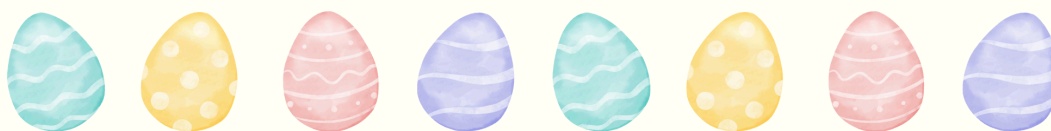


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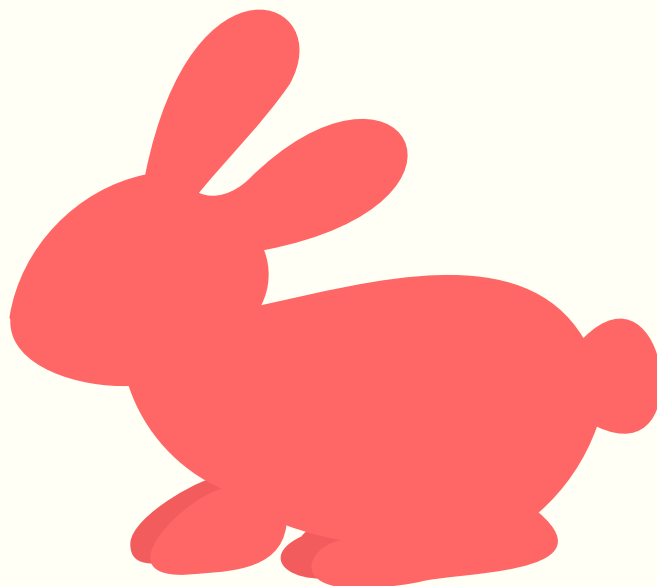
**Happy Volunteer
Appreciation
Month!**



Upcoming Events

- PEARLS - Saturday, April 12,
9:00 AM
- Women of Distinction
Saturday, April 12, 6:00 PM
- Volunteer Appreciation
Week Monday, April 21 -
Sunday, April 27
- Girl Scout Leader's Day
Tuesday, April 22

Thank you,
volunteers! 



Girl Scout Registration

Early Bird starting April 1

This Early Bird Packet is your exclusive invitation to become an Early Bird Troop or Early Bird Service Unit and unlock exciting perks. Inside, you'll find everything you need to get a jumpstart on another unforgettable Girl Scout year!

Individual Reward

- Every Girl Scout renewed by June 30, 2025, will receive a **FREE Early Bird patch** to proudly showcase her commitment to another year of adventure!
- Every individual will receive a **\$5 off certificate** for a **\$10 minimum pretax purchase!** These will be mailed to each household.

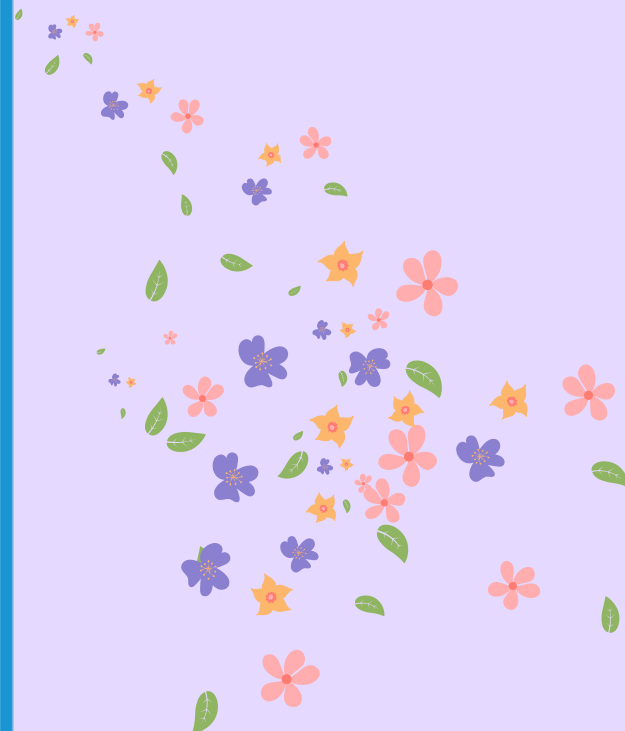
Troop Rewards – Be an Early Bird Troop!

