



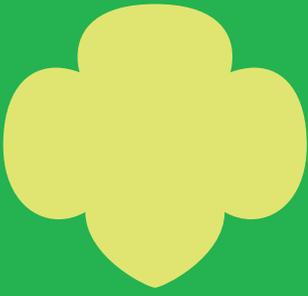
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Do you want the chance to be featured in the next edition of the Membership Newsletter? Tell us about your unforgettable adventures, inspiring acts of volunteerism, conquered challenges and more [here!](#)



End of Year Financials

Troop and Service Unit Annual Financial Reports are Past Due.

If you haven't submitted the report for your troop and/or service unit yet, please do so IMMEDIATELY and include the following:

- [Annual Financial Report Form.](#)
- Bank statements from June 2024 to May 2025.
- Receipts for all transactions other than those for the cookie and fall program sweeps.

Finance Tools and Resources

- [Quick Guide](#)
- [Video Tutorial](#)
- [Product Finance Tool](#)
- [Troop Banking Resources](#)
- [FAQ Video](#)

Reminder: GSMW will begin contacting those who haven't submitted a report IMMEDIATELY. Please remember that **bank accounts are subject to closure if we cannot ensure they comply with GSMW and GSUSA financial policies.**



Peaks and Pines

September 20 to 21, 2025

Peaks and Pines is calling!

Are you ready for adventure, connection, and a whole lot of fun, while supporting our future generation of leaders?

Don't just take our word for it! Here's what last year's participants had to say:

"Attending the very first Peaks and Pines event was such a treat! I knew that just getting a night away from home would be wonderful, but I was so pleasantly surprised by the incredible food, relaxing atmosphere, and care put into creating an experience where I felt important and pampered.

Not having to make decisions, cook, or do any work was my favorite part...all I had to do was show up and everything else was taken care of for the next 24 hours.

It was fun to connect with new friends from other areas of the state, especially in a setting that is so serene and picturesque. I would highly recommend this event to any woman who wishes to have a great time for a great cause."

"Peaks and Pines is the perfect getaway. I enjoyed soaking up time with other women, relaxing on my own on the solitude, and celebrating the amazing work of Girl Scouts. This is a can't miss event."

"Having a weekend with other ladies where I could reflect and just enjoy the view and company was just what I needed. The staff were wonderful and accommodating, the food was AMAZING. I can't wait for next year!"

Event Details

September 20-21, 2025

Timbercrest Camp | Red Lodge, MT

Overnight Rate: \$175 - \$300/Per Person

Day Rate: \$100/Per Person

Questions? Email us at give@gsmw.org.

[Register Now](#)



Girl Scout

Almuna Spotlight

Leigh Larson

What is your proudest Girl Scout achievement?

My proudest Girl Scout achievement came in the second grade: I sold so many Girl Scout cookies that I won the prize of attending Girl Scout camp for free (shoutout to my mom who helped me deliver all of those cookies!). I fondly remember joking in the dining hall and singing songs around the campfire with all those Girl Scouts that summer. I proudly wore my Girl Scout vest to school on the days of our meetings. Girl Scouts empowered me to start a recycling petition in elementary school. My schedule filled up with competitive soccer and I did not have time to continue my journey in Girl Scouts, and I cried that day. I still have my Brownie vest at my childhood home in Texas.

If you could give a Girl Scout some advice, what would it be?

Service, leadership, and women's advocacy are lifelong endeavors. The world needs passionate and compassionate leaders who care to make a difference. Be your authentic self and pursue life for the sake of living it. You are the only thing holding you back. Find your people, find your passion, and go for it.



[Read Leigh's Full Story](#)



Retail Updates Beginning July 14th

Several Girl Scout retail items will see a price increase.

These items include pins, troop numerals, Council ID patches, Daisy tunics and vests, and Brownie vests.

Pricing for the Daisy tunic/vest and Brownie vest will be consistently priced to match the Junior vest at \$25.

Badges are not part of the price increase except for Daisy Petal sets, which are imported. Badge prices have not changed since 2021 and will remain stable to continue supporting core experiences.

Curious about some of your favorite items?

- Traditional Membership Pin and WAGGGS pin - was \$3, now \$3.25
- Cookie pin - was \$3.50, now \$3.75
- Troop Numerals - was \$1.95, now \$2
- Council ID Set - was \$7, now \$7.50
- Daisy Petal Sets - was \$10, now \$11

Questions? Email shop@gsmw.org or call 406-252-0488.

Girl Scout Shop



Gold Award Scholarship

2025 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

Victoria addressed carbon emissions and promoted environmental sustainability in her community by creating educational resources, including a slideshow and planting instructions to empower community members to make a difference by planting “carbon eaters” (trees and plants) to absorb CO2.

She partnered with local nurseries for donations of 50 tree starts, 200 seed packets and numerous perennials and then held planting sessions with community members.

Victoria also engaged local organizations to assist in distributing planting instructions and donated seeds. The long-term care of the trees and plants will be taken on by the participants as they rise to the challenge of combating climate change in their community.

Victoria is attending the University of Montana where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing. Victoria is also a member of the Davidson Honors College. Congratulations, Victoria!



Congratulations, Victoria!

Congratulations to Victoria N. of Chouteau, MT on receiving the 2025 GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship in the amount of \$5000 for her Gold Award project “Carbon Eaters”.

