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February 1, 2023

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

Council Updates

Summer Camp Registration Opens Wednesday, February 1 at 8am!



Hey, Girl Scout families! Are you ready for summer camp? We have tons of choices for you. Come to CAP and be a detective, go for a swim, paddle a canoe, and climb the rock tower. At Camp TAM join the muggles for some magic, spend your day with the horses, or climb a mountain and paint a masterpiece. Not ready to spend the night away from home? Camp Echo has day camps all summer long.

Fairies CeCe, Phifanella and Tam are ready to share their magic and new adventures with you!

[Camp Echo](#) (entering grades K – 5) – NEW! [Girls Night Out](#), a Fairy CeCe-themed slumber party. Our Teen Leader program is offered each week, a great way to earn service hours.

[Camp Alice Pittenger \(CAP\)](#) (entering grades K – 12) – [Wacky Waters](#), [Troop Camp](#), Challenge Camps (multiple sessions), [Counselor In Training](#), [Detective Camp](#)

[TAM](#) (entering grades 2 –12) – NEW! Bussing included, pickup locations throughout Idaho. Horse Camp (multiple sessions), [Magic Camp](#), [Family Camp](#)

[Camperships](#) (financial aid) are available for all sessions.

Important Camp Merchandise Update: we are no longer requiring the purchase of camp merchandise at time of camp registration for at-camp delivery. Camp merchandise for camp-delivery will be available for purchase at a later date - stay tuned for further updates!

Questions? Read our [Camp FAQs Page](#), [Camp Registration FAQs](#), or reach out to us at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org, or call (208) 377-2011.

Summer Camps

Top Cookie - Let's Get Ready To Crumble!



Tickets are on sale now for the tastiest event of the year! Be a part of the action as local chefs compete for the title of “Top Cookie” by creating unique desserts incorporating Girl Scout Cookies.

Join the fundraising fun February 23, from 5pm - 7pm at the Linen Building, 1402 W. Grove St., Boise. Tickets are available now at www.girlscouts-ssc.org/topcookie.

Please note this is a 21 and over event.

Purchase Tickets

Upcoming Events, Programs & Closures

February

February 4 - [Family Snowshoeing](#) - (Bogus Basin - [d](#), [b](#), [v](#))

February 11 - [Snowshoe Adventure](#) - (Idaho City - [j](#), [c](#))

February 15 - [Craft 'N Snack - Two Sessions](#) - (Pocatello - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#))

February 20 - **Office and store closed, President's Day observed**

February 23 - [Top Cookie](#) (Boise)

February TBD - **Elevation Labs Tour** - (Idaho Falls - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

March

March 18 - [Brownies Bugs Badge Workshop](#) (Idaho Falls Zoo - [b](#))

March 18 - [Juniors Animal Habitat Badge Workshop](#) (Idaho Falls Zoo - [j](#))

March 18 - [eSports with STEM Forged](#) (Boise State University - [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

March 20 - 24 - [Spring Break Camp](#) (Camp Echo - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#))

March 25 - [aMaze Journey in a Day](#) (Girl Scout Leadership Center - [c](#))

April

April 21 - **Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting** (Zoom)

April 16 - 22 - **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

April 22 - [Treasure Valley Girl and Adult Recognition Ceremony](#)

We Are Hiring Seasonal Camp Staff!



Do you have what it takes to be a real-life superhero, role model, cheerleader, and unconditional friend? We have a spot for you at summer camp! As a camp staffer, not only will you gain valuable skills, new certifications, and incredible friendships, you will also get paid to have fun!

Check out our new [Work at Camp](#) page to learn more about the benefits of working at camp, and check back in mid-February to apply!

Work At Camp

Calling All Volunteers!



Are you interested in volunteering at Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall, ID) or Camp Ta-Man-a-Wis (Swan Valley, ID) or Camp Echo (Boise, ID) this summer? We are looking for background checked volunteers to support our Summer Camp Program. Each volunteer can enroll up to two free campers in exchange for volunteering.

Click below to learn more and submit your application.

Volunteer Information

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, please email Eric Landaluce at elandaluce@girlscouts-ssc.org for a list of potential projects.

Programs & Events

The Sorcerer's Apprentice



We are excited to partner with Boise Philharmonic to "Phil the Hall" for the performance of The Sorcerer's Apprentice, February 25 at 1pm at the Morrison Center!

Until Feb 15th, every new Girl Scout registered in the Treasure Valley area for 2022-2023 will be entered into a drawing to win tickets to the Boise Philharmonic performance of The Sorcerer's Apprentice. Thirty girls will be chosen to win 2 tickets each.

Join Today!

Outdoor Equipment Rental Program

NEW! 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

Girl Scouts at Idaho Falls Zoo - March 18



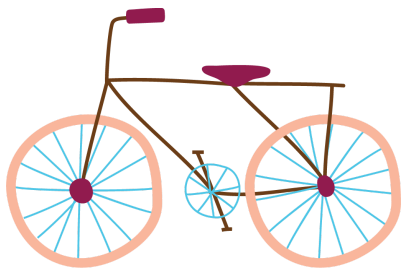
Our partners at the Idaho Falls Zoo are excited to host Girl Scouts for an exclusive experience on March 18. Girls will learn from Idaho Falls Zoo staff about the zoo, go behind the scenes, and have ambassador animal encounters.