- Fall Product Program – Earn an additional \$0.10 per nut/candy item sold!
- Cookie Program – Earn an additional \$0.05 per package sold!

Service Unit Rewards – Be an Early Bird Service Unit!

- Service Units that meet the criteria listed in 2026 Early Bird Packet will earn a \$100 gift certificate to the council shop!

[View 2025 Early Bird Packet Here](#)



Girl Scout New Registration

Extended Year

For the 2026 membership year
(October 1, 2025–September 30, 2026),
Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)
has set the annual national membership dues at:

\$45 for girl members
\$30 for adult members

Extended Year Membership (April 1–July 31, 2025)
New members who join during this window can opt into the Extended Year Membership, which covers both the remainder of the current year and the full following membership year. The standard dues for this option are:

\$63 for girls
\$42 for adults

However, as a one-time offer to help offset rising costs, new members signing up during the Extended Year window will receive a \$10 discount on their membership. This means:

Girls pay \$53 instead of \$63
Adults pay \$32 instead of \$42

This discount is only available to new members and is meant to provide a little financial relief as prices rise across many areas of life.

Girl Scout Movement

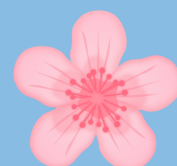
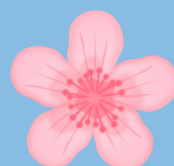
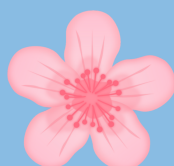
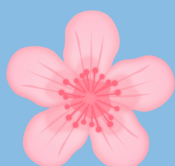
2026 Girl Scout Convention July 20–25, 2026

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

Important Deadlines for Troops participating in additional selling period:


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 Noon MDT.

Friday, April 4 - Final ACH Withdrawal scheduled.

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Join the Cookie Program Advisory Team!

Looking for adults and
Girl Scouts in 7th - 12th Grade



Learn more and
Sign up Here!



Program

Join GSDSW in El Paso, Las Cruces, and Midland to explore the outdoors and create art at the same time!

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 \$15.

El Paso

Daisy - Wednesday, April 9, 2025

Brownie - Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Las Cruces

Daisy - Saturday, April 5, 2025

Brownie - Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Junior - Thursday, April 17, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, April 26, 2025

Midland

Daisy - Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Brownie - Saturday, April 19, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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Outdoor Art Badge Workshop

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest as we explore art outdoors and earn a badge. Not a Girl Scout? That's ok, you can join us to learn about Girl Scouts, make new friends, and have fun. Become a Girl Scout member at the event.
Already a Girl Scout? Bring a friend and introduce her to all the fun!

Daisy (grades K-1)
Wednesday, April 9, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Council Office
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$15.00 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/DAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Brownie (grades 2-3)
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Council Office
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/BAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Junior (grades 4-5)
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Council Office
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/JAEP2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025

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Daisy (grades K-1)
Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001
Cost: \$15.00 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/DAELC2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Brownie (grades 2-3)
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
Morning Star United Methodist Church
2941 Morning Star Dr., Las Cruces, NM 88001
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/BAELC2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Junior (grades 4-5)
Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MDT
University UMC - Fellowship Hall
2000 S. Locust St., Las Cruces, NM 88001
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/JAELC2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025

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Daisy (grades K-1)
Wednesday, April 16, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CDT
Midland Girl Scout Council Office
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705
Cost: \$15.00 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/DAAMD2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Brownie (grades 2-3)
Saturday, April 19, 2025
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CDT
Midland Girl Scout Council Office
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/BAAMD2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, March 31, 2025

Junior (grades 4-5)
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CDT
Midland Girl Scout Council Office
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/JAAMD2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, April 7, 2025

Cadette (grade 6-8), Senior (grade 9-10), Ambassador (grade 11-12)
Wednesday, April 30, 2025
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CDT
Midland Girl Scout Council Office
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705
Cost: \$15 Min/Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://bit.ly/CAASAMD2025>
Registration deadline: Monday, April 14, 2025



April Badge Programs

Outdoor Art

Program

Comic Book Artist Badge Virtual Program

Calling all Cadettes that have a fun, creative, or quirky streak - put that sense of humor into a comic strip!

