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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

2023 Membership Expires October 1!



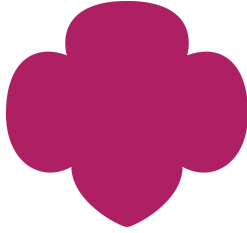
Hurry! 2023 membership **expires October 1st!**

Adult volunteers and Girl Scouts, **now** is the time to make sure you and your Girl Scout are renewed for 2023 - 2024. Don't miss out on all the fun Girl Scouts has to offer!

If you need help getting renewed, please reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call 208-377-2011.

Renew Now

2023 Membership Expires October 1!



Have you ever wanted to provide input into Council-wide mission delivery projects and initiatives? Do you have a unique perspective to share and want to give back to Girl Scouts in a new way? If yes, please apply to join our 2023-2024 Mission Delivery Task Force.

We are looking for 5 -7 active volunteers to assist at once-a-month meetings from November through May. Task Force members will partner with Council staff and volunteers across the Council to advise on operational strategy and tactics to improve overall girl experience in areas that may include program delivery, camp, retail, recruitment and retention/renewal strategy, entrepreneurship (fall and cookie program), and more.

Applications will be accepted **through October 15th**. Selected Task Force members will be notified by November 1st and the Task Force will begin meeting in November.

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

[Renew Now](#)

Apply To Be A Jubilation MC



The Jubilation committee is accepting applications for Mistress of Ceremonies for Jubilation 2024! **Applications are due October 29th.**

As a Mistress of Ceremonies, you will be an important part of Jubilation 2024 happening in Jerome, Idaho, **June 7 - 9**. You will have the opportunity to make decisions with the Jubilation committee, greet Troops on arrival at Jubilation, sing camp songs, and pump up the crowd on stage.

This opportunity is open to current 10-12th graders. To learn more and apply, click the tab below.

Jubilation Application

It's Time to Update Your MyGS Account



The new school year is here - 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 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 **customer care@girlscouts-ssc.org**.

Upcoming Events, Programs & Closures

October

October 2-3 - **Retail Store closed for annual inventory**

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 9 - [Hit the Blue at BSU](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

October 11 - **Office closed for staff development**

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

October 17 - [Personal Safety Workshop](#) (Boise - **s, a**)

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 7 - [Music Workshop](#) (Pocatello - **d, b, j**)

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 15 - [403 Outdoor Leader Train the Trainer \(Zoom\)](#)

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**)

November 20-22 - **Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday**

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**)

Winter/Spring Programming - Save the Date

January 2-5 - Winter Break Camp (Boise)

January 11 - Cookie Rally (Treasure Valley)

January 13 – Junior Budget Maker Badge Workshop with Mathnasium (Boise)

January 20 – Brownie Budget Builder Badge Workshop with Mathnasium (Boise)

January 27 – Daisy Money Explorer Badge Workshop with Mathnasium (Boise)

January 27 – Senior Girl-topia Journey In A Day (Boise)

February 10 – Cadette Media Journey In A Day (Boise)

March 18-22 – Camp Echo Spring Break Camp (Boise)

April 6 – Daisy Three Cheers for Animals! Journey In A Day (Boise)

April 27 – Family Wellness Expo (Meridian)

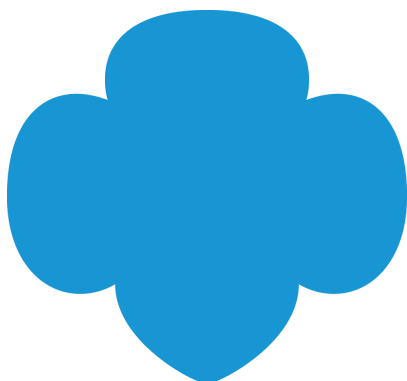
May 4 – Family Wellness Expo (East Idaho)

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

June 15 – Honoring Excellence (East Idaho)

Programs & Events

Hit the Blue at BSU!



Join us **Monday, October 9 from 6 - 7pm** at Albertson's Stadium at Boise State University as we Hit the Blue on the iconic Boise State football field!

Compete in field games, experience a variety of outdoor Girl Scout activities, and pick your Girl Scout Troop! This is a great time to join, renew your membership, or learn more about volunteering with a Troop near you!

No registration is required! This event is open to non-members and current Girl Scouts who

bring a non-Girl Scout friend along.

Questions? Reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call **208-377-2010**.

Idaho Veterans Parade



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is proud to participate in the Idaho Veterans Parade, **Saturday, November 4th at 10am** in downtown Boise.

Through their participation in the Idaho Veterans Parade, Girl Scouts honor the service and sacrifices of members and veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, while heightening community awareness of the value of military service to our nation.

If your girl or Troop would like to participate, please contact Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call **(208) 377-2010** and we will follow up with more information.

[Learn More](#)

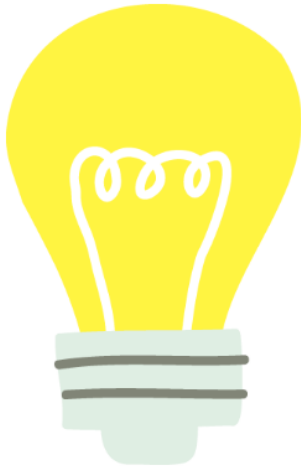
Important Program Credit Information



When selecting Program Credits during event registration, please be aware that 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 put on the waitlist for sold out events.

