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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

Celebrate Girl Scout Week, March 10-16



March 12 marks the 112th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, and we will be celebrating **Sunday, March 10 through Saturday, March 16** during Girl Scout Week!

Girls who complete seven days of fun and activities, such as Kindness Day, Venture Out Day, etc. all week long will earn the [2024 Girl Scout week patch](#) that they can wear on the back of their vest or sash. (Click the tab below for more Girl Scout Week ideas!)

Girls and Troops can also celebrate Girl Scout Week by arranging a Proclamation with the Governor, local City Council, Mayor, or other elected officials. A sample Proclamation for Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council can be found [here](#).

Girl Scout Week Info

Jubilation 2024 Is Coming!



Join us "Down the Rabbit Hole" for Jubilation 2024, June 7-9 in Jerome, Idaho!

Jubilation is the largest girl camping event in the Silver Sage Council. Come enjoy a weekend of exciting programs, ceremonies, and fun at this tri-annual, volunteer-driven, council-sponsored group camping event! Registration for your troop is **now open** on [GS Events](#)! Don't forget to also fill out the Intent to Attend form to pay the deposit [here](#).

For questions, please visit the Jubilation website, or reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011**.

Jubilation Website

Troop Annual Report Training



Troop Annual Report submission starts May 1st - are you ready? Our Council is offering Zoom meetings to train all Service Unit Managers and Service Unit Treasurers on preparing the Troop Annual Report. The first training will be **March 26 from 6:30 - 7:30pm**. Click the tab below to register, or sign up on [myGS](#). A Zoom link will be sent to all who register.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or email at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org.

Sign Up Today

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

March

- March 9 – **Scout Saturday at World Center for Birds of Prey** (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- March 13 – **Outdoor Leader Skills Train the Trainer** (Zoom - **v**)
- March 14 – **New Leader Orientation** (Boise - **v**)
- 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 21 – **Bronze Award 101** (Zoom - **v**)
- 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 23 – **Outdoor Leader Training** (Boise - **v**)
- 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**)
- March 28 – **Highest Awards & Journeys Monthly Brainstorm** (Zoom - **c, s, a, v**)

April

- April 6 – **Outdoor Leader Training** (Twin Falls - **v**)
- April 12 – **Annual Business Meeting** (Twin Falls - **v**)
- April 13 – **Daisy Three Cheers for Animals! Journey In A Day** (Zoom)
- April 16 – **Gold Award 101** (Zoom - **s, a, v**)
- April 20– **Outdoor Leader Training** (Boise - **v**)
- April 23 – **Silver Award 101** (Zoom - **c, v**)
- April 23 – **New Leader Orientation** (Boise - **v**)
- April 27 – **Family Wellness Expo & Council Hosted Bridging** (Meridian - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- April 30 – **Highest Awards & Journeys Monthly Brainstorm** (Zoom - **c, s, a, v**)

May

- May 3 – **Girls' Climbing Night Out** (Twin Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- May 4 – **Family Wellness Expo** (Blackfoot - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- May 9 – **Outdoor Leader Skills -Train the Trainer** (Zoom - **v**)
- May 11 – **Idaho Archaeology Fair** (Mountain Home - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- May 18 – **Outdoor Leader Training** (McCall - **v**)
- May 22 – **Bronze Award 101** (Zoom - **v**)
- May 29 – **Highest Awards & Journeys Monthly Brainstorm** (**c, s, a, v** - Zoom)

June

- June 1 – **Honoring Excellence, Girl and Adult Recognition** (Boise)
- June 7-9 – **Jubilation 2024** (Eastern Idaho)
- June 13 – **Gold Award 101** (Zoom - **s, a, v**)

June 15 – **Honoring Excellence, Girl and Adult Recognition (Eastern Idaho)**

June 20 – [Silver Award 101](#) (Zoom - **c**, **v**)

June 27 – [Highest Awards & Journey Monthly Brainstorm](#) (**c**, **s**, **a**, **v** - Zoom)

Cookie Program

Important Cookie Program Dates



March 1 - 17 - Cookie booth sales, walkabouts, etc. continue

March 17 - Booth and Digital Cookie sales end

March 25 - Last day for volunteers to order cookies in Smart Cookie

March 26 - Girl Reward orders due in Smart Cookie

March 27 - Make final deposits in Troop accounts for upcoming ACH

Send in Your Cookie Booth of the Week Entries



It's March, and Girl Scouts are already crushing their Cookie Goals!

We're so excited to watch girls learn, grow, and practice the Five Skills as they participate in the Cookie Program. We have lots of future entrepreneurs in our midst!

