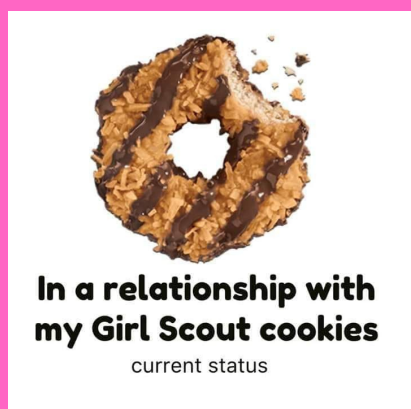




February 2023 Troop Scoop



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GSDSW Camp Mitre Peak Resident Camp Guide Is Here!

Register for camp before March 1, 2023, and your camper will receive \$15 Trading Post credit to be used while she is at camp!



**Adult Award Nomination Deadline
is February 16, 2023**



We appreciate you!

Product Program



Cookie Program Dates

- January 21, 2023 – Booths begin
- February 2, 2023 – First ACH Withdrawal
- February 16, 2023 – Second ACH Withdrawal
- March 2, 2023 – Third ACH Withdrawal
- March 3 – 5, 2023 – National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend
- March 5, 2023 – Program Ends
- March 20, 2023 – Final ACH Withdrawal
- April 13, 2023 – Go Pro – Filmmaker for Beginner Class required
- April 20, 2023 – Sphero – Robot Coding Class required
- May 9, 2023 – Art Kit - Art Class required
- July 18 – 23, 2023 – National Convention Trip (Top 5 girls over 6000 + one adult chaperone per girl)
- August 18 – 20, 2023 – Cookie Camp at Fort Lone Tree

Booth Knowledge

To enter a troop booth.

1. Go to eBudde, located Booth site tab
2. Click Add/Edit Troop Booth
3. Click Add
4. Enter all information and click save

Please allow the Product Team 72 business hours to complete the approval process.

Note Troop Booths may only take place after you get approval in eBudde.

All Travel Credit & Desert Dollars from 2020 Fall Product through 2022 Cookie Program will expire on April 30, 2023.

To use your Travel Credit please submit the link: [HERE](#)
Documentation showing amount owed to trip or camp is required.



**National Girl Scout
Cookie Weekend will shift
from February 17-19, 2023 to
March 3-5, 2023**

Program

Travel & Adventure Opportunities Information Zoom

We are hosting a free Zoom meeting about upcoming travel opportunities for girls who will be Cadettes, Seniors, or Ambassadors starting this summer.

Learn about international trips to London to Lucerne, the Galapagos Islands, and Iceland! Learn about Girl Scout Destinations and about whitewater rafter and horseback riding at summer camp.



Save the Date! Ceremony of Honors Saturday, May 20, 2023



Deadline to submit Adult Recognitions this year's Ceremony of Honors is Thursday, February 16, 2023

[Click here to view the Adult Recognition Handbook and to submit nominees.](#)

Program Monthly Challenge



Candy Making
February 2023



In the 1300s, Valentine's Day officially became a holiday associated with love and romance when the Roman Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." The first valentine was sent in the 15th century. While people started exchanging cards and handwritten letters to both lovers and friends during the 17th century, it wasn't until the 1840s that the first Valentine's Day cards were mass-produced in the United States. In 1913, Hallmark Cards produced their first Valentine's card. The first iconic heart-shaped box of chocolates was introduced in 1861 and today, more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolates are sold each year. That's 58 million pounds of chocolate!

While it is nice getting a box of fancy chocolates, getting a gift of homemade candy is better, and making candy with your friends or family can be a downright amazingly fun time!

This month's challenge is for you to make some homemade candy. It can be any kind - hard, chewy, creamy. It can be any flavor - chocolate, peanut butter, mint. It can be cooked or uncooked candy. The choices are endless (including using left over mashed potatoes! Seriously, check out the recipe on the next page!)

Explore old cookbooks or the internet to see if you can find the most unique homemade candy recipe. Or get into the kitchen and start inventing! Not ready to be that adventurous? There is a simple fudge recipe that will have even the most devote chocolate lover craving more!

Deadline to submit your Candy Making report:
Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 5:00 PM MT

Submit report at: https://bit.ly/CandyMakingFeb_23

You will receive your patch in 2-3 weeks after the end of challenge.

If you have any questions, please email info@gscsw.org.

www.gscsw.org • info@gscsw.org • 915-566-9433

Virtual Troop Meetings

Daisy/Brownie Virtual Meeting
Every Monday at

5:00 PM MST/6:00 PM CST

[Register Here](#)

Junior Virtual Meeting
Every Tuesday at

5:00 PM MST/6:00 PM CST

[Register Here](#)

Cadette Virtual Meeting

Every Tuesday at

6:00 PM MST/7:00 PM CST

[Register Here](#)

Older Girl Travel & Adventure Opportunities

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors

Are you seeking your next adventure, looking at a map and dreaming of travel, or wondering what your next bucket list item should be? We have the answer!

