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March 1, 2025

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

Council Updates

Give Your Girl The Gift of Camp!



Camping with Girl Scouts can't be beat and it is our goal to give every girl the experience of a lifetime! A Camp Scholarship (Campership for short) gives your girl the gift of unforgettable experiences.

Camp is one of the core parts of the Girl Scout Experience. It is where your girl will learn skills to thrive today and tomorrow, grow in her confidence and self esteem, and build friendships, connections, and her sense of belonging with her sister Girl Scouts.

Register for Camp today, and select the Campership option during your checkout! Once your \$50 deposit is placed, the application for a Camp Scholarship will be sent to your email. Don't miss out, and Give Your Girl the Gift of Camp!

Register Today!

Upcoming Events & Programs

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 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 27 – [Troop Annual Report Open Office Hours](#) (Zoom - **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](#) (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 25 - 26 – [403 Troop Camping](#) (Hagerman - v)

April 25 – [403 Adult Leader Training & Stop the Bleed](#) (Boise - v)

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

April 26 - [Community Bloom](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

April 26 - [Council Hosted Bridging and Class of 2025 Celebration](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)

May

May 10 - [Community Bloom](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a)

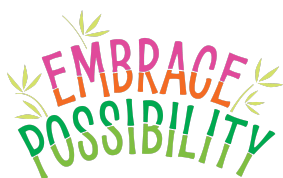
May 10 - [Council Hosted Bridging and Class of 2025 Celebration](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a)

May 31 - [Community Bloom](#) (Twin Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a)

May 31 - [Council Hosted Bridging and Class of 2025 Celebration](#) (Twin Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a)

Entrepreneurship Program

Calling All Girl Scouts!



The Girl Scout Cookie Program is well underway for our Girl Scouts and Troops, and (until March 16th) there's still time to get in on the action! 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 about how she can get started right away.

Cookie Resources

When you visit our website at 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](#).

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 and then invite other Silver Sage caregivers and volunteers to join!

For Cookie Volunteers, we update the [2025 Cookie Program Updates & FAQ](#) regularly with news, tips, and instructions.

We send emails through Smart Cookies to Cookie Volunteers, too. These typically start with the phrase "COOKIE NEWS"

Cookie Booth of The Week Promotion



We love seeing Girl Scouts in action during the Entrepreneurship Program. Please make sure to take photos of your girls at Cookie Booths, interacting with customers, or getting things set up.

Then, complete the [Cookie Booth of the Week Entry Form](#)! One lucky winning Troop each week will win a Pizza Party! Some of these photos may be featured in our print materials or social media. (A Booth photo may also be fun to add to her Digital Cookie site!)

Show us your Cookie Booths!

Cookie Booth Tips and Tricks!



Encourage Girl Scouts to ask everyone exiting a store to purchase cookies.

Practice counting back change

Make fun signs

Use Cookie Costumes, colorful tablecloths, or green pom poms to add visual interest to your booth

Consider tools from the Silver Sage Store like this [Cookie Booth](#)

[Success Kit](#)

Reaching Your Goals



As your Girl Scout reaches the goal she set at the beginning of the Cookie Program, she can adjust her goal higher and shoot for the stars! We offer more than two dozen fun rewards as girls achieve different levels of sales. In addition to rewards like the custom Nike sneakers or the cotton candy machine, Girl Scouts also earn the most valuable reward of all, [Program Credits](#). Program

Credits can be used to fund all sorts of adventures, including Council-led programs and [Silver Sage Camps](#). (Did you know that the Outdoors is one of the Four Pillars of Girl Scouting? Camp is a special Girl Scout tradition, and leads to a lifetime of great skills - just like the Cookie Program!)

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

There's So Much "S'more" to Camp!



Camping with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage means your girl will thrive in a safe, welcoming environment designed to help her learn confidence, courage, and community!

🛡️ Safety First – Our highly trained staff prioritizes the well-being of every camper, ensuring that each activity is safe, structured, and supervised. Parents can rest easy knowing their

girls are in good hands!

