

# July 2025 Newsletter

### Upcoming in July

- Girl Scout offices closed for Fourth of July Friday, July 4, 2025
- Back to Troop event in El Paso & Odessa Saturday, July 26, 2025, 9:00 AM 1:00 PM
- No July Roundtable Next Roundtable: Tuesday, August 12, 2025



### Get \$10 off New Girl and Adult Memberships

Now through Thursday, July 31, 2025, all new girl and adult members who register can receive \$10 off using the discount codes below. These codes are only valid for new members and cannot be used by existing or renewing members.

Girl code: 582EXT2025GIRL

Adult code: 582EXT2025ADULTS



### **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 time 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

Are you ready to connect with 10,000+ Girl Scouts from across the globe at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention, happening July 20–25 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 Program**

### **Fall Product Timeline**

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - Initial Troop Fall Product Coordinator list due to info@gsdsw.org Week of July 28, 2025 - In-person training for Service Unit Chairs/Service Unit Representatives 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 Sunday, September 1, 2025 - Fall Product campaign begins



### Fall Product Service Unit Chairs / Service Unit Representative In-Person Training

Monday, July 28, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT - Odessa Program Center, Odessa, TX Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MDT - Carlsbad Program Center, Carlsbad, NM Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MDT - El Paso Program Center, El Paso, TX Thursday, July 31, 2025, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM MDT Virtual on Zoom

### **Cookie Recognition Classes and Events**

Monday, July 14 - Friday, July 18, 2025 - Exploring our Legacy, Savannah, GA Friday, August 15 - Sunday, August 17, 2025 - Journey to the Center of the Earth, Carlsbad, NM





Join GSDSW in El Paso, Las Cruces, and Odessa to learn new cooking skills!

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, July 5, 2025 Brownie - Saturday, July 12, 2025 Junior - Saturday, July 19, 2025 Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, July 26, 2025

Las Cruces Daisy - Monday, July 7, 2025 Brownie - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 Junior - Tuesday, July 15, 2025 Cadette - Ambassador - Thursday, July 17, 2025

Odessa Daisy - Wednesday, July 9, 2025 Brownie - Saturday, July 12, 2025 Junior - Wednesday, July 23, 2025 Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, July 26, 2025

#### July Monthly Challenge

#### **UFO - JULY 2025**

Every year on July 2, people all over the world celebrate World UFO Day. It's a day where anyone, not just science fiction fans, can look up at the sky and wonder if something or *someone* is out there.

UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) have been part of stories for hundreds of years. But they really to popular in the 1950s, when people started saying they saw strange flying saucers in the sky. Since the many people, young and old, have shared stories of seeing UFOs.

But why is World UFO Day on July 2? That date is important because many people believe a UFO crashed near Roswell, New Mexico. in 1947. Roswell, NM is part of our council and this summer we had a weekend trip visiting Roswell and doing all things allen as a coolide recognition.

"I want to believe." That's what a famous TV character named Fox Mulder once said on a show called *The X-Files*. He made lots of people think that maybe aliens and UFOs could be real - and that the truth is out there, just waiting to be found!

esides TV shows, there have been hundreds of movies made about UFO's since 1902!!! That is more than 0) years of UFO movies! Some are cute, some are realistic, some are scary, and some are campy. Whether u believe in "something out there" or not, UFOs are part of our culture here on Earth.

July's monthly challenge is to watch a UFO movie you haven't seen before. Don't think you have ever a UFO movie? How about Lilo & Stitch? Or Transformers? Yep, they have aliens in them.

- Here is a list of movies you may not have seen but are considered to be classics. Check them out, you find a new favorite movie. E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial (1982) They Live (1988) Close Encounters of the Third Kind (1977) Men in Black (1997) Flight of the Navigator (1986) Mappets from Space (1999) Spaceballs (1987)

Note: you do not need to chose from this list - there are hundreds to choose from

Deadline to submit your UFO Monthly Challenge Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 5:00 PM MST. Submit report at: <u>https://bit.ly/UFOIun\_25</u> You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge. If you have any questions, please email info@gsdsw.org.

