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

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Council Highlights

A Message From Dr. Angela Hemingway



Gearing Up for Another Girl Scout Year!

As backpacks come out of closets and pencils get sharpened, there's a special kind of excitement in the air—back-to-school season is here, and that means it's time to reunite with your Girl Scout troop! Whether your girl is ready to earn new badges, explore the outdoors, or take on a leadership role, MY26 is packed with unforgettable adventures.

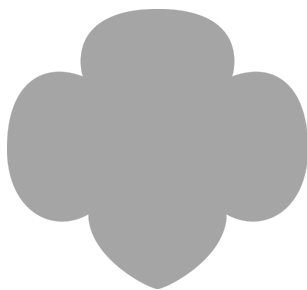
Make sure you're renewed so you don't miss a single moment of the magic. From cookie season to campouts, the best is yet to come!

Here's another opportunity: summer friendships can blossom into lifelong sisterhoods. If your girl made new friends over the break, invite them to join the fun this fall. Girl Scouts is even better when shared!

Ready to jump into the excitement and all our activities? Be sure to renew today and invite a friend to join us!!

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the year at troop meetings, events, and of course, during cookie season. Let's make this year the most inspiring one yet—together, we're building girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Monthly Volunteer "Let's Talk" Series - Save The Date!

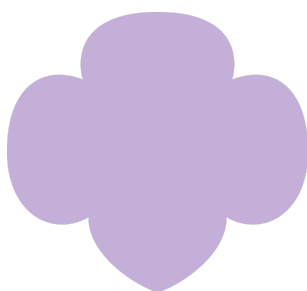


Join fellow volunteers and Council Executive staff on the second Wednesday of each month, 6:00-7:00pm September through May, during our monthly "Let's Talk" virtual conversations.

Each month we will discuss cover a different topic related to important need-to-know information and updates. We will also provide sufficient time to answer your questions and get your feedback. September we'll review essential 2025-2026 volunteer and Troop policy and procedure updates, new national program launches, and preview upcoming programming, events, and trainings.

Registration coming soon!

On Time Troop Renewals! Is Your Troop Ready To Return?



Is your troop ready to return this Fall? Are your girls renewed? What about your Troop Leaders and Volunteers??

Did you know that your troop can welcome back active volunteers with troop funds? Say thank you to your leaders and volunteers by renewing their memberships to keep the fun going!

Questions? Call us at 208-377-2011 for help!

Renew Today!

Upcoming Events & Programs

August

August 1 – [Spa Day](#) (Idaho Falls - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a)

August 1 - 3 – [GLAMP](#) (McCall- Adults)

August 2 – [Field Day Games](#) (Rexburg - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a)

August 4 - 8 – [Outdoor Art - Camp Echo](#) (Boise - d, b, j)

August 8 - 10 – [GLAMP](#) (McCall- Adults)

August 12 – [Fairies & Wild Things](#) (Idaho Falls - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a)

August 12 – [Space Science](#) (Pocatello - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a)

September

September 12 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Three Island Crossing Campfire](#) (Glens Ferry - d, b, j, c, s, a)

September 13 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Three Island Crossing](#) (Glens Ferry - d, b, j, c, s, a)

September 18 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

September 20 – [St. Luke's Fit One Running Festival](#) (Boise - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

September 20 – [Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology Experience](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

September 25 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October

October 2 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 3 - 5 – [Septoberfest 2025](#) (McCall - v)

October 4 – [The House That She Built With CBH Homes \(STD\)](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

October 9 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 10 – [Back To Troop Night at ARTitorium on Broadway](#) (Idaho Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

October 10 – [Back To Troop Night at The Children's Museum](#) (Meridian - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

October 11 - 12 – [Priest Ranch Beginning Backpack Trip with EmpowHER Outdoors](#)

(Murphy - j, c, s, a, v)

October 15 – [Navigating New Pathways to Bronze, Silver, and Gold](#) (ZOOM- v)

October 16 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 18 – [Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In](#) (Magic Valley - j, c, s, a, v)

October 23 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 25 – [Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In](#) (Magic Valley - j, c, s, a, v)

October 30 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

Camp

Thank You!



