

# May 2025 Newsletter

## Upcoming in May

- LEGO® Derby Race in El Paso - Saturday, May 3, 2025
- Mother's Day - Sunday, May 11, 2025
- Service Unit Roundtable - Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Girl Scout Offices Closed for Memorial Day - Monday, May 26, 2025



# 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.**

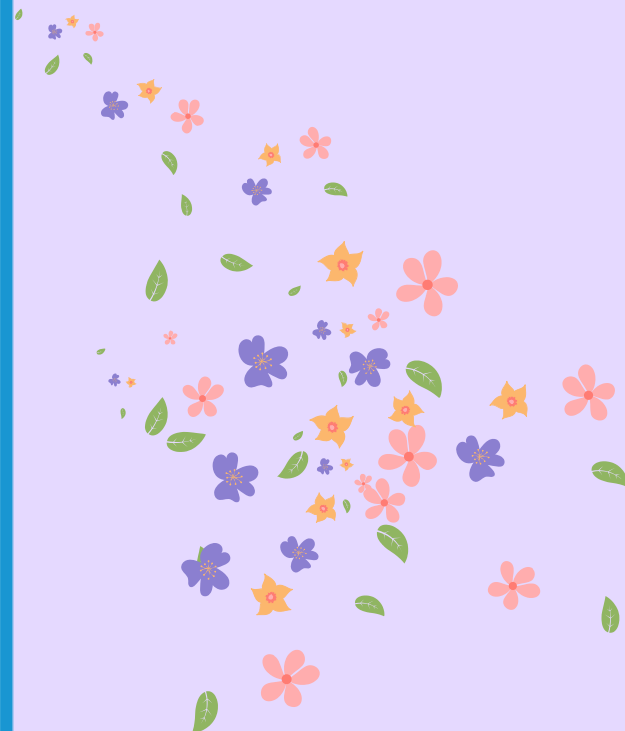
### Troop Rewards – Be an Early Bird Troop!

- 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

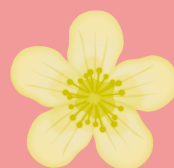
## 2026 Girl Scout Convention July 20–25, 2026

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

## Fall Product Timeline

Monday, May 19, 2025 - SU Fall Product Names due to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org)

Thursday, July 10, 2025 - Initial Troop FP Coordinator list due to [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org)

Week of July 28, 2025 - In-person training for SU Chairs/SU Representatives

Sunday, August 10, 2025 - Last Day for Girl move/ remove from troops

Sunday, September 1, 2025 - Fall Product Campaign begins



## Cookie Recognition Classes and Events

Thursday, May 1, 2025 - Crocs and Jibbitz with design class (2nd offering) - online

Thursday, May 8, 2025 - Mini-projector with foldable screen movie class (1st offering) - online

Friday - Sunday, May 9 - May 11, 2025 - Roswell Alien Excursion - Roswell

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 - Mini-projector with foldable screen movie class (1st offering) - online

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - iPad with Cyber Safety Class (1st offering) - online

Thursday, May 22, 2025 - iPad with Cyber Safety Class (2nd offering) - online

## Cookie Recognitions

Cookie Recognitions are slowly coming into the El Paso office. We apologize for the any delay, however, shipping times have increased over the past several months.

# Program

Join GSDSW in El Paso, Las Cruces, and Odessa 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 \$15.

## *El Paso*

Daisy - Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Brownie - Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Junior - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, May 28, 2025

## *Las Cruces*

Daisy - Thursday, May 1, 2025

Brownie - Saturday, May 3, 2025

Junior - Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Tuesday, May 13, 2025

