



August 1, 2026

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

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A Message From Dr. Angela Hemingway, CEO



The Magic of Girl Scouting on National Display

Idaho was proudly represented at the Girl Scouts National Council Session (NCS) and the Girl Scouts Unite event in Washington, D.C., at the end of July. NCS provided an important opportunity to help shape the future of our Movement, while Girl Scouts Unite captured the energy, excitement, and possibility that make Girl Scouting so special.

Imagine thousands of Girl Scouts gathered in one place, learning, laughing, exploring, and celebrating together! From hands-on workshops and leadership experiences to inspiring speakers, performers, and opportunities to begin planning their Gold Award journeys, the event showcased the incredible potential of our girls. The enthusiasm, confidence, and joy throughout the convention center were

simply contagious.

What stood out most was seeing so many older Girl Scouts actively engaged in shaping their futures and discovering new ways to lead. These experiences remind us that leadership doesn't begin when girls become adults. It begins now. Whether serving on a Teen Advisory Committee, participating in governance opportunities, joining the Council Board, or taking on leadership roles within their troops and communities, Girl Scouts are learning that their voices matter and that they have the power to create change.

We're especially excited that the next Girl Scouts Unite event will take place in Indianapolis in 2029. While that may seem far away, it's never too early to begin thinking about the opportunities ahead. We look forward to sharing more about how older girls can become involved in leadership and governance at both the council and national levels.

These events reminded me that Girl Scouts continues to be a powerful force for good. The passion, confidence, and leadership demonstrated by today's girls assure me that our Movement will remain a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come.

Council Highlights

Girl Scouts Love State Parks is September 11th - 12th



Girl Scouts Love State Parks is September 11–12 at Three Island Crossing State Park! Join us for a fun-filled adventure as we celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks! Families are invited to spend the weekend exploring the outdoors, building connections, and enjoying all the beauty our state parks have to offer.

Important: Troops and families are responsible for reserving their own campsite directly with the park, spots are available on a first come, first serve basis. Girl Scout staff reserved 2 spots in the Trailside –Lower Campground. *Registering on gsEvents does not reserve a campsite.*

Event Highlights:

Friday Evening - Astronomy Night Kick off the weekend under the stars! Site staff will lead a special astronomy program where participants can learn about the night sky, constellations, and more.

Saturday Activities:

- Guided Hikes – Explore the park and learn about the natural environment
- Games & Team Activities – Fun, high-energy group games for all ages
- Crafts – Creative, hands-on projects inspired by nature

This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow Girl Scout families, enjoy the outdoors, and experience the magic of camping together. We look forward to seeing you there!

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT

Cookie Queens Premier on August 7th



Celebrate the spirit of entrepreneurship, leadership, and sisterhood on the big screen! This inspiring documentary follows remarkable Girl Scouts as they take on the challenges and opportunities of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, developing confidence, resilience, and leadership skills along the way.

Join us for a special Red Carpet Premiere screening of *Cookie Queens* at The Flicks on Friday, August 7 at 7:00 p.m. Girl Scouts in uniform will get to walk the red carpet and receive a free patch at this show only. We'll have some special guests and lots of fun!

Cookie Queens will be playing at The Flicks at 646 West Fulton Street in Boise starting on August 7th through the following week. Girl Scouts attending in uniform – wearing their sash, vest, or tunic – receive free admission ***with a paid adult attending***. Tickets can be purchased in person at The Flicks or online at <https://the-flicks-boise.squadup.com/>. Further showings after the first week are not guaranteed.

Don't miss this inspiring movie. Come cheer on the Cookie Queens! We look forward to seeing you there. 🎬 ✨ 🍪

BUY TICKETS!

The People's Tree



The 2026 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree will be harvested from Idaho's Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. On its way to Washington, DC, the tree will take center stage at engaging whistlestop events and will provide a celebratory platform to share Idaho's long legacy of forest stewardship, agriculture, and awe-inspiring natural resources.

Of course, Girl Scouts of Silver Sage will be part of the action! Stay tuned for more information on scheduled stops in places like Idaho Falls, Salmon, Twin Falls and Craters of the Moon between November 4 and November 7.

If you or your Troop would like to create ornaments for the large outdoor tree or the approximately 50 standard-sized trees, they are due September 1. Ten thousand ornaments are needed!

ORNAMENT MAKING GUIDELINES

Explore What's Next

Girl Scouts are always discovering what sparks their curiosity—and so are we. That's why we're evolving the Girl Scout experience, creating more opportunities for exploration, self-discovery, and adventure.