Learn more and get started:

girlscouts.org/goldawardscholarship



Girl Scout

Product Program

The Fall Product Program is Coming

Get ready for girls to start this “Brave.Fierce.Fun!” year with the Fall Product Program from October 3rd to November 19th.

Help us Name Our Fall Mascot—the Grizzly Bear

Help us name our mascot by [voting here by July 31](#). We’ll reveal the winning name during our Fall Kickoffs in September!

Product Managers, It's About That Time

Troop Product Managers: Please complete the [Troop Product Manager Agreement](#) by August 10. This information is essential so we can send Fall Program materials directly to you.

Service Unit Product Managers (SUPMs): Please submit your [SUPM Agreement](#) by July 14.

Thank you for helping us prepare for a great season!





2026 Girl Scout National Convention

Get Ready for an Adventure!

We're thrilled to share that the 2026 Girl Scout National Convention will be held in Washington, DC from July 20–25, with Girl Scouts Nation's Capital as the host council.

This exciting event is a powerful opportunity for Girl Scouts and leaders to gain inspiration, build leadership skills, and connect with changemakers from across the country.

From meaningful sessions to once-in-a-lifetime experiences, this convention promises to spark ideas and action for Girl Scouts ready to lead in their communities.

Juniors and older Girl Scout troops are encouraged to attend, and GSMW will offer virtual guidance and resources leading up to the event.

To get started, please fill out our [2026 National Convention interest form](#) so we can keep you in the loop and help you prepare for this unforgettable adventure. We will share more information as GSUSA releases official registration and programming information.

Check out GSUSA's convention website, and [sign-up for their email updates](#). Let's make 2026 a year to remember!

[Learn More](#)



What is Meeting in a Minute?

This all-inclusive activity box is designed for any Girl Scout troop! The best part? Meeting in a Minute takes the guesswork out of preparing for your next troop meeting. Your troop can look forward to a new and exciting theme, so you can spend less time planning and more time mentoring your girls!



Meeting in a Minute: Funshine Sunshine

Get ready to soak up the sun and explore the magic of solar-powered fun! The Funshine Sunshine Box is packed with bright and crafty adventures perfect for curious minds and creative hands.

What's Inside the Box

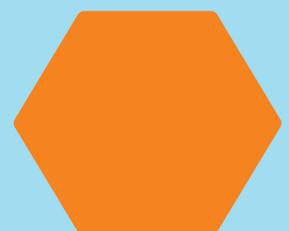
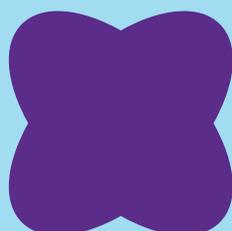
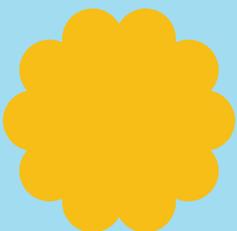
- UV bead bracelets & lizard keychains – learn about UV rays while making color-changing crafts.
- Solar oven – cook up sunny treats using the power of light.
- Trefoil bandana – create your own sun-printed design.
- Plus, sun safety tips to stay cool and protected while you play!

Boxes are available in the following sizes, and shipping is included:

- 6 activity sets \$25
- 12 activity sets \$40



ORDER NOW



Girl Scouts Love State Parks: September 13-14

Mark your calendar for a weekend of outdoor fun and discovery! Girl Scouts Love State Parks is happening September 13-14, 2025, and GSMW is planning exciting activities to help you explore and enjoy your local state parks.

Bring your troop, family, or friends and celebrate your love of nature with hikes, hands-on experiences, and more, designed just for Girl Scouts. Full event details and registration information will be posted at www.gsmw.org/events throughout July. Don't miss this annual adventure!



Summer STEM Van Tour

The Mobile STEM Van is back for the summer, bringing STEM activities to communities across the region.

You can view the current tour [schedule](#) to see if the van will be visiting a town near you. Additional stops may be added as the summer continues, so be sure to check back for updates.

[Tour Schedule](#)



1 in 6

youth will experience a mental health challenge at some point during their life.

Source: JAA Pediatrics



Youth Mental Health Training

Register and Learn!

Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18.

Complete 2 hours of pre-work and then join us for an in-person session of learning about Youth Mental Health First Aid. After completion of the course, you will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider!

Join us to learn more about supporting your Girl Scouts with mental health challenges at one of the classes being offered this summer. Take home your own YMHFA manual full of tools and resources to support our youth.

Thanks to a generous grant from Shifting Gears, registration is FREE, and lunch will be provided. For more information and to register [click here](#).

Register for one
of our FREE
Sessions Below

July 26th – Red Lodge, MT

Aug 2nd – Casper, WY

Learn More

Summer Outdoor Challenge

Take the [Summer Outdoor Challenge!](#) Check out [the activities](#) to earn yourself a brand-new patch.

1. Download our activity sheet to see what's possible right outside your own front door!
2. Keep track of your activities and reach 100 points, earning a free fun patch.
3. Before August 30th, submit your 100-point list and submit a photo of you completing activities to be [entered in the giveaway!](#)



Second Lady's Summer Reading Challenge

Second Lady Usha Vance invites Girl Scouts to take part in her 2025 Summer Reading Challenge for grades K-8 through September 5th.

Participants can read 12 books to receive a personalized certificate and entry into a drawing. Connect this challenge with the [Girl Scout I AM Wild About Books personal pin](#) from the Girl Scout Shop.

Take the Challenge