Join our Director of Programs as we explore how to put a story to paper, crack a few jokes, and revel in our sense of humor.

When: Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM MDT

Where: online

Cost: \$15 per girl

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ComicArtistvirt2025>

Registration deadline: Monday April 14, 2025, 5:00 PM MDT

Min/Max: 5/50

You will be emailed a zoom link and list of supplies needed for the program.

After the program you will receive your badge in the mail.



May Badge Programs

STEM Career Exploration

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest in El Paso and Odessa as we explore what your future holds. Do you want to invent something, design something to help animals, or build something to help the world? You can do it. The future is in your hands!

Each program is level specific and includes receiving the badge! Share the fun and bring a “Not Yet” Girl Scout with you! Cost per girl is \$15.

El Paso

Daisy - Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Brownie - Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Odessa

Daisy - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Brownie - Friday, May 23, 2025

Junior - Saturday, May 24, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Program

Archery Club Spring 2025

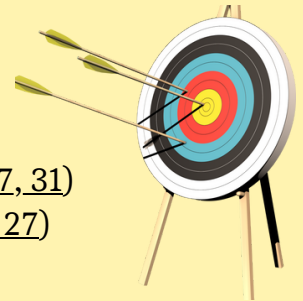
Odessa First Time Archers- Saturdays (April 5, 12, 26 and May 3, 10, 17)

Odessa Returning Archers- Saturdays (April 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



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](#)

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](#)

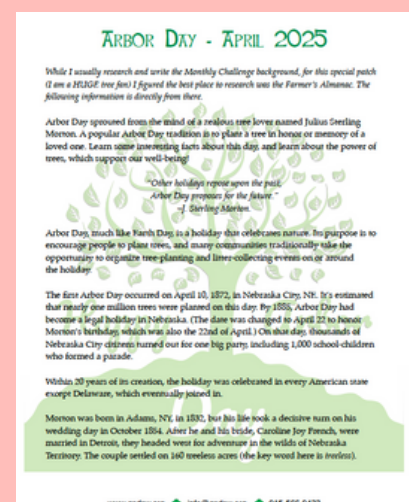


Summer Resident Camp
Registration is OPEN!



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

Monthly Challenge: Arbor Day



Engagement

We love our
Girl Scout Volunteers!



Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Our GSDSW volunteers go above and beyond with their passion and commitment! Send an eCard to shine a light on others to celebrate their dedication!

[Send an eCard here!](#)

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. We must have a minimum of 20 people in El Paso and 15 people in Midland. Please sign up now.

Registration is now open [here!](#)



**Volunteers
Needed!**

We are looking
for volunteers to
help us at the
El Paso Science
Festival on:

- Saturday, April 5
- Sunday, April 6

Upcoming Events

- New Troop Leader Training
 - Monday, April 21
at 6:00 PM (MST)
 - FREE Zoom Training

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

The poster features a dark green background with a decorative pattern of gold dots and lines in the top left and bottom right corners. At the top right, the Girl Scouts logo is present, along with the text "of the desert southwest southern new mexico & west texas". The date "Saturday, April 12, 2025" and "33rd Annual" are written in a gold, cursive font. The title "Women of Distinction" is in a large, white, cursive font, followed by the subtitle "Honoring Five Amazing Women in the Permian Basin" in a smaller, gold, sans-serif font. Below this, five circular portraits of women are displayed in a row. Each portrait is accompanied by the woman's name in a white, sans-serif font.

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Saturday, April 12, 2025
33rd Annual

Women of Distinction
Honoring Five Amazing Women in the Permian Basin

Brittany Halbert

Iris Hall-Sanders

Katie Purdy

Larisa Lopez

Susan Clark

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>

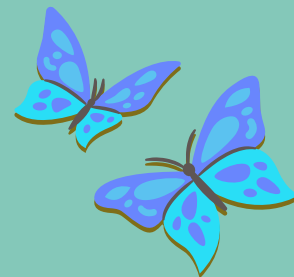


Council Properties



Council Property Building Rental / Usage

If you 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, 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 now available for use.

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

Wednesday and Friday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT
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**

Staff Accountant - El Paso

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

Program Specialist - Midland

Product Program Specialist - El Paso

Resource Development Specialist - El Paso

Seasonal Camp Positions [here](#)

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.