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

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## Council Updates

### Policy Update!



Please be aware that refunds for Council program events will now only be granted if written cancellations are received **two weeks prior to the event**, due to the costs that are incurred in planning these events.

Full refunds are issued after the two-week mark for Council programs only if the program is full, cancelled, or in the case of serious illness or death in the family. (For serious illness, a doctor's written note is required within one week after the program takes place.) Refunds will continue to be granted for cancellations prior to the registration deadlines, apart from any deposits which are non-refundable. Thank you for your understanding.

### Help Needed for Back to School Night!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage has been invited to host booths at public schools in the Treasure Valley for Back to School Night. If you are passionate about Girl Scouts and would like to help build a community where every girl is accepted and valued, we would love your help on these dates:

**August 12 from 4-6pm**

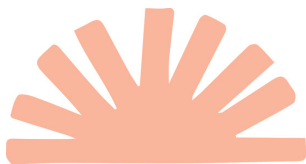
**August 13 from 4-7pm** (hours may vary)

**August 29 from 5-7:30pm** (hours may vary)

Please click below to fill out your registration form today. If you have any questions, please reach out to Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org). We appreciate your help!

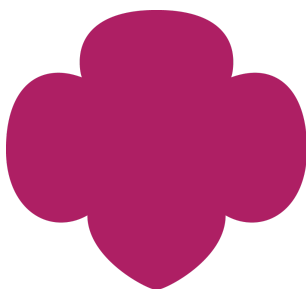
**Sign Up Today**

## Super Saturday



Super Saturday is back this year! Join us **November 2** in Idaho Falls, and **November 16** in the Treasure Valley for a day of meeting with volunteers of all different age levels, getting new ideas for your Troop, and choosing breakout sessions to learn new skills. Registration opens on MyGS on **August 12th**, so check the Events Calendar to reserve your spot!

## Mandatory Training for All Volunteers



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council now requires the "GSUSA Girl Scouts Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Course" for all volunteers who have direct contact with children within a Troop. This includes Troop leaders, Service Unit Team members, and volunteers who interact with the girls.

This mandatory training is a 50-minute online course focusing on abuse prevention, and is designed to equip supervising adults with the knowledge to recognize, respond to, and report any concerns of child abuse and/or neglect.

You will receive an email with the subject line: "Invitation to Complete a gsLearn Online

Training." To access the training, log into your myGS account at [www.girlscouts-ssc.org](http://www.girlscouts-ssc.org). Once logged in, go to **My Account** and choose "**gsLearn**." The course will be visible in "**My Training**." ( Your myGS account is located next to the "Donate" button. If you don't remember your password, choose "forgot password" and it will be reset. **Do not make a new account if you already have one.**)

For questions, please reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org)

## Highest Awards Final Reports Due Sept. 30

### Highest Awards



Final Reports due 9/30

Final reports for Highest Awards are due to Council by **September 30** . Current 5th grade Juniors, 8th grade Cadettes, and 12th grade Ambassadors have until this date to turn in reports for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award, respectively.

All reports must either be dropped off or mailed to Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council at 8948 W Barnes St, Boise, Idaho, 83709, or e-mailed to [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org). Reach out at any time if you have questions about Highest Award standards or reporting requirements.

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## Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

### August

August 2-4 – [Family Camp](#) (Swan Valley - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))

August 2-4 – [Troop Camp](#) (Swan Valley - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))

August 5-9 – [Sweet Summer Shenanigans](#) (Boise - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#))

August 19 – [Fall Product Adult Training](#) (Zoom - [v](#))

August 27 – [Fall Product for Families](#) (Zoom - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))

August 28 – [Highest Awards and Journeys Brainstorm](#) (Zoom - [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))

### September

September 6 – [Girls Night Out](#) (Boise - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))

September 7 – [Idaho Museum of Mining](#) (Boise - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#))

September 12 – [Gold Award 101](#) (Zoom - **s, a, v**)

September 12 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

September 13 – [Girls Night Out](#) (Pocatello - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

September 14-15 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) (Various locations - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

September 18 – [Bronze Award 101 for Volunteers](#) (Zoom - **v**)

September 19 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

September 19 – [Silver Award 101](#) (Zoom - **c, v**)

September 21 – [St. Luke's Fit One Race Day](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

September 26 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

September 26 – [Highest Awards & Journeys Monthly Brainstorm](#) (Zoom - **c, s, a, v**)

