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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



Guiding Girls from Cookie Booths to Big Adventures

Cookie Season is officially in full swing, and our Girl Scouts are out setting goals, building skills, and preparing for incredible adventures ahead! Every box sold empowers girls to learn money management, practice people skills, and earn program credits that make experiences—like summer camp—possible.

And speaking of adventures... Summer Camp registration is now open! Whether it's splashing into the lake at CAP, tackling new challenges at Camp TAM, or making lifelong friends at Camp Echo, our camps offer unforgettable opportunities for girls to explore outdoors, build confidence, and grow as leaders.

This is the perfect moment for girls to dream big: set cookie goals, earn program credits, and use those earnings to unlock exciting summer experiences. Cookie season can be the first step toward an amazing week at camp!

Adult Volunteers—your support makes all the difference.

Encourage your Girl Scout to set a cookie goal, help her practice her pitch, or assist with booth sign-ups. If camp is on her wish list this year, now is the time to reserve her spot—sessions fill quickly, and early planning ensures she has the best chance at the adventure she wants most.

Thank you for supporting our Girl Scouts during this exciting season of growth, adventure, and leadership.

The 2026 Cookie Program: Brave. Fierce. Fun! Cookies Are Here!



February is when cookies arrive -- it's when we transition from taking orders to delivering orders and operating Cookie Booths! Troops have placed their Initial Orders (we call that I.O.), and the cookies are on their way to our delivery partner, Air Van, for delivery to Service Units & Cupboards throughout our Council area mid-month. Your Service Unit Cookie Manager will schedule pickups with your Troop Cookie Manager, then your Troop

Cookie Manager will schedule pickups with each Girl Scout's caregivers.

PICKUPS: Do not rush. Count carefully. Make sure you sign and receive a receipt.

Though the Initial Orders can't be changed, Troops who need more cookies than they ordered in the IO can start placing Planned Orders in their most convenient Cupboard starting on Friday.

Volunteers can also run reports, add financial transactions as girls turn in money, and still reserve & release Cookie Booths. (We'll continue working on adding Booth Slots throughout the season!)

Girls can still take orders for shipping and girl delivery in Digital Cookie.

Girls can still use their paper order forms to take orders, and they should still turn in money

at Troop meetings.



Cookie Central is the place for all things Cookie. You can reach it by clicking on our council home page and clicking on “Cookies” on the upper right.

If you need any printed materials like order cards, receipt books, or 5forFive! Slips, please reach out to your Troop Cookie Manager or Troop Leader.

Camp Registration is Open NOW!



Get ready for an unforgettable summer at Girl Scouts of Silver Sage camps. Registration is open now!

Our camps offer something for every Girl Scout, from first-time campers to experienced adventurers. Girls will build confidence, try new skills, make lifelong friends, and experience the magic of camp in a safe, supportive environment.

Session Highlights Include:

- Waterfront adventures such as swimming, boating, and water trampolines
- Horse and mountain programs with hands-on experiences
- STEM, leadership, and “All About Me” sessions
- Classic camp favorites including campfires, songs, crafts, hiking, and outdoor exploration

Important Dates to Know:

- Early Squirrel Deadline: March 1, 2026
- Merchandise Pre-Order Deadline: April 1, 2026

Reserve your camper’s spot with just a \$50 deposit, with flexible payment options available. Final balances are due two weeks before your session begins.

Whether your girl is returning to camp or joining us for the first time, Summer Camp 2026 is the place to ignite her spark and create memories that last a lifetime. Visit our website for full session details, dates, and registration links—camp season is almost here.

Ignite Your Spark!

Girl Scout Weekend at STARCH MADNESS

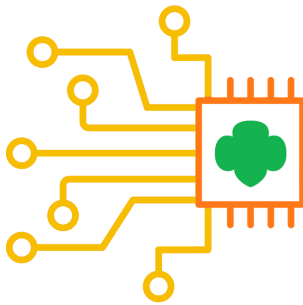
Starch Madness is coming to Boise on March 7-11, as the 2026 Big Sky Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament returns to Idaho Central Arena – and Saturday and Sunday are Girl Scout Weekend! Stay tuned to learn more about exclusive opportunities for Girl Scouts attending. Who knows? You might get to meet a mascot or even shoot a basket!

Anyone can follow the link below to take advantage of special discounted tickets, with \$3 of each ticket sold via the link supporting the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage.



Starch Madness Tickets

Meet "Girls EmPOWERing the Future"!



Explore. Build. Lead in STEM.

Sponsored by Micron

How to Join: Fill out the registration form linked below!

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.

Register Here!