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

Fall Break Inventor's Academy



Fall Break Inventor's Academy is coming to Camp Echo
November 20 - 22.

This camp is for all our crafters, tinkerers, and inventors! Girls in grades K - 5 will share ideas on how to make the world a better place and put those ideas to the test with prototypes, team engineering challenges, and more. When not tinkering, girls will enjoy hiking in the surrounding foothills, create a fun tie dye craft, and enjoy s'mores around the campfire. At the end of the week, girls will present their findings at an Inventor's Showcase. All girls will earn the NEW Craft and Tinker badge for her age level.

Spaces are limited, so register today!

[Register Now](#)

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 at Camp Echo 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](#)

STEM Exploration Day



Join us at our upcoming **STEM Exploration Days**,
October 21 from 10am to 1pm in Boise, and October 28
from 10am to 1pm in Pocatello

Girl Scouts of all ages, their friends, and families are
invited to a day of **free** STEM fun! Visit booths hosted by
local STEM organizations with fun interactive activities
and demonstrations.

All girl participants will receive a goodie bag and the 2023 STEM Day patch. This will also be
an opportunity for Troop leaders to connect with STEM partners and learn more about the
STEM badges and curriculum.

Register here:

[Boise STEM Exploration Day](#)

[Pocatello STEM Exploration Day](#)

Parents, guardians, and families are encouraged to participate in the STEM fun as well! Please
note, this is **not** a drop-off event.

Last Call for Summer Camp Lost and Found



Did your camper leave something at summer camp at
CAP, TAM or Echo? We may have them in our lost and
found at the Silver Sage Leadership Center.

All unclaimed items not picked up by **Friday, October
13th** will be donated to a local charity.

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

Send In Your Summer Fun Challenge Forms!

Thank you to all who participated in the 2023 Summer Fun Challenge! The challenge has
come to a close, but you can still submit your forms for a **free** Summer Fun Challenge patch!
All forms will be processed and patches will be sent by mid-October.



Stay tuned for our Winter Fun Challenge coming in November!

Submit Forms Here

Super Saturday is Coming!



Super Saturday is right around the corner!

Join us **November 4th** (Pocatello) and **November 11th** (Boise) for a day of volunteer enrichment, networking opportunities, and fun. A variety of classes will be offered as well as a volunteer resource center.

Lunch will be provided. We will also be doing a service project to donate school supplies to a local school, so bring your donations.

Super Saturday will be here before you know it so make sure to sign up for your classes now!

Register here:

[November 4 \(Pocatello\) - Girl Track](#)

[November 4 \(Pocatello\) - Adult Training](#)

[November 11 \(Boise\) - Girl Track](#)

[November 11 \(Boise\) - Adult Training](#)

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

Highest Award Deadline



Congratulations to all our girls who have completed their Bronze or Silver Award projects!

This is a reminder that Bronze and Silver Award final reports are **due to Council on September 30** if your girl has bridged from a Junior or Cadette, respectively. Reports can either be e-mailed to Customer Care or dropped off at our Boise location.

Bronze and Silver Awardees will be recognized at our Honoring Excellence events this spring.

Questions? Please reach out to customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call (208) 377-2010 and a Program staff member will follow up.

Entrepreneurship Program

Product Incentive Trip Survey



For the past two years we have offered a Council-led Product Incentive Trip to Disney World. We want to make sure we continue to offer trips in which the girls are interested. We value your feedback!

Please click on the tab below to take a short survey and let us know what incentive trips you and your Girl Scout would be interested in. Thank you!

Product Incentive Trip Survey

An Oce-LOT of Fun With Fall Product

Fall Custom Avatar Patch



Did you know that although the Fall Product Program is underway, **it's not too late to get started!** It's quick, it's easy, and it's a fun way to help your Troop earn those much-needed funds to kick off the new Girl Scout year.

Earn money for materials & events! The program offers some fun rewards for girls - you could even earn a

personalized avatar patch!

Get Started

Fall Product Program To Do List



The Fall Product Program is here! This is a great way for girls to kick start the membership year while helping their Troop with much needed funds for service projects, adventures, and experiences.

Prior to participating in the program, here are some important tasks to complete:

- Fall Product Manager volunteers should renew membership for 2024.
- If you are a Fall Product Manager or a Service Unit Fall Product Manager, be sure to complete the appropriate contracts:

[Troop Fall Product Manager Contract](#)

[Service Unit Fall Product Manager Contract](#)

- Get printed materials from your Service Unit Fall Product Manager.
- Review your Fall Product Program materials & watch the [Fall Product Program Training Video](#).
- Schedule and hold a Fall Product Family Meeting.

- Get signed Product Permission and Internet Safety Pledge forms from each participating Girl Scout.
- Distribute order card, flyer, and money envelope to each Girl Scout in your Troop.
- Most importantly, **have fun!**

Important Fall Product Program Dates



Mark your calendars for some important Fall Product Program Dates!

