

# June 2023 Troop Scoop

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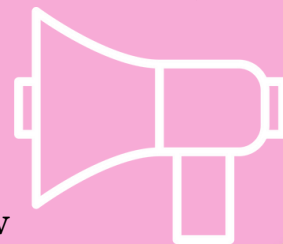
## Call for Content!

GSUSA is looking for vertical photos and videos from a first-person POV\* to showcase the camp experience.

\*Point of View

They'll make a compilation for their TikTok, with full council credit!

- Loading an arrow
- Canoeing
- Horseback riding
- Roasting a marshmallow
- And so on.



Send to:  
[info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org)

## Examples of \*Point of View photos





# Summer Camp Starts Soon

**Summer camp  
starts this month at  
Camp Mitre Peak  
Have you signed up  
yet?**

[Click here to see the  
Summer Camp Guide](#)



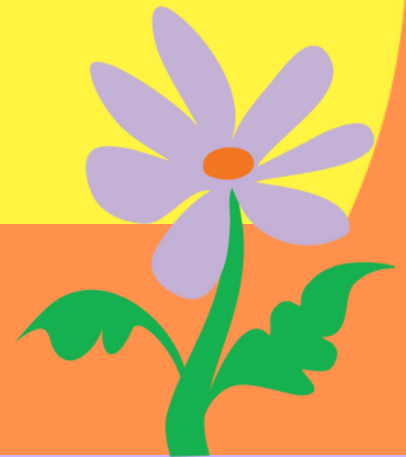
What fun will your girl have this summer?  
It is not too late to sign up. Come join the fun!



# Product Program

## Fall Program Dates

- Service Unit Fall Product Chair names were due to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) on Monday, May 22, 2023
- Troop Coordinator names due to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) by Monday, July 17, 2023
- Service Unit Fall Product Chair training goes live in gsLearn on Monday, July 31, 2023
- Troop/IRG Fall Product Coordinators training goes live in gsLearn on Monday, August 7, 2023
- Fall Product Program season starts on Thursday, August 31, 2023
- In-person orders end on Thursday, September 21, 2023
- Online girl-delivery orders end on Saturday, September 23, 2023
- Online direct ship & magazine sales end on Thursday, November 5, 2023
- Fall Product Program season ends on Thursday, November 5, 2023



## Cookies 2.0

Cookies 2.0 is another chance to sell cookies to raise funds!  
Both troops and IRG (Independent Registered Girls) both qualify.

Complete this form to sign up and email to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).

Cookie 2.0 ends June 28, 2023

## 2023 Cookie Dates

July 18 - 23, 2023 - National Convention Trip and a day at Magic Kingdom, Orlando, FL

August 18 - 20, 2023 - Cookie Camp at Fort Lone Tree, Capitan, NM



# Program

**Tell Me About....**

**A Five-Part Series**

**Thursdays, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM MDT / 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM CDT**

This free, virtual series is a fun and informative way to learn about Girl Scout programming. Each part highlights a different topic to make your life as a troop leader or Girl Scout parent/guardian a little easier. Attend one, a couple, or all five!

Part 1 - Badges & Patches, May 11, 2023 - NO LONGER AVAILABLE

We explain the difference between a badge and a patch, where all the insignia goes on a vest/sash, WAGGGS pins, bridging and wings, and more!

Part 2 - Journeys, June 8, 2023

(Registration deadline June 5, 2023, at 5:00 PM MDT)

What are these three badge awards, how to lead them, how to earn them, and how Cadettes can earn their LiA.

Part 3 - Take Action vs Service Project, July 6, 2023

(Registration deadline July 3, 2023, at 5:00 PM MDT)

Take Action projects are at the heart of all Journeys, but they're different from the community service projects that Girl Scouts may have done - and you'll want to understand those differences before planning a Take Action project.

Part 4 - Highest Awards, August 10, 2023

(Registration deadline August 7, 2023, at 5:00 PM MDT)

Don't let the name intimidate you. These awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold) are the highest award a Junior, Cadette, and Senior/Ambassador can earn. There are a lot of questions about them and we have the answers!

Part 5 - Adult Awards, September 14, 2023

(Registration deadline September 11, 2023, at 5:00 PM MDT)

As a volunteer, you do it all and we want you to be recognized. From Cookie Champion to the Go-Getter Award and the Appreciation Pin to the Thanks Badge we will familiarize you with the award requirements, how to nominate someone, and more.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE REGISTERING FOR SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOURSELF,  
PLEASE INCLUDE THEIR EMAIL SO THEY WILL GET THE  
CONFIRMATION EMAIL AND ZOOM LINK.**

# Program

## Upcoming Events "Save the Date"

July 8, 2023 - Service Unit Summit - Virtual

August 19, 2023 - PEARLS (El Paso)

September 8 - 10, 2023 - Girl Scouts Love State Parks

September 22 - 24, 2023 - Volunteer Conference at Camp Mitre Peak

October 13 - 15, 2023 - Solar Eclipse Camping at Camp Mitre Peak

November 4, 2023 - Lego Derby at Midland Program Center

December 2, 2023 - Ceremony of Honors for MY 22-23

## Program Monthly Challenge

### Popsicle Party June 2023

Summer days can be hot, and one of the best ways to cool off is to eat a popsicle. And what better treat than a popsicle in your favorite flavor?

