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February 1, 2025

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

Council Updates

Camp Registration Opens Feb 3



Summer Camp Registration opens Monday, February 3rd at 8:00am!

We are so excited about the 2025 Summer Camp Season! All three camps are gearing up for tons of summer fun.

Camp Echo day camp in Boise has camps for animal lovers, explorers, detectives, gardeners, performers, scientists, and artists. **New this year! We will be offering camp sessions for grades 6-8!**

Camp Alice Pittenger overnight camp in McCall is ready for fun with Mad Scientist, Journeys, Phifanella's Adventures, Detective Challenges, horseback riding, swimming, canoeing, paddleboarding, Cadette challenge sessions, and leadership training weeks. Family Sessions include extended Me & My Gal and Troop week, 4th of July Family Camp, Me & My

Guy, Me & My Gal, and Troop weekends. *Exciting news: bussing will be available to Camp Alice Pittenger for one session this summer!*

Camp TAM is ready for an exciting summer of art, magic, horses and high adventure. Bring the whole family for Troop & Family Camp.

Click below to check out the detailed PDF camp brochure!

2025 Summer Camps

Wildfire Support for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles



If your girl or your troop would like to help our sister Girl Scouts who have been devastated by the recent fires in California, check our “Resource Support for our Sister Councils” page on our website.

You can help by sending letters/cards or collecting uniform materials.

Help Our Fellow Girl Scouts

Top Cookie Returns February 26th!



Top Cookie ~ The Sweetest Event of the Year!

Tickets are on sale now for the 4th annual Top Cookie dessert competition! Local chefs vie for the title while you sip, sample and satisfy your sweet tooth! Enjoy your favorite Girl Scout Cookie flavors reimagined as dreamy new confections, and cast

your vote for “People’s Choice.”

We are hosting this year’s event at Idaho State Museum in downtown Boise, so you can double the fun with an after-hours tour. This event will truly be a magical night at the museum!

*This event is 21+

Buy Tickets Here

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

February

- February 6 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- February 8 – [Delta Dental Smile Squad Patch Workshop](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)
- February 8 – [Candlelight Ski and Snowshoe](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 13 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- February 15 – [Winter Adventures: Guided Snowshoeing, Session 1](#) (Bogus Basin - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 16 – [Winter Adventures: Guided Snowshoeing, Session 2](#) (Bogus Basin - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 17 – **Council Office Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day**
- February 17 – [Junior & Cadette Journey In A Day](#) (Boise - j, c)
- February 17 – [Pebble Creek Scout Ski Day](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 19 – [World Thinking Day Kickoff](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 20 – [World Thinking Day Kickoff](#) (ZOOM - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 20 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- February 22 – [Boise State Engineering & Science Festival](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- February 26 – [Top Cookie](#) (Boise - v)
- February 27 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

March

- March 6 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- March 9-15 – [Girl Scout Week](#) (Everywhere - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- March 13 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- March 17-21 – [Camp Echo Amazing Engineers Spring Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j)
- March 18 – [Silver/Gold Award Workshop](#) (Boise - c, s, a)
- March 18-19 – [Engineering Excellence Older Girl Journey](#) (Boise - c, s, a)
- March 20 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- March 20-23 – [Magical Moments Camp at CAP](#) (McCall - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- March 22 – [Daisy Flower Garden/Brownie Quest Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - d, b)
- March 24 – [Agent of Change/aMAZE Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - j, c)
- March 25 – [GIRLtopia/Your Voice, Your World Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - s, a)

March 27 – [GIRLtopia/Your Voice, Your World Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - **s, a**)

March 28 – [Agent of Change/aMAZE Journey in a Day](#) (Pocatello - **j, c**)

March 29 – [Daisy Flower Garden/Brownie Quest Journey in a Day](#) (Twin Falls - **d, b**)

April

April 4-5 – [403 Troop Camping and Camping Skills Class](#) (McCall - **v**)

April 5 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) (Ketchum - **v**)

April 12 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) (Idaho Falls - **v**)

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

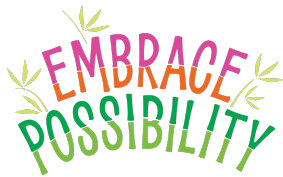
April 24 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

April 12 – [403 Troop Camping](#) (Hagerman - **v**)

April 26 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) (Pocatello - **v**)

Entrepreneurship Program

Calling All Girl Scouts!



It's not too late for your Troop or for your Girl Scout to get started in the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program! No Girl Scout should miss out on this special chance to learn and practice skills that will benefit her for a lifetime. Please reach out to a Troop leader or

Customer Care to learn more.

