

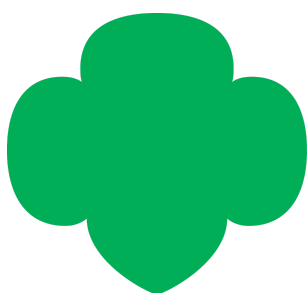
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January 2, 2025

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

Council Updates

Message From Interim CEO, Jessica Burke



Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Girl Scout movement in 2024. In the New Year, you will see the launch of enhanced member experiences and new ways to participate in Girl Scouts in 2025 and beyond as part of our three-year strategic plan. We are excited for what lies ahead!

Many of you are already planning for 2025 with your Troop. If you haven't seen it already, there are exciting resources available at [Cookie Central](#), our new hub for all things cookies as well as many [upcoming events](#) and workshops planned throughout the Council.

We want to share an important update on membership dues following the [Special 57th National Council Session](#). It was announced that national girl and adult dues (collected by GSUSA) will increase. After careful consideration, we will also maintain a Council Service Fee. As a result, girl membership fees will change to \$65 in membership year 2026 (October 1st, 2025 – September 30th, 2026). We made this decision based on several key factors to

ensure the continuation of programs and resources you expect and deserve.

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council remains committed to providing financial assistance so every girl can have a place in Girl Scouts. Making this change now will also ensure membership dues remain consistent, predictable, and stable at \$65 for girls and \$30 for adults through membership year 2027.

For additional information, please visit the Membership Fees [frequently asked questions](#) document on our website.

We are incredibly grateful for each of you, your leadership, your passion, and your dedication to Girl Scouts and look forward to continuing our work together as we head into the New Year!

Your Feedback is Needed!



As we search for a new CEO to lead our organization, we want to ensure that the next leader reflects the values, vision, and goals that are important to **you**. Your feedback is crucial in helping us identify the qualities, skills, and priorities that matter most to our community. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts by clicking below to complete this five-minute survey.

Take Survey Now

2026 Girl Scout Convention - Delegates Needed



We're excited to announce the 2026 Girl Scout Convention will take place in Washington, DC, **July 20-22, 2026**, hosted by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital Council and we are looking for delegates and alternates to represent our Council.

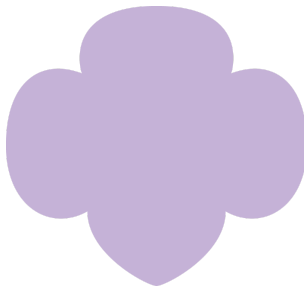
National Council Delegates serve a three-year term and will be sworn in at the Silver Sage Council Annual Meeting, April 10, 2025. Applications must be received **by January 31**. For more information visit our [National Delegate Webpage](#).

The 58th National Council Session (NCS) is the national business meeting held during the

2026 Girl Scout convention, in which delegates from every council across the nation and USA Girl Scouts Overseas meet to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement, and elect members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.

Apply Here

Senior Girl Board Members Needed for 2025-2026



Attention 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Girl Scouts! Here is your opportunity to be an advocate for all Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council will select two Senior or Ambassador Girl Scouts to serve a one-year, non-voting Board of Directors term. Candidates will participate in all Board meetings and training sessions, will be invited to serve on a Board Committee of their choice, and serve on the Teen Advisory Committee as technical officers. The time commitment required is approximately 3 hours per month.

Silver Sage Senior Girl Board [candidate application](#) and letters of reference must be received **no later than Friday, January 31**. To learn more, visit our [Governance webpage](#).

Apply Today

Top Cookie Returns!



Top Cookie returns on **February 26** at the Idaho State Museum! Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, sample unique Girl Scout Cookie desserts made by local chefs, and vote for your favorite. An esteemed panel of judges will choose the winner as chefs compete for the title of "Top Cookie." **Tickets go on sale January 8th**. All proceeds raised from this event support Girl Scout programs. This

is a 21 and over event.

Buy Tickets Here

Glamp Info



Curious about Glamp? Join us on Zoom **January 29 at 4pm** to find out what it's all about! Email kallcott@girlscouts-ssc.org to register.