White Water Rafting in Big Bend Summer 2023

This amazing trip starts at Camp Mitre Peak! It includes a day in a kayak or raft on the Rio Grande River with an experienced outfitter. The primitive camping experience has you tent camping near the Big Bend Basin.

When not on the water, you explore the Big Bend trails and canyons, viewing the unique flora and fauna of the Chihuahuan Desert. At night, you will witness the best stargazing as Big Bend is a recognized Dark Sky Park. * ^

Galapagos Islands Summer 2024

Fly to Quito, Ecuador to start this adventure. We have the chance to stand on the equator! Then Fly to Baltra Island to visit the Santa Cruz highlands to see wild tortoises and then the Charles Darwin Research Station.

We travel by boat several islands, snorkel off of two different islands, visit a pink flamingo habitat and tortoise breeding center. Some hiking, beach free time, and a visit to a local market round out the itinerary. ^

Iceland Summer 2025

This just announced!

GSDSW will be hosting a tour to Iceland, the Land of Fire and Ice!
More details to come - stay tuned!

Use Desert Dollars or Program Credit for any of these opportunities !

Choose your own adventure with Girl Scout Destinations Summers 2023 & 2024

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts. Push past your comfort zone by applying for a trip on your own, and make friends from all over the country as you travel with new Girl Scout friends. There's a unique, life-changing experience for everyone.

Travel nationally in the US or broaden your horizons and go internationally. Choose from training like an astronaut for a week in an immersive Space Academy program in Huntsville, Alabama to experiencing the many facets of Thailand through service work and by exploring Bangkok, an elephant sanctuary, and a floating market. The choice is yours! *

* Financial aid/scholarships may be available ^ Payment plans available

Engagement

Calendar Reminder!

Adult Recognition nominations, Honor Troop
and PVSA paperwork are all due by
Thursday, February 16, 2023!



World Thinking Day 2023

Observed by 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide, World Thinking Day has a different theme each year. In 2023, the theme is “Our World, Our Peaceful Future: The environment, peace, and security.”

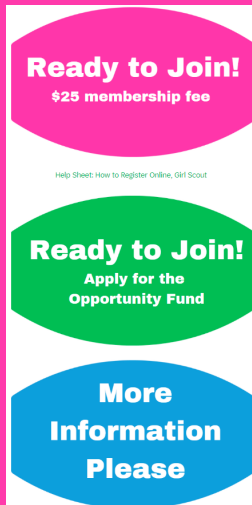
To earn your World Thinking Day Award, you will explore environmental problems and learn how you can work with nature to create a more peaceful and secure future for girls everywhere. Check out the activity guides on our website to get involved and learn about how you can make a difference in the world. <https://bit.ly/GSDSWWTD2023>



Attend a local community event near you, share Girl Scouts with others by setting up an informational table and earn a free patch by being a GSDSW Community Champion. All informational materials will be provided. Email info@gsdsw.org for more details.



**Be a Community
Champion and
Earn a Free
Exclusive Patch**



It's now easier to join Girl Scouts. Visit www.gsdsw.org/join to register for annual Girl Scout membership (\$25), apply for the Opportunity Fund, or request more information.



Matilda

Las Cruces Community Theatre is performing Matilda and giving Girl Scouts a buy one- get one free ticket offer!

Go to <https://www.lcctnm.org/matilda> for dates and times and to order tickets. Use promo code GSDSWMATILDA2023

Around the Council

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Career Opportunities

Community Engagement Specialist

Midland, and Odessa

Outdoor Program Manager

Midland, Odessa, Hobbs, Carlsbad

Retail and Member Support P/T

Odessa

Interested candidates
email careers@gsdsw.org with
resumes and cover letter.

Retail Shops

El Paso Shop

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM &
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM
1st Saturday of each month 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Las Cruces Shop

Las Cruces: Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM &
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Midland Shop

Monday - Thursday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Odessa Shop

Odessa: Monday - Thursday by appointment only
First Saturday of every month 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

For locations, [click here](#).

Shop orders will be placed on the second Thursday of each
month for special orders and items not in stock.

*Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Council Properties

If you are interested in using or renting Camp Mitre Peak or any of our
program centers for troop/service unit meetings or an event contact us at
info@gsdsw.org.

Alamogordo	Camp Mitre Peak	Carlsbad	Deming	El Paso	Hobbs
Las Cruces	Midland	Odessa	Roswell	Silver City	White Spur Hut