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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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Cookies Makes the Way to Leadership Clear

Cookie Season is in full swing! Our Girl Scouts are setting goals, building skills, and earning program credits that open the door to incredible adventures like summer camp. Every box sold helps girls grow in money management, people skills, and confidence—core elements of the girl-led Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Thanks to cookie proceeds, girls are diving into STEM, launching amazing community service activities, and enjoying unforgettable

day and overnight experiences at our three camp properties.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Annual Business Meeting – April 9

Hear key council updates, celebrate the year's accomplishments, and look ahead to the future of Girl Scouts of Silver Sage.

Cookie Program FAQs

How long do Cookie Booths run?

Through March 15, at partner locations including Albertsons, Walmart, Grocery Outlet, and other local supporters.

What is Operation Cookie?

Customers can purchase cookies for donation to organizations that support active-duty military members and veterans. Donations are accepted at booths or online. Last year, our community donated 10,632 packages—an incredible show of gratitude.

A Message to Volunteers

Your support makes all the difference. Encourage your Girl Scout to set a goal, practice her pitch, and join booth shifts. If summer camp is part of her dream, now is the perfect time to register—sessions fill quickly.

Thank you for helping girls grow in courage, confidence, and character during this exciting season of leadership and discovery.

Girl Scout Weekend at STARCH MADNESS



STARCH MADNESS returns to Boise this March, and the Big Sky Conference wants to offer a special discount to you and your family & friends. By purchasing through the link below, you save money on your tickets and a portion of the proceeds benefits Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. The 2026 Big Sky Men’s and Women’s Basketball Tournament is slated for March 7-11 at Idaho Central Arena in Boise, Idaho.

Girls who attend during **Girl Scout Weekend** (March 7-8) and wear their vest or sash may get to have a special adventure like welcoming players onto the court, meeting the mascots, or interacting with the cheerleaders.

[Starch Madness Tickets](#)

Annual Business Meeting April 9th, 2026



Dear Silver Sage Council Members,

This serves as OFFICIAL NOTICE of the Annual Business Meeting of the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council, Inc. on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**This will be a virtual web and/or telephone-based meeting, as permitted by the by-laws of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage. Specific details will be forthcoming to Delegates and Voting Members of the Council.

The official agenda, the business address agenda will be the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Leadership Center, 848 W. Burton Street, Boise, ID 83724.

DELEGATES AND VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE A DELEGATE SUPPLEMENT via email by April 1, 2026. Paper materials will be provided to those who are unable to attend participation as convenient as possible.

These items will be provided to you in advance of the meeting and you are obligated to review them prior to the meeting. The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held on a separate day for delegates to sign up for a portion of the meeting to be held on-site.

It is requested that all delegates participate to meet the requirements of our Council's legal by-laws.

The role of a Delegate includes the following:
1. To be responsible for the collection of dues, and
2. To provide input on the issues affecting the Council and the Girl Scout movement.

During the year's Annual Meeting, Delegates will review:
• Approval of 2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2025
• Financials for 2025
• Review of all minutes and reports of the Board of Directors
• Review of all 2025 Annual Council Reports
• Review of all 2025 Annual Council Reports

You will receive an additional set of materials and an agenda to enable your valued participation.

Thank you for your inclusion. Please email any questions to volunteer@girlscouts.org.


Dr. Angela Hargrave
CEO, Silver Sage Council
Girl Scouts of Silver Sage

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Courage

Confidence

Character



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Upcoming Events & Programs

March

March 3 – [Helping Girls Shine: Navigating Bronze, Silver & Leadership Awards for Volunteers](#) (ZOOM- v)

March 7-8 – [STD - Starch Madness Basketball Tournament](#) (Boise - d, b, j, c, s, a, 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**)

April

April 9 – [Save the Date - 2026 Silver Sage Annual Business Meeting](#) (ZOOM - **v**)

April 10 – [Save the Date - Honoring Excellence Recognitions "Brighter Together"](#) (Idaho Falls - **v**)

April 11 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification - Adults](#) (Idaho Falls - **v**)

April 15 – [Helping Girls Shine: Navigating Bronze, Silver & Leadership Awards for Volunteers](#) (ZOOM - **v**)

April 17 – [Save the Date - Honoring Excellence Recognitions "Brighter Together"](#) (Treasure Valley - **v**)

April 18-19 – [Backpacking Trip with EmpowHER](#) (Treasure Valley - **c, s, a**)

April 18 – [Adult 403 Leader Training](#) (Magic Valley - **v**)

April 21 – [Go Kart Racing for Girl Scouts](#) (Idaho Falls - **d, b, j, c, s, a**)

April 23 – [Go for Gold! \(Council- Hosted Gold Award Training for Girls & Volunteers\)](#) (ZOOM - **s, a, v**)

April 25 – [Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification - Adults](#) (Pocatello - **v**)

[Check Out All Upcoming Events!](#)

Camp

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: **TODAY**
- 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!

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!

