

March 2025 Newsletter

It's Girl Scout Week!

March 9 Spirit Sunday Do something kind in the spirit of Girl Scouts.	March 10 Affirmation Monday Share a positive message with a friend.	March 11 Troop Tuesday Appreciate your awesome troop besties.	March 12 National Girl Scout Day Post a photo in your Girl Scout gear and tag @girlscouts!
March 13 Thankful Thursday Share something you're thankful for.	March 14 Flash Forward Friday Make your plans for a brighter future!	March 15 Service Saturday Serve your community as a sisterhood.	



Girl Scout Movement Information



2026 Girl Scout Convention July 20–25, 2026

Join us (and 10,000+ Girl Scouts) at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention in Washington, DC, as we celebrate the spirit, individuality, and self-confidence that make Girl Scouts shine.

This special six-day gathering only happens once every three years and will take place at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. Convention kicks off with our 58th National Council Session (NCS) from July 20–22, where delegates from around the country and overseas gather to vote on and discuss issues important to our Movement, and elect leaders for the next triennium.

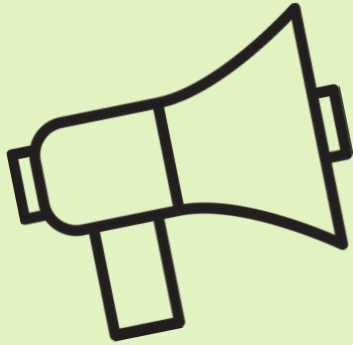
After NCS, from July 23–25, thousands more Girl Scouts (and alums, families, and non-members) stream into town for a multi-day event featuring interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and once-in-a-lifetime adventures that spark forever friendships.

Girl Scouts Nation's Capital is our host council. We are grateful for their hospitality and support in preparing for and carrying out this important event for our Movement.





Product Program 2025 Cookie Program



Exciting news—There is more opportunity for cookie sales through Sunday, March 30!

This gives Girl Scouts more time to reach their goals, engage with the community, and earn rewards!

Don't Forget! Fill out this form to participate in this opportunity!

Important Deadlines for Participating Troops:

Cupboard Pickups: Determined by individual cupboards.

Monday, March 10 - ACH 3 Notification sent out (50% of what was checked out as of Sunday, March 9).

Tuesday, March 11 - Troop ACH Confirmation:

- Confirm ACH amounts by emailing info@gsdsw.org by 12:00 PM MDT.

Thursday, March 13 - ACH 3 Withdrawal scheduled.

Monday, March 31 - Girl Rewards must be entered into Smart Cookies.

Tuesday, April 1 - Girl Delinquency Report must be emailed via info@gsdsw.org

Wednesday, April 2 - Final ACH Notification will be sent.

Thursday, April 3 - Troop ACH Confirmation:

- Confirm ACH amounts by emailing info@gsdsw.org by 12:00 PM MDT.

Friday, April 4 - Final ACH Withdrawal scheduled.

Deadlines for Troops NOT Participating in the Additional Selling Period:

Sunday, March 2 - Cookie Program ends/last day for boothing & sales.

Thursday, March 6 - Girl Delinquency Reports must be emailed via info@gsdsw.org

Monday, March 10 - Girl Rewards must be entered into Smart Cookies.

Monday, March 10 - Final ACH Notification.

Tuesday, March 11 - Troop ACH Confirmation:

- Confirm ACH amounts by emailing info@gsdsw.org by 12:00 PM MDT.

Thursday, March 13 - Final ACH Withdrawal scheduled.



Product Program 2025 Cookie Program

Take Your Cookie Sales to the Finish Line - Now through Sunday, March 30, 2025

Troops:

Encourage your troop to reach new heights in cookie sales and earn exciting rewards:



- 10% Increase: Sell 10% more cookies than your 2024 troop total and earn one complimentary adult 2026 Girl Scout membership (value \$30.00).
- 20% Increase: Sell 20% more cookies than your 2024 troop total and earn two complimentary adult 2026 Girl Scout memberships (value \$60.00).
- 30% Increase: Sell 30% more cookies than your 2024 troop total and earn two complimentary adult 2026 Girl Scout memberships plus entry into a drawing for a free weekend at Camp Mitre Peak! (value priceless).

Girls: Walkabout Challenge

(Now through Sunday, March 30, 2025): Take your cookie sales on the go! Girls who participate in a walkabout—selling cookies in their community—can earn a Walkabout Patch by submitting a photo of themselves selling cookies to info@gsdsw.org.