This month's challenge is to make a batch of popsicles in a new flavor. Maybe it is a new fruit combination like peach and strawberry. Or maybe a new flavor like peppermint or cinnamon. Or how about something crazy like chili peppers or garlic? The options are endless and are limited only by your imagination!

You will need a liquid base such as fruit juice, soda, or club soda, or something creamy like plain yogurt. You can use water; however, the popsicle will be frozen very are – good for licking but not for biting.

Once you choose your popsicle juice, you will need some sort of container to freeze your popsicles in. There are molds you can use, but if you don't have them, you can use a small paper cup with a popsicle stick in the center. Or use an ice cube tray with toothpicks as popsicle sticks. Once you fill the cups or the ice cube trays, cover with some plastic wrap to help hold your sticks or toothpicks upright.

Put your popsicles in the freezer for a few hours to let them freeze solid. It will be hard to wait, but you want to make sure they are good and frozen, so they won't fall off the stick!

Make sure you write down the recipe and then take a photo of you and your popsicle.

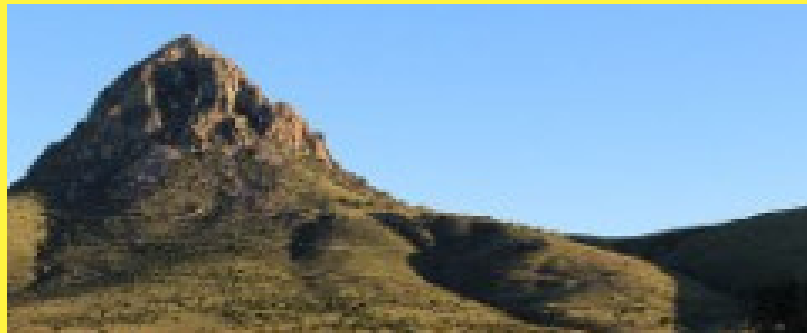
Deadline to submit your Popsicle Party Report:

Friday, June 30, 2023 @ 5:00 PM MDT

Submit report at: [https://bit.ly/PopsicleParty\\_June23](https://bit.ly/PopsicleParty_June23)

You will receive your patch in 3-4 weeks after the end of the challenge. If you have any questions, please email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).

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# Program



## \$\$ Troop Financial Report Clinics \$\$

All troops and service units are required to submit an end-of-year Financial Report to council by June 30th. If your answer to any of the below is "yes", this FREE clinic is for you!

- Do you have questions about your troop financials?
- Is this your first-time submitting troop financials?
  - Do you need help filling out the forms?
  - Would you like some best practices and tips?
  - Do you need a refresher?
- Want to put together receipts and fill out your ledger together?

Feel free to have your laptop, receipts, forms, etc. so we can do as much as possible together over zoom  
Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 6:00 MDT, 7:00 CDT (virtual)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/94539156338>

Meeting ID: 945 3915 6338

Passcode: financials

### Looking Ahead

Thursday, June 30, 2022 – Troop Financial Reports Due

Thursday, June 30, 2022 – Early Bird Troop

Applications Due

## Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Now that summer is just around the corner, it's the perfect time to start thinking about ways to keep Girl Scouts engaged during summer.

A NEW version of The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge activity sheet is now available to provide a fun activity you can explore to keep the troop connected, with friends and family, or individually. This patch program is the suggested summer activity included in most of the Troop Year plans.

## Tip of the Month

Avoid the shoebox for receipts. Use a free scanning app on your phone to take pictures of all your receipts as you go. You may even be able to organize them into folders by month too!





# Engagement

## Extended Year Membership

Beginning April 1, 2023, all new members can purchase an Extended Year membership. This offers new girl and adult members the option to purchase a Girl Scout membership that goes until Sept. 30, 2024 to begin their Girl Scout experience!

## Troop and Service Unit Financial Reports Due June 30, 2023

**\$\$ Workshop available \$\$**

Your service unit and team at Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest are here to help you through this required process. If you have questions or would like to schedule time to go over or train any of these steps, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).



## Daisy Launch Continues

Our Daisy Launch program began April 1st and is designed to give your Pre-K girl a chance to participate in activities, experience the fun, and adventure that await her as a Girl Scout Daisy. She'll make friends, grow in confidence, and build skills that will help her in school and beyond. Girls entering Kindergarten or First Grade also welcome!

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Early Bird Season Continues!

The Girl Scout year begins on October 1 and ends on September 30 each year. The Early Bird renewal period is a time for troop leaders and parents to renew their individual and troop memberships for the upcoming Girl Scout membership year.

Beginning April 1, 2023, you can renew early for the membership year beginning October 1.