This summer, we introduced eight new program themes and reorganized Girl Scout activities around the interests Girl Scouts want to explore today. And there's more on the way! In spring 2027, we'll debut new and updated programs and a new



Program Library. Together, these updates will help Girl Scouts discover more about what excites them, while making it easier for volunteers and families to guide the adventure.

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEXT

Bloom Together at Super Saturday

Super Saturday 2026



Super Saturday is Blooming soon! Join us for this years theme "Bloom Together". Treasure Valley is 9/19/2026 at the Boise Leadership Center, with Girl Track being hosted at Camp Echo! Idaho Falls is 9/26/2026 at Linden Park Elementary School. We can't wait to Bloom with you!

REGISTER NOW!

Renew Your Membership!

It's that time again! Renew yours and your girl's memberships for the coming year. This is a chance to plan for the new year and be ready for all the fun programming coming soon! Program Credits can be used for Girl renewal, don't miss out on the next year of fun!

Program Credits used for membership renewal must be turned into the Council office or mailed in to be redeemed. Please handle Program Credits as cash.



RENEW NOW

Upcoming Events & Programs

Summer Camp

June 1 - August 8 – [Camp Echo](#) (Boise - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#))

August

August 3 - 6 – [INL STEM Scholars Camp Session 3](#) (Garden City - [b](#), [j](#))

August 4 – [Paint in Nature](#) (Blackfoot - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

August 6 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - [v](#))

August 7 – [Cookie Queens at the Flicks](#) (Boise - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

August 8 – [Girls in Gears: How It's Made - Automotive Manufacturing](#) (Pocatello - [pre-k](#), [d](#), [b](#), [j](#))

August 10 – [New Leader Orientation \(Idaho Falls\)](#) (Idaho Falls - [v](#))

August 14 - 16 – [2026 Volunteer Retreat @ Camp TAM](#) (Swan Valley - [v](#))

August 17 – [Treats & Treasures Volunteer Training](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))

August 20 – [Water Games](#) (Blackfoot - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

August 17 – [Treats & Treasures for Girl Scouts](#) (ZOOM - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September

September 8 – [Cookie Program Q & A](#) (ZOOM - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 10 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - [v](#))

September 12 - 13 – [Girl Scouts Love State Parks](#) (Glenns Ferry - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

September 19 – [Super Saturday Girl Track - Treasure Valley](#) (Boise - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

September 19 – [Super Saturday - Treasure Valley](#) (Boise - [v](#))

September 23 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))

September 26 – [Super Saturday Girl Track - Idaho Falls](#) (Idaho Falls - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

September 26 – [Super Saturday - Idaho Falls](#) (Idaho Falls - v)

October

October 1 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 2 - 4 – [Septoberfest - Starry Night](#) (McCall - v).

October 8 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - v)

October 22 – [4th Annual Halloween Bash](#) (Boise - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#), [v](#))

October 28 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - v)

CHECK OUT ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp

Thank You for a Great Summer!



Camp 2026, Ignite Your Spark, has come to an end. We are so grateful for what has been a summer of laughter, fun, and friendship. Here's what just a few had to say about Camp this summer:

"She was originally very nervous about going ... She came back from camp more confident, more independent, and excited about her Girl Scout future. Thank you for this!" - Camp Alice

Pittenger Parent

"She loved all of it! I don't think she'd change anything. She wants to come back next year." - Camp TAM Parent

"The staff are the best people ever! [My camper] said she would love to come back!" - Camp Echo Parent

Keep your eyes peeled for the incoming Camp 2027 theme, more details will be coming soon!

Entrepreneurship Program

Let's Get Ready to Explore the 2026 Fall Product Program!



To participate in Treats & Treasures, first and foremost, volunteers and girls *must be registered for the 2027 Membership year.*

Important Dates:

August 17: **Volunteer Training** (on Zoom, will be recorded)

August 24: **Online Girl Scout & Family Information Session** (on Zoom, will be recorded)

September 8: Treats & Treasures Program begins

October 14: Troop deadline to submit paper orders

October 25: Last day for online ordering

LEARN ALL ABOUT TREATS & TREASURES!

Dog Photo Contest for Fall Product



We're looking for photos of your Girl Scout in her uniform (vest, tunic or sash) and her dog. Outdoor settings are ideal for lighting. Please do not add any toys in the picture, unless they're from one of our Bark Box offerings during Fall Product. Entries can be submitted here:

<https://forms.gle/VnWrTtQszhv7mkmD9>

If you do not have a Google account to log on to use the form, please submit your entry to Customer Care.

