

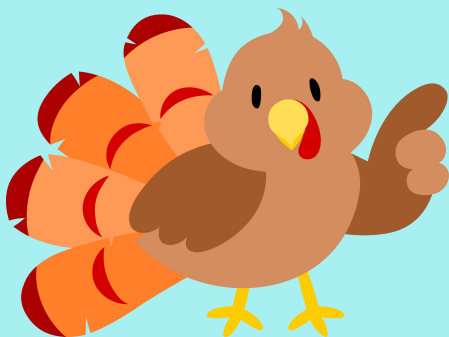
November 2025 Newsletter

Upcoming in November

- T.W.Y.G. Flag Etiquette & Retirement in Hobbs, NM - Saturday, November 15, 2025
- Sporting Clay Shoot in Artesia, NM - Saturday, November 15, 2025
- GSDSW Offices Closed for Thanksgiving - Wednesday, November 26 - Thursday, November 27, 2025

Council Holiday Closure Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 26 -
Thursday, November 27, 2025



**Follow our new GSDSW Facebook for
updates and more!**

Girl Scout Movement

Exciting Announcement!

We are thrilled to introduce our GSDSW National Council Delegates who will represent Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest at the upcoming Girl Scouts National Convention.

Delegates

- Bernadette Granger, Board Chair
- Patty Craven, CEO
- Elizabeth Inskeep, Girl Delegate

Alternates

- Patty Collins, Board Member
- Kenley Green, Girl Alternate 1
- Tatianna Urban, Girl Alternate 2
- Jane Rayas, Girl Alternate 3

We're proud of these outstanding Girl Scouts and volunteers who will bring the voice of our council to the national stage!



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.

Product

Fall Product Timeline

- Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Last day for direct shipment
- Sunday, November 9, 2025 - Fall Product ends
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025 - Last Day for girls and troops to make reward choices
- Thursday, November 13, 2025 - Girl moves/removes resumes
Delinquent parent report due to council
Recommended deadline for girls to turn in money to their troops
- Monday, November 24, 2025 - ACH withdrawal

BRAVE.
FIERCE. **FUN!**



A sneak peek at Cookie Recognitions for 2026

1000+
Pkgs



Ferret Blanket

5500+
Pkgs



CHOICE
El Paso Theatre
Jun 12-13, 2026 OR
\$100 Desert Dollars



Beauty & the Beast

4000+
Pkgs



CHOICE
Howl at the Moon
May 1-3, 2026 OR \$100
Desert Dollars

Product

Important Upcoming Cookie Dates

Initial cookie orders are due in Smart Cookies by
Monday, December 15, 2025, by 5:00 PM MST



November

- Thursday, November 20, 2025 - Last day for girl moves/removes in troops
- Friday, November 21, 2025 - Import service unit and troop user emails in Smart Cookies

December

- Monday, December 1, 2025 - Troop/girl uploads in Smart Cookies
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - Make-up Troop Cookie Coordinator Training (virtual)
- Wednesday, December 3, 2025 - Make-up Troop Cookie Coordinator Training (virtual)
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Training (virtual)
- Monday, December 15, 2025 - Troop initial cookie order & initial rewards order due in Smart Cookies
- Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - Troop/IRG Q&A - online
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025 - Troop banking information due in Smart Cookies
- Tuesday, December 23, 2025 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Q&A - online

January

- Monday, January 5, 2026 - Digital Cookie start day - Direct Ship Program
- Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Opt-Out forms due to council
- Tuesday, January 6, 2026 - Troop/IRG Q&A - online
- Saturday, January 10, 2026 - Booth Selection Begins
- Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Q&A - online
- Saturday, January 17, 2026 - Mega Drop - El Paso/Odessa
- Sunday, January 18, 2026 - First Day of Cookie Program and boothing begins
- Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - Troop/Q&A - online
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026 - Cupboard/Booth Coordinator Q&A - online
- Thursday, January 29, 2026 - ACH # 1. 50% balance due as of Sunday, January 25, 2026

Program

Outdoor Training

In-Person Training
Sunday, January 11, 2026
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CST

Odessa Program Center
5217 N. Dixie
Odessa, TX 79762

Registration deadline:
Monday, December 22, 2026, at 5:00 PM CST
<https://bit.ly/OutTrainOD2026>

Cost - \$45.00 (troop funds can be used for the cost of this training)

This training is good for three years.

Online Recertification

If you have taken the GSDSW in-person outdoor training and have taken your Girl Scouts camping, either as a troop or with a service unit campout at least once every year for the past three years, you can take the recertification in gsLearn.

In gsLearn, search for:
582-Outdoor Training Recertification.

