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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



Leading with Purpose: Girls Designing the Future, Volunteers Driving Change

Back to Troops Season is Here!

Welcome back to all our new and returning Girl Scouts and volunteers! As the new CEO, I'm thrilled to kick off another fabulous year filled with adventure, growth, and community.

We have two exciting opportunities to share:

☀️ **For Girls** – I'm inviting all Girl Scouts to participate in our [CEO Patch Design Contest](#)! This is a chance for girls to showcase their creativity and help design a patch for me to hand out when I meet with girls at events, cookie booths, and camps! Submissions are open through October 31 – Juliette Gordon Low's birthday – and winners will be announced at [Super Saturday](#) in November. Troop leaders, please share this with your girls – I am so excited to see their designs!

💬 **For Volunteers** – Join me for our monthly Let's Talk series! These sessions are a space for fearless dialogue, boundless innovation, and collective courage. Together, we'll explore transformative initiatives that elevate every Girl Scout's journey and strengthen our community impact. Details and the link to join are here: [Let's Talk](#).

Let's make this year unforgettable – together!

Girl Scouts Are Back To Troop!



Date: October 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Locations: Children's Museum of Idaho (Meridian), ARTitorium on Broadway (Idaho Falls)

Cost: \$10 per participant

(Includes both Girl Scouts and adults)

Kick off the 2026 membership year with your Girl Scout squad!

Venues will be open exclusively to Girl Scouts for the night. Activities include a scavenger hunt and craft. Leader resources and details on 2026 programs and events will also be provided.

Just for our older girls - *Club Tan*!

Club Tan is a VIP experience exclusively for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Step into a fun-filled lounge with snacks, music, karaoke, talent shows, and photo ops. All you need is your vest to enter! Don't miss your chance to win raffles and earn a special Club Tan patch to remember the night!

These are not drop off events.

Adults must register to account for venue capacity.

Girl Scout 2026 Membership Year Registration is required to attend. Registration closes at noon on October 8th.

Register Here!

Last Chance to Expand Your Troop For Rewards!

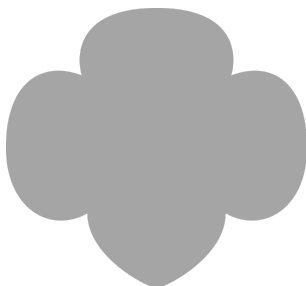
+1 new Girl	Your Troop is entered to win \$100 for your Troop's account (4 Winners)
+3 new Girls & +1 new Adult	Your whole Troop will earn a "More Friends, More Fun" Patch & \$25 towards Troop's Account
+5 new Girls & +2 new Adults	Volunteer's Day Off! A council staff member will lead one of your troop meetings with a fun, hands-on activity and bring swag bags for all the girls in your Troop

We're halfway through our More Friends, More Fun campaign.

If you haven't already, open your troop to new girls and receive a coupon to the store for 15% off! Each new Girl and Adult added to your troop in October means more rewards for everyone!

More Friends = More Fun!

Monthly "Let's Talk" Series - Strategy and Stewardship



Let's Talk is back October 8th! Join us for a night of collaboration and discussion.

This month's topic: *Strategy and Stewardship*

This month is an overview of key strategic-plan aligned Council initiatives and intended outcomes slated for the 2025-2026 membership year. Discuss how budget decisions were made and shine light on timing, resourcing, and impact considerations made by the Council. Learn how you can get involved with initiatives aligned with your skills, passions and interests.