Important Upcoming Dates



Now - March 16 – Online sales

Now - February 20 – Goal Getter sales

Around February 14 - Cookie Delivery to Service Units Begin

Around February 17 – Cookies arrive for pickup

February 20 - Cookie Cupboards Open

February 21 - March 16 – Booth sales

Cookie Resources



When you visit our website at <https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/> and click on the word “Cookies” near the upper right corner, you’ll arrive at “Cookie Central,” a treasure trove of resources for volunteers, Troops, and girls.

If you were not able to attend your Service Unit’s Troop Cookie Training or you would like a refresher, you can watch the Council-led Troop Volunteer Cookie Training at <https://youtu.be/k-oZhEvSVpc?si=FmOJAyoVOMDciIJ3>

Our Facebook Group named “Girl Scout Cookie Parents and Volunteers - Silver Sage Council” offers up-to-the-minute updates for Families and Volunteers specifically seeking Entrepreneurship Program information. It is a private group, so once you find it using the search function, please request access then invite other Silver Sage Caregivers & Volunteers to join. For Cookie Volunteers, we update the [2025 Cookie Program Updates & FAQ](#) regularly with news, tips, and instructions.

Cookie Booth Tips and Tricks!



- Make sure you have lots of \$1 and \$5 bills to make change.
- Every booth should have a first aid kit.
- Girl Scouts should approach customers as they leave the store/business.
- If the weather is wet, you can keep cookies dry yet visible with an inexpensive clear shower curtain.
- Customers love handmade signs and learning about girls’ goals.
- Consider saving grocery bags now, so you have bags on-hand for customers who purchase lots of cookies.
- It can be cold outside, so encourage girls to dress in layers. The outer layer should always identify them as a Girl Scout.
- Remember, you and your girls are representing Girl Scouts!

Show us your Cookie Booths!

Disney World Incentive Trip



Our 2025 Product Incentive Trip is back to Disneyworld! Girls 5th-11th grade (12th graders eligible on a case by case basis) can enjoy the adventure of a lifetime with all of their Girl Scouts friends from **June 21-25, 2025!** Girls can travel as an individual girl with chaperones, or as a troop with a minimum of 3 girls. The girls will decide which Disney World parks they want to visit: Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, or Epcot.

Individual Girl Option:

- Sell a minimum of 750 packages of cookies during the 2025 cookie season
- Register and pay the deposit by March 26
- Trip cost: \$2,000 per person
- Flights from Boise, transportation in Orlando, hotels, park tickets, food, and Council chaperones are included

Is your girl interested in going? Fill out the [girl interest form](#) to stay updated!

Troop Option:

- Sell a per girl average of 750 packages of cookies for girls attending & all girls attending must participate in the cookie program
- Minimum of 3 girls from troop are eligible
- Troop is responsible to maintain ratio during the trip
- Flights from Boise, transportation in Orlando, hotels, park tickets and food are included
- Trip cost: \$2,000 per person

Is your Troop interested in going together? Fill out the [Troop interest form](#). You must have a minimum of three girls participating, and all girls going must qualify. The Troop must have enough chaperones to cover per-girl ratio.

Will you be 18 or older at the time of the trip and are interested in being a chaperone for the council-led trip? Fill out the [chaperone interest form](#).

Programs and Events

Work at Camp!



Come have a blast this summer with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage in Idaho! Join the fun at one of three camps - Camp Echo (Boise), Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall), and Camp TAM (Swan Valley).

We are hiring for these positions:

Camp Counselor at Camp Echo, Camp Alice Pittenger, Camp TAM

Health Care Director at Camp Alice Pittenger, Camp TAM

Kitchen Director at Camp Alice Pittenger, Camp TAM

Lifeguard at Camp Alice Pittenger

Unit Leader at Camp Alice Pittenger

Apply Today

Magical Moments Camp Is Coming



Magical Moments Camp: Discover the Girl Scout Way is coming this spring! Join us **March 20-23 at Camp Alice Pittenger** for unforgettable adventures where you can earn your Girl Scout Way badge and create magical memories! **Registration is open now.**

Campers will work toward earning the Girl Scout Way badge by exploring traditions, practicing leadership, and making the world a better place. Prepare to be spellbound by magical activities like wand-making, creating "potions" with everyday science, and performing your own dazzling magic tricks!

Together, we'll sing classic Girl Scout songs, organize a "wizard-inspired" service project to spread joy in our community, host a campfire talent show featuring magical performances and skits, and end the week with creating new friends from around the world!

Cost is \$275, and is open to all Girls Scouts with their adult female.

Register Today

403 Troop Camping and Camp Skills Class



Melody Krenelka, Volunteer SU55 Trainer is offering two sessions of the 403 Troop Camping and Camp Skills Class this spring! Both options are available for registered adult volunteers.