Council-Wide:

Help the council reach our overall sales goal and enjoy added rewards:

- 6,000 More Cases Sold by March 30: Troops will earn an additional \$0.01 per package sold.
- 10,000 More Cases Sold by March 30: Troops will earn an additional \$0.02 per package sold.

These recognize and reward the dedication and effort of our Girl Scouts and volunteers. Let's make this cookie season the best one yet!

Program



Spring Break Nature Break with Girl Scouts & Sibley Nature Center

Take a nature break this spring with a fun, family-friendly event at Sibley Nature Center! Enjoy hands-on activities with the S'more STEM Mobile Learning Center and explore the outdoors with guided nature hikes by Sibley Nature Center at 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM CDT.



Learn about nature, try exciting STEM activities, and see what Girl Scouts has to offer. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CDT

Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave., Midland, TX 79705

All ages. Registration is not required.

Questions?
Call (915) 566-9433
info@gsdsw.org.

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LEGO® Derby Race in El Paso

Join us for a fun-filled LEGO® race! Build your own car, compete for prizes, and take home a custom patch- sign up now and get ready to race!



Saturday, May 3, 2025

Girl Scout El Paso Program Center

9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924

Registration Deadline: Monday, April 14, 2025

[Register Here](#)

Derby Day in Midland

hosted by Emerald Service Unit

Join your Girl Scout sisters in a car race! Design, build, and paint your own pinewood derby car and get ready to race!



Saturday, May 3, 2025

Girl Scout Midland Program Center

901 W. Dengar Ave., Midland, TX 79705

[More Information and Registration Click Here](#)

Archery Club Spring 2025

Odessa First Time Archers- Saturdays (March 5, 12, 26, and May 3, 10, 17)

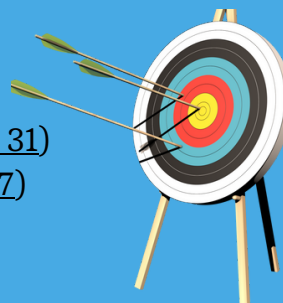
Odessa Returning Archers- Saturdays (March 5, 12, 26, and May 3, 10, 17)

Las Cruces - Saturdays (April 5 - safety meeting, April 12, 26, and May 3, 10, 17, 31)

El Paso - Tuesdays (April 15 - safety meeting, April 22, 29 and May 6, 13, 20, 27)

Archery Camp - Friday, June 6 thru Sunday, June 8 at Camp Mitre Peak

Train the Trainer - All Archery Instructors - Saturday, March 22



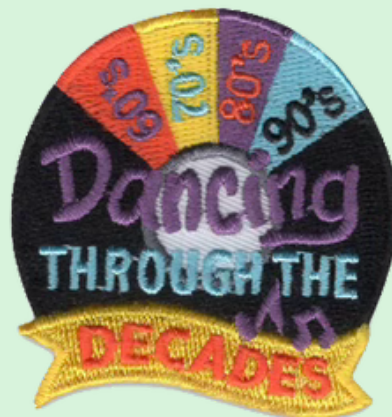
Summer Resident Camp
Registration is OPEN!



[Click here to view all the exciting new programs and returning favorites.](#)

Monthly Challenge:

Dancing Through the Decades



Engagement



**Volunteers
Needed!**

We are looking for
volunteers to help us
at the El Paso Science
Festival on Sat. April 5
and Sun. April 6



**Girl Scouts Birthday
Wednesday, March 12**



PEARLS in El Paso and Midland

Saturday, April 12, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

This year, our goal for PEARLS aims to build meaningful partnerships with local vendors and agencies to support troops and service units with badge work, fostering collaboration and engagement between Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest and local communities. We encourage troop leaders to leverage these partnerships to help girls earn badges and patches while strengthening their community connections.

Path to
Empower
Adults
Reach
Leader
Success

Registration is now open [here!](#)



**New Troop
Leader Training**

**Monday, April 21, 2025
6:00 MST**

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](#)



Resource Development



Saturday, April 12, 2025, 6 PM - 10 PM

Petroleum Club of Midland

501 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701

Dinner



Silent & Live Auction



Cocktail Attire

Come join us for an evening of fun, recognizing our Women of Distinction!

In conjunction with our Women of Distinction event, we have an opportunity for you to honor a special woman in your life. With a \$100 gift, the name of a woman you wish to celebrate will be proudly displayed in our program and recognized during our event.

To purchase tickets, sponsor the event,
or honor a woman in your life go to
<https://bit.ly/WOD2025Registration>



Council Properties

Council Property Building Rental / Usage

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 please go to 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, 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.

Around the Council



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

Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - El Paso

Hobbs, Odessa, Roswell, and Silver City

Program Specialist - Midland

Product Program Specialist - El Paso

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.