Register Here

Upcoming Events & Programs

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 8 – [Let's Talk Series - Strategy and Stewardship](#) (ZOOM- v)
- 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 22 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)
- October 23 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- October 25 – [Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In](#) (Idaho Falls - j, c, s, a, v)
- October 28 – [3rd Annual Halloween Bash](#) (Nampa - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- October 29 – [Gold Award Training](#) (ZOOM - s, a, v)
- October 30 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

November

- November 1 – [Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In](#) (Boise - j, c, s, a, v)
- November 1 - 2 – [East Idaho Aquarium Girl Scouts Night & Sleepover](#) (Idaho Falls - d, b, j, c, s, a, v)
- November 6 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)
- November 8 – [Super Saturday 2025 - Embrace New Adventures](#) (Pocatello - v)
- November 8 – [Super Saturday 2025 Girl Track: Girl Scout Way](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a)
- November 8 – [2025 Idaho Veterans Day Parade](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)
- November 8 – [2025 Idaho Veterans Day Parade](#) (Pocatello - d, b, j, c, s, a)
- November 12 – [Let's Talk Series](#) (ZOOM- v)
- November 15 – [Super Saturday 2025 - Embrace New Adventures](#) (Nampa - v)
- November 15 – [Super Saturday 2025 Girl Track: Girl Scout Way](#) (Nampa - d, b, j, c, s, a)

November 19 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)

November 22 – [Outdoor Survival & Basic First Aid Workshop with EmpowHER](#)

[Outdoors](#) (Boise - c, s, a)

November 24 – [Outdoor Survival & Basic First Aid Workshop with EmpowHER](#)

[Outdoors](#) (Boise - d, b, j)

November 24 - 26 – [Camp Echo - Whimsy & Wonder: Fall Break Camp](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c)

Camp

Me & My Adult 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. 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!

Entrepreneurship Program

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



The program is underway, and there is still plenty of time to get started! It's a fantastic way to get some funds for your Troop before the holidays and to develop your Girl Scouts' entrepreneurial skills in preparation for Cookie Season!

Start Today!

Promote Your Product Contest!



We're on the search for our top Fall Product sellers, and we need your help! The top seller in each of the 16 order card items will earn one for herself. The contest is cumulative from the start of the sale to October 24th, and the winners will be announced after the sale ends!

Promote your favorite product and earn one to keep!

Fall Product Program in Easy Steps



1. Make sure you and anyone interested in participating are renewed / registered for Membership Year 2026. Check on myGS.com or email [Customer Care](mailto:Customer_Care) to make sure.
2. A Troop volunteer must take on the role of Troop Fall Product Manager and sign the contract at <https://forms.gle/mR5wdJndYZhtpKzNA>.

3. You sign up on behalf of your Girl Scout at www.gsnutsandmags.com/gsssc. Click on the dark pink Login button if your girl has participated in a previous year, otherwise click on the Blue/Purple "Create an Account" button. You will need your Girl Scout's full name and your contact email address. Anything else like her Troop number is optional but helpful for the system to find her automatically. We can also add her manually if the system doesn't.
4. Work with your Girl Scout to set up her selling site. Creating her personal avatar is lots of fun! You'll receive a link that she/you can share on Social Media to encourage friends/family to order.
5. Send emails through the system to invite customers to support your Girl Scout.

Feed the Bear Contest Winners!



Congratulations to these 6 Girl Scouts who got their Fall Product site set up and avatar created by September 15!

Just a reminder the Fall Product Program continues until October 13 for girl-delivered orders and October 26 for online orders!

Announcing *Cookie Bites*!



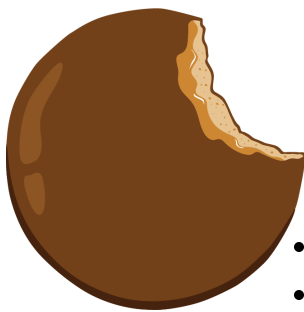
A brand new resource for volunteers & families called "Cookie Bites" debuted in August. Information about the Entrepreneurship Programs (Fall Product Program & Girl Scout Cookie Programs) is broken into bite-sized chunks. Materials are appropriate for all audiences: volunteers, families, and girls. Every week, between August 4 through November 17, a new Cookie Bite will be uploaded to this Playlist. Topics build upon each other, so we recommend watching them in order. These are

15-20 minute episodes with some quick information on the programs, what the girls/troops get from them, how/why parents need to be involved, and more.