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### **July Programs**

**Cooking Badge** Workshop

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United Way

United Way 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

<u>Daisy - Saturday, August 9, 2025</u> <u>Brownie - Saturday, August 16, 2025</u> <u>Junior - Saturday, August 18, 2025</u> <u>Cadette - Ambassador- Saturday, August 30, 2025</u>

#### Las Cruces

<u>Daisy - Tuesday, August 5, 2025</u> <u>Brownie - Thursday, August 7, 2025</u> <u>Junior - Tuesday, August 12, 2025</u> <u>Cadette - Ambassador - Saturday, August 16, 2025</u>



Financial Literacy Badge Workshop



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

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



Registration opens Monday, July 7, 2025!! <u>https://bit.ly/GSDSW2025VC</u>

- Early registration ends Friday, July 18, 2025 \$50 (save \$10!)
- 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!



### 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 use your Desert Dollars to help pay for the trip!

## Join our Archery Club

Midland Program Center, Saturdays, September 20 - October, 25, 2025 Las Cruces - Location TBD, Satursdays, September 20 - October 25, 2025 El Paso Program Center, Tuesdays, September 16 - October 28, 2025

Registration will begin on 7/7/2025 - watch for the links on our website







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Entrance tickets to all group events and tours All meals (except for the free day in London) \*price may adjust according to currency exch

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Registration opens Friday, August 1, 2025

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## Engagement



### **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.



El Paso

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### Back to Troop - El Paso Office and Odessa Office Saturday, July 26, 2025, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Get ready to kick off a new Girl Scout year at our Back to Troop Open House! Join us for a fun, back-to-school event with activities, community vendors, and opportunities to connect with fellow Girl Scouts and volunteers. Bring your troop, your family, and friends who might want to join - we can't wait to see you there!

#### Odessa



No July Roundtable - enjoy your summer break, recharge, and we'll see you back Tuesday, August 12, 2025!

#### **Important Troop Forms**

- Bank Account Request
- <u>Emergency Procedures</u>
- <u>Health History</u>
- <u>Opportunity Fund Application</u>
- <u>Safety Activity Checkpoints</u>
- <u>Trip and High-Risk Activity Form</u>
- <u>Troop Disbandment Checklist</u>
- <u>Troop Disband Form</u>
- <u>Volunteer Essentials</u>

## **Resource Development**



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### **WE'RE HIRING!**

#### COME VISIT US AT THE HOBBS JOB FAIR ON THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025

HOBBS EVENT CENTER 5101 NORTH LOVINGTON HIGHWAY, LOVINGTON, NM 88260 FROM 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM



We're currently looking to hire dedicated full-time and seasonal:

### CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST PROGRAM SPECIALIST P/T SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP SPECIALIST

If you're passionate about community, connection, and empowering girls, we'd love to meet you!

#### What You'll Do

#### $\rightarrow$ Drive membership growth

- $\rightarrow$  Plan and lead recruitment events
- ightarrow Build strong community partners
- $\rightarrow$  Track progress and celebrate success

#### Why Join Us?

- $\rightarrow$  Be part of a mission that empowers girls
- $\rightarrow$  Enjoy meaningful, community-centered work
- $\rightarrow$  Grow your skills in a supportive workplace
- ightarrow Benefits package for full-time positions

Send your resume and cover letter to:

### careers@gsdsw.org







## **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: <u>Camp Mitre Peak Rental Application</u>

**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\*

<u>El Paso</u> 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

<u>Las Cruces</u> At the monthly Service Unit event Pre-orders will also be delivered.

<u>Midland</u> Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CDT 1st & 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT

<u>Odessa</u> 2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT

For locations, <u>click here.</u>

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.



### <u>Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest</u> <u>Career Opportunities</u>

<u>Customer Engagement Specialist</u> - El Paso, Las Cruces, Midland, Odessa, Roswell, and Silver City

Program Specialist - Hobbs, and Midland/Odessa

<u>P/T Seasonal Membership Growth Specialist</u> -El Paso, Las Cruces, Hobbs, Midland, Odessa, and Silver City

Interested candidates should email <u>careers@gsdsw.org</u> 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 <u>this</u> <u>request form</u> at least one month before the event.