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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

Camp Lost and Found



What a great Camp Season we had, full of friendship and great adventures! If your camper left items at camp, Lost and Found will be at the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council office **through September 30th**. All unclaimed items after this date will be donated.

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

Another Year of Fun Awaits - Renew Today!



Are you ready for more adventures, friendship, and personal growth? The 2024-2025 Girl Scout season is here!

Think about all you have accomplished throughout your Girl Scout journey - you've expanded your comfort zone, found a safe space to be yourself, participated in volunteer work to better your community, and surrounded yourself with supportive friends.

There's still so much more to explore with your Girl Scout crew. Sign up for another year **today** and keep all the goodness going!

For more information, or if you need help getting renewed, please reach out to Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org or call 208-377-2011.

Renew Today

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. Reach out at any time if you have questions about Highest Award standards or reporting requirements.

Girl Scout Halloween Bash - Save the Date!



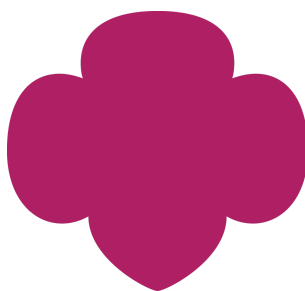
The Annual Girl Scout Halloween Bash is BACK! Save the date to join us at the Girl Scout Leadership Center in Boise on **Thursday, October 24th** for Girl Scout Halloween fun! Keep your eye out for upcoming communication about activities, costumes, trunk or treat, and so much more! We hope to see you there!

Super Saturday is Coming!



Super Saturday is around the corner! 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 is open on MyGS 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. 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.**)

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Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

September

September 2 – **Leadership Center and Retail Store closed in observance of Labor Day**

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

September 7 – [Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology Patch Experience](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c**)

September 7 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Lucky Peak Drop In](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

September 7 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Bat Night](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

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

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

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

September 15 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Stargazing](#) (Boise - **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 Running Festival](#) (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**

October

October 3 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

October 10 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

October 11 – [Girl Scout Hangout at Friendship Square](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

October 12 – [CBH Homes The House That She Built](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

October 12 – [STEM Exploration Day](#) (Idaho Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

October 17 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

November

November 2 – [Super Saturday](#) (Idaho Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

November 2 – **Idaho Veterans Parade** (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

November 7 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

November 11 – **Leadership Center and Retail Store closed in observance of Veterans Day**

November 16 – [Super Saturday](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)

November 25-27 – [Camp Echo Fall Break Camp](#) (Boise - **d, b, j**)

November 25 – [Cadette aMAZE! Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - **c, v**)

November 26 – [Senior/Ambassador Journey and Gold Award Planning Workshop](#) (Boise - **s, a, v**)

November 28-29 – **Leadership Center and Retail Store closed for Thanksgiving holiday**

Entrepreneurship Program

Embrace Possibility - Important Fall Product Dates



Mark your calendars for the upcoming Fall Product dates:

Available Now - 2024 Fall Product Volunteer Training

Recording [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

Encourage Your Girl to Embrace Possibility!



Our 2024 Fall Product Program officially kicks off on **September 10!**

This is an easy way for your Troop to earn money before the start of the new year while practicing entrepreneurship skills. There is no guessing about inventory, and there are no booths to coordinate. Each product sold earns your Troop between \$1.00 and \$3.15. Your Troop Fall Product Manager will distribute materials and information about

the program.

Caregivers will receive a registration email **on September 10**, with a link and information on how to get started. Be sure your girl's annual Girl Scout membership is renewed for 2025 so she is eligible to participate! Renew membership [here](#).

For questions, contact Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011** or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

Fall Product Important Information

There are some exciting updates to the Fall Product Program this year, including additional rewards levels, a new customized patch, new BarkBox options, and the **new** Vanilla Honey Roasted Pecans! Details, materials, and resources are available [here](#) on our Fall Product Program page.



As we begin the new Girl Scout year, please remember 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

2024 Summer Fun Challenge - Last Chance!



Time is running out on the **2024 Summer Fun Challenge!** Complete 50 of the 100 activities on the challenge page with your friends and family and receive a **free** Summer Fun Challenge patch! Girl Scouts, adults, and non-Girl Scouts may participate. Be sure to return your completed challenge sheet by **September 30th!**

Summer Fun Patch

Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Sept 7th and 14th



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is thrilled to partner with Lucky Peak State Park on **September 7th and 14th** for another great year of Girl Scouts Love State Parks! Come explore all that Lucky Peak has to offer - backpacking, geocaching, Bat Night, Stargazing Night, and more! All Girl Scouts will receive the Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch for attending at least one of the sessions. See the [myGS calendar of events](#) for details!

All programming is **free** with the exception of the motor vehicle entrance fee of \$7. (This fee is waived if you have a valid Idaho State Parks Passport properly displayed on your vehicle.) We kindly ask that you RSVP in advance so we can have enough stations and materials on site.

If you would like to additionally support the park, please consider bringing a new or lightly used book for donation into our lending library that will be added to the Discovery Unit in 2025.

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



Hey there, Girl Scouts! You are invited to Back To Troop - Girls Night Out as our Boise and Pocatello offices become Party Central!