[Fun with Bugs](#) – NEW: Daisy spots now added! Daisies will receive a zoo themed fun patch and Brownies will receive their Bugs badge.

[Animal Habitats](#) – Juniors will receive their Animal Habitats badge.

Register Today

Spring Break Camp March 20 - 24



There will be something for everyone at this year's **Spring Break Camp, March 20 - 24!** Tune up your bikes (or scooters) and lace up your hiking boots as we spend part of each day hiking in the foothills or zooming around the Boise bike park. Back at Friendship Square, we'll learn the principles of mechanical engineering to earn the Model Car (Daisy), Race Car (Brownie), and Balloon Car (Junior) badges. We'll end the week with a Fairy CeCe themed parade showcasing our model car designs. Deadline for registration is **March 15**, but spots fill up fast so reserve your place today!

Register Today!

Winter Fun Patch Challenge



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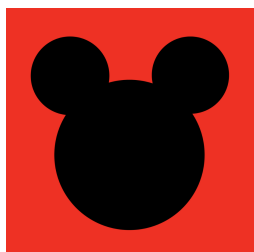
Girl Scouts of Silver Sage challenges YOU - Girl Scouts, families, and friends - to get outdoors this winter!

Complete 50 or more winter-themed activities from January 1 – March 31, 2023 on the [2023 Winter Fun Challenge](#) page, submit your form no later than April 15th, and you will earn a FREE Winter Fun patch!

Click the [Winter Fun Challenge](#) button below to register and discover 100 ways you can enjoy yourself this winter!

Winter Fun Challenge

Disney World Incentive Trip 2023



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is excited to offer the Disney World Incentive trip again for 2023! Girls in grades 5 through 11 during the 2023 cookie season can join in on this trip. We will visit Magic Kingdom, Animal Kingdom, and Hollywood Studio.

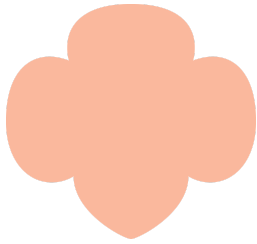
Is your girl thinking about going but not ready to register? Fill out the [girl interest form](#). If you are interested in being a chaperone for the trip, fill out the [chaperone interest form](#).

Registration is open! Click the button below for details on cost, ways to reach your goals, trip details, and to register for the trip. Spots are limited!

Disney 2023 Info

Destinations Trips Still Available

Are you ready for adventure? There are still spots available for a 2023 or 2024 Destinations trip! Search [available trips](#) and prepare to change your life.



Destinations Information

Cookie Program

Raspberry Rally and Cookie Program Updates



Raspberry Rally cookies will return to Smart Cookies on February 10th for online order & direct-ship only.

Throughout the duration of the Cookie Program, we will have news, FAQs, and instructions to share. Click below to take you to these updates.

Cookie Program Updates

Goal Getter



You've turned in your Order Card and cookies arrive in a few weeks. What do you do in the meantime? Go Bright Ahead by continuing to take orders & collect money during Goal Getter! Use this time to reach out to even more customers.

You can earn the Goal Getter Patch with 50+ packages sold during this time, and a theme notepad & pen with 150+ packages sold. Online sales during this period count toward Goal Getter, too!

Cookie Pickups

**Cookie arrivals:**

Feb 17-18 - Treasure Valley and Westward

Feb 20-21 - Twin Falls and Eastward

Service Unit Cookie Managers will be in touch with Troop Cookie Managers to schedule pickup times. Then Troop Cookie Managers will connect with their troops to pick up cookies.

Once you have your cookies in hand, it's important to deliver cookies ASAP to customers who ordered. Be sure to only deliver cookies that have been paid for.

Need more cookies? Great! Cookie Cupboards will be open by February 23rd, and re-stock "Planned Orders" for the Cookie Cupboards can be placed starting February 4th.

Cookie Booths



We are supporting Cookie Booth time with advertisements and PR throughout our service areas. Customers will know about Cookie Booths and the Cookie Finder, and customers will seek out your booth. Be ready with signage and other materials to bling your booth. Don't forget 5forFive! slips to encourage customers to buy five packages!

Council Highlights

Service Unit Delegates Needed



Service Unit delegates are needed for the Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting which will take place via Zoom Friday, April 21.

Representing Girl Scouts Silver Sage Council as a delegate is a great resume builder for college and career. Delegates and alternate names are due by Friday, March 3. More details will follow as the date gets closer. Contact Dawn at drising@girlscouts-ssc.org with any questions.

[Learn More](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 16 - 22



April 16 - 22, 2023 is Volunteer Appreciation week!

Our Troop leaders and volunteers work so hard to make the Girl Scouts experience fun and meaningful. Check out some ideas on how you and your Girl Scouts Sisters can thank those very special volunteers or come up with some ideas of your own. It's always a good time to say thank you!

