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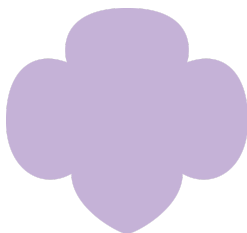
January 2, 2024

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Council Updates

Adult Recognition Awards



Volunteers are the heart and hands of Girl Scouts and we want to recognize them for their commitment, volunteer service and exceptional contributions!

Visit the Adult Recognitions page on our website or click below to nominate your fellow Troop Leaders, Service Unit volunteers, Troop parents, grandparents, caregivers and friends. If you have any questions, please reach out to Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Nominate Today

Super Saturday A Huge Success



Super Saturday was a massive success thanks to each and every one of you who attended! We hope you gained insightful information to bring back to your Troops.

We are already full steam ahead in planning for next year's event to make Super Saturday 2024 even better! Please save the dates:

Eastern Idaho – November 2, 2024

Treasure Valley – November 16, 2024

Feedback or suggestions? Reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Top Cookie Save the Date!



Join us for the 3rd annual Top Cookie event, **February 29**, at the Boise Depot. Sample unique Girl Scout Cookie desserts made by local chefs as they compete for the title of "Top Cookie." Tickets go on sale **January 8** and all proceeds support Girl Scouts of Silver Sage programs.

If you have questions or would like to be a part of this event, please reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call **(208) 377-2011**.

Purchase Tickets

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

January

January 1 - Retail store and office closed for New Years Day

January 2-5 – [Winter Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j)

January 4 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Twin Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 5 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 6 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Idaho Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 7 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Mountain Home - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 11 – [Cookie Rally](#) (Treasure Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 12 – Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins!

January 13 – [Junior Budget Maker Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - j)

January 15 - Retail store and office closed for Martin Luther King Day

January 20 – [Brownie Budget Builder Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - b)

January 27 – [Daisy Money Explorer Badge Workshop with Mathnasium](#) (Boise - d)

January 27 – [Senior Girl-topia Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - s)

February

February 10 – [Girl Scouts on the Mountain](#) (d, b, j, c, s, a, v - Bogus Basin)

February 8 – Summer Camp Registration opens at 8am (d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 17– [Snowshoe Adventure at Mink Creek Nordic Center](#) (d, b, j, c, s, a, v - Pocatello)

February 17– [Cadette Media Journey In A Day](#) (Boise -c)

March

March 18-22 – [Amazing Animals Spring Break Camp at Camp Echo](#) (Boise - d, b, j)

March 19 – [Junior Amuse Journey in a Day](#) (Idaho Falls - j)

March 20 – [Cadette Media Journey in a Day](#) (Idaho Falls - c)

March 22 – [Senior and Ambassador Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - s, a)

March 23 – [Daisy and Brownie Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - d, b)

March 26 – [Cadette Media Journey in a Day](#)(Twin Falls - c)

March 27 – [Senior and Ambassador Citizen Scientist Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - s, a)

April

April 13 – [Daisy Three Cheers for Animals! Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - d)

April 27 – [Family Wellness Expo](#) (Meridian - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

Cookie Program

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!



Are you ready for the 2024 Cookie Season? Let's go!

Step 1: Make sure that all Girl Scouts and Volunteers in your family and/or Troop (including you!) are registered for Membership Year 2024. You can do so at [MyGS](#), or contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org. It is not too late to get

started! We upload girls and volunteers to the cookie system at least twice a week.

Step 2 - Getting Started for Girls and Caregivers

Emails will be sent to each girl's caregiver on file **January 4** with an invitation to set up her web store on Digital Cookie. If you don't see the email in your inbox, check your spam, trash, or other folders. **The sign-up and set-up need to be completed on a desktop or tablet first**, then you can download and use the Digital Cookie app.

