



July 1, 2026

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## Council Highlights

### A Message From Dr. Angela Hemingway, CEO



#### Leading Today and Building Tomorrow Together!

Summer is in full swing, and our Girl Scouts are making the most of every moment! They are exploring the backcountry, diving into STEM, building confidence, and creating the kind of memories that last a lifetime. At the same time, our council is looking ahead with excitement and purpose as we build the roadmap for the next decade.

We call it Vision 2030: our bold plan to create the Council of the Future.

The world is changing quickly, and the opportunities ahead for girls are broad, bold, and more far-reaching than ever. To keep the Girl Scout Leadership Experience strong, relevant, inspiring, and joyful, we are modernizing the way we work, expanding the way girls learn, and strengthening the partnerships that help bring big dreams within reach.

**Modern tools for a stronger council.** This summer, we are upgrading our technology, improving digital systems, and streamlining behind-the-scenes operations and volunteer experiences. These changes may not always be visible, but they make a powerful difference: they help our team spend less time navigating systems and more time supporting girls, volunteers, and families.

**Programming that blends tradition and innovation.** The future of Girl Scouting is rooted in what we have always done best: helping girls discover their courage, curiosity, and leadership. From outdoor adventures at camp to hands-on STEM, financial literacy, career exploration, and real-world learning with community partners, we are expanding what is possible for every girl.

**Partnerships that open doors.** We know the future is built together. Through deeper relationships with local businesses, innovators, educators, and community champions, we are creating more opportunities for girls to see new paths, try new things, and imagine themselves as the leaders our world needs.

Vision 2030 is more than a strategic initiative. It is a joyful promise to our girls: that we will keep growing, adapting, and dreaming boldly so they have the resources, confidence, and support to lead wherever life takes them.

Thank you for believing in this mission, supporting our Girl Scouts, and walking with us toward a bright and exciting future. Together, we are leading today and building tomorrow and it is going to be extraordinary!!

## **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**

## STEM Camp Travel Scholarships Available



We want every Girl Scout to have the opportunity to participate fully in our INL STEM Camps, regardless of where they live or travel from. Families traveling from rural or distant communities are encouraged to complete this form so our team can better support your Girl Scout's STEM journey.

**REQUEST A SCHOLARSHIP**

## More Friends More Fun 2026 is Almost 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!

## Upcoming Events & Programs

### Summer Camp

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

June 28 - July 30 – [Camp Alice Pittenger](#) (McCall - [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

July 5 - 16 – [Camp TAM](#) (Swan Valley - [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

### July

July 1 – [Yoga in the Park](#) (Ammon - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

July 4 – [Idaho Falls 4th of July Parade](#) (Ammon - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

July 6 - 10 – [INL STEM Scholars Camp Session 1](#) (Garden City - [b](#), [j](#))

July 11 – [Girls in Gears: The Heart of the Machine - Automotive Engineering](#) (Pocatello - [pre-k](#), [d](#), [b](#), [j](#))

July 13 - 17 – [INL STEM Scholars Camp Session 2](#) (Garden City - [b](#), [j](#))

July 16 – [New Leader Orientation](#) (Boise - [v](#))

July 18 – [Girl Scout Scavenger Hunt](#) (Rexburg - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

July 31 – [Spa Fun](#) (Idaho Falls - [d](#), [b](#), [j](#), [c](#), [s](#), [a](#))

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

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

CHECK OUT ALL UPCOMING EVENTS

## Camp

### Ignite Your Spark This Summer

Lots of great camp experiences are still available this summer! If you haven't secured your spot yet, there is still time to join the adventure.



**REGISTER TODAY!**

## Camp Countdown is On!



We are so excited to welcome everyone to camp in the next couple of weeks!

Our staff has been hard at work preparing for an incredible summer filled with adventure, new friendships, campfires, waterfront fun, horseback riding, songs, laughter, and unforgettable memories. The cabins are ready, the program areas are set, and we can't wait to share the magic of camp with each of you.

As you get ready for your session, be sure to:

- Complete all CampDoc forms at least two weeks before your camp session.
- Watch your inbox for important details to help you be prepared to arrive at camp. Emails will be sent 2 weeks prior to the start date of your camp.
- Double-check your packing list so you have everything you need.
- Get ready for an amazing week of fun, exploration and Girl Scout adventures!

Safe travels, and we'll see you at camp soon!

## Camp Scholarships Available

We want every girl to experience camp.

Girl Scouts of Silver Sage is committed to making camp accessible to all.

Scholarships are available for families who would benefit from financial assistance.



- A **\$50 deposit** is required at registration to reserve a camper's spot.
- All scholarship requests are confidential
- Awards are available until funds are depleted
- No financial requirements

**Apply today to learn more.**

**APPLY**

## Entrepreneurship Program

### The Ready to Explore Roadtrip



There are important new things coming our way – both with the Fall Product Program and the Cookie Program! There will be plenty of time for questions & answers while we share an overview of Fall Product information and potentially a deeper dive into the Cookie Program news for .

We hope you and any interested volunteer or caregiver will join us at one of four gatherings.