This course provides hands-on practice and discussion of many of the basics of outdoor education covered on the 402 course.

Completion of a 403 course is required by at least one adult in your group prior to taking a Troop camping trip - this is an excellent way to fulfill that requirement.

April 4-5: Single overnight stay at Camp Alice Pittenger (McCall, ID). Wheelchair accessible. Please bring sleeping bag, pillow, towel. Guests are asked to help clean space upon departure. Friday dinner (6pm), Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch are provided. All course supplies and materials are included. Cost is \$40.

April 25-26: Single overnight stay at The Rock House (Hagerman, ID). **Not** wheelchair accessible. Bed linens, towels, and departure cleaning is provided. Friday dinner (6pm), Saturday breakfast, and Saturday lunch are provided. All course supplies and materials are included. Cost is \$65.

For questions, contact Melody Krenelka at (208) 805-6859 or troop401girlscouts@gmail.com

Register Today

Smile Squad Patch Workshop – February 8



Come join us **February 8 at 10am** at Friendship Square in Boise for the Smile Squad Patch Workshop. Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is excited to partner with Delta Dental of Idaho for a fun, interactive morning of learning about the science of oral health and importance of healthy habits.

We will perform STEM activities, interview dental professionals, learn about tooth cultures from around the world, and more!

Girls will earn their Smile Squad patch at the end of the session.

More about the Smile Squad Patch Program can be found here:

<https://www.deltadentalid.com/girlscouts>

Register Today

Guided Snowshoeing at Bogus Basin



Girl Scouts are invited to Bogus Basin **February 15 and February 16** for an ecology-focused snowshoe tour. Girls will earn their Snow Adventure badge at the end of the session.

All Daisy, Brownie and Junior scouts must have an adult attend (parent or registered volunteer). Cadette, Seniors and Ambassadors may be dropped off. One Silver Sage staff member will be in attendance.

The girl fee covers the junior trail pass fee, guided tour, snowshoes, Snow Adventure badge and a snack. The adult fee covers the adult trail pass fee, guided tour, snowshoes, and a snack.

Registration closes at noon on **February 13th**. We cannot accommodate late registrations.

Register Today

Engineering and Science Festival at Boise State



Join us **Saturday, February 22 from 10am - 3pm** at Boise State's Engineering and Science Festival.

There is so much STEM fun for girls to explore a diverse range of exhibits and activities, including robotics, circuitry, virtual reality, 3D printing and more. Girls can join hands-on experiences while igniting their curiosity and interest in STEM.

Find the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage booth for a prize! Girls and adults who arrive in Girl Scout swag will receive a fun patch!

More Information

Youth Mental Health First Aid Trainings Available



Would you like to get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid?

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage offers this incredible class opportunity to any parent or volunteer working with children and adolescents. This course teaches adult participants the risk factors and warning signs of common mental health challenges. Participants learn to support a youth developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or in an emotional crisis by applying a core five-step action plan.

1-hour Online Pre-work must be completed before class starts. Details will be emailed after sign-up. Material cost is \$40 (troop funds can be used) Attendance is required throughout the 8-hour (9 am-5 pm) class session (includes 2 X 15 min breaks & 1 X 30 min BYO lunch) to receive a 3-year Certification. Sign-up via gsEvents.

30 spots available per session (**min 10 participants required**)

April 5, 2025 – Ketchum – Place TBD (**registration deadline March 28**)

April 12, 2025 – Idaho Falls – Place TBD (**registration deadline April 5**)

April 26, 2025 – Pocatello – Program Center, 4155 Yellowstone Ave, Suite 1131, Chubbuck (**registration deadline April 19**)

Register Today

Council Highlights

2025 Annual Meeting

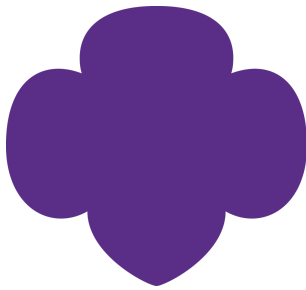
SAVE THE DATE! The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting will be held via Zoom on **Thursday, April 10, 2025, from 6:30p.m. to 8:00p.m.**

The official notice and details for registration will be sent out in early March 2025. Refer to the [2025](#) folder for reference documents. The delegate packet for the meeting will be added as



the date gets closer.

Service Unit Delegates and Alternates Needed!



Service Unit Delegates have the unique opportunity to represent their geographical area of Council, and to speak to Service Unit and Council needs. Delegates will be sworn in at the 2025 Annual Meeting. These terms last for one year, and previous delegates are able to serve multiple terms. Refer to this document to determine how many delegates and alternates are needed for your Service Unit: [GSSSC SU Delegates needed per Girls Registered MY24](#).