Next Steps:

- Attend your Troop's Cookie and Camp Meeting if you haven't already.
- Complete both sides of the permission form and return it to your Troop.
- Receive and read the Family Guide and other printed materials.
- Participate in your local Cookie Rally.
- Get excited for the Cookie Program to start **January 12!**

Cookie Volunteers - Let's Do This!



If you were not able to attend your Service Unit's Troop Cookie Training, or you would like a refresher, you can watch the [Council-led Troop Volunteer Cookie Training](#) on YouTube.

When you log in to Smart Cookies, be sure to check your Troop roster and make sure your girls are listed correctly. Please watch the [Just In Time Training Video #1](#) for information on this step and on the importance of setting the system to send emails to your Troop's Girl Scouts.

Cookie Volunteers, check out the [2024 Cookie Programs Updates and FAQs](#) . We update this regularly with news, tips, and instructions.

Thank you so much for volunteering to lead your Troop and/or Service Unit and implement the Girl Scout Cookie Program for the girls in our service area! As always, you may contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org if you have any questions.

Cookie Season Resources



We have resources to guide you during the 2024 Cookie Season!

When you visit our [Council Website](#) and hover over the word "Cookies" near the upper-right corner, you'll see a menu of resources for customers, volunteers, and girls.

Our Facebook group, [Girl Scout Cookie Parents and Volunteers - Silver Sage Council](#) offers up-to-the-minute updates for families and Volunteers seeking Entrepreneurship Program information. This is a private group, so once you find it using the "search" function, please request access - and then invite other caregivers and Volunteers to join!

For Cookie Volunteers, check out the [2024 Cookie Programs Updates and FAQs](#) . We update this regularly with news, tips, and instructions.

And as always, you may contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org if you have questions.

Calling All Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors!



Girls who have sold cookies for many years have plenty of skills and knowledge to share with new Girl Scouts. We still have a few spots available for girls at levels Cadette and above who are interested in volunteering at any of the upcoming Cookie Rallies. **Hours that girls volunteer count toward their Service to Girl Scouting Bar award.**

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the upcoming Cookie Rallies, please contact Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org to sign up!

Important Cookie Program Dates

January 4 - Girl Scouts receive their link to set up digital cookie sites

January 4 - Magic Valley Cookie Rally



January 5 - Pocatello Cookie Rally

January 6 - Idaho Falls Cookie Rally

January 11 - Treasure Valley Cookie Rally

January 12 - Girl Scout Cookie sale begins (online and order card)

January 21-27 - Volunteers schedule booth slots

February 16 - Cookie deliveries to Service Unit Cookie Managers begin

Cookie Rallies are listed on our [Silver Sage Events Calendar](#). If you don't see your rally listed, please contact your Troop Volunteer for details. Register **soon** because you don't want to miss out!

Programs and Events

Important Reminder About Program Credits



Please be aware when selecting Program Credits during event registration, 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 waitlisted for sold out events.

The Silver Sage Winter Fun Challenge Is Here!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage challenges YOU - Girl Scouts, families and friends - to get outdoors this winter. **NEW! Adults can earn the patch with their troop!**

Complete 50 of the 100 activities on the list between now and March 31st, submit the form no later than April 15th, and you will receive a **free** Winter Fun Challenge Patch! Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts are encouraged to participate.

Winter Fun Challenge Form

Outdoor Equipment Rental Is Available



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 online rental request.

Rental Request Form

Destinations Scholarships



Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts, are you ready for adventure? [Apply here](#) for a 2024 / 2025 Destination trip today!

Silver Sage Council has Destination funding available. All girls who have been accepted to a Destination trip are encouraged to apply. Last year, award amounts ranged from \$250 -

\$1,000. [Apply here](#) for a scholarship. Applications are due **January 26 by 5pm.**

Camp Registration - Feb 12

****Camp Registration will open February 12 at 8am.**

Due to a GSUSA system update, camp registration will open a little later this year. Please mark your calendars!



Camp Doc and Bunk1 Coming Your Way!



We are excited to announce that our Council will be working with two new companies to better serve you in 2024!

