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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



The World's Premier Entrepreneurship Program

As we enter December, our focus turns to one of the most exciting and transformative experiences we offer: the Girl Scout Cookie Program! This unique Girl Scout program is undoubtedly one of the premier youth entrepreneurial programs in the world, designed to build the next generation of confident, financially savvy leaders.

The Power of a Cookie

We recognize that the skills girls gain through this program are invaluable. Every decision a Girl Scout makes — from managing her inventory to pitching a new customer — is a hands-on masterclass in business. She experiences:

- Goal Setting & Time Management: Defining success and creating a plan to achieve it.
- Digital & Financial Literacy: Mastering budgeting, money management, and online sales techniques.
- Communication & Business Ethics: Learning crucial interpersonal skills that last a lifetime.

Many women leaders, from CEOs to successful innovators, attribute their first breakthrough success, their college admissions, and even the launch of their careers to the skills forged through this very program. This is her first chance to run her own business!

Your Role in Making Magic Happen

To our incredible adult volunteers: Your dedication is the engine of this program. We know this takes time, and we want you to know that the GSSSC team is here to support you every step of the way. We need your help to unlock this experience for every girl:

- Volunteers: Please attend your nearest Cookie Training session to get all the tools you need for success.
- Girls: Get ready for the energy and excitement of their local Cookie Rally!
- Families: Join us for our special [Cookies 101 Zoom call](#) on 12/18 to give you all the information needed to have the best Cookie Program ever!

Let's commit to making this the year that every girl discovers her inner entrepreneur. We look forward to seeing the magic you and your girls will create!!

Office Hours Updates for Christmas Holiday



The Girl Scout Leadership Centers and Silver Sage Store will be closed December 19th - January 4th for the end of year holidays. We will see you in 2026!

Magic: The Girl Scout Way Winter Break Camp Registration Open!



Get your girl and bundle up for a frosty adventure at Camp Alice Pittenger! This winter camp blends the magic of the season with the spirit of Girl Scouting and family. Girl Scouts and their adult guest will work toward earning their Girl Scout Way badge through hands-on traditions, songs, and service, while also diving into a world of science and magic, where experiments sparkle and imagination comes to life.

Outdoors, the adventure continues with classic winter fun: strap on snowshoes to explore snowy trails, team up to create incredible snow sculptures, and discover the beauty of camp under a blanket of snow. Indoors, warm up with creative crafts, games, and cozy campfires that celebrate the wonder of winter.

Join us for a weekend filled with friendship, learning, laughter, and the magic of Girl Scouting winter style!

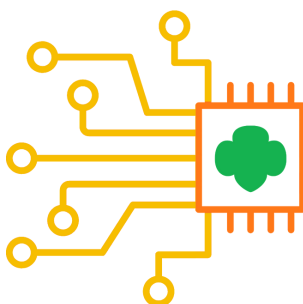
All girls require an adult to attend with them. All adults attending must be registered, background checked volunteers.

Participants will be assigned to cabins based on gender. Female participants will be housed together and male participants will be housed separately.

Private Cabins can be requested at registration for an additional fee.

Register Here!

Meet "Girls EmPOWERing the Future"!



Explore. Build. Lead in STEM.

Sponsored by Micron

 **How to Join:** Fill out the registration form linked below!

 **Who:** Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors (Grades 6–12)

must be a registered Girl Scout, scholarships are available.

 **When:** October 2025 – July 2026, followed by a cohort

celebration in September

 **Pace:** Self-paced with support from the Silver Sage team every step of the way!

Why Join?

-  Complete “*Chip Chip Hooray*”, an exciting STEM journey just for Girl Scouts!
-  Earn 3+ STEM badges in coding, robotics, gaming, and engineering (Badges are provided FREE upon completion)
-  Receive a FREE STEM kit when you finish the course
-  Participate individually, with your Troop, or through Council-led programs
-  Get priority registration for exclusive Cadette, Senior and Ambassador STEM summer camps (including a Micron tour!). Travel stipends are available.

Register Here!