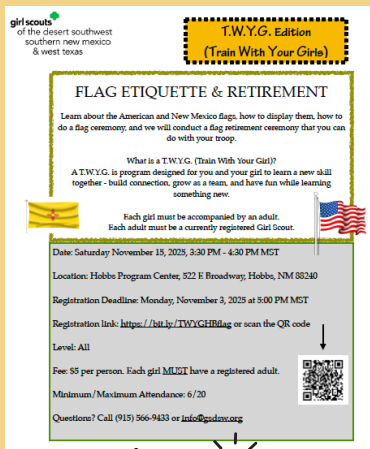


Flag Etiquette & Retirement

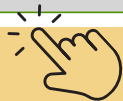
Learn about the American and New Mexico flags, how to display them, and how to do a flag ceremony. We will also be conducting a flag retirement ceremony that you can do with your troop.

What is a T.W.Y.G. (Train With Your Girl)? T.W.Y.G. is a program designed for you and your girl to learn a new skill together - build connection, grow as a team, and have fun while learning something new. Each girl must be accompanied by an adult. Each adult must be a currently registered Girl Scout member.

Saturday, November 15, 2025, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM MST
Hobbs Program Center, 522 E. Broadway, Hobbs, NM 88240
Registration Deadline: Monday, November 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM MST
Registration link: <https://bit.ly/TWYGHbflag>

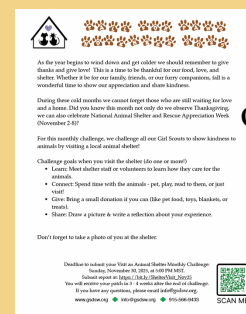
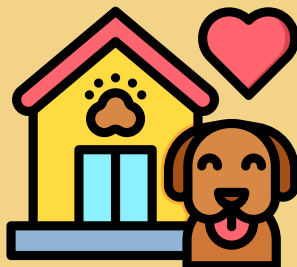


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Monthly Challenge

The November Monthly Challenge is to visit a local animal shelter!
https://bit.ly/ShelterVisit_Nov25



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Engagement



Shout out to Jen Adauto and her daughter, Kimberly, from Troop 64185, for repainting the council bridge that has been used in many ceremonies over the years. The bridge has been used by hundreds of troops, and now it looks better than ever!

**This is a perfect example of the Girl Scout Way:
leaving things better than you found them.**



Service Unit Roundtable

Wednesday, November 12, 2025



Ceremony of Honors 2025 Save the Date!

Please join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our girls and volunteers at our annual Ceremony of Honors.

Saturday, December 13, 2025

El Paso location

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MST

St Mark's Church

5005 Love Rd.

El Paso, TX 79922

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/COH2025EP>

Midland location

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Midland Girl Scout Program Center

901 W. Dengar Ave.

Midland, TX 79705

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/COH2025MD>

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

Law
Enforcement
**2 for 1
Offer**
Use Discount Code
LAW2025

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ARTESIA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

Saturday, November 15, 2025
Eddy County Shooting Range
131 N. Fire House Rd.
Artesia, NM 88210
\$150 Individual
\$575 Team of Four
Tackle the sporting clays
challenge course!
100 Rounds
12 Stations
12 or 20 Gauge Shotguns

Event Highlights

- 4-Person Teams & Individual Shooters Welcome
- Shooter Gifts for Every Participant
- Raffle Prizes Include Custom Leather Items by Kippy Lou's
- Gun Board: Win a Beretta A300!
- Breakfast and Lunch Included
- Mulligans Available for Purchase

Register & Sponsor Link



<https://bit.ly/GSDSWClayShoot2025>

For More Information: FundDevelopment@gdsdw.org

Sponsorships available

Daily Schedule ■

8:30 AM - Registration & Breakfast
9:30 AM - Shooting Begins
12:00 PM - Lunch, Raffles & Awards

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ARTESIA SPORTING CLAY SHOOT

SPONSORSHIP FORM

Showcase your business with premier logo placement and exclusive recognition opportunities in front of our participants! Sponsorships range from \$5,000 to \$750, and select options include a 4-man team of shooters

Platinum - \$5,000

Includes 2 Teams (8 Shooters), signage at all stations, logo on event materials, and feature in press releases.

Gold - \$3,000

Includes 1 Team (4 Shooters), recognition on signage, social media, and printed materials.

Silver - \$1,750

Includes 2 Individual Shooters, recognition on signage and printed materials.

Bronze - \$750

Includes 1 Individual Shooter and recognition on event signage.

Payment

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

All credit card payments must be processed through the link below: (Additional 3% credit card fee)



<https://bit.ly/GSDSWClayShoot2025>

For More Information: FundDevelopment@gdsdw.org

Sponsor Information

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Billing Address: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Email high-quality logo to FundDevelopment@gdsdw.org

☐ Check Payable to Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

Mail, email, or phone payment & registration to: 9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
FundDevelopment@gdsdw.org | Phone: (559) 790-0145

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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 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

- Hobbs
- Las Cruces
- Midland
- Odessa
- Silver City

Retail and Support Specialist - El Paso

Interested candidates should email careers@gsdsw.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.