Upcoming Events, Programs, & Closures

January

- January 2-3 – [Camp Echo - Adventure Seekers, Winter Break Edition](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c**)
- January 3-5 – [Camp Alice Pittenger Winter Adventure Camp](#) (McCall- **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- January 10 – **Girl Scout Cookie Program Begins** (Everywhere - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- January 18 – [Boise State Women's Basketball Game](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- January 20 – **Council Office Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
- January 20 – [MLK Day of Service](#) (Zoom - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- January 23 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)
- January 30 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)

February

- February 6 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)
- February 8 – [Delta Dental Smile Squad Patch Workshop](#) (Boise - **d, b, j, c, s, a**)
- February 13 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - **v**)
- February 15 – **Winter Adventures: Snowshoeing and STEM** (Treasure Valley - **d, b, j, c, s, a, v**)
- February 15 – **Winter Adventures: Snowshoeing and STEM** (Magic Valley - **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 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 (Magic Valley - d, b)
- March 22 – Boise State Engineering & Science Festival (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- March 24 – Agent of Change/aMAZE Journey in a Day (Magic Valley - j, c)
- March 25 – GIRLtopia/Your Voice, Your World Journey in a Day (Magic Valley - s, a)
- March 27 – GIRLtopia/Your Voice, Your World Journey in a Day (Pocatello - s, a)
- March 27-30 – Magical Moments Camp Eastern Idaho (Eastern Idaho - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- March 28 – Agent of Change/aMAZE Journey in a Day (Pocatello - j, c)
- March 29 – Daisy Flower Garden/Brownie Quest Journey in a Day (Magic Valley - d, b)

April

- April 12 – Family Field Day and Summer Kickoff (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)

Entrepreneurship Program

Important Upcoming Dates



- January 10 - March 16 – Online sales
- January 10 - January 25 – Order card sales
- By January 26 – Turn in orders to Troop
- January 26 - February 20 – Goal Getter sales
- Around February 17 – Cookies arrive for pickup
- February 21 - March 16 – Booth sales

Introducing Cookie Central!



The Girl Scout Cookie Program is almost here - we hope you can feel the excitement! We are pleased to share with you our new hub for all things cookie - [Cookie Central](#)! Bookmark it because [Cookie Central](#) is a single organized spot for all the resources you'll need throughout the Cookie Program.

Only registered Girl Scouts can sell Girl Scout Cookies. Don't let her miss out on learning skills and earning terrific rewards! You can register her at <https://mygs.girlscouts.org> or by contacting

Customer Care at (208) 377-2011 or customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org. If you need an order card, rewards card, money envelope, or printed Family Guide, please reach out to your Troop Cookie Manager or Troop Leader.

Mark Your Calendar!



Girl Scouts' caregivers will receive a welcome email from Digital Cookie on **Thursday, January 2**. That email will include a link to the girl's Digital Cookie storefront.

Between **January 2 and January 9**, she can take the time to get her storefront ready for action! She can upload a photo, a video, and a typed message about her cookie goals. She can also enter email addresses of family and friends so they'll know about the sale as soon as it opens!

Online sales and in-person sales with the order card begin on **January 10**. Remember that girls should collect money up-front when selling with the order card.

Tune In for More Info!



Do you need training or information? We have recorded and posted several videos on our [Entrepreneurship YouTube channel](#), including Troop Cookie Manager Training and Cookies 101 for Families. Be sure to check it out!

Disney World Incentive Trip



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is excited to offer the Disney World Incentive trip again **June 21-25, 2025** ! Girls in grades 5 -11 who sell at least 750 packages during the 2025 cookie season can join in on this trip. The girls will decide which Disney World parks they want to visit: Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom, or Epcot.

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

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

Girl Scouts at Boise State Women's Basketball



Boise State Women's Basketball is excited to have you come cheer on the Broncos on **January 18 at 2pm** as they face Nevada.

A special group rate of \$5 a ticket is open to all Girl Scouts, their friends, and families. These tickets are general admission in any of the orange seats in the lower level of the arena. Come cheer on the Boise State Women's Basketball team and make memories with your Girl Scout crew!

[Get Tickets Here](#)

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

Camp Registration Opens Feb 3



Camp Registration opens 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.