[Volunteer Appreciation Ideas](#)

Treasure Valley Recognition Ceremony Nominations



Save the date and make your nominations for the Treasure Valley Girl and Adult Recognition Ceremony, April 22 from 10am - 12pm.

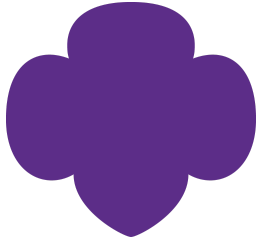
Volunteers are the hearts and hands of Girl Scouts. This is your opportunity to recognize your fellow Troop leaders, Service Unit volunteers, parent volunteers, grandparents, and friends for their commitment, volunteer service, and exceptional contributions. Click [here](#) for a list of awards.

All nominations and endorsements are due no later than **March 17, 2023** to be considered for an award for the 2022-2023 membership year.

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

[More Information](#)

Senior and Ambassador Volunteer Opportunities



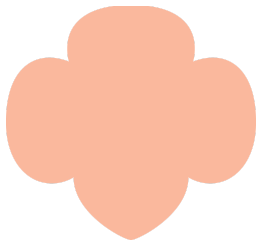
If you are a Senior or an Ambassador, take advantage of this opportunity to work toward earning your Service to Girl Scouting bar!

Top Cookie: The Top Cookie fundraising event will be held February 23 from 5pm – 7pm at the Linen Building in downtown Boise .

Volunteers are needed to help set up before the event or help during the event selling raffle tickets.

For more information, contact Kristen McAdams at kmcadams@girlscouts-ssc.org or (208) 377-2011 ext. 7233.

Senior Girl Board Members Needed



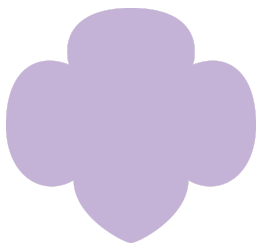
Attention 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Girl Scouts! Have you ever wanted to be part of making decisions for our Council? Would you like to be an advocate for Girl Scouts? We have a great opportunity for you as a Senior Girl Board Member.

As a Senior Girl Board Member, you will participate in all Board meetings and training sessions. Your input will bring valuable perspective to Board discussions and decisions. The time commitment required is approximately 3 hours per month.

Please send in your [Application](#) and [Letter of Reference](#) no later than **Friday, March 3, 2023** to be considered by the Board Development Committee for election at the annual meeting in April. For questions, please contact Dawn at drising@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Retail Store

February Special Store Hours



February 20 - Office and retail store will be closed in observance of Presidents Day

February 24 - 25 - The Silver Sage retail store will be open during Cookie Cupboard for opening weekend:

Friday, February 24 open 10am - 5pm

Saturday, February 25 open 8:30am - 2pm

Regular store hours will remain the same outside of these exceptions.

New Patches Are Here!



Upcoming holiday patches have arrived. We have a great selection of cute Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day patches just in time for the spring holidays. Come by the retail store or order online.

[Order Online](#)

Cookie Booth Success Kits



Cookie Season is here and we've got you covered!

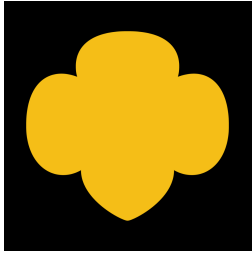
Help your cookie sales with a Cookie Booth Success Kit, available at the retail store for \$39.99. Items may include a tray, money pouch, tablecloth, and some decoration / stationary items. Designs may vary so stop by to choose yours!

We also have Go Bright Ahead Merchandise from ABC Bakers in stock. Hoodies, rain ponchos, keychains, cookie bags and more! Pick up a few sweet items in the retail store, or order online.

[Order Online](#)

Volunteer Resources

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

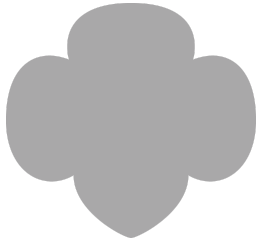


The Volunteer Toolkit is ready to help you and your troop thrive! From enhanced features to new badges to check out, there's a lot to explore to set your troop up for a smooth and successful year.

If you are a caregiver of a Juliette (individually registered girl), you can manage her experience using the Volunteer Toolkit's digital resource.

Volunteer Tool Kit

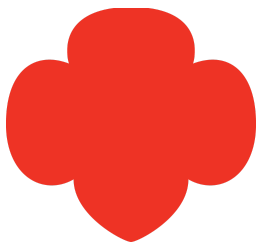
Family Information



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

How to...

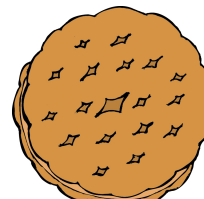
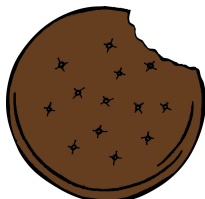


We have created a series of 'how to' videos for a number of tasks located in your MyGS account.

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 & Sunday: Closed

Silver Sage Store Hours

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 5pm
Thursday: 11am - 7pm
Friday: Closed
Second Saturday every month open: 9am - 1pm
Closed all other Saturdays and Sundays

***Please see Council Updates in this newsletter for special February 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

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Have a question? Don't be shy!
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