One winner will receive their own 2026 Bark Box for her dog and a T-shirt for herself. Deadline for entry is August 10th.

2027 Girl Scout Cookie Program



Please make note of the following dates – you don't want to miss out on any of the fun! Additional information will be provided as soon as it's available.

Sept 8, 2026: Exciting Cookie Program Announcement on National Media

Sept 8, 2026: Evening Zoom Q&A

Early Dec 2026: Volunteer Training Sessions

Early Jan 2027: Cookie Rallies

Jan 4: Digital Cookie Opens to Set Up Girl Sites

Jan 8: Cookie Program Begins

Feb 19 to Mar 14: Cookie Booths

Mar 14: Program Ends

Special Summer Ticket Discounts!



LAGOON: Discounted single-day tickets are available online. The discounted rate is \$76.95. The transactions will not involve our store, and Program Credits cannot be used unless it's part of approved Troop travel. Click [here](#) for link to purchase.

ROARING SPRINGS: We have single-day paper tickets available at the Silver Sage Store at a discounted rate of \$32.99. Program Credits can be used to purchase them, and they are good for the 2026 season!

Programs & Events

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors!

Participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge this summer! Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with improved mood, focus, and confidence—whether you spend that time becoming a rockstar at rock climbing, making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood, or watching wandering



wildlife at a park. Download the free activity sheet with 50+ fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door today!

DOWNLOAD THE ACTIVITY SHEET

Join Us at the Western Idaho STEM Fair!



Join Girl Scouts of Silver Sage staff at the Western Idaho Fair! We have been invited to attend their STEM Fair with SWISH Idaho Ecosystem. This exhibit will be located south of the Premium building, between the Expo and the Premium buildings, where the antique tractors used to be.

The fair will be sharing space with Kendall Ford and a barbecue competition, so it is expected to be quite busy!

Volunteers and Staff will receive complimentary admission into the fair from their time spent at tabling.

Please click on the button to sign up and review the available slots. If spots are full and you would like to sign up, please email rgoldschmidt@girlscouts-ssc.org with *Western Idaho Fair Sign Up* in the subject. We will do our best to schedule you in. Thank you!

SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER

Take the Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, Second Lady Usha Vance is inviting students in grades K–8 to take on the Summer Reading Challenge! 🌞📖 From June 1 through September 4, students



who read 12 books will be eligible for prizes and a chance to visit Washington, DC. It's an engaging way to keep young minds sharp, strengthen reading skills, and make the most of a summer filled with great books.

To join the challenge:

- Visit [WH.gov/read](https://www.whitehouse.gov/read)
- Read 12 books by September 4th
- Submit your completed tracker online
- Read an extra book, and submit your tracker to Customer

Care for the GSSSC summer book club patch!

Spread the word and help support young readers in your community!

DOWNLOAD THE TRACKING SHEET

Teen Advisory Committee Applications are Open



Troop Leaders of Seniors and Ambassadors, we invite you to share information about the Teen Advisory Committee with your girls for the 2027 membership year. This is a committee of engaged older Girl Scouts who work to make experiences better for this age group across our jurisdiction. The group meets monthly on Zoom. APPLICATIONS ARE

NOW OPEN, and **participating Girl Scouts will earn their Gold Torch Leadership Award**. Questions? Please contact Kristen at kmcadams@girlscouts-ssc.org for more information.

APPLY NOW

2026 Teen Advisory Committee Takes On Adulting!

A huge thank you to Anastasia, Eliza, Hannah, Kensie, and Lizzy for their outstanding work on the new Adulting 101 webpage! Designed to help teens build



practical life skills, the site features resources on studying, communication, basic sewing, outdoor skills, and car care. We are proud of their leadership, creativity, and commitment to helping others prepare for life's next adventures. Be sure to check it out!

ADULTING 101

More Friends More Fun 2026 is Here!



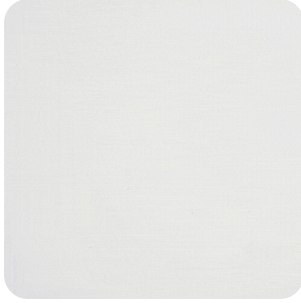
Save the date for More Friends More Fun 2026! Running from August 1st to October 30th, with a bunch of new prizes ready to win!

SIGN UP TODAY!

Retail

Don't Forget Your Uniform!