## *Odessa*

Daisy - Wednesday, May 21, 2025

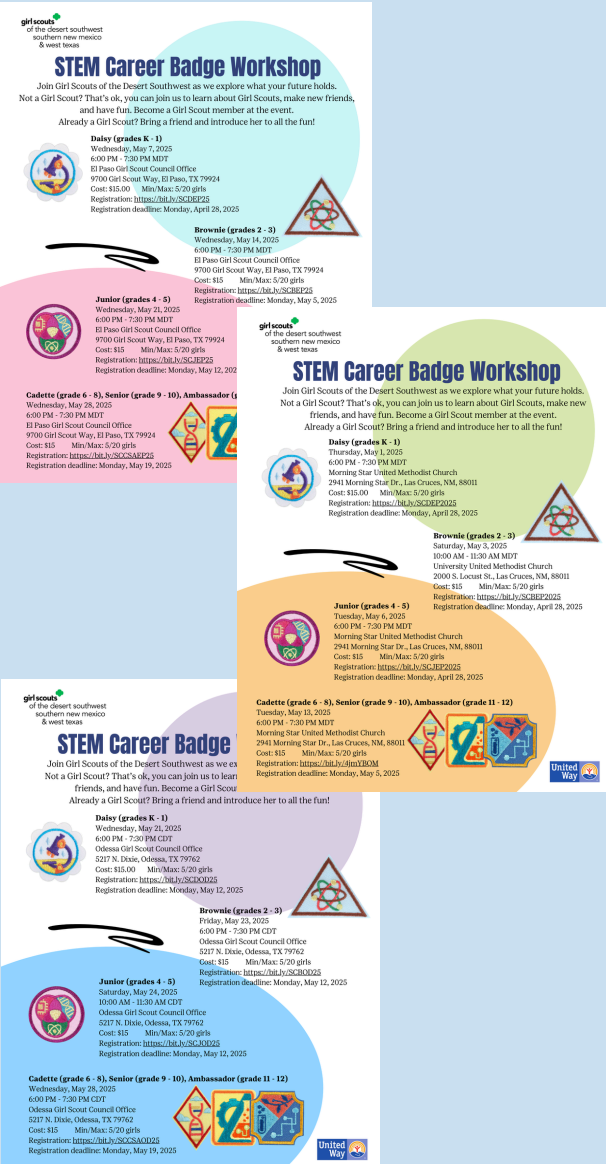
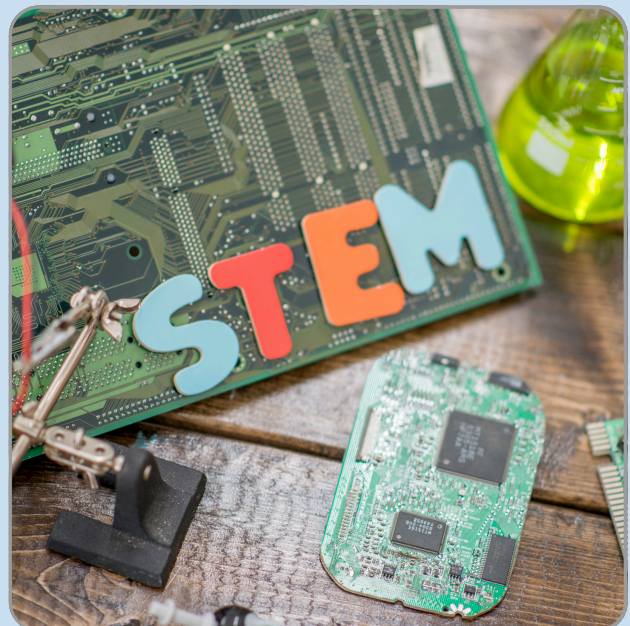
Brownie - Friday, May 23, 2025

Junior - Saturday, May 24, 2025

Cadette - Ambassador - Wednesday, May 28, 2025

## May Badge Programs

## STEM Career Badge



# Program

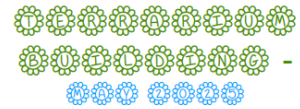
## Summer Resident Camp Registration is OPEN!



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

**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@gsdsw.org](mailto:jquiroz@gsdsw.org))  
YOU WILL BE CONTACTED WHEN YOUR TICKETS AND PATCHES ARE READY FOR PICKUP

## May Monthly Challenge



A terrarium is like an aquarium, but for plants instead of fish. It is made in just about any glass container. It is planted to look like a miniature garden or forest enclosed in its own little world.

You can easily make a beautiful terrarium yourself. First, you want all the plants to thrive in the same kind of environment. For example, you could plant all succulents (including cactus), because they need very little water. Or you could plant all ferns, because they like it moist. You could put moss with the ferns, because moss likes it moist too. If you put a fern with a cactus, one or the other might not do well (the fern if it gets too dry, the cactus if it gets too wet).