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

New Spring Break Camps Coming in March



Magical Moments Camp: Discover the Girl Scout Way is coming this spring! Join us **March 20-23 at Camp Alice Pittenger** and **March 27-30 in Eastern Idaho** (Location TBD) for unforgettable adventures where you can earn your Girl Scout Way badge and create magical memories! **Registration opens January 6, at 8am.**

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 Here:

[Camp Alice Pittenger, March 20-23](#)

[Eastern Idaho, March 27-30](#)

Apply for a Destination - Scholarships Available!



Destinations scholarship applications are due Friday, January 24 by 5pm.

Don't miss out on adventure! There are still spots available for [2025-2026 Destinations](#). The Destinations program provides unique, life-changing experiences ranging from domestic to international travel and themed travel experiences for older Girl Scouts. Silver Sage Council has funding available! All girls who have been accepted to a Destination are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Click below to apply.

[Apply Here](#)

We've Been ACA Re-accredited!



Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Council has great news to share - we recently received official notification of American Camp Association (ACA) accreditation for Camp Echo! In addition, Camp Alice Pittenger is ACA accredited.

ACA accreditation provides public evidence of our camps' commitment to the well-being of campers and staff. ACA's accreditation standards focus on health, safety, and risk management, and are used as benchmarks by government entities. ACA is the only national accrediting body for camps of all types.

We can't wait to see you this summer at our amazing ACA accredited camps!

Smile Squad Patch Workshop – February 8

Come join us **February 8 at 10am** 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

Council Highlights

Five Silver Sage Girls Earned Gold Awards!



The Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting. **Five (!!!)** young ladies from our Council developed long-lasting solutions for issues in their communities through planning, leadership, and action.

We applaud each of them for their hard work, and for setting such a positive example for others to follow. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and the difference they are making.

Congratulations to the following Girl Scouts for earning their Gold Awards:

Kyra C. (Boise), Troop 500 – Creature of Kindness

Savannah C. (Middleton), Troop 647 – The Journey Towards Food Pantry Awareness and Beautification

Isabelle J. (Idaho Falls), Troop 273 – Inclusivity for All

Paige P. (Meridian), Troop 521 – Undies United

Reisa V. (Meridian), Troop 529 – Tabby Treasures: Cat Donation Box

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."

Staff Spotlight



Girls who participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program learn five skills that benefit them for a lifetime. One shining example of this is our own Kim Ross. She was invited to join Girl Scouts when she was in second grade. She was shy and gained confidence by asking community members to purchase cookies. She learned Money Management, People Skills, Business Ethics, Goal Setting, and Decision Making – then put those skills to good use! In September,

Kim was named one of the **2024 Women of the Year** by the Idaho Business Review. She practices her entrepreneurship skills every day in her career, as she works to support the hundreds of volunteers who facilitate the Cookie Program for the girls in our service areas. Kim is a great mentor and loves to help girls reach their goals.

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

2025 Community Resource Guide

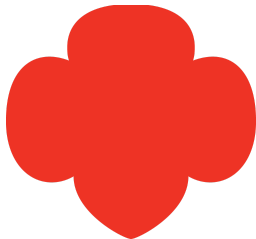


Explore our updated 2025 Community Partner Resource and Badge Connection Guide! It can be found on our website <https://www.girlscouts-ssc.org/>. This guide is meant to be a resource for your Troop and girls as you plan upcoming badgework, service opportunities and more!

2025 Community Resource Guide

Retail Store

January 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:

January 2 – Store is **CLOSED** for the holidays

January 6 – Store **re-opens** for 2025! Happy New Year!

January 11 – Store **OPEN** for Second Saturday, 9am – 1pm

Retail News and Announcements

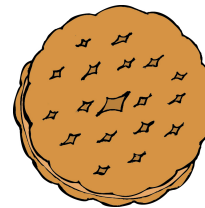
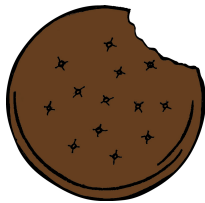


Clearance is **Buy One Get One FREE** in person and **50% off** online clearance items all of January! Start the new year with some deals! Code to redeem online is **NY2025**.

Cookie Rally Role-Call

Come find us at select cookies rallies across the state the first weekend of January (weather permitting). Dates are listed below - we cant wait to see you to kick off Cookie Season 2025!

- Pocatello 1/3/2024
- Idaho Falls 1/4/2024
- Twin Falls 1/5/2024
- Nampa 1/5/2024
- Kuna 1/8/2024



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 January 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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