

# June 2025 Newsletter

## Upcoming in June

- Service Unit Roundtable - Tuesday, June 10, 2025
- Father's Day - Sunday, June 15, 2025
- Early Bird Ends - Monday, June 30, 2025
- Troop Financials Due - Monday, June 30, 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 Registration

## Early Bird started April 1

The 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.

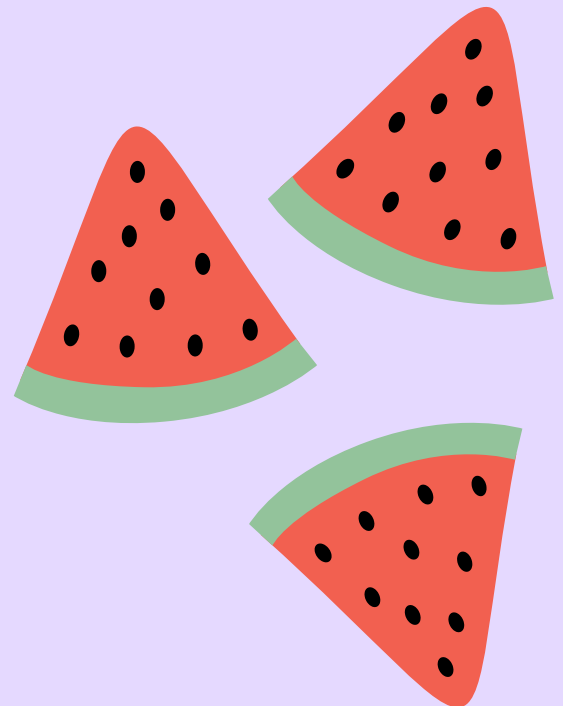
### Troop Rewards – Be an Early Bird Troop!

- 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

## Fall Product Timeline

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - Initial Troop Fall Product Coordinator list due to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto: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  
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 - 7:00 PM CDT at the Odessa Program Center, Odessa, TX  
Tuesday, July 29, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM MDT at the Carlsbad Program Center, Carlsbad, NM  
Wednesday, July 30, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM MDT at the El Paso Program Center, El Paso, TX  
Thursday, July 31, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM MDT virtual on Zoom



## Cookie Recognition Classes and Events

June 10 - 14, 2025 - Planes, Trains, and Automobiles trip  
June 21, 2025 - 500 Club at the Core in Hobbs, NM  
July 14 - 18, 2025 - Exploring our Legacy trip to Savannah, GA

## Missing Cookie Recognitions or Received Damaged Items?

If your troop is missing any cookie recognitions or received damaged items, please let us know right away.  
Email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) with the following details:

- Your troop number
- The item(s) you're missing or that arrived damaged
- The quantity needed

We'll work to resolve it as quickly as possible!

# Program

Join GSDSW in El Paso, Las Cruces, and Midland to explore what the future holds!

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 - Sunday, June 8, 2025](#)

[Brownie - Sunday, June 15, 2025](#)

[Junior - Sunday, June 22, 2025](#)

[Cadette - Ambassador - Sunday, June 29, 2025](#)

## *Las Cruces*

[Daisy - Wednesday, June 4, 2025](#)

[Brownie - Tuesday, June 10, 2025](#)

[Junior - Wednesday, June 18, 2025](#)

[Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, June 25, 2025](#)

## *Midland*

[Daisy - Wednesday, June 11, 2025](#)

[Brownie - Saturday, June 14, 2025](#)

[Junior - Tuesday, June 24, 2025](#)

[Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, June 25, 2025](#)

**Eco-Badge Workshop**

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**Daisy (grades K - 1)**  
Sunday, June 8, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Gettysburg Way, El Paso, TX 79924  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Thursday, June 6, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Sunday, June 15, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Gettysburg Way, El Paso, TX 79924  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Thursday, June 13, 2025

**Junior (grades 4 - 5)**  
Sunday, June 22, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Gettysburg Way, El Paso, TX 79924  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Thursday, June 19, 2025

**Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)**  
Sunday, June 29, 2025  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Gettysburg Way, El Paso, TX 79924  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Thursday, June 26, 2025

**Activities by Grade Level:**

**Daisy (K - 1)**

- "Leave No Trace" Principles Game
- Wildlife match & memory game
- Mystery sensory box challenge

**Brownie (2 - 3)**

- "Leave No Trace" Principles Game
- Create an environment inspired art project
- Make an outdoor fire

**Junior (4 - 5)**

- "Leave No Trace" Principles Game
- Plan your own camping trip
- Make a solar box cooker and cook nachos

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- Make a water bottle sling
- What outdoor cause are you passionate about?

