

January 2025 Newsletter



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- Important Troop Information
- Upcoming Fundraisers
- Council Properties
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- Council Store Hours
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2025



it's
Cookie Time

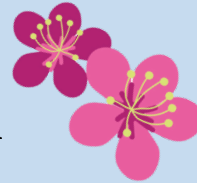
Product Program

2025 Cookie Program



January

- Wednesday, Jan. 1 – DOC start day for direct ship sales
- Sunday, Jan. 5 – Booths due in ABC Smart Cookies
- Monday, Jan. 6 – Opt-out form due
- Tuesday, Jan. 7 – Booth selections begin
- Saturday, Jan. 11 – Mega Drop in El Paso and Odessa
- Sunday, Jan. 12 – 1st day of Cookie Program
- Thursday, Jan. 16 – Cupboard and Booth Coordinators Q+A
- Thursday, Jan. 30 – Cupboard and Booth Coordinators Q+A
- Thursday, Jan. 30 – 1st ACH 50% of balance due

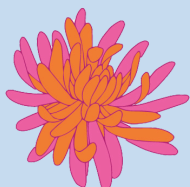


February

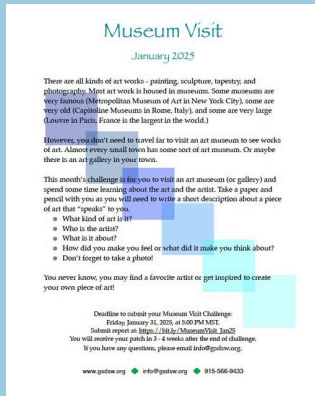
- Thursday, Feb. 20 - 2nd ACH 50% of balance due

March

- Sunday, Mar. 2 - Cookie Program ends/last day for boothing & sales
- Wednesday, Mar. 5 - Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies
- Thursday, Mar. 6 - Delinquency Reports due to info@gsdsw.org
- Thursday, Mar. 13 - Final ACH Clean Up



Program



January Monthly Challenge - Museum Visit



Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouts, and those who earn it set themselves apart through their perseverance and grit.

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts in grades 9th - 12th can earn their Gold Award. Dedicating more than 80 hours to her project, the Gold Award Girl Scout leaves a legacy to benefit her community and the world. More than a community service project, the Gold Award is a Take Action project that looks at the root cause of an issue and then puts into place a solution that leaves a legacy with her council and her community.

Are you ready for the challenge? The next Gold Award Candidate Training is Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM MST. [Click here to register.](#)

Amelia Wardy

Not Far Away - Family
Resource Packs for
Peace & Understanding



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DEAR BODY - I'm
Listening



Baryn Foster Brown

Braxton's Brown
Bears



Charlene Switzer

El Paso Efforts
for Monarch
Preservation



Savannah Skow

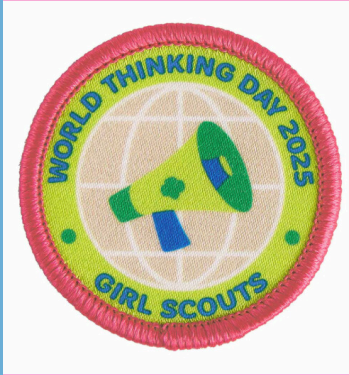
Mi CASA Es Su
CASA

*Congratulations to our Gold Award
Recipients at our Ceremony of
Honors in December.*

Engagement

World Thinking Day 2025

Dare to Dream



World Thinking Day, celebrated on February 22 each year, is a global event that unites Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in over 150 countries. This special day is dedicated to celebrating international friendship, learning about other cultures, and taking action to make the world a better place. Established in 1926, it encourages members to reflect on their shared global sisterhood and the impact they can make together.

The 2025 theme, "Dare to Dream," inspires girls to envision a brighter future and take meaningful steps to achieve it. Through activities focused on creativity, leadership, and global advocacy, girls will explore ways to turn their dreams into reality while connecting with their peers worldwide. World Thinking Day is a time to celebrate the strength of the global movement and inspire positive change.

[D,B,J Guide](#)

[C,S,A Guide](#)

TROOP REMINDER: Keep track of your troop roster for compliance. All adults helping during cookie season for the troop (booths, handling money, etc.) **MUST** be a Girl Scout Volunteer (with membership and eligible background check on file.)

Important Troop Forms

- [Bank Account Request](#)
- [Emergency Procedures](#)
- [Health History](#)
- [Opportunity Fund Application](#)
- [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#)
- [Trip and High-Risk Activity Form](#)
- [Troop Disbandment Checklist](#)
- [Troop Disband Form](#)
- [Volunteer Essentials](#)



REMINDER: If you meet at a Council property please update your [Troop/SU meeting agreements](#) for the new year.

New Troop Leader
Seminar
Monday, Feb. 10
Topic: Troop Finances



Resource Development

Cookies and Cocktails

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Las Cruces Convention Center

6 PM - 10 PM

\$ 40 per person

\$ 300 table of 8

Sponsorships Available

Bartender & Mixologist Competition
Both non-alcoholic and alcoholic options

Come vote for your favorite drink,
enjoy appetizers, silent auction items,
and dance to West Texas Band.



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2nd Annual
Cookie Classic
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 28, 2025
Lone Star Golf Club
1510 Hawkins Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925

Tickets



\$125 per golfer
Register by 12/1/2024
and save \$10 per person

Register after
2/1/2025 and pay
\$10 more per person



Registration begins 7:00 AM
Shotgun Start 8:00 AM
Lunch and Awards following

Sponsorships Available
For full details visit
<https://bit.ly/CCGolf25>

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Saturday, April 12, 2025
33rd Annual

Women of Distinction *Save the Date*

Honoring Amazing Women in the Permian Basin
Dinner, Live and Silent Auctions, Cocktail Attire

Petroleum Club
501 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Council Properties

Council Property Building Rental / Usage

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

- Submit request to info@gsdsw.org.
- Complete the rental agreement and submit it to 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.



- 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 tossed in the recycling bins.
- 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.
- Please check the restrooms to be sure toilets are flushed before you leave. It has been found that the toilets are not being flushed or are being stuffed with toilet paper.
- 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.

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.

Camp Mitre Peak, Alpine, TX
Carlsbad, NM
Deming, NM
El Paso, TX
Fort Stockton, TX
Hobbs, NM

Las Cruces, NM
Midland, TX
Odessa, TX
Roswell, NM
Silver City, NM
White Spur Hut, El Paso, TX**

**The White Spur Hut is currently unavailable for use due to an unexpected and significant water leak that has resulted in flooding. This issue requires extensive repairs beyond a simple fix. We will keep you informed with updates as we receive them. Thank you for your understanding.



Around the Council



Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest **Career Opportunities**

Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - El Paso,
Hobbs, Odessa, and Roswell

Program Specialist - Midland

Product Program Specialist - El Paso and Odessa

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



If your service unit is organizing an event
and you would like to have the GSDSW
Mobile Store present, please complete and
submit [this request form](#) at least one
month before the event.

Retail Shops

Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

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

Las Cruces

3rd Thursday of each month during
the Service Unit Meeting
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Midland

Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST
1st & 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST

Odessa

Wednesday and Friday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST
2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST

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.