You will be able to find these videos here:

Cookie Bites Videos

Important Cookie Dates & Events



Planned In-Person Volunteer Training Sessions Led by Council Staff – Save the date!

Locations and times TBD. An online session will also be available for those unable to travel.

- December 4: Idaho Falls
- December 5: Pocatello
- December 6 morning: Twin Falls
- December 6 afternoon/evening: Mountain Home
- December 10: Nampa
- December 11: Boise/Meridian
- December 12: Nyssa/Ontario area (if demand warrants – [let us know!](#))

Save the Date!

December (date TBD): Cookies 101 for Families

January 2-9: Cookie Rallies

January 9: Cookie Program Begins

February 20: Cookie Booths begin

March 15: Final Day of Cookie Program

Programs and Events

The House She Built with Corey Barton Homes



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Built Different.

Join us for our third annual The House She Built Event with CBH Homes!

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2025

Location: New York Landing Community: 4133 E Coney Is St, Nampa, ID 83686

Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

NEW this year: Girls can earn service hours for assisting in the build of a Little Free Library. Membership is NOT required. This event will be open to all of the community. Girl Scout pre-registration required to receive patch.

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.

🚩 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.

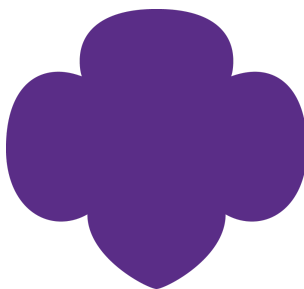
👉 [Meet your guide and learn more](#)

🔥 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.
DAISY, BROWNIE, JUNIOR SESSION SOLD OUT - ADDITIONAL SESSION ADDED NOVEMBER 24TH!

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!

Register Here!

Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In



Dates and Locations: Oct 18, Magic Valley (likely College of Southern Idaho); Oct 25, SE Idaho (location TBD); Nov 1, Boise (Council office)

Time: 10:00 - 4:30

Levels: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Volunteers

Girls will work with program team to complete their Think Like An Engineer Journey. All supplies and materials provided. Girls will receive Journey award set at end of event.

Volunteers will join from 1:30 - 3:00 to learn about the new Highest Award requirements and new Leadership Awards. This session includes handouts, planning materials and refreshments.

Cost: Girl \$40, Adult \$10

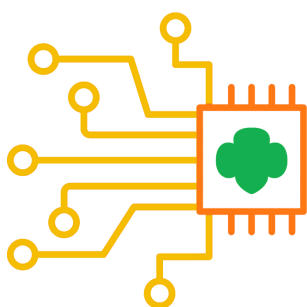
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New Girl Scout Leadership Awards are here! GSUSA has released modernized Leadership Awards for Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors, designed to better reflect the many ways Girl Scouts lead themselves, their peers, and their communities. As part of this update, the prerequisites for the Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, and Gold) are expanding. Girl Scouts can now choose to complete either a Leadership Award or a Journey to meet the requirement. This added flexibility will be available through September 30, 2026.

To support these changes, several training opportunities are available. Zoom sessions are scheduled for [October 15](#). In-person workshops will be held on [October 18](#) in Magic Valley, [October 25](#) in Southeast Idaho, and [November 1](#) in Boise. These sessions will help leaders, volunteers, and members better understand the updates and how to successfully navigate the new award pathways.

Learn More

Meet "Girls EmPOWERing the Future"!



Explore. Build. Lead in STEM.

Sponsored by Micron

How to Join: Details Coming Soon!

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.

2025 Program and Resource Highlights

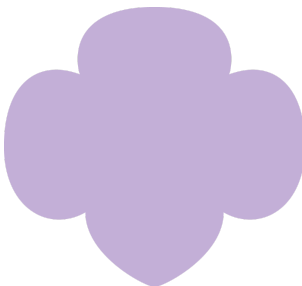


New and updated fun Girl Scout activities, badges, patches, and more!