As we kick off a new Girl Scout Troop 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. *New this year!* Any item of Girl Scout



apparel is considered official apparel and can be worn with the Girl Scout uniform.

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.

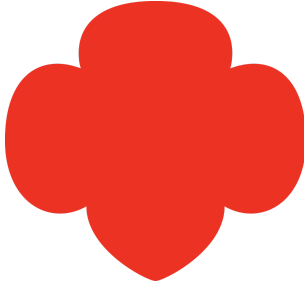
SHOP UNIFORMS

2024 Program Credits Expire September 15th!

As Girl Scouts begin to spend their hard-earned Program Credits, make sure you're using your oldest ones first! All Program Credits issued during the 2024 Cookie Program expire September 15th, and will be ineligible for redemption after that date.

Arrangements for receiving expiring Program Credits can be made by calling the store at (208)810-7231 or emailing store@girlscouts-ssc.org

August 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:

August 8th: OPEN 9am - 1pm for Second Saturday!

WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE

Alumni and Governance

Leaders of Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Troops: We Need Your Help!



Our Fund Development team is gathering feedback from older Girl Scouts to better understand their interests, goals, and experiences. This information will help us tell the story of Girl Scouting's impact and identify opportunities to strengthen programs and resources for older girls across Silver Sage Council.

Please encourage your Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to complete our Older Girl Survey and share their perspectives. Their voices are essential in helping us better serve older members and secure support for future opportunities.

Thank you for helping us elevate girl voices and demonstrate the lasting impact of the Girl Scout experience.

TAKE THE SURVEY

Join Our Alumni Network



Our Alumnae and friends network is thriving and we want you! Whether you're a Silver Sage Council Alumnae or from another council, we want to connect! Join our network here. Email communications about upcoming alumnae engagement opportunities are sent monthly.

JOIN THE NETWORK

The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Alumni FaceBook Page is Here!



The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Alumnae & Friends Facebook group is live. It's a space to share Girl Scout memories, photos, ideas, and events while connecting with fellow alumnae and supporters near and far. Feel free to invite your Girl Scout sisters and friends to join the community.

Questions? Contact Customer Care at customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org

JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP

Grant Feature: Idaho EcosySTEM – clipboards for summer and membership year 2027!



We are excited to share that Girl Scouts of Silver Sage secured a grant from Idaho EcosySTEM this spring! Through this funding, we were able to purchase storage clipboards for troops across our council to support outdoor adventures and STEM learning experiences.

Troops planning summer outdoor activities, including hikes, scavenger hunts, GS Loves State Parks participation, nature journaling, plant identification, astronomy activities, and other STEM focused experiences, are encouraged to request clipboards for their troops. These clipboards can also be reused throughout the year during Fall Product

and Cookie seasons.

A few important notes:

- Clipboards will be distributed on a first come, first served basis while supplies last.
- Extras will not be provided.
- Girl Scouts of Silver Sage may reach out for photos, feedback, or stories about how the clipboards supported your troop experience.

For more information or to request clipboards, please contact Customer Care

REQUEST A CLIPBOARD

Community Partners & Events

Boise Open Tickets Available Now



Tickets are on sale now for Boise Open. Use this link and 100% of your ticket purchase is donated to GSSSC. Winning already!

SUPPORT GIRL SCOUTS

Service Challenge with America250

America250 commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence, celebrating its 250th anniversary in 2026. Through a national partnership with America250, Girl Scouts are invited to engage with this milestone through reflection,



learning, and service in ways that feel meaningful to them. Idaho is spearheading an initiative to collect 250,000 volunteer hours by the 4th of July. As Girl Scouts and Leaders participate in their communities, they are helping shape the future of our country while celebrating the past. Learn more about Idaho's initiatives [here!](#)

RECORD VOLUNTEER HOURS

Strategies to Pay for College



College costs can feel overwhelming, but it's possible to earn a degree without taking on significant loan debt. With a solid plan, your student can too.

Consider these strategies with your student:

- Using savings, scholarships, part-time work, and financial aid.
- Cutting expenses by choosing an affordable, in-state, or online college.
- Starting at a community college to complete general education courses and then transferring.
- Taking a gap year to work full-time, live at home and build savings.

Include your student in every step of the planning process. They need to commit to the plan for it to work out.

For additional guidance, explore Horizon's mini course on paying for college. Planning ahead can help your student earn a degree while keeping debt minimal and under control.

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HORIZON CREDIT UNION



Silver Sage Office Hours

Customer Care & Boise Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10am - 4pm

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 this months hours.**

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