

# November Monthly Newsletter





## Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## The Girl Scout Program

Grounded in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, Girl Scouting is an experiential, cooperative education program that promotes girls' personal growth and leadership development. Partnering with caring adults, girls design fun and challenging activities that empower them and raise their voices within a local, national, and global sisterhood.

## Girl Scout Promise

*On my honor, I will try:*

to serve God and my country,  
to help people at all times,  
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## Girl Scout Law

*I will do my best to be*

honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,

*and to*

respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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## Facebook Groups

[GSMW - Billings, HDQ](#)

[GSMW - Northeastern Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Eastcentral Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southeast Wyoming](#)

[GSMW - Southwest Wyoming](#)

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# Troop Shop Coupon

## \$50 Value

Receive a \$50 Troop Shop Coupon by having two of your currently registered and background checked leaders complete Troop Leadership & Volunteer Orientation by 11/15/23.

Don't miss out!  
Complete your  
30 min training by  
November 15<sup>th</sup>!

*Terms and Conditions apply: must be used on adult or girl uniform pieces, insignia, badges, or GSUSA publications. Cannot be used for shipping costs. Purchases can only be made in-person, with an email, or over the phone to the GSMW store. This coupon must be used in one purchase. Expires on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Questions? Call 406.252.0488*





## Fall Product Orders

The Fall Product Program order has been submitted to our vendor, Ashdon Farms, and deliveries will begin in Mid-November. If you have late orders, or other questions or concerns, please email [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org). Every effort will be made to get late orders added to normal deliveries – but if late orders must be sent separately, the shipping will be paid for by the Troop/Caregiver.

If you or your customers have questions or concerns about orders, you can reach out to the M2 Customer Care Team at [support.gsnutsandmags.com](mailto:support.gsnutsandmags.com) or by phone at (800) 372-8520. You can also reach out to GSMW with the order number, issue, address and phone number of the customer and we can assist in contacting M2 Customer Care should you need help.

## Product Program Giveaway!

Don't miss the chance to be entered to win the Fall Giveaway! All you have to do is send the Parent Guardian Email Blast and have \$1 in Sales! A Troop or Juliette will win one of the following:

- GSMW Sweatshirts for your Troop with custom names
- A customized program for your Troop
- \$100 in Troop Funds!

## Fall Product Program: Receipts

[Check out this link](#) about how to print off receipts from M2OS. Please be sure to print two copies of the girl receipts to have one copy for the troop and one for the caregiver. Both copies must be signed.

If you don't have a printer, no problem! Email [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org) as soon as possible with your SU/Troop number and where to send the receipts and we will get that done and sent directly to you.

### Don't Forget to Get Receipts Signed

By November 30th, Service Units must submit the troop pickup receipts to council by emailing [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org) and attaching receipt pictures or mailing them to the Billings Office at 2303 Grand Ave, Billings, MT 59102.

## Important Dates

**November 13th - 21st**  
Service Unit Product Deliveries

**November 14th - 22nd**  
Troop Pickups and Girl Deliveries

**November 15th**  
Online Program Ends

**November 16th**  
Girls Enter Reward Choices

**December 4th**  
Caregivers Turn in Money to Troop

**December 5th**  
Outstanding Balance Forms Due

**December 7th**  
Automated Clearing House (ACH) Email

**December 12th**  
ACH Sweep



**OWN YOUR  
magic**

# Trainings, Travel, and Gold Award Spotlight



## Monthly Volunteer Trainings

Missed our last Volunteer Training? Watch the recording about [Kicking Off your Troop Year & Volunteer Toolkit](#).

You don't want to miss upcoming trainings! Click on the links below to sign up and attend.

[November 14th at 6:30 PM: Grade Level Support and Multi-Level Troops](#)

[December 12th at 6:30 PM: Managing Conflict](#)

## Travel the World!?! Early Destinations Applications Due Nov. 15th

Calling all Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts who are interested in embarking on a unique and life-changing experience through GSUSA's Destinations Program! Applications are open for 2024 Destinations and some select 2025 programs. The early application deadline, November 15th, is fast-approaching. Early applicants benefit from early acceptance and more time to earn money for their travel experience.