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**Daisy (grades K - 1)**  
Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
University United Methodist Church  
2000 S. Lovett St., Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, May 30, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
University United Methodist Church  
2000 S. Lovett St., Las Cruces, NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 6, 2025

**Junior (grades 4 - 5)**  
Wednesday, June 18, 2025  
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
Morning Star United Methodist Church  
2941 Morning Star Dr., Las Cruces NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 13, 2025

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4:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
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Registration deadline: Friday, June 20, 2025

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST  
Midland Girl Scout Program Center  
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 6, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Saturday, June 14, 2025  
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST  
Midland Girl Scout Program Center  
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 6, 2025

**Junior (grades 4 - 5)**  
Tuesday, June 24, 2025  
4:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST  
Midland Girl Scout Program Center  
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: \$/20 girls  
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gscdm2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, June 20, 2025

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4:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST  
Midland Girl Scout Program Center  
901 W. Denger Ave., Midland, TX 79705  
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## *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 Programs

## Cooking Badge Workshop

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**Daisy (grades K - 1)**  
Saturday, July 5, 2025  
10:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79904  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/EP2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, June 30, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Saturday, July 12, 2025  
10:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79904  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/EP2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 7, 2025

**Junior (grades 4 - 5)**  
Saturday, July 19, 2025  
10:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79904  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/EP2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 14, 2025

**Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)**  
Saturday, July 26, 2025  
10:00 PM - 2:00 PM MST  
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center  
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79904  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/EP2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 21, 2025

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6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
Morning Star United Methodist Church  
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/LC2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, June 30, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Tuesday, July 8, 2025  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
Morning Star United Methodist Church  
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/LC2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, June 30, 2025

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Morning Star United Methodist Church  
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/LC2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 7, 2025

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Thursday, July 17, 2025  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
Morning Star United Methodist Church  
2941 Morning Star Dr, Las Cruces NM 88001  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/LC2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, July 11, 2025

**Activities by Grade Level:**

- Daisy (K-1)**
  - Make personal characteristic boards
  - Bake 4th of July fireworks cupcakes
- Brownie (2-3)**
  - Make personal characteristic boards
  - Bake 4th of July fireworks cupcakes
  - Make Girl Scout punch
- Junior (4-5)**
  - Interview a professional chef
  - Taste test different types of bread
  - Bake 4th of July fireworks cupcakes
- Cadette, Senior, Ambassador (6-12)**
  - Create and plan your own Mediterranean Dinner Party

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**Daisy (grades K - 1)**  
Wednesday, July 9, 2025  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST  
Odessa Girl Scout Program Center  
2317 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX 79762  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/OD2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 7, 2025

**Brownie (grades 2 - 3)**  
Saturday, July 12, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CST  
Odessa Girl Scout Program Center  
2317 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX 79762  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/OD2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 7, 2025

**Junior (grades 4 - 5)**  
Wednesday, July 23, 2025  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM CST  
Odessa Girl Scout Program Center  
2317 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX 79762  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/OD2025>  
Registration deadline: Friday, July 18, 2025

**Cadette (grade 6 - 8), Senior (grade 9 - 10), Ambassador (grade 11 - 12)**  
Saturday, July 26, 2025  
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM CST  
Odessa Girl Scout Program Center  
2317 N. Dixie, Odessa, TX 79762  
Cost: \$10 - Min/Max: 5/20 girls  
Registration: <https://desert.scoutsusa.com/locations/OD2025>  
Registration deadline: Monday, July 21, 2025

**Activities by Grade Level:**

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  - Make personal characteristic boards
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# Program

## Take a magical adventure through London and Edinburgh exploring the wizarding world of Harry Potter!

May 31 - 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

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## Harry Potter in the UK

May 31 - June 9, 2026

Join us as we walk in the footsteps of Harry Potter and explore the wonders of the wizarding world. We will stay at Pax Lodge WAGGGS World Center in London with a visit to Warner Brothers Studio Tour and other filming locations, including Kings Cross Station and the Millennium Bridge. Enjoy an afternoon tea and have a free day to explore London on your own! We will make our way to Edinburgh, Scotland, with stops at a castle or two. You don't need to bring any Floo powder with you!

