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May 2, 2024

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

Council Updates

Idaho Gives - Today is the Last Day to Give! (May 2)



Idaho Gives is happening **April 29 - May 2**. During Idaho Gives, your donation will be **matched** when you donate using [this link!](#)

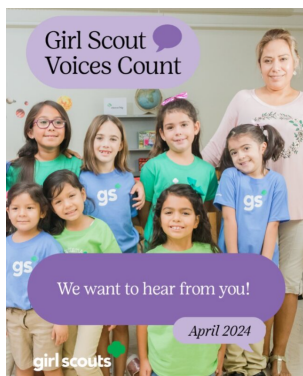
Your donation impact will be **doubled** during Idaho Gives, and will help send local girls to Camp Echo, Camp Alice Pittenger, and Camp TAM where they will thrive, grow, and learn their true

potential!

This past year, we've seen an increase in girls requesting financial assistance to attend camp. **They need your help to become the confident, courageous leaders of tomorrow.** Missed the window for Idaho Gives? Not to worry - your gift will still be greatly appreciated!

Idaho Gives

We Want to Hear From You!



Girl Scout Voices Count survey is open through May 15th

The feedback you provide is so important as it helps us improve Girl Scout programs and services, makes national programs more engaging, inclusive, and hands-on, and creates new resources to support troop leaders.

Be sure to check your email or text messages for an invitation to participate. As a thank you, everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Your voice **matters** and makes Girl Scouting better for everyone—so we want to hear from you! If you have any questions, please email GSVoicesCount@girlscouts.org.

New Hours at GSSSC Leadership Center

Our Leadership Center in Boise will have new business hours starting **June 1**.

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9am – 5pm

Fri – Available by Appointment

Saturday – Sunday: Closed

**Customer Care:**

Monday – Thursday: 10am – 1pm and 1:30pm – 4pm

Friday – Sunday: Closed

Store Hours:

Monday – Wednesday: 9am – 5pm

Thursday – 10am – 7pm

Friday – Sunday: Closed**

****The Silver Sage Store will be open on the second Saturday of every month from 9am – 1pm.**

Jubilation 2024 is Around the Corner!



Jubilation 2024 is just around the corner! Join us "Down the Rabbit Hole" **June 7-9** in Jerome, Idaho.

Jubilation only comes around once every three years, so join in on a fun weekend with Girl Scouts from all over our Council!

The **final day to register is May 10th** and **final payment deadline is May 17th**. Make sure to complete your 401/402 Training and CPR and First Aid certification in order to travel!

Questions? Call (208) 377-2011 or email info@jubilation-ssc.org for details.

Jubilation Website

It's Troop Annual Report Submission Time!

Troop Annual Reports can now be submitted! **All Troops are required to complete their Troop Annual Report and submit by May 31.** You will need bank statements, receipts, and access to the Volunteer Tool Kit - Finance Tab. (Please be aware, Volunteer Tool Kit will be unavailable May 15-16 due to maintenance.)

Are you a Troop Leader/Treasurer and need help? The optional tool

[Troop Bank Balance Worksheet](#)



(just click to download!) can assist in calculating categories. (This excel tool is also available on GSSSC website under Forms and Documents.)

You can also check with your Service Unit Manager and Service Unit Treasurer for Annual Report Guidance. We will have open office hours via Zoom on the following dates. **(Click on the date below to be directed to the registration page.)** Registration is required on GS Events to acquire the zoom link for the open office hours.

[Monday, May 6 at 12pm](#)

[Monday, May 20 at 12pm](#)

[Thursday, May 23 at 6:30pm](#)

[Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30pm](#)

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

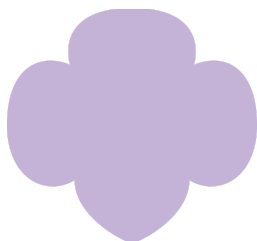
Volunteer Tool Kit Unavailable May 15-16



Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) will be unavailable May 15 - 16. GSUSA will be deploying an update and moving our current servers to a new set of servers. **You will be unable to access your VTK Year Plan and Annual Report on these two days.** Please obtain any badge or journey information that you need prior to May 15 - 16.

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

Super Saturday 2024 - The Sky is the Limit



Save the date because Super Saturday will be back this year! This volunteer enrichment event will be held **November 2** in Idaho Falls, and **November 16** in the Treasure Valley. Registration will open **August 12th**, so save the date to reserve your spot!

