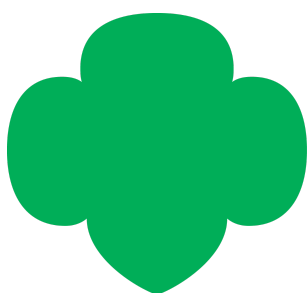


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Your need to know information from Girl Scouts of Silver Sage, including upcoming programs, updates from departments, and more!

Council Updates

A Message From Interim CEO, Jessica Burke



Dear Volunteers,

On behalf of Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for your time, energy, and dedication during our Super Saturday and Town Hall events that took place in Idaho Falls and Caldwell. We had **more than 100 volunteers** join us for a day full of learning, networking, and discussion this past month and your input and enthusiasm played a vital role in making these events a success. Your willingness to learn, have fun, and give back to Girl Scouting is truly inspiring.

If you were unable to attend the Town Hall events, we have put together a Town Hall FAQs document that captures the frequent questions and discussions related to the Special 57th National Council Session. This has been made available on our website: [National Council Delegates](#).

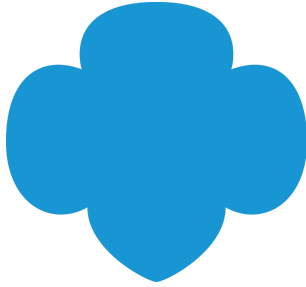
Thank you once again for your generosity and enthusiasm, and for all that you do to make

Girl Scouts possible for girls, families, and fellow volunteers in your community.

With gratitude,

Jessica Burke, Interim CEO

Your Feedback is Needed!



As we search for a new CEO to lead our organization, we want to ensure that the next leader reflects the values, vision, and goals that are important to **you**. Your feedback is crucial in helping us identify the qualities, skills, and priorities that matter most to our community. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by **completing this 5-min survey**:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Jt9xSqvrde>

2025 Disney World Incentive Trip



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is excited to offer the Disney World Incentive trip again **June 21-25, 2025**! Girls in grades 5 -11 who sell at least 750 packages during the 2025 cookie season can join in on this trip. The girls will decide which Disney World parks they want to visit: Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, or Epcot.

Is your girl interested in going? Fill out the [girl interest form](#) to stay updated!

Is your troop interested in going together? Fill out the [Troop interest form](#). You must have a minimum of three girls participating, and all girls going must qualify. The Troop must have enough chaperones to cover per girl ratio.

Will you be 18 or older at the time of the trip and are interested in being a chaperone for the council-led trip? Fill out the [chaperone interest form](#).

Registration will be open soon!

Save the Date for the 2026 Girl Scout Convention



We're excited to announce the 2026 Girl Scout Convention will take place in Washington, DC, **July 20-25, 2026**, hosted by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Council. We are grateful for their hospitality and support in preparing for and carrying out this important event for our Movement.

The 58th National Council Session (NCS) is the national business meeting held during the 2026 Girl Scout convention, in which delegates from every council across the nation and USA Girl Scouts Overseas meet to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement, and elect members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.

Want to be a part of this process in the future? Apply [here](#) by January 21, 2025 to become a National Council Delegate or Alternate for 2026-2028. Girl Scouts must be at least 14 years old by April 1, 2025 to be eligible.

For more information visit our [National Delegate Webpage](#).

Senior Girl Board Members Needed for 2025-2026



Attention 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Girl Scouts! Have you ever wanted to be a part of making decisions for our Council? Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you have an opinion on issues too? Would you like to be an advocate for all Girl Scouts? Here is your opportunity!

Our Council Membership will select two Senior or Ambassador Girl Scouts to serve a one-year, non-voting Board of Directors term. Candidates will participate in all Board meetings and training sessions, will be invited to serve on a Board Committee of their choice, and serve on the Teen Advisory Committee as technical officers. The time commitment required is approximately 3 hours per month.

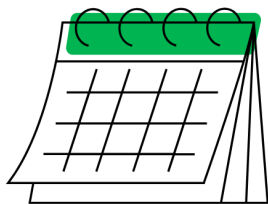
Applications and letters of reference must be received **no later than Friday, January 31, 2025**, to be considered by the Board Development Committee for election at the annual meeting in April. To learn more visit our [Governance webpage](#).

Apply here:

Silver Sage Senior Girl Board Candidate - [Application](#)

Silver Sage Senior Girl Board Candidate - [Letter of Reference](#)

Save the Date and Support Our Events!



Top Cookie - February 26, 2025 Sample unique Girl Scout Cookie desserts made by local chefs as they compete for the title of "Top Cookie." Tickets on sale in January. Check out the event page [here](#)! (Please note, this is a 21 and over event.)

GLAMP - August 8-10, 2025 The ULTIMATE Ladies Weekend! Three days of fun & relaxation at Camp Alice Pittenger in McCall! (Please note, this is a 21 and over event.)

