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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



#### **Ready, Set, Dream! The Girl Scout Journey Begins Anew**

As we head into fall, there's a special kind of excitement in the air. For many of us, it's the feeling of a fresh start—a chance to reconnect with our troops and get back to the magic of Girl Scouts. This is the season when new friendships are formed, old ones are strengthened, and our shared journey begins again. It's a time to come back together and remember the joy, laughter, and

powerful experiences that make Girl Scouts so special. This year, let's lean into that magic and make it a year of big dreams and even bigger achievements.

### **Let's Dream Big!**

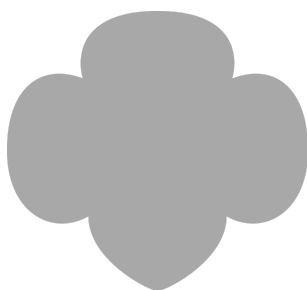
Think about all the things your troop wants to accomplish this year. What new skills do you want to learn? What community projects do you want to tackle? What adventures do you want to have?

This year is a blank page, and it's up to you and your girls to fill it with goals that are meaningful and exciting. Whether it's earning a new badge, organizing a local clean-up, or planning a camping trip, these goals are the foundation of your troop's unique journey.

Your leadership and dedication are what make these dreams possible. You are the one who creates the space for girls to explore their potential, build confidence, and discover what they're truly capable of. So, as you welcome your girls back, encourage them to dream big. Help them set goals that will challenge them, inspire them, and create memories they will cherish for a lifetime.

Thank you for everything you do to bring the magic of Girl Scouts to life. Let's make this year amazing!

## **Monthly "Let's Talk" Series - Welcome Back Troops!**



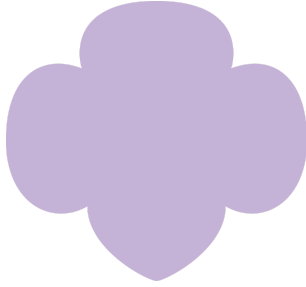
Our new let's talk series starts this month on September 10th! join us for a night of collaboration and discussion as we kick off a new troop year.

This month's topic: ***Welcome Back Troops!***

Kick off the Girl Scout year with a warm welcome to new and returning leaders! We'll cover essential updates, preview exciting new national program launches, and preview 2025-2026 programming and events. Share tips with fellow volunteers for starting the year strong, and building troop engagement.

**Register Here**

## It's Time To Renew!



As we wrap up summer, a quick reminder about the importance of renewing your family's Girl Scout memberships. Troop Leaders, we understand some of you are waiting to confirm which girls are returning, but if there are girls you DO know are coming back, please register them now!

Early Renewals aren't just about a patch or a fun incentive. These early numbers help the Council set its budget, which directly affects:

- Program offerings
- Camp opportunities
- Cookie support for your troop
- Resources for your troop
- Service Unit Funds

When renewals are delayed, Girl Programming, Council led events, money for Service Units, staff time, and support for things like Cookies, Community Troops and Camp gets reduced.

Even if you aren't sure if your whole troop is continuing, registering those that you know are continuing still makes a difference and helps us maintain the level of support your troop relies on throughout the year.

Thank you for everything you do for your girls! We are looking forward to an incredible New Girl Scout year!

**Renew Today!**

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## Upcoming Events & Programs

### September

September 6 – [Between the Earth and Sky, Wonders of Water Journey In a Day](#) (Boise - d

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September 12 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Three Island Crossing Campfire](#) (Glens Ferry

- d, b, j, c, s, a)

September 13 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Three Island Crossing](#) (Glens Ferry - d, b, j

, c, s, a)

September 10 – [Let's Talk Series - Welcome Back, Troops](#) (ZOOM- v)September 16 – [Navigating Updated Pathways to Bronze, Silver and Gold](#) (ZOOM- v)September 18 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)September 20 – [St. Luke's Fit One Running Festival](#) (Boise - pre-k, d, b, j, c, s, a, v)September 20 – [Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology Experience](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a)September 25 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)September 27 – [Camping 101 Workshop with EmpowHER Outdoors](#) (Boise - d, b, j)September 27 – [Camping 101 Workshop with EmpowHER Outdoors](#) (Boise - c, s, a)

## 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](#)

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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 23 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)October 25 – [Journey In A Day & Highest Award Requirements Check In](#) (Magic Valley - j, c, s, a, v)October 30 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

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## Camp

## Lost and Found Open Now!



Did an item your girl bring to camp decide it was too fun there and stayed behind? Lost and Found is now available for all camps. Please stop by the Boise Leadership Center or reach out to [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org) team by September 30th to claim your missing items!