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! Apply by November 15 for primary consideration. Silver Sage Council travel scholarships are available to help make your adventure possible.

Register Here!

Super Saturday Registration is Open!

Super Saturday 2025 is where we *Embrace New Adventures*! Join us in Pocatello November 8th and Nampa November 14th for a chance to learn new skills, make connections, and develop stronger sisterhood with fellow volunteers!

There is also a Girl Track available both days, where Girl Scouts of all ages can come earn



their Girl Scout Way badge.

Both tracks only cost \$10 to register. Don't delay for a day filled with New Adventure!

[Register Here!](#)

Retail

October 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:

October 1st: CLOSED for Inventory!

October 11th: OPEN for Second Saturday, 9am - 1pm

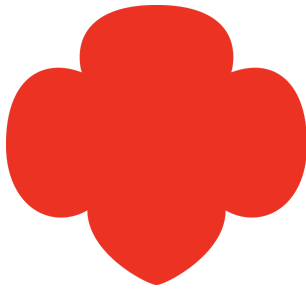
October 28th: LIMITED HOURS 9am - 4pm

October 29th: CLOSED for team development

[We're Always Open Online!](#)

New Year - New Services!

A new service is on it's way to the Silver Sage Store! Starting early November we'll be introducing a new *Heat Press Service* available for purchase in store, with online options



coming soon!

The Heat Press Service will be available as an add on to a new vest starter kit (\$5), patch or badge purchase, or as a stand-alone (\$1 per patch / badge). Bring in or purchase your vest and patches and we will take care of adding them onto your vest! We are so excited to be expanding our services to Membership, and we can't wait to make your start to the new year a little smoother. Be on the lookout for more details!

Cookie Rally Mobile Store Sign Up



It's time to be thinking about Cookie Rallies - do you want the store there? From now until November 30th, click on the link below to fill out a request form for the Silver Sage Store to be at your rally!

This is a great opportunity for Girl Scouts to get ready for the Cookie Program with cookie goodies, outerwear, fun items, and more! A small selection of uniforms will be available to try on and order to make sure your Girl Scout is cookie ready in time for Booth Sales to start.

Order form will close November 30th, and we will reach out to those whose requests are approved early December. Availability is limited, don't delay to secure your spot!

[Request Form](#)

Membership

Activity Accident Insurance Update

Activity Accident Insurance Girl Scouts provides Activity Accident Insurance underwritten by Mutual of Omaha to support Girl Scouts participating in Girl Scout approved and supervised activities and events.



As of **10/1/2025**, Activity Accident insurance is automatic upon membership registration and applies to all adult and youth members who may become injured during a Girl Scout approved and supervised activity. This coverage works like supplemental medical/health coverage and is intended to help with out-of-pocket medical expenses that may not be covered by personal insurance. Activity Accident insurance extends to non-members who are invited to participate in a Girl Scout approved and supervised activity, whether an adult volunteer for the day, or a friend of a Girl Scout who is joining along to try out Girl Scouting.

Activity Accident coverage applies to day events, overnight trips (including camp), and international travel. *There is no longer a need to obtain Plan 3P (out of state) or Plan 3PI (International) insurance.*

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.

New Girl Scouts Save 15%

In the months of September and October, newly registered Girl Scouts can receive a 15% discount when purchasing a full uniform within 30 days of joining. This is the perfect opportunity to get started with the essentials.

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!

Community Partners and Events

Is Home Buying Right for You?



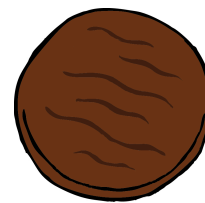
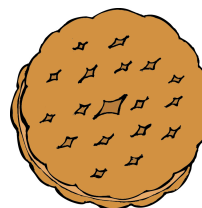
Buying a home is a big decision, and it's important to know if you're ready. Start by asking yourself if you can afford the down payment, monthly mortgage and other costs like property taxes and insurance.

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 October 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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