\$3,955\* per person (use your Desert Dollars) includes:

- Roundtrip airfare from El Paso, TX or Midland, TX
- Lodging (including Pax Lodge)
- Entrance tickets to all group events and tours
- All meals (except for the free day in London)
- \*price may adjust according to currency exchange

**Registration opens Friday, August 1, 2025**

For Cadettes and older. Each girl must have an adult chaperone or come as a troop with required adult-girl ratio.

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Summer Resident Camp Registration has a few openings left!

Don't miss out on the summer camp of a lifetime!

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

## June Monthly Challenge

### Riddle Me This - June 2025

Jokes and riddles are both fun ways to make people laugh or think, but they are not the same. Jokes are usually short and funny, using clever words or silly endings to surprise you and make you laugh. They are meant to be funny right away.

Riddles, however, are more like brain puzzles. They ask a tricky question, and you have to think hard to figure out the answer. Solving a riddle can feel like a fun challenge.

While jokes are great for quick laughs, riddles are fun because they make you think. Both can be enjoyable and entertaining in their own way. For J.R. Tolkien fans, Bilbo had a challenge of riddles with Gollum over who got to keep the Ring.

There are different kinds of riddles that make your brain work in different ways. One type is called an **enigma**. These riddles use tricky or fancy language to describe something, and you have to figure out what it means. For example - *I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body, but I come alive with the wind. What am I?*  
Answer - an echo!

Another kind is a **conundrum**, which uses jokes or puns to hide the answer in a funny way. For example, my favorite riddle from when I was a kid is, *When is a door not a door?*  
Answer - *When it is ajar!*

There are also **lateral thinking** puzzles, which make you think outside the box and use your imagination to solve them. Logic puzzles are more like math or number games, where you have to use reasoning and clues to find the answer. Some riddles are visual riddles, where you look at a picture and try to find something hidden or figure out what's going on.

This month's challenge is to invent a riddle and ask three people to figure it out. You need to keep track of who you asked and if they got it correct or not.

Deadline to submit your Riddle Monthly Challenge:

Monday, June 30, 2025, at 5:00 PM MST.

Submit report at: [https://bit.ly/Riddle\\_Jun2025](https://bit.ly/Riddle_Jun2025)

You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.

If you have any questions, please email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).

[www.gsdsw.org](http://www.gsdsw.org) [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) 915-566-9433

## Girl Scout Day at the Chihuahuas

Friday, June 6, 2025

Call Janine at 915-242-2005

**Girl Scout DAY**

PARTICIPATE IN OUR PREGAME PARADE OF TROOPS AND SHOW YOUR GIRL SCOUT PRIDE BY BRINGING YOUR VEST AND BANNER!

**FRIDAY, JUNE 6**

GATES OPEN AT 5:30 PM | FIRST PITCH AT 6:35 PM

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS EARLY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPERIENCES SUCH AS:

- High Five Tunnel
- Stand next to the players during the National Anthem!
- Present the American Flag in Center Field during the National Anthem!

TO PURCHASE, PLEASE CONTACT JANINE QUIROZ  
CALL OR TEXT: 915-242-2005 | EMAIL: [jquiroz@chihuahuas.com](mailto:jquiroz@chihuahuas.com)  
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN YOUR TICKETS AND PATCHES ARE READY FOR PICKUP

# Program

## Volunteer Conference 2025

SAVE THE DATE!

September 26 - 28, 2025 at Camp Mitre Peak

The is volunteer conference is for YOU and we want YOUR input for sessions, activities, nighttime programs. Join the Volunteer Conference Committee!