All things remaining after September 30th will be donated to a local charity.

## Entrepreneurship Program

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



This year's theme is Brave. Fierce. Fun! and the mascot is the Grizzly Bear! Grizzlies, sometimes called brown bears, are a threatened species due to habitat loss. This mascot even lives nearby! There are estimated to be around 70-100 grizzlies living in Northern and Eastern Idaho. They are omnivores and love berries and salmon. They can live for 20-30 years, weigh an average of

700 lbs, and can stand around 8 ft. tall when on their hind legs!

### Fall Product Program Important Dates



Early August Service Unit Fall Product Managers receive printed materials & distribute to Troops

8/18: [Fall Product Volunteer Training](#)

**Late August:** Troop Fall Product Managers meet with girls & parents, distribute printed materials

8/25: [Fall Product Kickoff for Girls & Families](#)

9/3: Volunteers Access Fall Product Online Portal (M2OS)

**9/8:** Final day for Troop Fall Product Managers to set up Email Blast to families

**9/9:** Fall Product Program begins!

Families will get an email on 9/9 to register on the M2OS (same place as last year) if their Troop Fall Product Manager set up the email blast. If not, an email blast will be sent on 9/10 to all families in the M2OS. Can't find or didn't get an email? You can still sign up at [www.gsnutsandmags.com/gsssc](http://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 troop number – if the system cannot find her, which is completely normal at the beginning, she may need to be placed in the holding tank/waiting list and be manually matched with her troop. We appreciate your patience if this happens, we typically get these cases sorted within 24 hours.

**10/13:** Last day for in-person girl delivery orders (Paper Orders can be entered in the M2OS by parents or Troop Fall Product Managers. Ask your Troop Fall Product Manager what they would prefer. You DO NOT need to include any online girl delivery orders, those are accounted for automatically!)

**11/6 – 10:** Approximate delivery date of products to Service Unit Fall Product Managers, Troop Fall Product Managers get them shortly after and should notify families when they are available for pickup.

## Troop Fall Product Manager Contracts



If you are planning to be your Troop's or Service Unit's Fall Product Manager, please make sure you filled out the Product Manager Contract Form to get your Troop in the M2OS.

TFPM Contract: <https://forms.gle/mR5wdJndYZhtpKzNA>

SUFPM Contract <https://forms.gle/XbAyLZsRtEPVye869>

## The Exciting New Items for the Fall Product Program!

**B Cherry Almond Clusters** \$9  
Roasted almonds and dried cherries covered in caramel and milk chocolate. 6oz. Box



**G Nut & Caramel Trail Mix** \$9  
Peanuts, whole cashews, caramel mini cups and cocoa gems. 9oz. PopTop Can



**Snacks** – There are two brand new items this year! Introducing Cherry Almond Clusters and Nut & Caramel Mix! Available for both online and girl-delivered orders. There are also two new tins this year; the Making

Friends Tin for the Mint Treasures, this is the first in the book series, and the new Holiday Tin featuring polar bears for the online exclusives chocolate covered pretzels and deluxe

caramel clusters.



**Candles** – A whole new line-up of 16oz, double wick, candles that have an 80 hour burn time have also been added to the Fall Product Program!



**Bark Boxes** – There are THREE new BARK® Boxes each featuring the exclusive Berry Trios™ Treats, one or two Pup Patches, and a Girl Scout themed toy. Both boxes from last year with the S'mores stick will be available while supplies last.

**Tumblers** – There will be additional Tervis® Tumbler designs.

**Personal Stationery** – New designs and items have been added

## Feed the Bear Contest!



Win this Feed the Bear Game!

Any girl who has her Fall Product website set up and creates her Avatar by September 15th will be entered to win one of six of these games! Don't delay!

## 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: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLuhpYVEY-JeRHrwEaMIN4ypy7vBBZsNsD>

## New Cookie Announcement September 9th!



Tune into our social media platforms and national news 8:30 MST for our brand new cookie announcement! Want to get a sneak peek? There may be opportunities at your local Service Unit meetings, stay tuned for all the delicious new news!

## Important Cookie Dates



September 9: New Cookie Announcement!