Upcoming Events & Programs

December

- December 4 – [Idaho Falls Cookie Training 2026](#) (Idaho Falls - v)
- December 5 – [Pocatello Cookie Training 2026](#) (Pocatello - v)
- December 6 – [Magic Valley Cookie Training 2026](#) (Twin Falls - v)
- December 6 – [Mountain Home Cookie Training 2026](#) (Mountain Home - v)
- December 8 – [Boise Area Cookie Training 2026](#) (Boise - v)
- December 9 – [Gold Award Training](#) (ZOOM - v)
- December 10 – [Canyon County Cookie Training 2026](#) (Nampa- v)
- December 11 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- December 15 – [Q&A for Service Unit Cookie Managers](#) (ZOOM - v)
- December 17 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)
- December 18 – [Cookies 101 for Families](#) (ZOOM - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- December 29 - 31 – [Camp Echo - Frosted Trails and Fairy Tales Winter Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c)

January

- January 2 – [Camp Echo - Frosted Trails and Fairy Tales Winter Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c)
- January 2 – [Pocatello Cookie Rally](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 3 – [Canyon County Cookie Rally](#) (Nampa - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 3 – [Idaho Falls Cookie Rally](#) (Idaho Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 3 – [NW Boise Cookie Rally](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 4 – [Mountain Home Cookie Rally](#) (Mountain Home - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 8 – [Kuna Cookie Rally](#) (Kuna - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 9 – [Malad Cookie Rally](#) (Malad - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 9 – [Me & My Pal Rock Climbing](#) (Twin Falls - b, j, c, s, a)

January 9 – [N. Meridian/Eagle Cookie Rally](#) (Eagle - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 10 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification](#) (Boise - v)

January 10 – [Boise North End Cookie Rally](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

January 14 – [Let's Talk Series: Save The Date](#) (ZOOM - v)

January 15 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- v)

January 16 - 19 – [Camp Alice Pittenger - Me & My Pal Winter Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 24 – [Save The Date - Family STEM Day Experience](#) (SE Idaho - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

January 28 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)

January 29 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- v)

January 31 – [Save The Date - Family STEM Day Experience](#) (Treasure Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February

February 5 – [Create a Cookie Sign](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 7 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (SE Idaho - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 7 – [Create a Cookie Sign](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 7 – [Save The Date - Adult 403 Leader Training](#) (Treasure Valley - v)

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

February 14 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (Treasure Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 14 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (Magic Valley - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

February 25 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)

February 26 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- v)

Camp

Camp Dreams are Heading Your Way!



Keep an eye on your mailbox—our 2026 Girl Scout Summer Camp brochure is on its way soon, featuring this year's exciting theme: ✨ Ignite Your Spark! ✨

Inside, you'll find:

- Session dates and badge based programming adventures
- Program highlights for every grade level
- Info on camperships and how to apply
- Details on transportation options from several communities

Talk with your Girl Scout, circle her favorite sessions, and get ready to register as soon as camp opens—spots fill quickly!

Get ready to ignite curiosity, courage, and creativity all summer long. Watch your mail, start planning, and get excited for a season full of adventure, new friends, and campfire magic.

Girl Scout 403: Outdoor Training Adventure!



Ready to level up your outdoor skills? Planning a Troop campout? Join us for Girl Scout 403 Outdoor Training — where leaders learn hands-on camping, cooking, and safety skills to bring the magic of the outdoors to their troops. This course is required to be completed by at least one adult in your group prior to taking a Troop camping trip.

Empower yourself. Inspire girls. Lead with confidence in the wild!

Save the Date!

- 2/7 - Treasure Valley
- 4/11 - Treasure Valley
- 4/25 - Magic Valley
- 5/16 - Pocatello

Entrepreneurship Program

The 2026 Cookie Program: Brave. Fierce. Fun!



The 5 Skills: Shaping
Your Girl's Future

GOAL SETTING
DECISION MAKING
MONEY MANAGEMENT
PEOPLE SKILLS
BUSINESS ETHICS

It's time to prepare for the 2026 Cookie Program! This is one of the pillars of the Girl Scout Program, where Girl Scouts learn 5 critical entrepreneurial skills. Every girl deserves the opportunity to try the Girl Scout Cookie Program. The skills she learns will benefit her for a lifetime!

Important Cookie Dates & Events



In-Person Volunteer Training Sessions Led by Council Staff are right around the corner. Please register soon so we can plan supplies, materials, and refreshments.

There are all kinds of fun things available to win at each session, including a mini heat press and some great cookie swag. And speaking of cookie swag, there will be opportunities to see and order lots of new goodies.

We can't wait to see you at one of these Brave. Fierce. Fun! Sessions:

- Dec. 4 [Idaho Falls](#)
- Dec. 5 [Pocatello](#)
- Dec. 6 [Twin Falls](#)
- Dec. 6 [Mountain Home](#)
- Dec. 8 [Boise](#)
- Dec. 10 [Canyon County \(Nampa\)](#)

December 18: [Cookies for Families Zoom Event](#)

December 22: Receive Digital Cookie email to set up your girl's cookie store.

