra registered, approved, adult volunteer for every additional:

1-4 Girl Scout Daisies

1-6 Girl Scout Brownies

1-8 Girl Scout Juniors

1-10 Girl Scout Cadettes

1-12 Girl Scout Seniors

1-12 Girl Scout Ambassadors

When participating in high-adventure activities, a higher adult-to-girl ratio may be required. Please refer to the [Safety Activities Checkpoints](#) on our website. Although it is important to maintain safety standard, the most important aspect of activities is for the girls to have FUN! Be safe, but enjoy your time together.

Retail Store

December Retail Store Hours and Closures



Store Hours:

Mon – Wed: 9am – 5pm

Thurs: 11am – 7pm

Fri: 9am – 1pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Special Store Hours:

Saturday, December 9: 9am - 1pm

Wednesday, December 13: 12pm - 5pm

CLOSED December 22 - January 1 for Christmas and New Year Holidays

Announcements and New Merchandise



Cookie merchandise will be restocked soon! Keep an eye out on the website and on social media for more information!

We have GSSSC branded "Stanley-style" tumblers for \$25! Currently we have light blue and orange in stock, with navy and black coming in soon. Come grab yours today!

December Special:

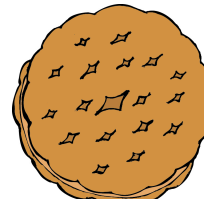
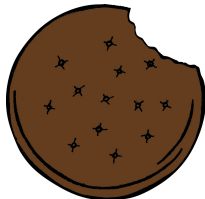
Spend \$75 and get a 2023 camp sweatshirt for FREE in store! Sale runs from December 1st through December 21st. Can't make it in to the store? Email us at store@girlscouts-ssc.org with your order and address and we will process in-store and ship to you! (Shipping rates still apply, while supplies last.)

Level Binders are being discontinued!

No future orders can be placed for Cadette and Senior binders, and Ambassador binders will be following close behind. Place orders **now** before our on-hand stock runs out!

Thank you for a wonderful 2023! We can't wait to serve you in 2024!

Shop Now



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
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

***Please see the Retail Store section in this newsletter for special December 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

(208) 377-2011



Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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