Early December: In-Person Volunteer Trainings

December 4: 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

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## Programs and Events

### It's Summer Reading Season!



All Girl Scout members are invited to take part in our Summer Reading Challenge, which launched July 1! We're celebrating the power of stories, imagination, and girl-powered literacy—because Girl Scouts who read succeed.

 Here's how it works:

Explore the Book Scavenger Hunt List for fun reading prompts

Read and log 20 books by September 30, 2025

Earn your exclusive Bookie Patch this winter!

 Bonus: Submit your own patch artwork for a chance to be featured on the official design! The final patch design will be selected this fall and mailed to all participants.

Get ready to read, imagine, and achieve—because every chapter brings you closer to your next great adventure! Check out the requirements below!

**Let's Get Reading!**

## Girl Scouts Love State Parks - Limited Spots Available!



Join us on September 13 for Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Three Island Crossing State Park. RSVP now, as no additional spots will be added.

We will offer guided hikes, ranger talks and behind the scenes tours of the park and visitor center and more. Girls will earn the 2025 Girl Scouts Love State Parks patch and Trail Adventure

badge for their level.

**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.

Camping 101 – September 27 (Boise, all girl levels)

Perfect for beginners! Learn how to set up camp, cook outdoors, and enjoy the basics of

outdoor living.

 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.

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!**

## The House She Built with Corey Barton Homes



**HOMES**  
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!**

## 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: \$5 per participant through September 26

\$10 per participant from September 27 - October 8

(Includes both Girl Scouts and adults)

**Kick of the 2026 membership year with your Girl Scout squad!**

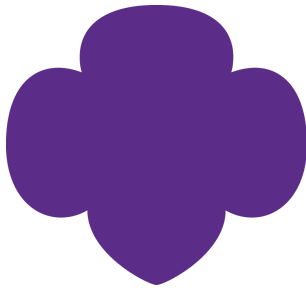
Venues will be open exclusively to Girl Scouts for the night. Activities include a scavenger hunt and craft. Leader resources and details on 2026 programs and events will also be provided.

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!**

**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

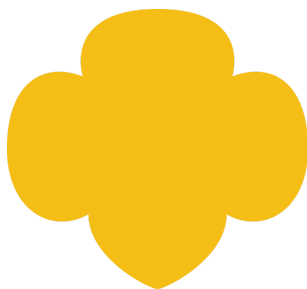
[\*\*Register Here!\*\*](#)

**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 September 16 and 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\*\*](#)

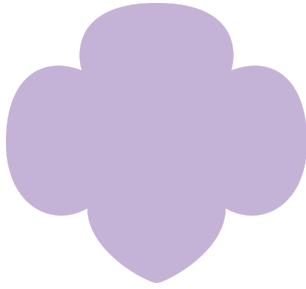
## Highest Awards Reports Due!



Reminder - All Highest Award final reports are due to the program team September 30th. See the 'Highest Award Drop Down' on our website for more details and reporting requirements.

[\*\*Reporting Documents\*\*](#)

## Destinations



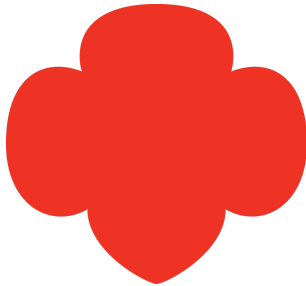
2026 and 2027 Girl Scout Destination programs for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors are now open! Apply by November 15 for primary consideration. Silver Sage Council travel scholarships are available to help make your adventure possible.

**Register Here!**

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## Retail

### September 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:**

**September 1st:** CLOSED for Labor Day!

**September 13th:** OPEN for Second Saturday, 9am - 1pm

**We're Always Open Online!**

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## 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.

### 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](mailto:store@girlscouts-ssc.org) for more information.

**We're Always Open Online!**

### Service Units: Renew and Earn!



Renew your membership before Sept 30th and your Service Unit gets \$1 per girl renewed. Don't leave money on the table, make sure your girls get all the money for fun activities throughout the year!

## Fund Development

### Special Vacation Rates for Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Members!



Book Your Getaway and Give Back — A Portion of Every Trip Supports Local Girls at Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. Two vacation options Gems of Mexico and Night Dream Vacation Getaway. Both trips available for \$1,500 and accommodates 2 adults and 2 children under 12 with 12 months to schedule and 18 months to use. Please contact [Kizmet Beasley](#) to schedule and/or for additional information.

**Buy your Tickets Now!**

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## 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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## 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

\*Please see the [Retail](#) section in this newsletter for September 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](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org)

(208) 377-2011



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