We love to see Girl Scouts in action. Please continue sending in your Cookie Booth of the Week entries [here](#). A winning troop is selected weekly, and one grand prize will be drawn among all the entrants.

Goal Get 'em!



Girl Scouts, how are you doing with your Cookie Goals? Are you half-way there? Three-quarters of the way? See the [Rewards & Program Credits](#) information sheet for more details on what exciting rewards are available and learn more about our valuable Silver Sage Program Credits. Make sure to let your Troop Cookie Manager know if your goal changes. There is still plenty of time to adjust your goal to

earn your way to [Summer Camp](#) or even join us at Disneyland and Universal Studios in June on our [Product Incentive Trip](#). Go get your goals!

Need More Cookies?



Volunteers, when you are ready to order more cookies for your troop, please place a Planned Order as soon as you know you need cookies. Placing orders **by noon on Monday** will give us the best chance of having your cookies available by Friday for weekend booths. You are not obligated to take any cookies on a Planned Order, and you can edit or delete your order any time before your cookies are issued to you.

All Things Camp

Camp Registration Is Open



Are you ready for Summer? Camp registration is **open** and we have tons of great sessions for Girl Scouts of all ages! Sessions are filling up fast so don't wait!

[Register Today](#)

Come To Troop Camp



Troop Camp - Hey Troops ! Come camping with us at Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall) or at Camp TAM (Swan Valley). Enjoy all the fun of Troop camping and the excitement of overnight camp! We will provide food, lodging, and all activities. Available for Daisies through Seniors. Register below:

[CAP Troop Camp July 12 – July 14](#)

TAM Troop Camp July 19 – 21

Get Away At Family Camp



Hey moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles - you and your Girl Scouts can come camp with us this summer! Take the weekend to hike the trails, create outdoor art projects together, and get back to nature. Any combination of family is welcome at Family Camp this year and is available for Daisies through Seniors. Register below:

CAP Family Camp July 26 – July 28

TAM Family Camp August 2 – 4

Come Work At Summer Camp!



Would you like to spend your summer at the lake or in the mountains? We are looking for a Kitchen Director, Kitchen Assistant, Counselors, and Lifeguards to help us at camp! Come be a role model, make lifetime friendships, and gain valuable life skills.

Work At Camp

Have You Signed Up For Camp Doc?



If you have registered for camp, you should have already received an email from Camp Doc. We will be using this new software to track all the camp forms electronically, including Health History. This platform will simplify camp forms for everyone involved, from families to nurses.

Once you complete the forms online, you will not need to complete any other paperwork at camp. This is a one-time process, no matter how many camps you attend at all camp properties. We strongly suggest completing this at your earliest convenience, so you are not scrambling to find immunization records or have a health form signed by a physician at the last minute. **All forms MUST be completed online two weeks before the start of the camp**

session for your camper to attend. We are unable to accept paper forms.

Please contact Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or **customer care@girlscouts-ssc.org** if you have any questions or need assistance completing your forms.

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.

Empower Wellness Expo is Coming



Join us **April 27** in Meridian, and **May 4** in Blackfoot for our Empower Wellness Expo events!

At these **FREE** events, Girl Scouts, Troops, and their families will participate in wellness-related activities and community programs. Participants will learn about wellness and explore different ways to practice wellness for themselves, with their peers, and in their communities.

****NEW!** All Girl Scouts can complete steps toward earning their First Aid Badge or Safety Award.

Girls attending both events will receive a t-shirt, fun patch and wellness swag at the event. **RSVP is required to receive swag.**

Meridian Wellness Expo - [Register Here](#)

Blackfoot Wellness Expo - [Register Here](#)

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? There are still spots available for 2024-2025 Destinations! [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. Funding is still available and will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis. [Apply here](#) for your scholarship!

Backyard STEM Coming Your Way!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is excited to present another memorable STEM Outreach program this April! This year's program theme is Backyard STEM.

Girl Scouts K - 8 and their peers will learn about their local community ecosystems and natural resources. All girl participants will build bird houses, create field journals, and receive their own magnifying glass to take home.

Silver Sage Council program staff will be reaching out to sites shortly. If you would like us to visit your area, please contact us through Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or **customer care@girlscouts-ssc.org** and we will follow up. This **free** program is provided through generous grant funding from the Idaho EcosySTEM.

Council Highlights

Creating A Business Plan With Horizon Credit Union



Whether you're opening a private tax practice, refurbishing furniture, or selling cookies, it's important to create a business plan. A business plan answers important questions like what value does my business offer? How will I attract customers? And when will my business become profitable? It also defines what sets you apart from competitors. Remember that customer service is just as important as the main product or service you offer.