Upcoming Events & Programs

February

- February 7 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (SE Idaho - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))
- February 7 – [Create a Cookie Sign](#) (Boise - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))
- February 10 – [Cookie Office Hours Q&A](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))
- February 12 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- [v](#))
- February 14 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (Garden Valley - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))
- February 16 – [Save The Date - Family Snowshoe Experience](#) (Magic Valley - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#) , [c](#) , [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))
- February 17 – [Cookie Office Hours Q&A](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))
- February 25 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))
- February 25 – [Go for Gold! \(Council- Hosted Gold Award Training for Girls & Volunteers\)](#) (ZOOM - [s](#) , [a](#) , [v](#))
- February 26 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- [v](#))

March

- March 3 – [Helping Girls Shine: Navigating Bronze, Silver & Leadership Awards for Volunteers](#) (ZOOM- [v](#))
- March 7-8 – [STD - Starch Madness Basketball Tournament](#) (ZOOM- [v](#))
- March 12 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- [v](#))
- March 16-20 – [Camp Echo - Twirl into Spring Break with Girl Scouts!](#) (Boise - [d](#) , [b](#) , [j](#))
- March 25 – [First Year Experience - Your Troop, Your Story!](#) (ZOOM - [v](#))
- March 26 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise- [v](#))

Camp

Bring Camp to Your Cookie Meeting!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way to energize your cookie meetings? Invite the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Camp Team to visit your troop meeting.



We'll help girls connect cookie goals to their summer adventures by:

- Completing the Cookie Calculator to plan how cookies can fund camp experiences
- Leading a hands-on craft
- Sharing camp stories and songs that bring the magic of camp to life

These visits are a great way to motivate girls, build excitement for camp, and show how cookie sales help make unforgettable experiences possible. Contact the Camp Team today to schedule a visit to your troop meeting!

Contact Us!

For the Love of Camp!



Girl Scout Camp helps girls build confidence and leadership skills. Your support helps ignite that spark and opens doors for all girls to experience camp!

Camp Scholarship gifts remove financial barriers and opens doors for all girls to experience camp.

General Camp donations support the improvements that allow camp to thrive and create spaces for girls to grow.

[Donate to the Camp Scholarships and the Camp General Fund](#)

The *Camp Amazon Wishlist* provides the supplies and equipment that powers camp adventures and programs.

CAP: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/13BBFH7JA40?ref=wl_share

TAM: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3INGZ4P0H0CH1?ref=wl_share

Echo Link Coming soon

Become a Camp Volunteer – Applications Open Now!



Camp doesn't happen without amazing volunteers—and we'd love for you to be part of the fun. Camp Volunteer applications are now open for the upcoming summer camp season at Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. Camp volunteers support girls as they explore the outdoors, try new activities, build confidence, and create lifelong memories. Whether you enjoy helping with activities, supporting programs, or assisting behind the scenes, there's a role for you at camp.

As a thank-you for your time and commitment, approved camp volunteers receive one free week of camp for their camper, making it even easier for families to experience the magic of camp.

Volunteering at camp is a rewarding way to give back, connect with the Girl Scout community, and experience camp alongside girls. Training and support are provided, and volunteer roles are designed to match a variety of interests and schedules. If you're ready to make a difference and be part of something unforgettable, apply now to become a Camp Volunteer. Visit our website for details on roles, requirements, and application deadlines.

Join us this summer and help make camp possible for every girl!

[Register to Volunteer Here](#)

The Gift of Camp – Scholarship Applications Open



Every girl deserves the opportunity to experience the magic of camp. Camp Scholarship applications are now open, helping ensure that cost is never a barrier to attending Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Summer Camp.

Camp scholarships support families by offsetting registration fees and making it possible for girls to enjoy a week filled with adventure, friendship, confidence-building, and outdoor discovery. From trying new activities to building leadership skills and lifelong connections, camp is an experience that stays with girls long after summer ends.

Scholarships are available for can be requested as part of the camp registration process. Funds are limited, so families are encouraged to apply early.

Give your girl the gift of camp—an experience that inspires growth, independence, and unforgettable memories. Visit our website to learn more about camp scholarships and how to apply.

Apply Here!

Entrepreneurship Program

Help Us Help You: Ordering Cookies

Girls need Girl Scout Cookies in-hand, in the right varieties, in the right quantities, at the right times, and in the right places for them to maximize their sales opportunities during the Cookie Program. As staff, we want to make sure that girls have all the supply they need, while using our resources wisely by not overordering Cookies or having Cookies at the wrong places or at the wrong times.

Your help is needed to accomplish the above. Please place Planned Orders in Smart Cookies by noon on Mondays, because time is needed for:

- Evaluating Planned Orders to decide how many of each variety need delivered to each Cupboard this week.
- Placing re-stock orders for each Cupboard.
- Creating Delivery Tickets and submitting them to Air Van.

Then...

- Air Van evaluates re-stock orders.
- Air Van plans truck distribution, schedules staff.
- Air Van loads trucks for delivery.
- Air Van delivers orders to Cupboards
- Cupboard volunteers count Cookies, report damages & anomalies

Finally...