Please save the date for the evenings of:

- July 27 in Idaho Falls
- July 28 in the Magic Valley
- July 30 in the Treasure Valley
- TBD: Online Session (Zoom, will be recorded)

In addition to light refreshments at the in-person events, we'll bring plenty of prizes and fun! (Prizes for live online participants, too.) You don't want to miss out.

**EVENT SIGN-UPS**

## 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.

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



We are hopping with excitement for the upcoming Fall Product Program! The biggest news is that it has a new name: **Treats & Treasures!** Thank you so much to everyone who submitted suggestions.

The Fall Product Program is:

**Easy** – Only one order placed for the Troop by the Troop Volunteer and only one pickup for families. No on-hand inventory, no cupboards, no guesswork.

Volunteers only order what the girls need for their customers.

**Lucrative** – Troops earn \$1 for each nut/candy item and \$3 for each “Treasures” item like Tervis tumblers, magazine subscriptions, candles, stationery, and Bark Boxes. It’s a fantastic way to earn Troop funds before the holidays.

**Friends & Family** – This sale is primarily intended for friends and family to order. There are no booths to schedule. Email is the primary promotional method. (Now is a great time for families to start making sure they have up-to-date addresses for everyone.)

**Preparation for Cookies** – Once Girl Scouts learn and practice skills during the

Treats & Treasures program and experience success as entrepreneurs, they can hit the ground running in January.

**Important Dates:**

August 17: EVENT - Treats & Treasures Training for Troop and Service Unit volunteers (Zoom, will be recorded)

August 24: EVENT - Treats & Treasures for Families (Zoom, will be recorded)

September 8: Treats & Treasures program begins

October 14: Troop deadline to submit orders that were taken on order cards

October 25: Last day for online ordering

To participate in Treats & Treasures, Troops must be in good standing and without any outstanding debt for the Cookie Program. They also must have an eligible, trained Troop Fall Product Manager (TFPM) who has signed the TFPM contract and be in a Service Unit with a trained, eligible Service Unit Fall Product Manager (SUFPM).

## SIGN THE CONTRACTS

## 2026 Cookie Program

**Cookie Rewards Update:**

We are sorry to report that the custom reward items we ordered, the plush squishy ferrets and a re-order of the Operation Cookie patches, have been delayed. We sincerely appreciate your patience. We have heard from the vendor, and we expect to be sending them out to you in July. We will let you know if that changes.

## 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!

## Programs & Events

### Donate to Camp Echo



Help campers at Echo stay cool this summer, donate a pool to Camp Echo! Please mail to Savannah Sutherlin at 8948 W Barnes Ave. Boise, ID 83709.

**DONATE A POOL!**

### Get STEM This Summer with INL!



Powered by Idaho National Laboratory, our STEM Day Camps spark curiosity, creativity, and confidence through hands-on learning and real-world exploration. From problem-solving challenges to interactive experiments, each day encourages campers to imagine themselves as innovators and leaders, all in an engaging day-camp experience. Financial assistance is available upon request.

### INL STEM Scholars Camp - CO-ED, Grades 3-5

Created by Idaho National Laboratory and guided by Girl Scout Staff & Volunteers,

the STEM Scholars Engineering Design Camp invites youth to become engineers for four action-packed days of building, designing, testing, and dreaming big.

Throughout the week, they'll explore:

- Energy and water systems
- Simple machines
- Real-world problem-solving
- Hands-on prototyping and recycled-material builds
- A parent showcase on Day 4

9:00 AM drop-off | 9:30-3:00 PM programming | 3:00-3:30 PM pickup | NO AFTER CARE, NO SESSION ON FRIDAY

These camps are open to the public and welcome all youth, while following Girl Scouts of Silver Sage safety standards and best practices to ensure a supportive and secure learning environment.

LEARN MORE

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

APPLY NOW

## 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.wh.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

### 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

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

Girl Scouts Love State Parks September 11–12 | Three Island Crossing State Park

Join us for a fun-filled optional overnight 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

## Retail

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

## July 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:**

**July 11th:** OPEN 9am - 1pm for Second Saturday!

**WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN ONLINE**

## **Alumni and Governance**

### **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!



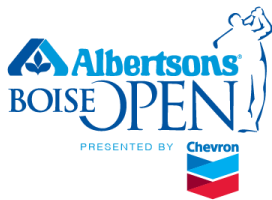
The Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Alumnae & Friends Facebook group is live. It's a space to share Girl Scout memories, photos, ideas, and events while connecting with fellow alumnae and supporters near and far. Feel free to invite your Girl Scout sisters and friends to join the community.

Questions? Contact Customer Care at [customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org)

**JOIN THE FACEBOOK GROUP**

## 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

### Planning for Pets



Those big eyes and tiny paws are hard to resist. It's no wonder puppies and kittens steal our hearts so quickly and become part of the family.

But bringing home a pet is more than playtime and cuddles. Pets come with ongoing costs. Food is just the beginning.

Think vet visits, vaccines, grooming, licensing, supplies and more. It adds up faster than you might expect.

Before you welcome a new companion, take a moment to plan ahead. Making room in your budget now will help you avoid stress later and give your pet the care it deserves.

To make things easier, we've put together a simple checklist of common pet expenses. Use it to estimate costs so you can feel confident and prepared when you bring your new friend home.

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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.**

## 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



Have a question or need assistance?

[Contact us](#) for more information.



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