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. **Girl Scout membership is required.**

[Boise Girls Night Out - September 6.](#)

[Pocatello Girls Night Out - September 13.](#)

Evening Option (5pm – 10pm 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 (5pm Friday – 11am 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.)

We can't wait to see you there! For more information, reach out to Customer Care at **(208) 377-2011**, or 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!

Sign Up Today

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

Girl Scout Hangout at Friendship Square - Oct 11



Join our Program Team at Friendship Square on **October 11** for Girl Scout Hangout! Drop in any time from 1pm - 6pm for board games, apple cider, guided hikes, small crafts, and more! \$5 per participant.

Cadettes - Ambassadors are allowed to be dropped off. Daisy - Junior girls must have at least one designated adult with them.

Register Today

CBH Homes - The House That She Built



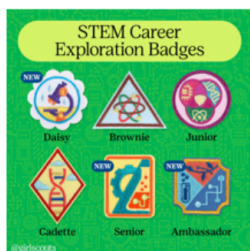
Treasure Valley

The popular CBH Homes "The House That She Built" STEM Experience is returning to the Treasure Valley on **October 12th!** Location to be announced.

CBH homes, our featured Treasure Valley STEM partner, is bringing an exciting experience to girls including a tour of a community build site, participation in a mini construction project, swag, and more! All girls participating will receive a The House That She Built fun patch. Come join the fun!

Register Today

Stem Career Exploration - October 12



Girl Scouts of all ages and their friends are invited to a day of **free** STEM fun and career exploration at the Idaho Falls Convention Center on **October 12**.

Visit booths hosted by local STEM organizations with fun, interactive activities and demonstrations. Girls will earn their STEM Career Exploration badge for attending.

Register Today

Council Highlights

2024 Cookie Bosses



Congratulations to Rosalie C. from Troop 37, Taeloni L. from Troop 850, and Isabelle Sherman from Troop 620 - our highest achievers in our Council's Girl Scout Cookie Program!

These three entrepreneurs participated in an exclusive Cookie Boss Experience Day with our CEO, members of our staff, and our Council's Board of Directors where they shared ideas & strategies, went behind-the-scenes at First Interstate Bank, and enjoyed pizza with the team. Well done, ladies!

Five-Star Troop Award - by Susan Kurdy



Has your Troop registered or renewed girls? Did you meet the Early Bird deadline? Do your girls and adults know the Girl Scout Promise and Law? Have you completed any outdoor education? Participated in any ceremonies? Planned or participated in any events? Sold Cookies?

With each item you have completed, your Troop earns points toward the Five Star Troop Award. All you need to do is keep track throughout the year on everything your Troop has done, then add up the points before the end of the Girl Scout year (September 30). If your Troop has earned enough points, submit your form to your Service Unit Manager. Once approved for the award, the Troop can purchase the patch and/or year patch additions. Your Troop can earn this award every year!

You will find all the details on the [Earning the FIVE STAR TROOP Award 2024](#) form.

Tax-Free Tuition: Here's How It's Done

As the school year approaches, it's the perfect time to think ahead about educational costs. 529 plans offer great tax benefits and are a fantastic way to save for college or even K-12



tuition. Your money grows tax-free and comes out tax-free for qualified expenses so you can focus on learning, not finances.

Starting a 529 plan now can lighten the financial load of future school years and give your savings a boost. With a range of plans available, you can pick one that suits your needs and goals.

Discover everything you need to know about 529 plans with this [free online course](#) in Horizon's Financial Training Ground. The [Financial Training Ground](#) is packed with resources that can help you strengthen your financial future. Get ahead of the class! Click the link to start learning today.

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Retail Store

September 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:

September 2 – Closed in observance of Labor Day

September 6 – Store open at Treasure Valley Back to Troop - Girls Night Out, 5pm – 8pm
(times subject to change)

September 13 – Mobile Store at Eastern Idaho Back to Troop - Girls Night Out, 5pm – 8pm
(times subject to change)

September 14 – Second Saturday, store open 9am – 1pm

September 27 - October 3 – Store closed online and in-person for inventory

News, Updates, and Announcements

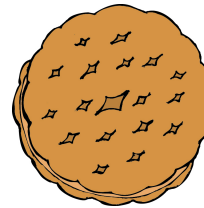
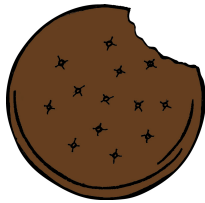


The Silver Sage Retail Store will be closed from **September 27 - October 3** for annual inventory. We cannot make any sales during this time, but we can take payments for memberships and programming as we wrap up the membership year! The retail store doors will be locked, but please ring the doorbell and a staff member will come to assist you and/or collect your payments. Thank you for your

understanding!

Program Credit expiration dates are here! **Tan 2022 credits expire September 13 and Orange Credits expire September 16.** These credits must be IN HAND at the Leadership Center in Boise by the end of the day of expiry to be valid. Please reach out to the store if arrangements need to be made. Expired Program Credits **cannot** be accepted after the deadline without prior approval.

Thank you for a wonderful summer! Troops that are getting back to business and bridging into the new year, let us help you! Bridging kits are available for sale with everything your bridging girl needs. We also have bridges available to borrow for your ceremony! Call the store at **(208) 810-7231** for more information.

[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 September 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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