Troop Camp Just Got More Affordable for Leaders!



We're excited to announce that troop camp leaders attend for just the \$50 deposit total—no additional camp fees—as long as the troop meets Girl Scout overnight adult-to-girl ratios! Required Leader-to-Girl ratios for each grade level can be found on our website [here](#).

Additional leaders beyond the required ratio are welcome and may register at the full camp price. This makes it easier for troops to camp together while meeting safety requirements and keeping costs low for volunteers.

Questions about ratios or registration? [Our camp team is happy to help!](#)

**If leaders have already registered refund will be issued if appropriate.*

Register Here!

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: <https://a.co/0aajsRrp>

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

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



DON'T MISS OUT – Don't let your Girl Scout miss out on all the fun, skills, rewards, and camaraderie of the Cookie Program! She can earn Program Credits to pay for next year's membership or even summer camp.

It's not too late! If your Troop would like to get started in the Cookie Program, there's still time to do it. If your Troop is already participating, there's still time to get a new girl started, too. Please

email customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org to get the ball rolling.



RESOURCES – 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, rewards cards, money envelopes, or 5forFive! slips, please reach out to your Troop Cookie Manager or Cupboard.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Cookie Dates



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

🌟 2026 Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Product Incentive Trip

🌈 Walt Disney World • June 26–30, 2026 🌈

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure! Girl Scouts who shine during the 2026 Cookie Season can earn a magical trip to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

🌟 Trip Overview

Dates: June 26–30, 2026

Cost: \$2,000 per traveler

Duration: 5 Days / 4 Nights

✅ Do You Qualify?

To be eligible for this exciting incentive trip, participants must:

- Be a Girl Scout in 5th–11th grade during the 2026 Cookie Season
- Sell 750 packages of Girl Scout Cookies
- Submit a \$50 deposit at the time of registration

🌟 What's Included

This all-in-one experience covers:

- ✈️ Round-trip flights
- 🏨 Hotel accommodations
- 🚌 Ground transportation in Orlando
- 🎫 Park tickets to Walt Disney World
- 🍽️ Meals throughout the trip

Everything is taken care of—just pack your bags and your sense of adventure!

👥 Troop Travel Option

Want your troop to travel together but unsure where to begin? We've got you covered!

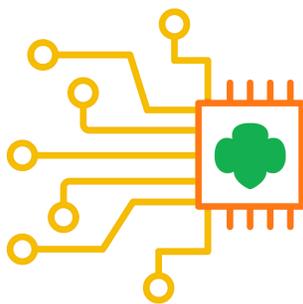
Troops qualify by meeting the following requirements:

- A minimum of 3 participating girls
- o Each girl must meet the minimum cookie package requirement
- At least 2 approved adults, meeting Girl Scout troop ratio standards

This is a great way to enjoy the magic as a team!

Programs and Events

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!

Take Action Workshops: Bling Your Badge!

Turn your passions into action by making change locally. The Take Action award is available to Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts who want to turn their passion into action! Pick your favorite badge and use it as inspiration to create meaningful impact in your



community. Take Action award: Team up to identify a local issue, understand what's behind it and who's already working on it, and create a lasting solution.

[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!

[Register Here!](#)

Give Your Girls A Voice



From April 6–30, they can share their experiences in the GSUSA Voices Count Girl Survey. Caregivers will get an email with instructions, and the feedback helps guide us by showing what we're doing right and where we can do even better, locally and nationally. Help us help you!!

Apply for the Gold Award Scholarship!

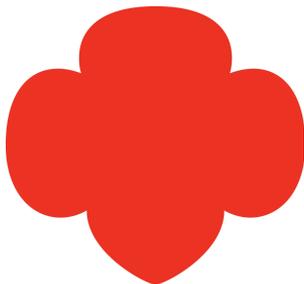


Did you know that Gold Award Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn a \$5,000 scholarship? The Girl Scouts of the USA National Scholarship application opens March 13, and one Girl Scout from each council will be selected to support her post-secondary journey. No action is needed; eligible girls will receive direct communication from GSUSA and Silver Sage Council in March. This program will continue in future years, so please keep encouraging your girls to GO FOR GOLD! More information is available on GSUSA's [Gold Award Scholarship page](#).

In addition, Silver Sage Council also offers Gold Award scholarships. Please email customercare@girlscouts-ssc.org for more details.

Retail

March 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:

March 14th: OPEN 9am - 1pm for Second Saturday!

We're Always Open Online!

Penny Shortage



We're running out of pennies! Due to the discontinuation of production of pennies at the Federal Reserve, we are getting low on pennies without the ability to order more. If you're paying cash at the store please bring exact change when possible! We are working towards solutions and will have updates soon.

Membership

Events In Eastern ID



Check out these fun things happening in Eastern Idaho!

[4/21 Go Cart Racing @Rad Ray's Go Karts](#) 3891 American Way, Idaho Falls, from 6-8pm. Cost is \$10 per girl. Girls need to choose 6-7pm or 7-8pm with a max of 40 girls per hour.

