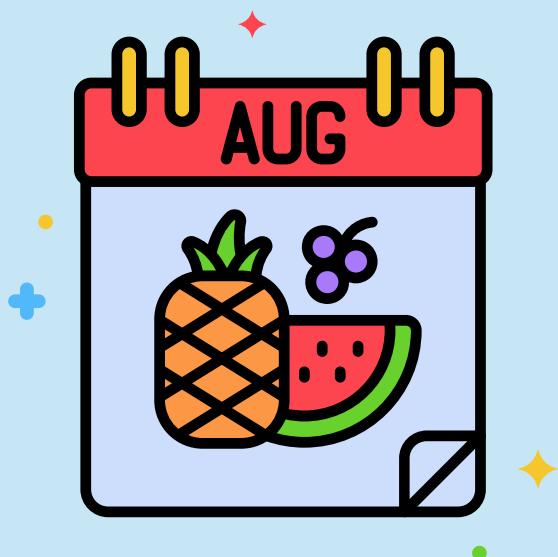


August 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming in August

- National S'mores Day - Sunday, August 10, 2025
- Service Unit Roundtable - Tuesday, August 12, 2025
- Last day for on-time registration for Volunteer Conference - Friday, August 22, 2025
- Late registration for Volunteer Conference begins - Saturday, August 23, 2025



IMPORTANT!

Last day to move girls between troops is:

Sunday, August 10, 2025

After this date, girls can no longer be transferred between troops until the Fall Product Program ends.

Exceptions:

- Brand new Girl Scouts
- Formerly IRGs (Individually Registered Girls) moving into troops
- Girls coming from another council

Girl Scout Movement

2026 Girl Scout Convention July 20–25, 2026

Are you ready to connect with 10,000+ Girl Scouts from across the globe at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention, happening July 20–25, 2026 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.?

The event kicks off with the 57th National Council Session, July 20–22, 2026, where delegates gather to vote on important issues and elect national leaders. Then, from July 23–25, 2026, the full convention opens with interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and unforgettable adventures welcoming Girl Scouts, alums, families, and friends!

Hosted by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, this once-every-three-years celebration is your chance to experience the power, purpose, and pride of being a Girl Scout.



Volunteer Award Guide 2025

Nomination deadline: Tuesday, September 30, 2025



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Girl Scout Volunteer Award Guide

[View the 2025
Volunteer Award
Guide here!](#)



Product Program

Fall Product Timeline

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - Last Day for Girl move/remove from troops

Monday, August 25, 2025 - Access to M2 system opens

Monday, August 25, 2025 - Delivery to addresses due in the M2 system

Monday, September 1, 2025 - Fall Product campaign begins

We have two new Fall Product items!
Taco Peanuts and Black Pepper/Sea Salt Cashews!
Also, back by popular demand - Fruit Slices!

Taco Peanuts



Black Pepper and
Sea Salt Cashew Halves



Fruit Slices



Cookie Recognition Classes and Events

Friday, August 15 - Sunday, August 17, 2025 - Journey to the Center of the Earth, Carlsbad, NM



Program

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Financial Literacy Badge Workshop

Join GSDSW in El Paso and Las Cruces to explore what money is all about and how you can start to save for things you want to buy.

Each program is level-specific, and girls receive the badge upon completion!

Share the fun and bring a “Not Yet” Girl Scout with you! Cost per girl is \$10.

El Paso

Daisy - Saturday, August 9, 2025

Brownie - Saturday, August 16, 2025

Junior - Saturday, August 23, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, August 30, 2025

Las Cruces

Daisy - Tuesday, August 5, 2025

Brownie - Thursday, August 7, 2025

Junior - Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, August 16, 2025

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Daisy (grades K - 1)
Saturday, August 9, 2025
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitDEP2025>
Registration deadline: Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Brownie (grades 2 - 3)
Saturday, August 16, 2025
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitBEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, August 11, 2025

Junior (grades 4 - 5)
Saturday, August 23, 2025
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitJEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, August 18, 2025

Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)
Saturday, August 30, 2025
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitCSAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, August 25, 2025

Activities by Grade Level:
Daisy (K-1)
• Draw your wants and needs
• Create a savings goal
Brownie (2-3)
• Set up a make-believe store
• Make a savings jar
• Play wants and needs flashcard game
Junior (4-5)
• Explore businesses you can start
• Find out what different jobs pay
Cadette, Senior, Ambassador (6-12)
• Explore peer-to-peer services
• Play inflation ball game
• Find the best place to live

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Daisy (grades K - 1)
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88011
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitLJC2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025

Brownie (grades 2 - 3)
Thursday, August 7, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88011
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitBLC2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, August 1, 2025

Junior (grades 4 - 5)
Tuesday, August 12, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88011
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitJLC2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, August 8, 2025

Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)
Saturday, August 16, 2025
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88011
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/FinLitCSALC2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, August 11, 2025

Activities by Grade Level:
Daisy (K-1)
• Draw your wants and needs
• Create a savings goal
Brownie (2-3)
• Set up a make-believe store
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Program

September

Nature Badge Workshops

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El Paso

Daisy - Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Brownie - Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Las Cruces

Daisy - Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Brownie - Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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Wednesday, September 3, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureBEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, August 29, 2025



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Brownie (grades 2 - 3)

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureBEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025



Junior (grades 4 - 5)
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureJEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025

Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)

Wednesday, September 24, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureCAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 19, 2025



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Daisy (grades K - 1)
Wednesday, September 3, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
University United Methodist Church
2000 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM 88001
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureDLC2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, August 29, 2025



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Brownie (grades 2 - 3)

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
University United Methodist Church
2000 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM 88001
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureBEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 5, 2025



Junior (grades 4 - 5)
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88011
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureJEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 12, 2025

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Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/NatureCAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Friday, September 19, 2025



Program

Volunteer Conference 2025 - The Magic of Girl Scouts including the Service Unit Summit on Saturday afternoon!