On [GSUSA's Destinations Page](#), you will find an assortment of travel opportunities including World Centers, STEM explorations, and [GSMW's own Adventure & Forestry Destination!](#) Remember, GSMW and GSUSA offer generous travel scholarships to help your travel dreams take flight! After November 15th, applications will be accepted on a rolling basis for trips that have remaining openings. If you have any questions regarding the Destinations program, please contact [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org).



**Alyson S.**  
Girl Scout Gold Award



## Girl Scout Gold Award Spotlight

Alyson S. of Casper, WY partnered with a deaf interpreter for the Natrona County School District to form an American Sign Language Club for 3rd through 5th grade students at Oregon Trail Elementary School.

The purpose of the club was to teach students about the challenges that the hearing impaired community faces as well as teach the students how to sign.

Through Alyson's dedication the students learned how to sign so they could carry on a conversation. The students demonstrated their skills with a performance.

The principal at the school plans to continue Alyson's club so more students will be aware of the deaf and hard of hearing in their community and break down some of the barriers that are present.

**Congratulations Alyson!**

# Winter Try-It and STEM Van Tour

## Rockin' in a Winter Wonderland

Can Girl Scouts have fun with geology in winter? Of quartz we can! Stay cozy, crafty, and warm at home as we have a rockin' good time exploring geodes, crystals, and all things geological.

All girls in grades K-5 are invited to join us for a virtual discovery of the enchantments of earth science. Registration is \$15 per girl and each participant will receive a geologists' kit in the mail. Within the kit, participants will find rockin' craft materials, a geology guidebook, a collection of colorful, polished stones, and a fun patch!

Girl Scout membership is not required to participate in this event, so invite your non-Girl Scout friends! Each individual girl participant must [register](#), even if there are multiple participants in the same household. Kindergarten and first grade participants should have an adult to help them during the event.

## Rockin' in a Winter Wonderland

Virtual Program (Grades K-5)

Can girls have fun with geology in winter? Of quartz we can! Stay cozy, crafty, and warm at home as we have a rockin' good time exploring geodes, crystals, and geology!



November 2023 - December 2023  
Virtual Program | \$15 Per Girl | [www.gsmw.org/scoop](http://www.gsmw.org/scoop)



## That's a Wrap: STEM Van Tour 2023

The 2023 Summer STEM Van Tour is complete! After putting approximately 11,000 miles on the van, visiting 80 Montana and Wyoming communities, providing 111 total programs, hosting four-day camps, and attending one education conference, the STEM van is back in Billings for a well-deserved rest.

**Over the course of four months, we served 1,267 girls and 1,845 total youth!** Kids learned about 3D printing, anatomy, geology, microbiology, and much more!

The STEM Van will be out and about periodically, as weather allows, but be sure to keep your eyes open for our summer 2024 dates.



## Summer Challenge Giveaway Winner

Congratulations to **Patience Q.** from Southcentral Montana for winning our Summer Bucket Full of Fun Giveaway! Thank you to everyone who participated in the exciting GSMW Summer Challenge.

Keep your eye out for other fun challenges coming your way at [www.gsmw.org/challenges](http://www.gsmw.org/challenges).





# Save the Dates!

## Save the Date to Change Her World

November 28, 2023

#givingTuesday



You've heard about #BlackFriday and #CyberMonday, but what about #GivingTuesday? Girl Scouts of Montana and Wyoming is participating in this international day of giving on Tuesday, November 28th.

Giving Tuesday is an opportunity to support organizations like GSMW with donations, sharing social media posts, and inviting your friends and family to support us so we can generate big impact in our communities. We cannot wait to bring our community together to build girls of courage, confidence, and character! Stay up to date with all things Giving Tuesday and more by following us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)!



See you at the  
2026 Girl Scout  
Convention!

Washington, DC  
July 20-25, 2026

### 2026 Girl Scout National Convention

We are excited to share that the 2026 Girl Scout Convention will take place in Washington, DC, from Monday, July 20, through Saturday, July 25, 2026! Girl Scouts Nation's Capital will be our host council. We are grateful for their hospitality and support in preparing for and carrying out this important event for our Movement.

Take a peek at our [2026 Girl Scout Convention announcement video](#)!