Thank you for a wonderful Camp season! We will have more information about the 2026 season coming soon, with programming, camp fun, and more all summer long.

See you soon!

Entrepreneurship Program

The 2025 Fall Product Program: Brave. Fierce. Fun!



The 2025 Fall Product Program is right around the corner. In addition to fun and incentives, this program is an excellent way for girls to practice skills for the Cookie Program and earn money in the Fall. The best part? It's EASY! Girls can sell online or in-person. And the Troops benefit with between \$1.00 and \$3.00 of proceeds per item.

If you are planning to be the Troop or Service Unit volunteer for the Fall Product Program, here are the agreements to complete:

- [SUFPM](#)
- [TFPM](#)

And some important dates:

- Early August: SUFPMs receive printed materials & distribute to Troops
- 8/18: Fall Product Volunteer Training
- Late August: TFPMs meet with girls & parents, distribute printed materials
- 8/25: [Fall Product Kickoff for Girls & Families](#)
- 9/3: Volunteers Access Fall Product Online Portal (M2OS)
- By 9/8: Volunteers Set up Email Blast
- 9/9: Fall Product Program begins

The Exciting New Items for the Fall Product Program!

B Cherry Almond Clusters \$9

Roasted almonds and dried cherries covered in caramel and milk chocolate. 6oz. Box



G Nut & Caramel Trail Mix \$9

Peanuts, whole cashews, caramel mini cups and cocoa gems. 9oz. PopTop Can



Snacks – There are two brand new items this year! Introducing Cherry Almond Clusters and Nut & Caramel Mix! Available for both online and girl-delivered orders. There are also two new tins this year; the Making

Friends Tin for the Mint Treasures, this is the first in the book series, and the new Holiday Tin featuring polar bears for the online exclusives chocolate covered pretzels and deluxe caramel clusters.



Candles – A whole new line-up of 16oz, double wick, candles that have an 80 hour burn time have also been added to the Fall Product Program!

Bark Boxes – There are THREE new BARK® Boxes each featuring the exclusive Berry Trios™ Treats, one or two Pup Patches, and a Girl Scout themed toy. Both boxes from last year with the S'mores stick will be available while supplies last.

Tumblers – There will be additional Tervis® Tumbler designs.

Personal Stationery – New designs and items have been added

Announcing Cookie Bites!



New for the 2026 Cookie Program are Cookie Bite Episodes on the Product Program YouTube Channel.

These bite-sized bits of information are for everyone, parents, girls, and volunteers! They are 15-20 minutes long and cover a variety of topics from what girls learn by participating in the Fall Product and Cookie Programs, to how girls can find customers, best practices for Cookie Booths, where to find resources, and more! Each episode builds on the one before and it's recommended you watch them in order; however, each topic can stand alone.

Cookie Bites will be available [here](#), and we will upload new episodes every Monday from August 4 through November 17

New Cookie Announcement Incoming!



In 2025, Toast-Yay! was discontinued. For the 2026 Cookie Program, we'll have a brand new Cookie to introduce to the world. The big announcement is scheduled for September 9, 2025. We can't wait to see what's in store! Please keep an eye on this newsletter and elsewhere for details on opportunities to learn more and/or taste it!

Programs and Events

It's Summer Reading Season!



All Girl Scout members are invited to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge, which launched July 1! We're celebrating the power of stories, imagination, and girl-powered literacy—because Girl Scouts who read succeed.

 Here's how it works:

Explore the Book Scavenger Hunt List for fun reading prompts

Read and log 20 books by September 30, 2025

Earn your exclusive Bookie Patch this winter!

 **Bonus:** Submit your own patch artwork for a chance to be featured on the official design! The final patch design will be selected this fall and mailed to all participants.

Get ready to read, imagine, and achieve—because every chapter brings you closer to your next great adventure! Check out the requirements below!

Let's Get Reading!

New Leadership Awards Coming Soon!



GSUSA is rolling out new and modernized Leadership Awards for Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors, designed to better reflect the many ways Girl Scouts lead themselves, their peers, and their communities.

As part of this update, pre-requisites for the Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) are expanding. Girl Scouts will now be able to use either a Leadership Award or a Journey to meet the pre-requisite — giving members more flexibility and choice. This option will be available through September 30, 2026.