Email kallcott@girlscouts-ssc.org for more information.

Help Her Dream Big

During this season of hope, give girls a chance they might never get.... with the gift of membership. A \$40 gift can help ensure that every girl who wants to can be a Girl Scout.



Contact kallcott@girlscouts-ssc.org for more information.

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

December

- December 5 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- December 5 – [Cookies 101 For Families](#) (Zoom - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- December 7 – [YMHFA Certification](#) (Boise - v)
- December 7 – [Stem Explorer Day](#) (Twin Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- December 10 – [Troop Cookie Manager Training Make-up](#) (Zoom - v)
- December 30-31 – [Camp Echo - Global Cuisines and Cultures](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c)

January

- January 2-3 – [Camp Echo - Adventure Seekers, Winter Break Edition](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c)
- January 3-5 – [Camp Alice Pittenger Winter Adventure Camp](#) (McCall- d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- January 10 – [Girl Scout Cookie Program Begins](#) (Everywhere - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- January 20 – [MLK Day of Service](#) (Zoom- d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- January 23 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February

- February 8 – [Delta Dental Smile Squad Patch Workshop](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)
- February 15 – [Girl Scout Cookie Program Begins](#) (Everywhere - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 15 – [Winter Adventures: Snowshoeing and STEM](#) (Treasure Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 15 – [Winter Adventures: Snowshoeing and STEM](#) (Magic Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 17 – [MLK Day of Service](#) (Zoom - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 17 – [Junior & Cadette Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - j, c)
- February 19 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 19 – [World Thinking Day Kickoff](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 20 – [World Thinking Day Kickoff](#) (ZOOM - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 20 – [MLK Day of Service](#) (Zoom- d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 22 – New Leader Orientation (Boise- **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

February 22 – Boise State Engineering & Science Festival (Boise - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

March

March 9-15 – Girl Scout Week (Everywhere - **d**, **b**, **j**, **c**, **s**, **a**, **v**)

Entrepreneurship Program

Important Entrepreneurship Dates



Starting January 10 – Set up Digital Cookie site and emails

January 10 - March 16 – Online sales

January 10 - January 25 – Order card sales

By January 26 – Turn in orders to Troop

January 26 - February 20 – Goal Getter sales

Around February 17 – Cookies arrive for pickup

February 21 - March 16 – Booth sales

Toast-Yay Is Going Away!



Parting is such sweet sorrow - the 2025 Cookie Season will be the last hurrah for Toast-Yay, so make sure you let your customers know to stock up! Goodbye, sweet friend!

2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program

We can't wait to watch your Girl Scouts' success as the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program rolls out. We are working hard behind the scenes to make this the most fun and streamlined program yet!

The most important step for participating in the Cookie Program is to make sure Girl Scouts, adult caregivers, and volunteers renew their annual memberships. You can do so at <https://mygs.girlscouts.org/> or by contacting Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or at

customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

Cookies 101 for Families



We are introducing a new cookie event, Cookies 101 for Families on **December 5 from 7-8:30pm** on Zoom!

We will walk you and your Girl Scout through the benefits of participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, including life-changing skills, valuable Program Credits, and other rewards ranging from patches, to stuffies, to telescopes! We'll also talk about the upcoming retirement of the Toast-Yay cookie variety.

Click the tab below to register and get the Zoom login information and passcode. We will also record and post this event on our [Entrepreneurship YouTube channel](#) in case you cannot attend at the scheduled time.

[Register Here](#)

Attention Adult Cookie Volunteers!



Each Service Unit and each Troop must have a Cookie Manager who signs the appropriate contract(s) **and** attends Cookie Training. It's important to get these signed as early as possible so you are able to attend the training session(s) offered. Troop Manuals and Family Guides will be sent to and distributed by your Service Unit Cookie Manager.

We will have a Troop Cookie Manager Training Make-up session, **Tuesday, December 10 at 6pm**. Please register on gsEvents. This session is intended for Troop Cookie Managers who are not able to make it to their Service Unit's Cookie Training. It is open to all volunteers.

All online training events will be recorded and posted on our [Entrepreneurship YouTube channel](#).

[Troop Cookie Manager Contract](#)

[Service Unit Cookie Manager Contract](#)

Programs and Events

We Are Hiring!



Come have a blast this summer with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage in Idaho! Join the fun at one of three camps - Camp Echo (Boise), Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall), and Camp TAM (Swan Valley).

We are hiring for these positions:

- Camp Counselor at Camp Echo, Camp Alice Pittenger, and Camp TAM
- Health Care Director at Camp Alice Pittenger, and Camp TAM
- Kitchen Director at Camp Alice Pittenger, and Camp TAM
- Lifeguard at Camp Alice Pittenger
- Unit Leader at Camp Alice Pittenger

Apply Today

Apply for a Destination - Scholarships Available!

