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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

Troop Renewal Time is Now!



Attention Troop leaders, Troop volunteers, and caregivers!
Memberships expire September 30th! The new Girl Scout season is here and **now** is the time to make sure ALL members - girls and adults - are renewed for 2023 - 2024 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 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.

Please Take Our Camp Survey!



What an exciting summer of adventures, friendships, and fun we had with your campers at Camp Alice Pittenger (CAP) and Camp TAM!

As we wrap up Summer 2023 and look toward Summer 2024, we would love to hear your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to grow and build our overnight camp programming. Please click the link below to take the survey - it should only take 5-10 minutes of your time.

[Camp Survey](#)

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.

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Upcoming Events, Programs & Closures

September

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

September 7 - [Family Zoom for Fall Product Program](#) (Zoom - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

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

September 12 - **Fall Product Program begins** (All locations - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

September 14 - **Retail Store Welcome Back Kickoff Party** (Boise - **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**)

September 29 - October 3 - **Retail Store CLOSED for Annual Inventory**

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 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 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

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. Updated information will be provided on our [Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend](#) event page.

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

[RSVP Here](#)

Because International Partners With Girl Scouts



Join Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council at the Because International Headquarters in Nampa, **September 13 at 6:30pm** for a fun educational night!

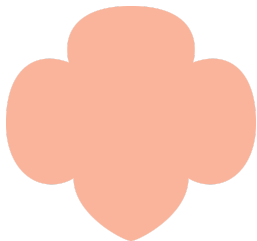
Come learn more about Kenya, participate in an immersive activity on what life may be like without shoes, and engage in other fun activities.

Because International works with partners and individuals around the world to distribute pairs of The Shoe That Grows to kids and families in poverty. The Shoe That Grows expands five sizes, allowing in-need families to have quality shoes so they can access education opportunities, health services, and improve quality of life. Girl Scouts is proud to partner with Because International and make an impact on poverty, supporting the distribution of more than 1,000 shoes.

RSVP **soon** for this fun event because spaces are limited! For questions, please reach out to Kelly Crane at kelly@becauseinternational.org.

RSVP Here

Support Ashley M. With Her Gold Award



For her Gold Award project, Ashley M. has created an art workshop curriculum available for all Girl Scouts and youth!

This curriculum includes many fun crafts to learn and share with your Troop along with detailed instructions to all of Ashley's art workshops offered in person over the past two years. In addition, she recorded four of her curriculum workshops on YouTube.

Visit <https://youtube.com/HeartofArtWorkshops> to view her YouTube channel. For a copy of her curriculum, please email customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

If you use any part of Ashley's curriculum, watch the videos, or work on the projects, please fill out the [Heart of Art Workshop Survey](#) so she may use your experience in her Gold Award project.

Thank you for your support!

Join the Silver Sage Summer Fun Challenge!



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 is now open!**

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. You 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!

Register here:

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

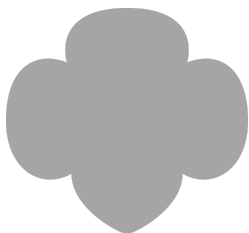
[November 4 \(Pocatello\) - Adult Training](#)

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

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

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

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.

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Register Today

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 their opening day at this time. 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 the 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

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.

Register Today

Community Partner Spotlight: Mathnasium



At Mathnasium, we believe that students need math knowledge, not just tips and tricks for tests. Our SAT and ACT programs teach critical thinking and problem-solving skills that lead to success on standardized tests and beyond. This proven test prep approach ensures that students build a foundation for math mastery that allows them to truly understand the concepts without relying on rote memorization. As students increase their math comprehension they gain not just knowledge, but an increased sense of confidence and excitement! You can learn more about our test prep program at <https://www.mathnasium.com/math-test-preparation>

Special Rates available for Girl Scouts! Contact Sophia Orm-Clark for more information. sophia@math4kidsutah.com

Mathnasium

Entrepreneurship Program

Fall Product Program Is Here!



We've got an **ocelOT** to share with you about the Fall Product Program!