To learn more about creating a business plan, check out Horizon Credit Union's [Small Business Essentials](#) toolkit (just click the link). This resource will help you get your small business up and running in no time! And while you're at it, explore Horizon's [Financial Training Ground](#) for additional free online financial education.

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First Aid Requirements - By Susan Kurdy



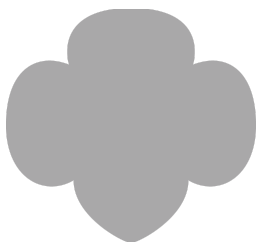
All Troops should have a general first aider attend every meeting and activity. A general first aider is an adult volunteer who has taken Girl Scout-approved first aid and CPR training that includes specific instructions for adult and pediatric CPR, first aid, AED (Automated External Debibrillator) training that minimally includes a face-to-face hands-on skill check for:

- Checking a conscious victim
- Checking an unconscious victim
- Adult and pediatric CPR
- Adult and pediatric conscious choking
- Controlling bleed
- Sudden illness

Our Council is proud to partner with [Young Hearts Education](#) who offers classes necessary to fulfill these requirements. They also offer a 10% discount when you use the code *Silver Sage22* upon registering.

If an activity takes place in an area where emergency services are 30 minutes or more away, the first aider will need to have certification in Advanced First Aid or Wilderness First Aid. Click [here](#) for an option for online training.

Annual Business Meeting

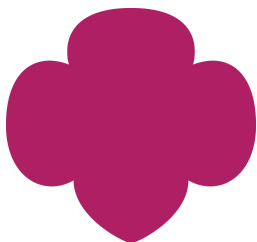


Save the date! The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting will be held via Zoom, **Friday, April 12, from 6:30pm to 8pm.**

Look for the official notice and details for registration coming soon. The delegate packet for the meeting will be added as the date gets closer. For questions, please contact Dawn at [drising@girlscouts-](mailto:drising@girlscouts-ssc.org)

[ssc.org](https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org).

Service Unit Delegates Needed



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is looking for Service Unit Delegates and Alternates!

A Delegate is a Girl Scout member nominated by peers and elected by members of her Service Unit to represent others in their geographic area at the Council's Annual Meeting. Being a Delegate is a great way to build a resume for college applications and career!

Please submit your Service Unit Delegates and Alternates by **Monday, March 4** using one of the following forms:

[GSSSC SU Delegate Online Form 2024](#) (Preferred method)

[GSSSC SU Delegate Hard Copy Form 2024](#) (Fillable hard copy form)

Contact your service unit membership manager with any questions, or reach out to Dawn Rising at drising@girlscouts-ssc.org. Service Unit Delegates will be sworn in at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

[**More Information**](#)

Older Girl Leadership Opportunity



Attention 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Girl Scouts! Have you ever wanted to be a part of making decisions for our Council? Would you like to be an advocate for all Girl Scouts? If so, we have a great opportunity for YOU to be a Senior Girl Board Member for 2024 -2025.

We must receive your application and a letter of reference **no later than Monday, March 4** for you to be considered by the Board Development Committee for election at the Annual Meeting on April 12.

[Silver Sage 2024-2025 Senior Girl Board Candidate Application](#)

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

Please contact drising@girlscouts-ssc.org with any questions.

[**More Information**](#)

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](#)

Retail Store

March 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:

March 9 - Second Saturday, open 9am - 1pm

Keep an eye out on social media for special openings during Boise Cookie Cupboard in March!

Important Announcements

New GSSSC Exclusives

We've gathered all our council exclusives and put them in one place on the web store for easy finding. Keep a look out for more items as they get added.



Last Call for Cookie Merch!

The last of the cookie merchandise is arriving this month. Be sure to grab the last-minute items you need before we run out.

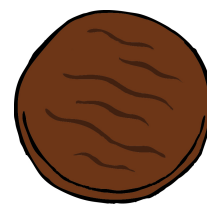
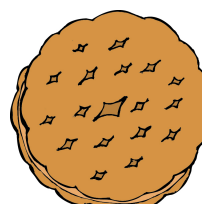
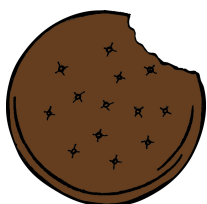
Bridge Rentals

Bridging season is here! Need a bridge for your ceremony? Reach out to the store for availability and pick-up times. Pickup is only available at the Boise Leadership Center at this time.

Girl Scout Week

Girl Scout week is **March 10-16th**, and we have the patches and Girl Scout merchandise you need. Order [here](#) to have patches ready by the time your Girl Scouts finish all the fun activities.

Shop Now



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 March 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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Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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