

February 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming in February

- Valentine's Day - Saturday, February 14, 2026
- GSDSW Offices closed for President's Day - Monday, February 16, 2026
- World Thinking Day - Sunday, February 22, 2026

Cookies > Roses.



World Thinking Day
2026 Theme:
Our Friendship

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.

Girls Make History.

Join us in Washington, DC!
July 23-25, 2026



Join us as we celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History. Girl Scouts have transformed—and continue to transform—our country. We planted victory gardens during World War II and marched for civil rights. We launch new businesses and advocate for the issues we care about. We dream big. We spark change. We lead the way! There's no better time and place to celebrate the incredible impact of Girl Scouts than on the 250th anniversary of the U.S. in our nation's capital.

At the **Girl Scouts Unite** event, you'll:

- experience interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and live performances
- meet girls who are taking action in their communities
- learn about trailblazers and barrier-breakers from past generations
- venture into the city for events and exhibits commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S.

Together, we'll make friends, make memories, and make a difference. It's a weekend you'll remember forever.

In the days leading up to the **Girl Scouts Unite** event (July 20-22), our 58th National Council Session will meet to discuss key issues, vote on proposals, and elect leaders. It's democracy in action, as girl delegates vote alongside adults and have a direct voice in shaping the future of Girl Scouts.

We'll see you July 23-25 with more than 10,000 Girl Scout community members and supporters. When Girl Scouts unite, anything is possible!

[Download PDF flyer](#)

[View Girl Scouts
Unite Website](#)

Scan the QR code to see unforgettable moments from 2023.



Product

A sneak peek at Cookie Recognitions for 2026

250+ Pkgs



Plush Ferret Backpack

3500+ Pkgs



CHOICE

CEO Campout Aug 14-16, 2026
OR \$100 Desert Dollars

2250+ Pkgs



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Ice Cream Maker & Class
Apr 27 or 29, 2026
OR \$50 Desert Dollars

Introducing Flavor of the Week Contest

Check our [Volunteer Facebook Group](#) for the Flavor of the Week!

Each week features a different cookie. Sell 24 packages during the week through Digital Cookie to be entered to win a \$25 Girl Scout Shop gift card.

See the weekly flyer for details.

FLAVOR OF THE WEEK Contest
ExploreMores
It's time to shine the spotlight on our exciting new cookie!

Cookie Challenge:
Sell 24 packages of ExploreMores using Digital Cookie.
From Monday, January 19 at (8:00 AM MST) to Sunday, January 25 at (8:00 PM MST)

What You Can Win
Complete the challenge and you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Gift Certificate to the Girl Scout Shop.
Share your Digital Cookie link with friends and family, tell them about our new cookie, and have fun reaching your goal.
Happy selling and good luck!

FLAVOR OF THE WEEK Contest
Adventurefuls
Be to shine the spotlight on our Adventurefuls cookie!

Cookie Challenge:
Sell 24 packages of Adventurefuls using Digital Cookie.
Monday, January 26 at (8:00 AM MST) to Sunday, February 1 at (8:00 PM MST)

What You Can Win
Complete the challenge and you'll be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Gift Certificate to the Girl Scout Shop.
Share your Digital Cookie link with friends and family, tell them about our tasty cookie, and have fun reaching your goal.
Happy selling and good luck!

Top Cookie Recognition



A weekend in Paris, France!

Product

Upcoming Cookie Dates

February

- Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Q & A - online
- Tuesday, February 17, 2026 - Troop/IRG Q & A - online
- Thursday, February 19, 2026 - ACH #2 - 75% balance due as of Sunday, February 15, 2026
- Friday, February 20 - Sunday, February 22, 2026 - National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend/Bling Your Booth Weekend Theme: Brave. Fierce. Fun.
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Q & A - online

March

- Sunday, March 1, 2026 - Last day of cookie program
- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 - Troop/IRG rewards due in Smart Cookies
- Thursday, March 5, 2026 - Delinquency reports due to info@gswdsw.org
- Monday, March 9, 2026 - Girl moves/removes resume
- Monday, March 9, 2026 - Rewards due to ABC
- Thursday, March 12, 2026 - ACH final clean-up - 100% due

April

- Mid-April - Rewards arrive to Service Unit Cookie Chairs and Point of Contacts



Program

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*Program & Summer Camp Guide
Spring/Summer 2026*

Summer Resident Camp at Camp Mitre Peak



There are nine NEW programs this coming summer for new and returning campers! From third grade to twelfth grade - there is something for every Girl Scout!