🌟 Build Confidence & Courage – Girls step out of their comfort zones, try new things, and take on exciting challenges in a supportive, nurturing environment.

🌻 A True Sense of Belonging – At camp, every girl is welcomed with open arms. It's a place where individuality is celebrated, and strong friendships are formed. Here, she'll find a community that supports and encourages her every step of the way.

Camp Echo Day camp in Boise has camps for Animal Lovers, Explorers, Detectives, Gardeners, Performers, Scientist and Artist.

Camp Alice Pittenger Overnight camp in McCall on Payette Lake is ready for fun with Mad Scientist, Journeys, Phifanella's Adventures, Detective Challenges, Horseback Riding, Swimming, Canoeing, Paddleboarding, 2 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 1 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.

From outdoor adventures to leadership-building activities, your girl will discover new passions, learn life skills, and become empowered to lead with confidence. Register today and see how much "S'more" there is to Girl Scout Summer Camp 💖

Register Today!

Work at Camp!



Come have a blast this summer with Girl Scouts of Silver Sage in Idaho! We have three camps located in Boise, McCall, and Swan Valley Idaho.

We're still looking for the following positions:

- Camp Counselor at ECHO, Cap, and TAM
- Health Care Director at CAP and TAM
- Kitchen Director at CAP and TAM
- Lifeguard at CAP
- Unit leader at CAP

Apply Today

Amazing Engineers at Camp Echo!



Join us **March 17-21** at Camp Echo for Amazing Engineers Spring Break Camp! Girls will tackle engineering challenges, explore the vital roles of engineering in our world, and design solutions to real-world community issues. We'll also enjoy all the classic camp activities like campfire treats, scenic foothill hikes, tie-dyeing, and more. It's the perfect blend of learning, creativity, and outdoor adventure!

All girls will receive their Think Like An Engineer Journey set at the end of the week.

Registration closes March 13th, 2025!

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

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**)

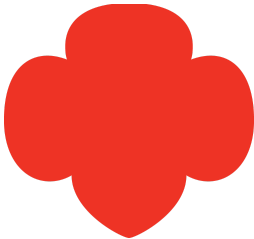
April 12, 2025 – Idaho Falls – Place TBD (**registration deadline April 5**)

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

Register Today

Retail

March 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:

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

Retail News and Announcements



Mega Clearance Sale

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

Cookie Cupboard Coupons

Did you visit the Cookie Cupboard and get one of our coupons? Don't forget to use them before they expire **March 16th** for 10% off of your purchase!

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!

Council Highlights

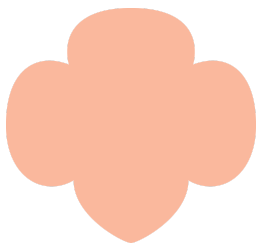
2025 Annual Meeting



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.

Troop Annual Reports Heads Up!



Time to get prepared: May 1-May 30 is time to Submit your Troop Annual Report- required for review of Troop financials for auditing purposes. Troops should start compiling Bank statements May 2023-April 2024, receipts, and get organized with the [Troop Bank Balance Worksheet](#). More information/instructions and open office hours registration coming soon

Troop Annual Report Open Office Hours

- Tuesday Apr 29, 2025 06:30 PM
- Monday May 5, 2025 12:00 PM
- Thursday May 8, 2025 06:30 PM
- Friday May 20, 2025 05:30 PM
- Wednesday May 28, 2025 06:30 PM

Service Unit Manager & Service Unit Treasurer: "How to Train Troops for Annual Report Training (Zoom)" March 27 - 6:30-7:30 PM - Registration link is forthcoming in March.

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

Come Glamp with Us!



Grab your gal pals and join us **August 1-3** and **August 8-10** for Glamp, a special ladies-only fundraising event at Camp Alice Pittenger! This weekend will be packed full of fun activities, relaxation, and lasting friendships. Relive your fond memories of camp while helping today's girls make memories of their own. All proceeds from this 21+ event support Girl Scouts of Silver Sage programs.

GLAMP Information and Registration!

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



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 March 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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