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

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 18 – [Outdoor Leader Training](#) (McCall - **v**)
- May 20 – [Annual Report Assistance](#) (Zoom - **v**)
- May 22 – [Bronze Award 101](#) (Zoom - **v**)
- May 23 – [Annual Report Assistance](#) (Zoom - **v**)
- May 27 – Office and store closed in observance of Memorial Day
- May 29 – [Highest Awards & Journeys Monthly Brainstorm](#) (**c, s, a, v** - Zoom)
- May 29 – [Annual Report Assistance](#) (Zoom - **v**)

June

- June 3-7 – [Robot 'til You Drop](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)
- June 7-9 – [Jubilation 2024](#) (Eastern Idaho)
- June 10-14 – [Off Broadway](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)
- June 13 – [Gold Award 101](#) (Zoom - **s, a, v**)
- June 27 – STEM Career Explorer Badge Workshop With Tokyo Electron Labs (**c, s, a** - Registration Coming Soon!)
- June 17 - 21 – [Adventure Seekers](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)
- June 20 – [Silver Award 101](#) (Zoom - **c, v**)
- June 24 - 28 – [Outdoor Art Extravaganza](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)
- June 27 – [Highest Awards & Journey Monthly Brainstorm](#) (**c, s, a, v** - Zoom)
- June 30 - July 1 – [Girls Night Out](#) (Boise - **b, j**)
- June 30 - July 3 – [Camp Sisterhood](#) (McCall - **b, j, c, s, a**)
- June 30 - July 3 – [Eco Warriors](#) (McCall - **b, j, c, s, a**)

Cookie Program

A Hearty Thank You

We are sending a hearty "Thank You!" to valuable volunteers, enthusiastic families, and enterprising Girl Scouts for your participation in the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Girl



Scouts have set high goals and surpassed them with hard work and dedication, backed by the support of their families and the hundreds of volunteers that make the Cookie Program possible. We couldn't do it without you!

Great Cookies, Great Causes



Through Virtual Cookie Share, the council-wide donation program, more than 800 cases of cookies were donated to food banks and military organizations across our service area. You and your Troop can feel great about providing over 9,600 packages of cookies to these great causes!

Cookie Rewards & Program Credits



Through the Cookie Program, girls in our council have earned hundreds of patches and reward items, along with thousands of dollars' worth of Program Credits and Bonus Council Adventure Credits to fund their adventures. All these valuable rewards will come to Service Unit Cookie Managers, who will distribute to Troop Cookie Managers, who will then distribute to girls. (Please note that heavy/large items like the Cast Iron Cooking Set will be shipped directly to the girls' address on file.) Troop Cookie Managers, it is critical that you distribute Program Credits to the girls in your Troop as soon as you receive them.

Got Cookies?



If your Troop still has remaining cookie inventory to sell, please reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or **customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org** with the details of how many you have, etc. We can help your Troop schedule additional booth slots and brainstorm ways to help your girls sell the remaining cookies.

All Things Camp

Check Out Summer Camp 2024



Come join the fun and get "Wild About Camp". There are lots of spots still available for Camp Echo (Boise), Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall) and Camp TAM (Swan Valley). You can use your Program Credits to pay for camp!

[Register Today](#)

Scholarships Are Available!



Did you know Girl Scouts of Silver Sage offers financial assistance to new and existing members? These scholarships can help cover the cost of membership, uniforms, Girl Scout events...and CAMP!

We are committed to helping **all** girls and volunteers participate in Girl Scouting. Apply today! (Please review carefully - eligibility and important information included on each application varies.)

[Apply Today](#)

Come Work At Summer Camp!



Would you like to spend your summer at the lake or in the mountains? Come work at Camp Echo (Boise) or Camp TAM (Swan Valley) and be a role model, make lifetime friendships, and gain valuable life skills! We are hiring for several positions - apply today!

[Apply Today](#)

Have You Signed Up For Camp Doc?



We are excited to bring you Camp Doc, our new electronic platform for all camp forms including Health History!

If you signed up for camp, you should have received an email from Camp Doc. Once you have completed your forms online, you will not need to complete any other paperwork at camp. **Please note, 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.

Keep Up With Bunk1 All Summer Long!



Be in the loop on what's happening this summer at camps with our **new** secure **Bunk1** platform. Get a snapshot of life at camp by viewing the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council private photo gallery, only available to our camp family.

Keep an eye out for an invitation by email as we approach camp season. Other relatives are welcome to use this platform once you invite them, and they will be prompted to set up their own account. If you have questions, the Bunk1 team is available 7 days a week during peak camp season at **support@bunk1.com** or **(212) 974-9112**.