September 28 – [LPGA Girls Golf Clinic](#) (Idaho Falls- **d, b, j, c**)

September 30 – **Highest Awards Final Reports DUE**

## Entrepreneurship Program

### Embrace Possibility - Important Fall Product Dates



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Fall Product dates:

**August 19** - Volunteer Training (Zoom) [Click here](#)

**August 27** - Fall Product for Families event (Zoom) [Click here](#)

**September 10** - Start date for selling

**October 14** - Last day for girl-delivered orders

**October 27** - Last day for online direct-shipped orders

**Early November** - Product delivery/distribution

**Mid-December** - Rewards earned are estimated to arrive

Troops will need a Fall Product Manager to participate in the Fall Product program. Troop Fall Product Managers can find the contract [here](#).

## Programs and Events

## 2025 Program Events Released This Month



The 2025 membership year is coming, October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025, but you can start planning your Troop activities this month!

Be on the lookout for the 2025 Silver Sage Council Program Events, **released on August 15th**. These include our STEM Day events, Journey In A Day, patch programs, virtual programs and more! Email and details on our social media pages will be coming your way!

## 2024 Summer Fun Challenge



It's not too late to take on the **2024 Summer Fun Challenge** with your friends and family! Participants who complete 50 of the 100 activities on the challenge page by **September 30th** will receive a free Summer Fun Challenge patch! Girl Scouts, adults, and non-Girl Scouts may participate.

**Summer Fun Patch**

## Join the Silver Sage Teen Advisory Committee!



Hey, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts (2024-25 school year)! **You** are invited to apply for the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC).

We need **your** voice to represent our Council girl members' interests in support of the Council Board's strategic goals.

Work with Council staff to develop programs and policies for our members, while having fun and developing crucial life skills in leadership, collaboration, goal-setting, and more!

You do not have to live within the Treasure Valley to apply - we want as much regional representation as possible. For questions, please reach out to Kristen at [kmcadams@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:kmcadams@girlscouts-ssc.org).

**Apply Today!**

## Calling All Girl Scouts - It's Girls Night Out!



Our Boise and Pocatello offices will be Party Central this September as we host Girls Night Out!

Boise Girls Night - **September 6.**

Pocatello Girls Night Out - **September 13.**

**\*\*Registration opens online August 2\*\***

Make glow in the dark jewelry and dance the night away during a neon dance party. Before the dance, grab some pizza and s'mores with us and play minute-to-win-it games around our office for prizes. Don't want the fun to end? Join us for a sleepover in the offices, followed by a morning breakfast and bingo. We can't wait to see you there! Girl Scout membership required.

**Evening Option (5 – 10 pm Friday):** \$5 per girl. What's included: pizza, s'mores, water and soft drinks, unlimited participation in minute-to-win-it games, glow in the dark jewelry kits, neon dance party, fun patch. At least one designated adult per troop or group is required to stay.

**Bonus Evening Session: Junior and Cadette Spa Party:** This **free** add-on session will allow Juniors and Cadettes to mix and mingle for a spa party as we learn about older girl experiences available through Girl Scouts. We'll talk about Destinations and travel, Highest Awards, Teen Advisory Committee, and more! Adults are welcome to attend.

**Sleepover Option (5 pm Friday – 11 am Saturday):** \$10 registration per girl. Everything included in the evening option, plus breakfast & bingo in the morning. At least one designated adult per troop or group is required to stay. (Adults **must** be background-checked members to sleep over.)

For more information, reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011**, or [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org)

## St. Luke's Fit One Race Day, Sept 21



Join the Silver Sage team at the St. Luke's Fit One Race Day!

Show off your Girl Scout pride as you run or walk through downtown Boise on **September 21**. All team members will receive a Team Silver Sage Fit One Fun Patch and Girl Scout bandana. Girl Scout membership is not required to join the team. Join our Girl

Scouts of Silver Sage race team through your race registration.

Details about pre-race team meeting spot and swag distribution will be emailed to team members. We can't wait to see you there!

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## Girls' Golf Badge Workshop - Sept 28



Join Girl Scouts of Silver Sage and LPGA/USGA Girls Golf **September 28** at Pinecrest Golf Course in Idaho Falls for a Girls Golf badge workshop!

Girls Golf LPGA/USGA is a junior golf program that encourages girls ages 7-17 to learn to play golf, build friendships, and sample competition in a non-threatening environment. Through Girls Golf, young girls learn more than just the game of golf, they experience the 5 E's of Girls Golf: Empower, Enrich, Engage, Exercise, and Energize.