Register for camp before Wednesday, April 1, 2026, and your camper will receive \$15 Trading Post credit* to be used while she is at camp.



CAMP



[Register for Summer Resident Camp here!](#)



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Friendship Teatime Party

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a charming Girl Scout Tea Party designed especially for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, where friendship and fun take center stage. Girl Scouts will sip, snack, and share laughs with their Girl Scout sisters while enjoying a playful, tea-time experience. Through delightful activities and sweet moments, girls will make new memories and leave feeling connected, celebrated, and just a little bit fancy.

Daisy (K - 1), Brownie (Grades 2 - 3), & Junior (Grades 4 - 5)
Saturday, February 28, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MST
Sue Young Park
9730 Diana Dr., El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/TeatimeEPBJ2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, February 16, 2026

What you will do:

- Dress up in your favorite teatime outfit
- Test your knowledge with Girl Scout-themed trivia
- Laugh, connect, and make memories with old and new friends.

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El Paso, TX

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Hearts in Action

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a meaningful, community-centered experience designed for Cadettes and Seniors. Girls will spend time uplifting residents at Avir Patriot Nursing Home through connection and service - building empathy, leadership, and heart, all while working toward earning their Nursing Home patch.

Cadettes (Grades 6 - 8) & Seniors (Grades 9 - 10)
Saturday, March 7, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM MST
Avir Patriot Nursing Home
11490 Gateway N. Blvd., El Paso, TX 79934
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/HeartsEPJCS2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, February 23, 2026

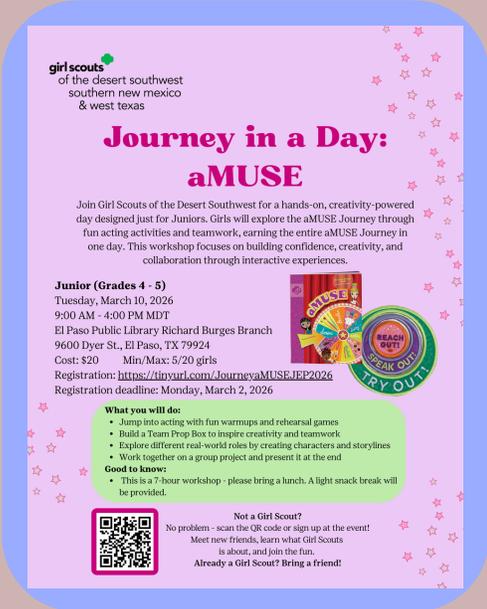
What you will do:

- Connect with nursing home residents through conversation and shared moments
- Assist with simple, engaging activities alongside residents
- Learn what compassionate care looks like in real life
- Build leadership skills while making a meaningful difference

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Journey in a Day: aMUSE

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a hands-on, creativity-powered day designed just for Juniors. Girls will explore the aMUSE Journey through fun acting activities and teamwork, earning the entire aMUSE Journey in one day. This workshop focuses on building confidence, creativity, and collaboration through interactive experiences.

Junior (Grades 4 - 5)
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM MDT
El Paso Public Library Richard Burges Branch
9600 Dyer St., El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$20 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/JourneyaMUSEJEP2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

What you will do:

- Jump into acting with fun warmups and rehearsal games
- Build a Team Prop Box to inspire creativity and teamwork
- Explore different real-world roles by creating characters and storylines
- Work together on a group project and present it at the end

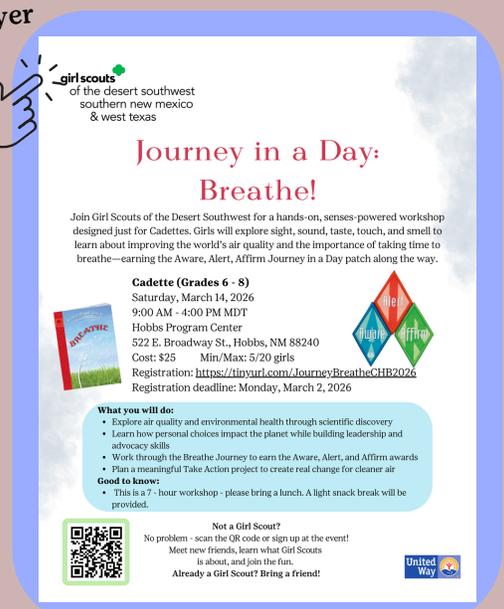
Good to know:

- This is a 7-hour workshop - please bring a lunch. A light snack break will be provided.

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Journey in a Day: Breathe!