The Destinations program provides unique, life-changing experiences ranging from domestic to international travel and themed travel experiences for older Girl Scouts.



There are still spots available for [2025 and 2026 Destinations](#), and Silver Sage Council has Destination funding available! All girls who have been accepted to a Destination are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Last year award amounts ranged from \$250 - \$1,000. Click below to apply. **Applications are due by 5:00 PM, Friday January 24, 2025.**

[Apply Here](#)

Winter Adventure at Camp Alice Pittenger



All girls and leaders - join us **January 3-5** for a Winter Adventure at Camp Alice Pittenger!

Come with your Troop or with an adult female companion and enjoy cozy accommodations in heated cabins, surrounded by the beauty of winter.

Participate in exciting activities designed to help you achieve your Snow Adventure Badge:

- Get creative and active with fun winter games, arts and crafts.
- Explore the snowy trails on snowshoes and experience the magic of winter up close.
- Channel your inner architect and engineer as you build snow shelters and snowmen while having a blast in the snow!
- Enjoy 2 hours of thrilling snow tubing at the McCall Activity Barn!

Each evening, we will gather around the campfire to sing songs, play skits, eat smores and have a contest to see who has the silliest hats and socks. Meals will be provided dinner Friday through breakfast on Sunday. And of course there will be lots of hot cocoa! Cost: \$255 per person. Do not miss this chance to create unforgettable memories in nature with friends!

[Register Today](#)

Council Highlights

Reminder for Service Units - by Susan Kurdy



As you prepare for your upcoming events (holiday parties, World Thinking Day, bridging ceremonies, etc.), please remember to submit the [TRP102 - Intent to Operate a SU Event](#) form for each event. This form is required whether or not you are using Service Unit funds.

To find the form, go to the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage [website](#) under **Members > Forms and Documents > Service Unit > Intent to Operate Service Unit Event**.

Important - if you plan to use Service Unit funds, the form **must be submitted and approved before the event** can take place. Please ensure this step is complete well in advance to avoid any delays or issues with event approval.

Grow Your Money Locally



Did you know that you can make a positive impact in your neighborhood with your personal finances? These small changes in how you save and spend are sure to benefit your community.

1. Shop local: Choose local businesses for your purchases. Your money stays in the community, supporting local jobs and services.

2. Bank with purpose: Use credit unions, like Horizon, that prioritize community development. Your deposits help fund local projects and support your neighbors.

3. Participate in local events: Engage in community events and markets. Not only do you support local vendors, but you also strengthen community ties.

4. Invest in community projects: Consider contributing to local initiatives. Your investment helps foster economic growth and creates opportunities.

Explore more ways to grow your money and support your community in Horizon's Financial Training Ground. Together, we can build a thriving local economy!

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2025 Community Resource Guide

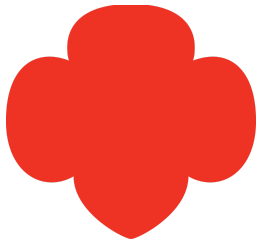


Explore our updated 2025 Community Partner Resource and Badge Connection Guide! It can be found on our website <https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/>. This guide is meant to be a resource for your Troop and girls as you plan upcoming badgework, service opportunities and more!

2025 Community Resource Guide

Retail Store

December Retail Store Hours



Store Hours:

Mon – Wed: 9am – 5pm

Thurs: 10am – 7pm

Fri – Sun: CLOSED

**Store is open the second Saturday of each month for limited hours - see below*

Special Store Hours / Events:

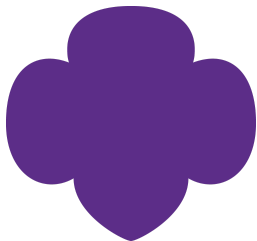
December 12 – Adjusted store hours, 9am – 5pm

December 14 – Store **OPEN** for Second Saturday, 9am – 1pm

December 19 – Last day store open for 2025, 10am – 7pm

December 20 – January 1 – Store **CLOSED** for the holidays

News and Announcements



CYBER WEEK December 2 - 6

Girl Scout henley t-shirts for \$9.99

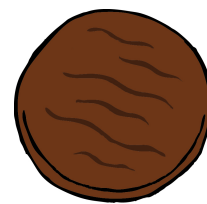
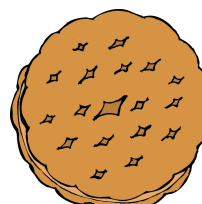
Baseball Hats for \$9.99

Fleece and Outerwear 30% off

And MORE! Visit us online for more information!

The store will have adjusted hours on **December 12 from 9am – 5pm** for staff engagement. We will be open that **Saturday, December 14 for Second Saturday from 9am – 1pm** as well.

The store and office will be on holiday break from **December 20 – January 1**. All orders placed online during this time will be processed when we return **January 2**.



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 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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