[Go To Bunk1 Website](#)

Programs and Events

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!

Council Highlights

Girls For the Real World



Last month, Girl Scouts of Silver Sage kicked off **Girls for the Real World**, a new older-girl leadership series designed to connect girls in grades 8 – 12 with local female leaders and mentors with the goal to grow professional development skills. Topics included resume writing, interview skills, and networking.

This effort was spearheaded by the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC) and Board Development Committee. This series will continue in the Treasure Valley and expand into regional communities. If your girl is interested in participating or assisting with planning for future sessions, reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or **customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org**.

Jubilation Readiness - by Susan Kurdy



This month, many Troops will be getting ready to attend Jubilation. During this incredible event, girls and adults will camp together and enjoy fun-filled programs, take part in and watch ceremonies, make new friends, and have loads of fun in the largest camping event in the Silver Sage Council.

All adults who attend must be approved volunteers, which means they must have a current membership and a clear background check. At least one adult from each group needs to have completed 401 and 402 training before attending. Both classes are available on our website. Please look in [Forms and Documents](#) under "Travel." A copy of the answer sheets must be sent to Customer Care so they may be attached to the appropriate accounts.

First Aid and CPR certification are also required for at least one approved volunteer from each Troop or group. A copy of this card also needs to be on file through Customer Care.

Please make sure all these items are completed before your Troop submits the [Intent to Travel](#) form. Remember, this needs to be submitted **four weeks before the event!**

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

Financial Wellness with Horizon

Every stage of parenting requires a different financial wellness plan. With young children, your plan might involve building an emergency fund, adjusting HSA contributions or budgeting for childcare. For preteens or teenagers, the plan might involve researching your state's 529 plans, college scholarships and financial aid options. Does your family have a financial wellness plan?



If you want to create a plan and need a place to start, check out this article on [Financial Tips for Parents](#). Horizon Credit Union partners with Greenpath to provide free online resources that help families build a rock-solid financial foundation. And, for Horizon members, Greenpath offers free counseling to assist you while building a college savings plan, paying down debt, buying a new home or anything in between! Visit the hzcw.org/greenpath to learn more.

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Retail Store

May 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:

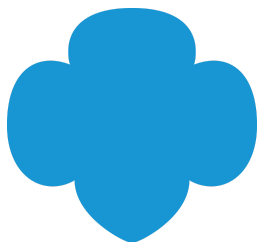
May 11 – Second Saturday, open 9am – 1pm

May 27 – Closed for Memorial Day

Important Announcements

Hour Changes – Starting **June 1**, the store will be closed Fridays and extending Thursday hours from 10am – 7pm. Second Saturdays and Mobile Stores will continue as usual.

Program Credit Fun Finds are Back! – Check out the new and returning high ticket items



you can buy with your program credits. (These are not available in store – we buy from the vendor and ship straight to you!)

Calling all Froggie Lovers! – New frog plush line is available in store and online now! [Shop now](#) and find your new best friend!

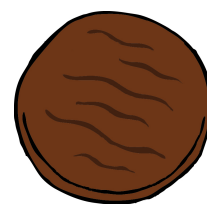
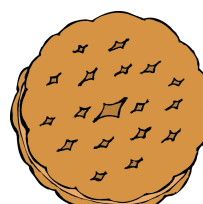
Coupon Redemption – Did you get a coupon from the store in April? The time to redeem is here! From **May 17 - 31**, when you spend \$20 pretax, you can get \$10 off with the coupons distributed last month. (One coupon per customer, per purchase – not combinable with other offers unless specified.)

April Daisies Bring May Brownies – Bridging to Brownies this year? Check out the store online or in person for all the Brownie gear you need. We have hats, berets, bracelets, tops, bags, and MORE!

Camp Merchandise Update – Camp Merchandise ordering has closed for delivery at camp. If you missed out on camp-specific T-shirts, theme hoodies, or other items no worries! Select items will be available in store and online, and all camp merchandise offered through registration can be found at Camp Trading Posts this summer. Register for multiple camp locations to collect all the different t-shirts and plushies available this year!

Expanded Pick-up Options – Do you live outside of Boise? Can't make it to the store during office hours? Check the store website regularly for updates on free pick-up options. You can pick up at a Council-run event, or during a Service Unit Meeting if Council staff is present. We only offer options where there is demand, so let your Membership Managers know if you are interested - and keep an eye out for even more expanded options coming in the future!

[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 May 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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