January 2-9: [Cookie Rallies](#)

January 9: Cookie Program Begins

February 20: Cookie Booths Begin

March 15: Final Day of Cookie Program

Announcing *Cookie Bites*!

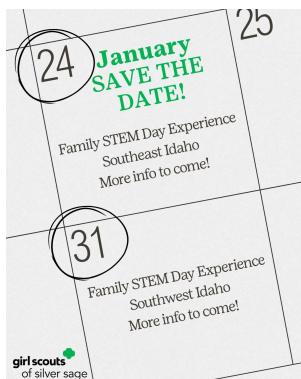


A brand new resource for volunteers & families called “Cookie Bites” debuted in August. Information about the Entrepreneurship Programs (Fall Product Program & Girl Scout Cookie Programs) is broken into bite-sized chunks. Materials are appropriate for all audiences: volunteers, families, and girls. These 15-20 minute episodes provide an excellent foundation for each Girl Scout to have a successful cookie season.

Cookie Bites Videos

Programs and Events

SAVE THE DATE FOR STEM DAYS



Mark your calendars for Family STEM Day Experience! January 24 in Southeast Idaho and January 30 in Southwest Idaho. More info come!

2025 Program and Resource Highlights



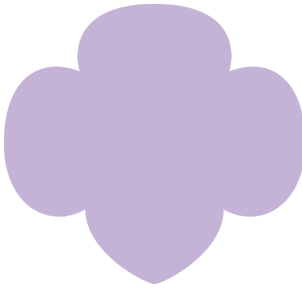
New and updated fun Girl Scout activities, badges, patches, and more!

There are tons of exciting, new ways for Girl Scouts of all ages to explore, whether online or unplugged! Our programs center around helping girls discover their passions, learn new skills, engage in their communities,

and improve their world. Check out a selection of our latest and most popular programs and resources, which often come with FREE activity guide downloads to make Girl Scouts fun and accessible for everyone.

Check It Out!

Destinations



2026 and 2027 Girl Scout Destination programs for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors are now open! Silver Sage Council travel scholarships are available to help make your adventure possible.

Find Your Next Adventure!

Retail

December Retail Store Hours



The store hours will be as follows:

Store Hours:

Monday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 5pm

Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 7pm

Friday - Sunday: Closed*

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

Special Store Hours / Events:

December 13th: OPEN 9am - 1pm

December 18th: ADJUSTED HOURS 9am - 5pm

December 19th - January 4th: CLOSED for the holidays!

We're Always Open Online!

Membership

Get Your Girl Scout Uniform!



As we kick off a new Girl Scout year, it's important to ensure that every girl is prepared to represent her Girl Scout experience proudly. According to GSUSA policy, when girls are representing Girl Scouts, whether at troop events, community outings, or cookie booths, they are expected to be in full uniform. This means more than just the insignia tab; girls should be wearing a tunic, a vest, or sash with the required council identification pieces.

Why Full Uniforms Matter:

- **Sense of Belonging:** Uniforms help girls feel like they're part of something bigger than their troop, fostering confidence and unity.
- **Recognition of Achievement:** Badges and awards proudly displayed show what girls have accomplished and learned through Girl Scouts
- **Public Representation:** Especially during cookie season and community events, the

uniform clearly identifies a girl as a Girl Scout and an ambassador of our values.

Visit our Girl Scout store in Boise, call us at (208) 377-2011, or email us at store@girlscouts-ssc.org for more information.

We're Always Open Online!

Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout – Join Our Alumni Network!



Reconnect, give back, and celebrate your Girl Scout journey! We're building our alumni network and want you to be part of it. Join fellow alumnae for meetups, networking events, and fun celebrations. All Girl Scout alumni living in the Silver Sage jurisdiction are encouraged to join. Meetups and events begin in January.

Join the Network Here!

Community Partners and Events

How to Save on Holiday Spending



The holidays are full of excitement, but they also put extra pressure on your budget. A little planning now can help you stay on track without missing the fun. Start by setting a total spending limit and breaking it into categories like gifts, travel and celebrations. From there, make a list, check it twice and stick to it.

Look for simple ways to cut costs: use rewards points, shop sales and set price limits for gift exchanges. If your list feels too long, adjust it early so you can focus on the celebrations that matter most without stretching your wallet.

If budgeting feels like a challenge, check to see if your bank or credit union offers [free budgeting tools](#) in their mobile app. These tools make budgeting simple, and the holidays are a great time to get familiar with them.

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Horizon Credit Union



Silver Sage Office and Retail Store Hours

Customer Care & Boise Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 4pm

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 this months 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



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Contact us for more information.

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