Camp Doc will be our health record and waiver system. When you sign up for a camp session, Camp Doc will send you an invitation to complete your health record and waivers on their website. You will only need to complete this information once a year, and your records will be good for all camps. (You may need to complete additional session specific waivers. Camp Doc will send you a reminder if there are any additional waivers or documents needed.)

We will be using the **Bunk1 app** to share photos and news from camp and other Girl Scout events. Bunk 1 is a secure platform that will allow families to access a private gallery of photos taken of their girls while they are at camp and send "Bunk Notes" to their campers while they are away. To sign up for Bunk 1, [click here](#) and follow the instructions.

Council Highlights

Welcome Ashley Lookenhouse



Welcome your new Camp Alice Pittenger Camp Director, Ashley "Ash" Lookenhouse!

Ashley has been a Program Director, Assistant Camp Director and Camp Director with the Girl Scouts organization, as well as a camper. She says her favorite part of camp is watching girls learn new things

and step outside of their comfort zones. We look forward to a great summer with Ash at the helm!

Plan 2 Insurance Update - By Susan Kurdy



Changes have been made to our Silver Sage Council Girl Scout activity accident insurance provided by Mutual of Omaha, effective October 1, 2023.

The most noteworthy enhancement is the basic Plan 1 insurance policy - which is part of your Girl Scout membership - now incorporates coverage that previously fell under the Plan 2 policy. This means that Troops and Service Units will no longer need to purchase Plan 2 insurance for events. The Plan 3 policies have not changed, and our Council still requires the purchase of the Plan 3 policy for travel out of the state of Idaho, and 3PI policy for international travel.

We have begun the process of updating the information and our travel packets, but this will take a bit of time. The new forms will be on the website as soon as they are ready. If you have any questions, please reach out to Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Retail Store

January Retail Store Hours and Closures



Store Hours:

Mon – Wed: 9am – 5pm

Thurs: 11am – 7pm

Fri: 9am – 1pm

Closed Saturday and Sunday

Special Store Hours / Events:

January 1 – Closed for New Years Day

January 4 -7 – Eastern Idaho Cookie Rally Mobile Stores!

January 10 – LATE OPEN, 12pm – 5pm

January 11 – EARLY CLOSE, 9am – 2pm

January 11 – Treasure Valley Cookie Rally Mobile Store, 4pm – 8pm

January 13 – SECOND SATURDAY, open 9am – 1pm

January 15 – Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

New Bounce Back Coupons!



The retail store is now offering Bounce Back Coupons! Spend \$30 between January 2 and January 14 and **get a \$5 off coupon** to use during Cookie Season. These will be available at cookie rallies and can be redeemed online. (Terms and conditions may apply. Call the

store for more details.)

[Shop Now](#)

New Product Alert!



New colors of our “Stanley style” tumbler mugs have arrived! These 40oz tumblers come in black, navy, orange, and light blue, and are engraved with our Council logo. Come grab your favorites before they’re gone! Available in store or online.

[Shop Now](#)

Cookie Rally Pickups

The last days to order product online for pickup at your local Cookie Rally are upon us!

Eastern Idaho Cookie Rally orders must be placed by **January 3 at 12pm** to be eligible



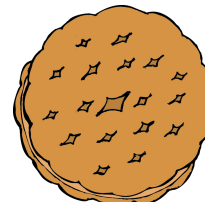
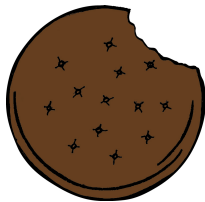
for pickup. Treasure Valley orders must be placed by **January 10 at 12pm** to be eligible for pickup.

Shop Now

Shipping Rates Update



USPS has updated shipping rates. The Silver Sage Online Store will reflect these rate changes **starting February 1**. We will send out more communication soon about updated rates!



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
 Saturday and Sunday: Closed

***Please see the Retail Store section in this newsletter for special January 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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