Join us on Zoom **Thursday, September 7th, 7pm to 8pm** to learn more about the 2023 Fall Product Program. We'll share information about new products that have joined the lineup and have a fun activity or two. (A recording will be available later if you are unable to attend.)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/96443365824?pwd=dWNkaTJNMnJjQVlvUHBEVdleEdvUT09>

Meeting ID: 964 4336 5824

Passcode: ocelot

Important Fall Product Program Dates



Mark your calendars for some important Fall Product Program Dates!

September 12 – Fall Product Program begins. 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

Fall Product Program To Do List

The Fall Product Program is heading our way! 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.

Before the start of 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!**

2023 Cookie Season - A Look Back



The 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program has concluded and we had the **largest cookie sale in our Council's history!** Congratulations and thank you so much for the efforts and time you and your Girl Scout(s) invested this year!

We would love your feedback on what support we can provide to improve your experience in future Cookie Programs. Please complete the survey linked on the tab below. Each survey submitted **by September 15** will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card!

Please include your contact information on the survey so we can contact the lucky winner.

[Cookie Program Survey](#)

Council Highlights

Founder's Day - By Susan Kurdy



The observance of Girl Scout Founder's Day takes place October 31, every year. It is a day to celebrate Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low who established Girl Scouts in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia.

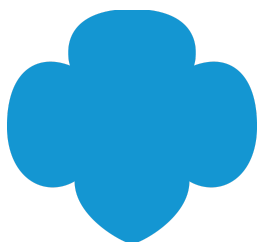
"Daisy" oversaw a Troop of 18 girls and led them on outdoor adventures and other educational activities. She started the movement to train girls to be confident in their pursuits in life. Some of the initial teachings included drilling and camping, which had a military influence. She also taught these girls how to tie knots, read a map, apply first aid, cook, and take care of livestock.

In the beginning, "Daisy" received harsh criticism because people did not think girls should participate in these types of activities. Her perseverance provided the foundation for the institution that builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place!

If your Troop is planning a Founder's Day celebration, make sure to teach the girls who Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low was, and her importance to the Girl Scout movement. Also, let Council know what you are doing and send photos so we can share them!

Retail Store

September Retail Store Hours and Closures



Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 5pm

Thursday: 11am – 7pm

Friday: 9am – 1pm

Second Wednesday of the month (September 13): 12pm – 5pm

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

Sunday: Closed

Closures:

The retail store will be **closed September 4th** in observance of Labor Day

We will be closed **in store and online September 29 - October 3** for inventory audits. Please be aware we will be **unable** to complete sales during this time frame.

2021 Program Credits Expiring Soon!



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

Program credits must be **in hand** to the Council office **by 1pm on September 15th** to be valid!

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

2024 Kickoff Party



Welcome back Girl Scouts! The Silver Sage Store is hosting a 2024 Kickoff Party **September 14th from 5 - 7pm** at the Leadership Office! Stop by for goodies and get your uniform refreshed for the 2024 membership year!

News and New Products



Clearance Sales will be happening at the end of September! Keep an eye out on social media for more information, coming soon!

Fall is going to be in full swing before we know it! Be sure to grab the new fall clothes and Girl Scout Level merchandise before it's gone!

[Shop Now](#)

Volunteer Resources

Community Partner Resource Guide



The **2023 Community Partner Resource Guide** is available for you!

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...

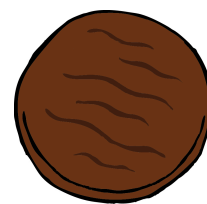
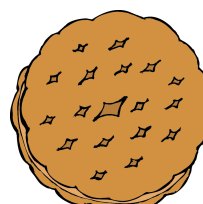
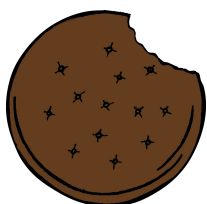


We have created a series of 'how to' videos for a number of tasks located in your MyGS account.

If you are wondering how to update your Troop roster, contact information, receive communications, register for a program, 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 Council Updates in this newsletter for special September 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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