[GSSSC SU Delegate Form 2025](#) (online form- preferred)

[GSSSC SU Delegate Form 2025](#) (hard copy form)

Please submit your Service Unit Delegates and Alternates by *Friday, February 28, 2025*.

Contact customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org with any questions.

Glamp



August 1-3 & 8-10, 2025 : GLAMP - The ULTIMATE Ladies Weekend! Three days of fun & relaxation at CAP!

Email kallcott@girlscouts-ssc.org for more information!

World Thinking Day - by Susan Kurdy



Celebrate a day of international friendship with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world. **February 22** is designated World Thinking Day, but you don't have to wait until then to honor friends. Earn your award by exploring how you can build the confidence to know you can make a difference. This year's theme is "Our Story:

Reflecting the Symbolism and Values of Our Movement."

Save The Date!

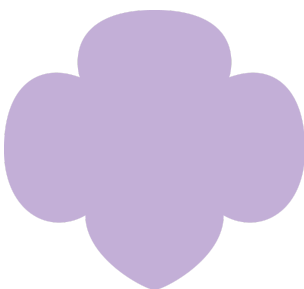


The 2025 Honoring Excellence Recognition events will be held on the following dates:

Eastern Idaho June 6th, 2025, Place TBD 6-8pm

Treasure Valley June 14th, 2025, Place TBD 4-6pm

Volunteers Needed!



We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Recognitions Committee. The Recognitions Committee oversees the process of acknowledging the contributions and achievements of individuals, teams, and organizations within Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. It ensures that recognition is fair, inclusive, and aligns with the organization's mission. Key objectives include:

- Developing recognition programs for exceptional service.
- Establishing criteria and processes for awards and honors.
- Reviewing nominations and selecting recipients.
- Promoting a culture of appreciation and motivation.

The committee plays a crucial role in fostering community engagement, boosting morale, and reinforcing Girl Scouts of Silver Sage's values. Time commitment: 10-12 hours (Jan-Jun).

[Apply Today](#)

Adult Awards and Recognitions



Volunteers are the hearts and hands of Girl Scouts, and we take pride in recognizing our members for their commitment, volunteer service, and exceptional contributions. The continued celebration of service depends on you to nominate adult Girl Scouts in your communities.

Any registered adult Girl Scout can nominate and receive Service Unit, GSSSC Council and GSUSA National awards. Thank you for the energy you bring to the Adult Recognitions Program.

Nominate your fellow troop leaders, service unit volunteers, troop parents, grandparents, caregivers, and friends TODAY! All nominations and endorsements are due **Friday, April 25, 2025**. Visit the [Adult Recognitions Webpage](#) for more information.

Nominate a Volunteer Today

The Benefits of Budgeting Together



Does the idea of talking about money with your family make you want to run and hide? You're not alone. Many families don't budget because it feels overwhelming. But budgeting together is key to achieving your family's goals.

Plus, raising kids is expensive. One estimate suggests it costs **\$17,000 per child per year!** If you think you can get by without a budget, think again.

Including the whole family when you budget creates a sense of teamwork and teaches your kids good money habits. If money stays a secret, how will they ever learn to use it wisely? So start the conversation today. Show your kids how a budget guides your decisions and set them up for success.

Want more money tips? Visit [Horizon's Financial Training Ground](#) for expert advice to help you budget smarter and build a secure future for your family.

Horizon Credit Union

Retail Store

February Retail Store Hours



Store Hours:

Mon – Wed: 9am – 5pm

Thurs: 10am – 7pm

Fri – Sun: CLOSED*

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

Special Store Hours / Events:

February 8 – Store **OPEN** for Second Saturday, 9am – 1pm

February 17 – Store **CLOSED** for President's Day

February 21 – Store **OPEN** for Cookie Cupboard - **Time TBD**

February 22 – Store **OPEN** for Cookie Cupboard - **Time TBD**

Retail News and Announcements

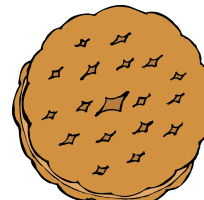
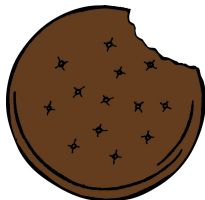


Our Mega Clearance Sale is still here! All in store clearance is BOGO Free and in store apparel clearance is \$10 or less! Non-local folks: call or email the store to get the deal!

Cookie merchandise restock is coming **SOON!** Keep an eye on the website to grab the new before it's gone!

NEW Charming Jewelry Collection

Available in store and online **NOW!** Customize your favorite new necklace, earring, or pin with charms for a look as unique as you are!



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 February 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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Contact us for more information.

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