Friday, September 26 - Sunday, September 28, 2025 at Camp Mitre Peak

Registration is now open!

<https://bit.ly/GSDSW2025VC>

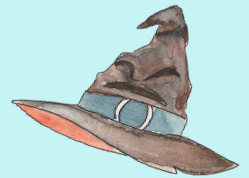
Harry Potter

- On-time registration Saturday, July 19 - Friday, August 22, 2025 - \$60
- Late registration Saturday, August 23 - Monday, September 15, 2025 - \$70
(No conference t-shirt and classes will be assigned)

Breakout sessions are chosen on a first-come, first-served basis!

Here are some - not all - of the breakout sessions available:

- Transfiguration of Glass (Glass fusing)
- Troop financials and trip paperwork
- Leave No Trace
- CPR certification
- Quidditch Training Camp: Archery Edition
- Accio Coordinates! A Spellbinding Geocaching Quest
- Care of Magical Creatures (Working with mixed ages and abilities)
- Muggle Handicrafts (Crocheting)
- Chromomancy: The Magic of Color and Pattern (Tie-dye)
- Advanced Edible Potions: Spiced Infusions & Fiery Mixes (Salsa making)
- Defense Against the Dark Arts (Conflict & Behavior Management)
- Wand & broom making
- The Leadership Prophecy: New GS Leadership Awards
- Botanical Magic: From Field to Guidebook (Flower pressing)

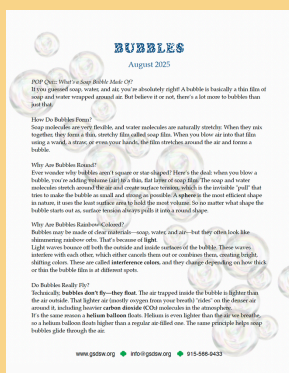


Service Unit Summit at Volunteer Conference

Join us in person for this exciting summit designed for current and future Service Unit Team members! Connect with others, reflect on the past year, plan ahead, and build your network.

A portion will also be available virtually for those who can't attend onsite.

Don't miss this chance to kick off the new Girl Scout year strong!



Monthly Challenge

The August Monthly Challenge is about bubbles!

https://bit.ly/Aug25_Bubbles



Program

**Take a magical adventure through the UK
exploring the wizarding world of Harry Potter!
Sunday, May 31 - Tuesday, June 9, 2026**

Trip Highlights:

- Stay at Pax Lodge WAGGGS World Center in London
- Visit Warner Bros. Studio Tour, where the magic began
- Explore filming locations like King's Cross Station and the Millennium Bridge
- Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea
- Spend a free day in London to explore on your own
- Travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, with visits to castles along the way

Registration opens Friday, August 1, 2025!

Girls can use their Desert Dollars to help pay for the trip!



Join our Archery Club

Registration deadline is Monday, September 1, 2025

El Paso Program Center, Tuesdays, September 16 - October 21, 2025

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcheryFallEP2025>

Las Cruces - Location TBD, Mondays, September 15 - October 27, 2025

Safety Meeting - Sunday, September 7, 2025

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcheryFallLC2025>

Midland Program Center, Saturdays, September 20 - October 25, 2025

Registration (First session): <https://tinyurl.com/ArcheryFallMD12025>

Registration (Second session): <https://tinyurl.com/ArcheryFallMD22025>

Archery Assessment at Camp Mitre Peak, Friday, November 7 - Sunday, November 9, 2025

This link is for the family of Archers attending camp

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ArcheryFallCMP2025>



Engagement



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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 with the names of both girls to receive your free Yin Yang patches.

Service Unit Roundtable

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

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](#)

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Saturday, April 11, 2026
34th Annual
Women of Distinction
Save the Date

Honoring Four 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 - 10:00 PM

Sponsorships Now Available
<https://bit.ly/2026WoD>



Council Properties



Council Property Building Rental / Usage

Reminder: Council Property Use Form Required

Planning to use a council property or building for troop meetings, programs, trainings, service unit meetings, or any other gathering? Don't forget - you must submit the

Troop/SU Meeting Property Rental Application

each program year, even if you submitted one last year.

Also, if your previously submitted form included specific dates that have now passed, you'll need to submit a new request for any upcoming use. This ensures we have accurate and current information for scheduling and support.

Be sure your troop or service unit is up to date!

If you would like to use or rent Camp Mitre Peak or any of our program centers for troop or service unit meetings, or for an event, please visit the following links:

Camp Mitre Peak Rental Application

Troop/SU Meeting Property Rental Application

GSDSW Members and Troop Mitre Council Property Rental Application



Camp Mitre Peak, Fort Davis, 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

Around the Council

Retail Shops Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

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

Las Cruces

At the monthly Service Unit event
Pre-orders will also be delivered.

Midland

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

Odessa

2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT

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.



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

Customer Engagement Specialist - Las Cruces, Midland, Odessa, Roswell, and Silver City

Program Specialist - Midland/Odessa

Interested candidates should email careers@gstdsw.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.