- [5/12 Police Department Tour @ IFPD](#) 775 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls from 4-5pm
- [5/26 Garden center Tour @ Eagle Rock Nursery](#) 1850 Rollandet St, Idaho Falls 6:30-6:30pm
- [6/2 Bubbles in the Park @ Pilsbury Park](#) 440 S Milton, Shelley 6-7pm
- [6/24 Scavenger Hunt @ Kate Curley Park](#) 300 N St, Idaho Falls 6-7pm
- [7/1 Yoga @ Peterson Park](#) on Samuel St, Ammon 6-7pm
- [7/18 Scavenger Hunt @ Porter Park](#) on S 2nd W & 3rd W, Rexburg 10-11am
- [7/30 Spa Fun @ Mel Erickson Sunnyside Park](#) 1905 E Sunnyside Rd, Ammon 6-7pm
- [8/4 Paint in Nature @ Jensen Grove](#) 733 E Airport Rd, Blackfoot 6-7pm
- [8/20 Water Games @ Mel Erickson Sunnyside Park](#) 1905 E Sunnyside Rd, Ammon 6-7pm

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.

[Join the Network Here!](#)

Governance

Silver Sage Older Girl Leadership Opportunities



2026-2027 Senior/Ambassador Senior Girl Board Member
Applications now open!
Current 9th, 10th, and, 11th grade Girl Scouts can apply!

- Have you ever wanted to be part of making decisions for our Council?
- Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you have an opinion on issues too?
- Would you like to be an advocate for all Girl Scouts?

If you answered "YES!" then here's a great opportunity.

[2026 Silver Sage Senior Girl Board Candidate Application](#)

[2026 Silver Sage Senior Girl Board Candidate Application- Adult Letter of Reference](#)

Please submit your application and Adult Letter of reference by **Friday, March 6, 2026**, for you to be considered by the Silver Sage Board Development Committee. Elections take place at the Annual Meeting on April 9, 2026.

Contact customer-care@girlscouts-ssc.org with any questions!

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Other official notices, the business address of the Girl Scouts of Silver Sage Leadership Council can be found at www.girlscouts.org.

DELEGATES AND VOTING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE A VIRTUAL MEETING LINK BY EMAIL. THIS EMAIL WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY THE GIRL SCOUTS OF SILVER SAGE.

Thank you for your commitment to our movement and your willingness to serve your community. We are excited to meet with you and your delegates to discuss our future and the impact of our Council and members.

We encourage all delegates to participate to meet the requirements of our Council's legal by-laws.

The role of Delegates includes the following: to represent the interests and opinions of girls, boys, and youth members; to provide input on the Council's policies and programs; and to provide input on the Council's budget.

Using the year's Annual Meeting, Delegates will vote on:
- Approval of the Girl Scout Oath and Promise
- Approval of the Girl Scout Law
- Approval of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Approval of the Girl Scout Council Budget

You will receive additional information and updates to enable your valued participation.

Thank you for your dedication. Please reach any questions to leadership@silver.sage.girlscouts.org.

Dr. Angela Brumbyer
CEO - Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of Silver Sage

March 3, 2026



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Community Partners and Events

Scouts Take The Capitol!



Scouts Take the Capital is a collaborative civic engagement experience for youth members of Girl Scouts of Silver Sage and Scouting America Mountain West Council. This event will provide Scouts and Girl Scouts the opportunity to visit the State Capitol, learn about how state government functions, and engage in age-appropriate activities focused on leadership, citizenship, and advocacy. Scouts and Girl Scouts will participate by program level in separate, guided experiences that include Capitol tours, discussions about the legislative process, and opportunities to

meet or hear from public officials. The goal of this event is to inspire civic awareness, encourage respectful dialogue, and empower Scouts and Girl Scouts to understand how they can make a positive impact in their communities and state.

Everyone is welcome to attend; however, the first 60 Scouts and Girl Scouts in grades K–5 and the first 60 Scouts and Girl Scouts in grades 6–12 will be eligible to participate in a guided Capitol tour led by Capitol staff. After those capacities are reached, additional Scouts and Girl Scouts will still be able to tour the Capitol with the support of trained volunteers leading group tours.

[Register Here](#)

Creating a Business Plan



Great businesses begin with a solid plan, even if you're starting small. Maybe you're bookkeeping on the side, giving old furniture new life or selling homemade treats. A business plan helps you get your ideas in order, understand who you're trying to reach and set goals you can actually hit. It's also a great way to identify what makes your business special right from the start.

A good plan answers the big questions: What value are you offering? How will people hear about you? When will you make a profit? Thinking through these details early on gives your business a strong foundation and increases your chance of long-term success.

Want a little help getting started? Check out our Small Business Essentials toolkit to learn about planning, financial statements, business credit and more.

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[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 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!

customer care@girlscouts-ssc.org

(208) 377-2011



Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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