In addition to our convention, 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the USA. What better place to hold our convention than the capital of our nation—a symbolic and literal representation of people who live in every corner of the United States? Similarly, National Council Session is where delegates representing every corner of the Girl Scout Movement come together to discuss, debate, and make Girl Scout history.



# Soar Into '24 With All New Badges!

## Mental Health Wellness

Life brings up all sorts of emotions, but being a Girl Scout means tapping into a welcoming community of people who uplift and guide you every step of the way. Girl Scouts Mental Wellness Program teaches girls how to care for their emotions as they come up and encourages them to become their most resilient self with activities made to help them get through anything.



## Maker Badges

Girl Scouts love finding new ways to explore their creative side, and with 9 NEW Maker badges, the opportunities are endless! Inspired by the popular Artist and Craft badges, the Maker line incorporates Girl Scouts' traditional favorite crafting and art skills—such as drawing, pottery, and painting—while adding opportunities for artistic exploration and expression in additional mediums.



## Animal Badges

Girl Scouts further immerse themselves in the world of animals when they embark on these badge adventures! Animal-based programming enriches girls' lives by fostering a sense of connection, empathy, and environmental consciousness. It also provides them with valuable skills and experiences that can shape their personal growth, academic pursuits, and future careers.



## World Thinking Day

Join your fellow Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world to celebrate World Thinking Day! The best part is, you don't need to wait until February to get started. Start learning about World Thinking Day and embracing perspectives outside your own! Think about this year's focus of "Our World, Our Thriving Future: The Environment and Global Poverty" and explore how these issues are even more challenging for girls and women in your communities and around the world. Think about the issues that contribute to the problems and about the little things you can do to make a big difference!



Daisy

Brownie

Junior

Cadette

Senior

Ambassador

[www.girlscouts.org/newactivities](http://www.girlscouts.org/newactivities)

Learn More About New Badges





# Be Prepared for '24 with Troop Leader Resources

## For Girls: "No Prob-Llama" Conflict Management Guide

Conflicts and disagreements are part of life, but if handled constructively, they show girls that they can overcome their differences, exercise diplomacy, and improve their communication and relationships. [These guides](#), offered at each grade level, help Girl Scouts practice being respectful and kind, make thoughtful decisions, and relate to one another.

Want to earn the fun patch? We will send you the [No Drama Llama GSMW patch](#) for each girl and adult that participated in the activities, signed the No Bullies Pledge, and shared photo(s) of your troop completing "No Prob-Llama" activities upon submitting your [Troop Entry](#).

If you need additional support related to bullying and conflict in your troop, please contact your Membership Experience Manager or reach out to [customer care@gsmw.org](mailto:customer care@gsmw.org).



No Drama Llama Patch

Now Only  
30 Minutes!

## For Adults: Troop Leader & Volunteer Orientation

Our updated Troop Leadership & Volunteer Orientation is now available in gsLearn and **required** for all troop leadership including Troop Administrators, Girl Program Mentors, Bank Signers, Product Managers and anyone that works directly with girls.

[This training](#) should take no more than 30 minutes and covers Troop Management & Safety, Navigating the GSMW Website, GSMW Store Orders, and Troop Finances. Check out [www.gsmw.org/training](http://www.gsmw.org/training) for all participation options.



## Volunteers: Conflict Management Roadmap

GSMW has a new tool for volunteers to navigate adult conflict-- the Volunteer Relations Conflict Management Roadmap. This resource will give you tools to navigate conflict with caregivers, other volunteers and even in your own personal life! [Check it out in gsLearn and download the document for your use](#). Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming volunteer training about this valuable tool.

## Youth Mental Health First Aid

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

This class will include two hours of pre-work that you will do online in preparation and then you will join us for two days of Youth Mental Health First Aid Training virtually. At the end of this class, you will be a certified Youth Mental Health First Aider.

[Sign up today](#) for our training November 2nd from 5:00PM – 8:00PM and November 4th from 11:00AM - 3:00PM. There are 30 spots available. It is \$30 a person. Don't delay...get registered today!

Find all training opportunities at [www.gsmw.org/training](http://www.gsmw.org/training)



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