[Download and review the Early Bird Packet for full details.](#)

**For troops to achieve Early Bird Troop status you MUST submit the Early Bird Application by June 30, 2023.**

## FREE Daisy by Mail Program

Daisy by Mail Program is a short-term monthly, self-guided program (April – August, 2023) for Pre-K girls preparing to be Kindergarteners in the Fall of 2023. This program is FREE to the first 50 incoming Kindergartners with paid Girl Scout extended membership registration (\$35).

Each month this spring and summer (April - August) girls will receive a special, interactive packet in the mail as they are introduced to the Girl Scout program. These packets allow them to earn their first Girl Scout badge and prepare for a troop experience full of friendship and fun in the fall of 2023.

**\*Note:** New, incoming Kindergarten girls may register as a Daisy Girl Scout throughout the months of April – August and will receive their packets based on the start of their registration.

[Click here for details and registration.](#)

# Engagement

## Free Invite-A-Friend Patch



We love it when our girls share Girl Scouting with others! Every Girl Scout that invites her friend to join receives a patch along with her friend. Email us at [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) with the names of both girls to receive free Yin Yang patches.

## Looking For A New Troop?

There are new and existing troops taking girls now! If a troop is not available in your area or meeting when you are available, start your troop today.

Email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) today!

Requirements to start a troop:

- 1) Two unrelated adults
- 2) Background checks
- 3) Adult Girl Scout membership
- 4) A minimum of five girls from at least two families

## Girl Scout Bridging



Your girls have worked hard completing their bridging steps. They've earned a celebration! Girl Scouts love a good ceremony, so get your troop excited for what lies ahead with the bridging ceremony. Bridging is a beloved Girl Scout tradition that honors girls' achievements throughout the year and celebrates their "crossing the bridge" to the next Girl Scout level. Many troops hold their bridging ceremony in May or June, and some tie it to the end of the girls' current school year.

**Like investiture and rededication ceremonies, Girl Scout bridging ceremonies have a few basic elements:**

- **Opening:** Welcome your guests and share the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- **Main section:** Girls, whether physically or symbolically, cross a bridge and are welcomed to the next Girl Scout level.
- **Closing:** Girls participate in a friendship circle and thank their guests.

**And the rest is up to the girls! The ceremony should always focus on paying tribute to Girl Scouts as they move forward, but let your girls get creative with how they'd like to celebrate. This is the fun part!**

**[Click here for tips on bridging with your girls.](#) | [Download the Girl Scout Bridging Guide here.](#)**



Key★  
Dates

Please note the 2022 - 2023 GSDSW Key Dates Calendar at [www.gsdsw.org](http://www.gsdsw.org)  
There are important deadlines, programs, and more listed for your reference.



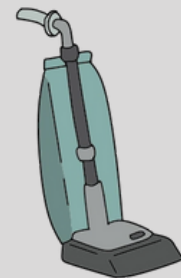
# Council Properties

If you rent or use any of GSDSW's buildings, you are responsible for checking all areas to ensure they are clean. Be sure you are wiping tables down to remove crayon/glue/etc., sweeping, or vacuuming, and make sure trash is put in the trash cans and clean recyclables are put in the recycling bins. In many offices, there is no municipal recycling and staff takes it to the city recycling center. Please make sure that there is no trash in the recycling bins.

Painting and messy projects should be done over tile or outside. Do not do these projects on carpet or on chairs with fabric covers. We have many chairs that are stained with paint.

Please check the restrooms to be sure toilets are flushed before you leave. It has been found in multiple buildings that the toilets are not being flushed or are being stuffed with toilet paper. Plumbers and cleaning crews have had to be brought in costing the council money that could have been prevented.

If after your rental or usage it is found that a cleaning crew or plumber needs to be brought in, you will be financially responsible and future usage will be denied.



## Council Property Building Rental / Usage

All property / building rentals and usage must follow the process below:

- Submit request to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).
- Complete the rental agreement and submit it to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).
- Once approved and placed on our property calendar you will receive an email with further instructions.
- No rental / usage of GSDSW properties / buildings are approved without going through the complete process.
- If you are found to be using GSDSW property / buildings without council approval all future rentals / usage will be denied.


# Around the Council

## Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Career Opportunities

Community Engagement Specialist - Midland  
Community Engagement Specialist - Odessa  
Community Engagement Specialist - El Paso  
Outdoor Program Manager - Midland, Odessa,  
Hobbs, Carlsbad  
Fund Development Specialist - El Paso  
Retail and Member Support - Odessa  
Staff Accountant - El Paso

Interested candidates email  
[careers@gsdsw.org](mailto:careers@gsdsw.org) with resumes and cover  
letter.

Check out our  
[Ceremony of Honors](#)



## Retail Shops

### Council Shop Hours\*

#### El Paso

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM,  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM  
(Closed for lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)  
1st Saturday of each month 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### Las Cruces

By Appointment Only

#### Midland

Monday – Thursday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

#### Odessa

By Appointment Only

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](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).

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