- Cookies are in Cupboards and can be picked up.

As you can see, there are many steps involved in the supply chain planning process that need time to properly execute. Please place Planned Orders in Smart Cookies:

- By noon on Monday, February 16 for pickup on Thursday, February 19 or Friday, February 20.
- By noon on Monday, February 23 for pickup on Friday, February 27.
- By noon on Monday, March 2 for pickup on Friday, March 6.

- By noon on Monday, March 9 for pickup on Friday March 13.

Planned Orders are just that. Planned. Your Troop is not obligated to take these cookies until they are picked up and signed for. Any time before pickup or even AT pick up, Planned Orders can be changed. We make a lot of projections and Cookie placement decisions based on these Planned Orders, so please estimate needs as best you can. We want everyone to have what they need without anyone having too much at the end of the sale

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Cookie Dates



February 16: Place Planned Order in Smart Cookies if you anticipate needing more cookies for the coming weekend than in your Initial Order.

February 13-18: Service Unit Cookie deliveries & Troop Cookie pickups.

February 19: All Cupboards should be open by today.

February 20: Booth sales begin.

February 23: Place Planned Order in Smart Cookies if you anticipate needing more cookies for the coming weekend.

March 2: Place Planned Order in Smart Cookies if you anticipate needing more cookies for the coming weekend.

March 9: Place Planned Order in Smart Cookies if you anticipate needing more cookies for the coming weekend.

March 16: Do you have any girls in your Troop who still need more cookies so they can reach their goals? You can place a Planned Order for cookies to pick up at the cupboard

Programs and Events

Family Snowshoe Fun with EmpowHER Outdoors!



Join us for a fun and family-friendly snowshoeing adventure led by Kristina Schmid of EmpowHER Outdoors! Explore winter trails, learn basic snowshoe skills, and enjoy time together in the fresh mountain air. This guided outing is perfect for beginners and seasoned outdoor families alike.

Time: 1pm-3pm

Cost: \$25 / participant

Please note: this is not a drop-off event—adults must remain with their children for the

duration of the program.

Bundle up, bring your sense of adventure, and let's make some snowy memories!

Find the Nearest One Here!

Twirl into Spring Break with Girl Scouts!



At our Spring Break Ballet Camp, Girl Scouts will explore the art of ballet while building confidence, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Campers will learn basic ballet techniques, practice creative expression, and discover how dancers use movement to tell powerful stories. Along the way, they'll work toward earning their Ballet Patch, recognizing their achievements and new skills.

The week includes a special field trip to Ballet Idaho, where girls will experience professional ballet up close and see how artists collaborate both on and off the stage. No dance experience needed, just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to try something new!

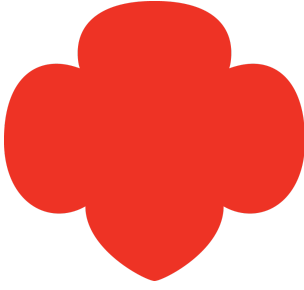
Girls will:

- Learn ballet basics and dance vocabulary
- Build confidence and perseverance
- Practice teamwork and self-expression
- Earn their Ballet Patch
- Visit Ballet Idaho for a behind-the-scenes experience

Register Here!

Retail

February 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:

February 13th: OPEN 9am - 1pm for Second Saturday!

February 16th: CLOSED for President's Day.

We're Always Open Online!

Membership

Get Your Girl Scout Uniform!



It's Cookie Time, and it's more important than ever to make sure you Girl Scout is uniform ready! This means more than just the insignia tab; girls should be wearing a tunic, a vest, or sash with the required council identification pieces. Cookie season is the one time of the year that the general public is looking for Girl Scouts, let's make sure that they can see you!

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.

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 for Your Vest!

Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout – Join Our Alumni Network!



Reconnect, give back, and celebrate your Girl Scout journey! We're building our alumni network and want you to be part of it. Join fellow alumnae for meetups, networking events, and fun celebrations. All Girl Scout alumni living in the Silver Sage jurisdiction are encouraged to join. Meetups and events begin in January.

Join the Network Here!

Community Partners and Events

Tax Season Tips to Keep Scammers Away



Tax season is a prime time for scammers to steal your personal information. Here are a few tips to keep you safe:

Look for a letter: The IRS does not initiate contact by phone, email, text or social media about payments or personal information. Their first contact is always an official letter sent by mail.

File early: Filing your tax return as soon as possible helps prevent scammers from submitting a fraudulent return in your name.

Choose a trusted tax preparer: Work with a reputable tax professional. Avoid preparers who promise unusually large refunds or refuse to sign your return.

Check your IRS account: Reviewing your official IRS online account can help you spot suspicious activity or unauthorized filings early.

Insured by NCUA. Always consult a tax professional.

Horizon Credit Union



Silver Sage Office and Retail Store 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 month's 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

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Contact us for more information.

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