October 1 – Fall Product Program continues. Access Fall Product website at <http://www.gsnutsandmags.com/gsssc>

October 15 – Paper ordering and girl-delivered online ordering ends

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

October 29 – Last day for shipped, online-only orders

November 8 – Fall Product deliveries to Service Unit Volunteers begin

Council Highlights

Remembering Michelle "Mickey" Fehrstrom



Michelle "Mickey" Fehrstrom was a proud Girl Scout and Lifetime Member, reaching 30 years of membership this year. Mickey was a Girl Scout leader for many years, and volunteered for various events and activities. She was a constant face at Jubilation and Septoberfest, and always loved helping girls learn new things, explore new concepts, and grow into young women of Courage, Confidence, and Character.

Mickey was diagnosed with stage 4 neuroendocrine cancer earlier this year. She faced each new challenge with strength and determination that truly epitomized "Girl Scout Strong." She passed away September 5th. Mickey will be deeply missed by her children, husband Larry, and by all whose lives she touched.

Service will be held at **2pm on October 4th** at Nampa Funeral Home Yraguen Chapel, 415 12th Ave South, Nampa, Idaho.

Flag Ceremony - By Susan Kurdy



A Flag Ceremony honors the American flag as a symbol of our nation. Flag Ceremonies may be used for:

- Opening or closing a meeting
- Opening or closing special events
- Beginning or closing a day
- Honoring a special occasion or person
- Retiring a worn flag

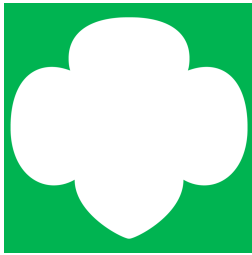
Flag ceremonies can take place in a meeting room, outdoor settings, auditoriums, on stage, or pretty much anywhere. All flag ceremonies have one thing in common - respect for the flag.

When having a flag ceremony with your Troop, emphasis needs to be on respect for the flag rather than on the commands or techniques during the ceremony, so keep it simple. In preparing for a flag ceremony, adults can ask girls these questions:

- Who will be the Flag Bearer (carry the flag)?
- Who will be the Color Guards (team that protects the flag)?
- Who will be the Girl Scout in Charge (girl who calls out directions during the ceremony)?
- Will a song be sung? Who will start?
- Will there be a poem or quotation read and who will say it?
- Will the Girl Scout Promise and Law be said after the Pledge of Allegiance?
- When will the group practice?
- Where will the flags be placed at the end of the ceremony?

Whatever the reason you decide to hold a flag ceremony, it is vital to observe proper flag etiquette throughout. More information on flag etiquette can be found [HERE](#).

Tessa B. Receives Gold Award



Tessa B. has successfully completed her Gold Award project!

Tessa's project, *Let's Play!*, addressed the issue of children's lifestyles becoming increasingly unhealthy due to a disconnect from the outdoors. She achieved this by leading members of her Troop, classmates, and staff from Idaho Falls Park and Recreation to create and implement volunteer-led, free outdoor play sessions at Idaho Falls parks. She offered this program at six parks for six weeks this summer for 156 community youth. She measured the impact of her project through youth and adult surveying and is making the program sustainable by passing off her written program guide and marketing materials to Idaho Falls Park and Recreation team.

Congratulations Tessa!

Retail Store

October Retail Store Hours and Closures



Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 5pm

Thursday: 11am – 7pm

Friday: 9am – 1pm

Second Saturday of the month (October 14): 9am – 1pm

Sunday: Closed

The retail store will be closed **October 2 - 3** for inventory audits. In addition to in-store closures, the website will be **CLOSED October 1 - 3**. Please be aware we will be **unable** to complete sales during this time frame.

****We will be working diligently throughout inventory to get the online and in person stores open as soon as possible. Please be aware that inventory closure may go longer. Keep an eye out on social media for updates.****

Retail store will be **CLOSED Wednesday October 11** for staff development.

Store Events



The Mobile Store is coming to **STEM Days** across the state! Be on the lookout online for more information, coming soon!

New Merchandise



New cookie items are here!! The Magic Cookie line is full of fun colors and patterns to bring fun to your cookie sales. Available both in-store and online!

[Shop Now](#)

Volunteer Resources

Community Partner Resource Guide



Remember that you can visit our [2023 Community Partner Resource Guide](#) at any time!

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!

We are **updating the guide** to be published this winter. Your input is needed to help us create as comprehensive guide as possible. Please provide your input [here](#). Thank you!

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...

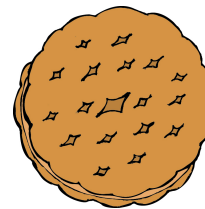
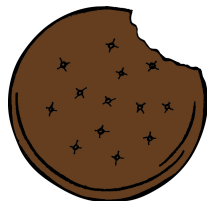


We have created a series of 'how to' videos for a number of tasks located in your MyGS account.

If you are wondering how to update your Troop roster, contact information, receive communications, register for a program, or how to 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 the Retail Store section in this newsletter for special October 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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Contact us for more information.

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