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a hands-on, senses-powered workshop designed just for Cadettes. Girls will explore sight, sound, taste, touch, and smell to learn about improving the world's air quality and the importance of taking time to breathe—earning the Aware, Alert, Affirm Journey in a Day patch along the way.

Cadette (Grades 6 - 8)
Saturday, March 14, 2026
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM MDT
Hobbs Program Center
522 E. Broadway St., Hobbs, NM 88240
Cost: \$25 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/JourneyBreatheCHB2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 2, 2026

What you will do:

- Explore air quality and environmental health through scientific discovery
- Learn how personal choices impact the planet while building leadership and advocacy skills
- Work through the Breathe Journey to earn the Aware, Alert, and Affirm awards
- Plan a meaningful Take Action project to create real change for cleaner air

Good to know:

- This is a 7-hour workshop - please bring a lunch. A light snack break will be provided.

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Hobbs, NM

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Bug Buddies

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a hands-on, exploration-powered workshop designed just for Brownies. Girls will meet at the park with magnifying glasses in hand to search for insects in their natural habitats - a fun mix of science, discovery, and creativity. Brownies will investigate the insect world while working toward earning their Bugs Badge.

Brownie (Grades 2 - 3)
Saturday, March 28, 2026
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MDT
Sue Young Park
9730 Diana Dr., El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/BugBuddiesBEP2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 16, 2026

What you will do:

- Observe insects up close and learn fun facts about them
- Discover how insects help the environment
- Go on an insect hunt in the park
- Create a butterfly or insect craft to take home

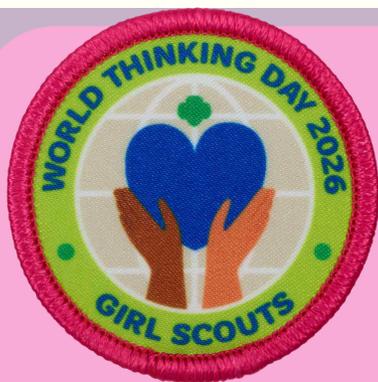
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Engagement



World Thinking Day 2026

Our Friendship

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Start Thinking, Start Changing!

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 22 to get started. Start learning about World Thinking Day and embracing perspectives outside your own.

Girl Scouts is celebrating 100 years of World Thinking Day in 2026 - what an exciting birthday! This year's special theme is Our Friendship. We invite you to join in as we explore our worldwide Girl Scout/Girl Guide community and celebrate the friendships that connect us all around the globe.

D,B,J Guide

C,S,A Guide



Calling all volunteers!

GSDSW is collecting short video testimonials from volunteers all over council who are willing to share about their GSDSW journey and why they chose to volunteer. Your story can make a meaningful difference and help others see how rewarding it is to be part of the Girl Scout community.

Let us know you are interested in this project by emailing info@gsdsw.org, and we will follow up with topic questions for you to answer about your experience! We'd love to include your voice!

Thank you for all you do to support our girls and our mission.

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](#)

Service Unit Roundtable

Tuesday, February 10, 2026



Resource Development

Introducing our 2026 Woman of Distinction Honorees

These women have distinguished themselves through their leadership, extraordinary contributions to their community, and, most importantly, by exemplifying the Girl Scout mission as women of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Allison Hartzoge

Archway Support

Danielle Green

GSDSW Volunteer

Jana Jones

Troop Mitre

Linda Stephens

Endeavor Energy

Stephens-Greth Foundation

Rebecca Linehan

Stubbeman, McRae, Sealy, Laughlin and Browder, Inc.



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Saturday, April 11, 2026
34th Annual
Women of Distinction
Honoring Five Amazing Women in the Permian Basin

 Allison Hartzoge	 Danielle Green	 Jana Jones	 Linda Stephens	 Rebecca Linehan
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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 other gatherings? You must submit the Troop/SU Meeting Property Rental Application each program year, even if you submitted one last year.

If your previous form included dates that have already passed, a new request is required for any upcoming use. This helps us keep accurate, up-to-date scheduling and ensures proper support for all users.

Want to use or rent Camp Mitre Peak or any of our program centers for troop or service unit meetings, or special events? Submit your request here:

- [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 MT

(Closed for lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

1st Saturday of each month

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MT

Las Cruces

At the monthly Service Unit event

Pre-orders will also be delivered.

Midland

Tuesdays 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM & 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT

Odessa

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

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

Engagement Specialist

- El Paso
- Las Cruces
- Odessa
- Roswell
- Silver City

Resource Development Specialist

- Midland

Program Specialist

- Odessa

Interested candidates should email careers@gdsdw.org with resumes and a 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.