Email [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) if you would like to volunteer to help make this the best volunteer conference ever!

Thanks to suggestions from YOU, our theme will be Harry Potter!



## Looking for Gold Award Committee Volunteers

Each year, Girl Scouts at the Senior and Ambassador levels embark on their journey to earn the prestigious Gold Award. These remarkable young women are role models who tackle real-world issues with courage, confidence, and character - making lasting, meaningful changes in their communities.

You can continue championing these future change-makers by actively supporting their efforts. One meaningful way to do this is by becoming part of our Gold Award Advisory Committee. Their success is only possible with the guidance and encouragement of dedicated adults like you.

As a member, you will:

- Oversee and support Gold Award applicants
- Participate in project interviews
- Mentor girls throughout their Gold Award journey
- Help build a strong, supportive community around our Girl Scouts

Attend the virtual webinar for more information! Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 6:00 - 7:00 PM MDT  
<https://bit.ly/GoldCommInfo625>

# Engagement

## Troop Finances

### Service Unit Review

- Each service unit will set its own timeframe for reviewing troop financials.
- Please reach out to your service unit team to confirm their deadlines.

### For Troops Without a Service Unit

- For troops with no service unit team, please submit your financials directly to council via the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) or by email at [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org).
- Note: VTK has a 25MB file size limit. For larger files, please use email.

### Documents Required for Submission

Please prepare and submit the following:

- [Troop/Group Financial Record Ledger.pdf](#)
- [Annual Troop-Group Financial Report.pdf](#)
- [Checklist, Troop Financial Report.pdf](#) – print, complete, and submit
- Bank Statements for the full year (12 months, June through May)
- Receipts for all purchases
- Records of Troop Dues Deposits (if applicable)
- Any other Troop or Service Unit Fund Transactions

### Deadline

- Deadline for troop financials to be submitted to council is June 30.
- Troops will be contacted by their service unit with information about internal review deadlines.

### Additional Resources

- For help and tools, visit the [Troop Finances page](#) on our website.



## Upcoming Events

- Service Unit Roundtable  
Tuesday, June 10, 2025

### 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

## Welcoming Our New Resource Development Team

We are thrilled to introduce the newest members of our Resource Development Team at Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Each brings a unique blend of experience, passion, and commitment to our mission, and we are excited about the incredible work we will accomplish together.

Jennie Guadagno, joins us as our new Resource Development Director, based out of the Permian Basin. With over 30 years of experience in sales and resource development, including time as a Chief Operating Officer, Jennie brings visionary leadership and a results-driven mindset. A lifelong Girl Scout, she has over 20 years of involvement, serving both as a board member and staff member, in addition to her own time as a girl in the program. Her deep-rooted passion for Girl Scouts and belief in our mission are evident in everything she does.



Eliane Castorena, our new Resource Development Specialist, based in El Paso, brings over five years of experience in fund development, community engagement, and event planning. Her work has consistently focused on supporting underserved communities, and she has also served as a dedicated Girl Scout volunteer in San Antonio, TX. Eliane's energy and dedication to service make her a powerful addition to our fundraising efforts.



Madi Green, our Grant Writer Intern based in Midland, is a true Girl Scout success story. A Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Trifecta awardee, Madi has been part of our council for years. Now a student at the University of Oklahoma, she is majoring in Biology with a focus on environmental sciences and minoring in Nonprofit Management. She served as President of Students in Philanthropy, Vice President of Philanthropy for Alpha Chi Omega, and is an active member of the Grant Writer's Association. Her passion for Girl Scouts and strong academic background make her an exceptional asset to our team.



Please join us in warmly welcoming Jennie, Eliane, and Madi to our GSDSW family. Their diverse experiences and unwavering commitment to empowering girls will help us grow stronger and make an even greater impact in the communities we serve.



# 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**

Customer Engagement Specialist - El Paso

Hobbs, Odessa, Roswell, and Silver City

Program Specialist - Midland

Resource Development Specialist - El Paso

Membership Growth Specialist - El Paso, Hobbs, Midland, Odessa, Silver City, Roswell

Seasonal Camp Positions [here](#)

Interested candidates should email [careers@gsdsw.org](mailto: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.