The Silver Sage Program Team is currently working with GSUSA to finalize details. We'll be sharing an FAQ, helpful resources, and hosting Leadership Award Update & Q&A sessions in the coming months to help volunteers, caregivers, and girls navigate these changes.

Stay tuned — and as always, feel free to reach out with any questions!

Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Limited Spots Available!



Join us on September 13 for Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Three Island Crossing State Park. RSVP now, as no additional spots will be added.

We will offer guided hikes, ranger talks and behind the scenes tours of the park and visitor center and more. Girls will earn the

2025 Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch and Trail Adventure badge for their level.

Register Here!

Fall Outdoor Adventures with EmpowHer Outdoors!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is proud to welcome EmpowHer Outdoors as our newest outdoor programming partner! This fall, all Girl Scout levels are invited to get outside, build new skills, and grow their confidence through a series of fun, hands-on workshops led by outdoor expert Kristina.

Camping 101 – September 27 (Boise, all girl levels)

Perfect for beginners! Learn how to set up camp, cook outdoors, and enjoy the basics of outdoor living.

🚶 Intro to Backpacking Trip (Priest Lake, Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors) – October 11–12

Join Kristina for a beginner-friendly overnight backpacking adventure — gear and meals provided! Adult chaperone is required.

👉 [Meet your guide and learn more](#)

🔥 Outdoor Survival & Basic First Aid Workshop – November 22 (Boise, all girl levels)

Practice essential survival techniques and basic first aid in a safe, supportive environment.

Whether you're brand new to the outdoors or looking to level up your skills, EmpowHer Outdoors offers something for everyone. Let's make this fall unforgettable!

Retail

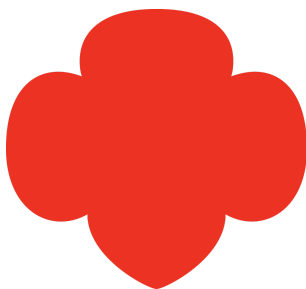
August Retail Store Hours

For **AUGUST** the summer store hours will be as follows:

Store Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am - 7pm



Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed*

Needs that fall outside of those hours can be addressed by appointment by contacting store@girlscouts-ssc.org

*Store is open the second Saturday of each month from 9am - 1pm

Special Store Hours / Events:

August 9th – OPEN for Second Saturday, 9am – 1pm

We're Always Open Online!

Membership

Summer Safety Reminder



With summer quickly coming to an end, and the weather getting cooler, it is the last chance for campouts and outdoor adventures before fall and school season starts up again.

Please be mindful to follow all requirements in the [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#). You will also need to submit all necessary forms for Troop activities and Service Unit events, check out the [Form and Documents Page](#) on our website for the correct forms.

Have a great time and please be safe!

Early Bird Incentive Winners

Congratulations to those Troops who welcomed back 100% of their troop Girls and Adults for 2026!! Available dates for CAP overnights will be announced soon, Troops can start redeeming their overnights at CAP, ECHO and TAM in Oct. 1, 2025 through Sept 30, 2026.



Fund Development

Boise Open Tickets Are On Sale



Saturday and Sunday tickets are still available for the Albertsons Boise Open, **August 14 - 17, 2025!** Tickets include admission to the golf tournament and a star-studded lineup of after golf concerts. Girl Scouts of Silver Sage will receive **100% of ticket sale proceeds** using our link below. It's a win-win and a great, fun way to support our Council!

Buy your Tickets Now!

Community Partners and Events

Is Home Buying Right for You?



Buying a home is a big decision, and it's important to know if you're ready. Start by asking yourself if you can afford the down payment, monthly mortgage and other costs like property taxes and insurance.

Homeownership can offer stability and help you build equity.

However, it's not for everyone. Renting may be a better option if you need flexibility or aren't ready for the long-term commitment. Take time to review your budget, check your credit score and explore loan options. Talking to a home loan specialist can also help you understand what you can comfortably afford. If you want to learn more about buying a

home, visit Horizon's [Financial Training Ground](#). We offer helpful tools and resources to guide you through the process and make confident choices.

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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

***Please see the [Retail](#) section in this newsletter for August 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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(208) 377-2011



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Contact us for more information.

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