Girls will receive a badge at the end of the workshop:

**Brownie** - Fair Play

**Junior** - Practice with Purpose

**Cadette** - Good Sportsmanship

RSVP is required for girl participants. Families are encouraged to participate with their Girl Scouts. Workshop materials, instructor time, and swag will be provided by PGA Rocky Mountain Section.

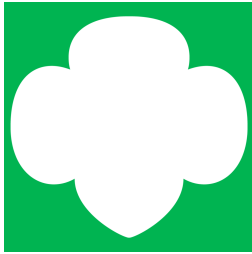
For more information about LPGA/USGA Girls Golf program, click [here](#).

**Register Today**

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## Council Highlights

### Election Year Guidelines - by Susan Kurdy



As the upcoming election season quickly approaches, GSUSA has a quick reference guide on Election Year Guidance regarding political party or candidate support limitations.

The restrictions outlined apply when you are acting as a volunteer or representative for the Girl Scouts. You are not prohibited from participating in campaign activities in your personal capacity and on your own time. Please be aware, you may not wear Girl Scout insignia while participating in campaign activities. For more information, please click the tab below.

**Election Year Guidelines**

### Budgeting For Families



Keeping track of your family's budget is a great first step toward a solid financial future. When you know where your money is going each month, you can start hitting your financial goals and get your whole household on the right track.

Budgeting doesn't have to be complicated. Start by keeping an eye on

your regular expenses and see where you can make changes if needed. Little savings can add up and make a big difference over time.

To dive deeper into this topic, check out this [free online course](#) in Horizon's Financial Training Ground. The [Financial Training Ground](#) is full of free online resources that can help you build a rock-solid financial foundation. Click the link to get started and see how easy creating a budget can be.

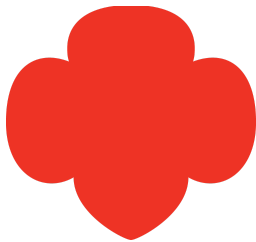
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## Retail Store

### July Retail Store Hours



#### **Store Hours:**

**Mon – Wed:** 9am – 5pm

**Thurs:** 10am – 7pm

**Fri – Sun:** CLOSED

#### **Special Store Hours / Events:**

**August 1** – Closed for staff training

**August 10** – Second Saturday, open 9am – 1pm

### News, Updates, and Announcements



Roaring Springs Tickets are SOLD OUT! Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets this year. Keep eye out next year for more fun opportunities!

Back to Troop is almost here! Check out the online store or come visit us in person to get ready for the new Troop year!

**2022 Program Credits expire September 13, and 2024 Bonus Adventure Credits expire September 16.** Be sure to spend them while you can! Eastern Idaho members, keep an eye out for an opportunity to shop IN PERSON with your 2022 Program Credits.

**Shop Online**

## New! New! New!

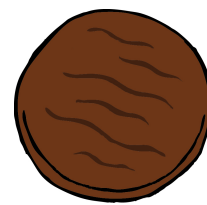
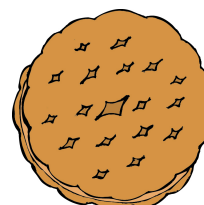
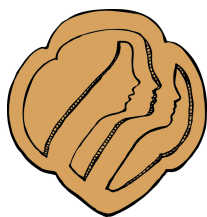


We are giving the opportunity to buy cookie merchandise on **preorder** this year! Keep an eye online in early August for theme T-shirts, hoodies, and patches. Click [here](#) to buy your cookie merchandise now and be the first to have your order automatically shipped when we receive it in October, or call or visit us in person to place your order!

Volunteer Pins are BACK! Preorder your pins [here](#), place your order over the phone, or come into the store to have them shipped to you in October!

**\*\*Coming in October\*\*** Disc backs for Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards are a new product to show which year your Girl Scout completed her higher awards. These disc borders are placed around the year disc, behind membership stars for a clean, elevated look. Call or stop in to preorder yours!

**Shop Online**



## Silver Sage Office and Retail Store Hours

### Customer Care & Boise Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9am - 5pm

Customer Care closed for lunch daily: 1pm - 1:30pm

Friday: Available by appointment

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

**Silver Sage Retail Store Hours**

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed

Open Second Saturday of each month from 9am -1pm

**\*Please see the Retail Store section 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!

**customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org**

(208) 377-2011



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**Contact us for more information.**

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