You can use an open container or a closed (sealed) container.

An open container is best for succulents and cacti. They like lots of air.

A closed, or sealed, container (with a lid) might be best for ferns, ivies, and begonias. They like it humid. But if you see a lot of water condensing on the lid, remove it for a while, then replace it.

For any terrarium, you need:

- Clear glass container. For example, aquarium of any size, goldfish bowl, cookie jar, pickle jar, vase with a broad bottom, brandy snifter, or even a shallow dish with a glass bowl turned upside-down over it.
- Rocks (around marble sized, depending on the size of container)
- Activated charcoal to filter the water and help prevent growth of fungi (if making an open terrarium, you won't need this)
- Potting Soil (sterilized is recommended)
- Small plants of different colors, shapes, & textures. Try to get miniature plants that aren't going to grow too big for the container.

[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

## You Create it - Art Weekend

Saturday, June 7, 2025

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM CDT

**Girl Scout Program Center, 901 W. Dengar, Midland, TX**

Join the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to create one-of-a-kind works of art where YOU are the artist! There will be a variety of hands-on art activities from quilling to stamp making to plain air painting and more! Visit any art station and stay as long as you like or jump from station to station and see it all!

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 26, 2025, 5:00 PM MDT

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

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Girl Scout Program Center  
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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!  
Want to continue the fun after the sun goes down?  
Stay for the sleep out!  
We will be cooking dinner outside and then enjoying some Girl Scout sisterhood with songs, skits, s'mores, and a campfire.  
Sunday morning learn the "Art of Packing" before you head home at 9:00 AM CDT.  
\*You must attend the daytime event to be able to stay for the sleep out. No tag-alongs!  
COST: Daytime event \$15 per girl.  
Adults are free but you must register.  
SLEEP-OUT WITH DINNER: \$25 per person.\*  
You must attend the daytime event to attend the sleep out with dinner.  
If your troop is attending, you must make ratio!  
\*Adults must be registered Girl Scout members with an approved background check on file.  
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Registration: <https://bit.ly/artwkndMD>  
United Way

# 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 a 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

If you're interested in joining this rewarding opportunity, please email us at [info@gsdsw.org](mailto:info@gsdsw.org) to request an application and receive more information. We would be honored to have you as part of this inspiring team.

# Engagement

## Looking for Volunteers!



Saturday, May 10, 2025  
Spring Into Health Fair  
YWCA

313 Bartlett Dr.

El Paso, Texas 79912

Shift 1: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MDT

Shift 2: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM MDT

Saturday, May 17, 2025  
El Paso Kids to Park Day  
Lomaland Park

709 Lomita Drive

El Paso, Texas 79907

Shift 1: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MDT

Shift 2: 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM MDT



## Upcoming Events

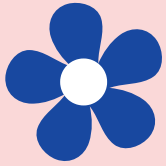
- Service Unit Roundtable -  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

### **Important Troop Forms**

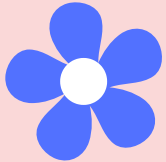
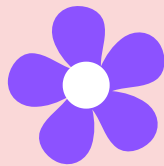
- [Bank Account Request](#)
- [Emergency Procedures](#)
- [Health History](#)
- [Opportunity Fund Application](#)
- [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#)
- [Trip and High-Risk Activity Form](#)
- [Troop Disbandment Checklist](#)
- [Troop Disband Form](#)
- [Volunteer Essentials](#)



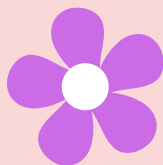
# Resource Development



Silver City Giving Day  
Saturday, May 3, 2025



A promotional graphic for Silver City Giving Day. It features three circular images: the top one shows two men at a table with informational brochures and a QR code; the bottom-left one shows a person at a booth under a white tent; the bottom-right one shows a scenic view of Silver City. Text includes 'Give Grandly! Give Local!', 'JOIN OUR GIVING DAY', 'Support us and give back May 3, 2025', and 'For more information, go to GiveGrandly.org'.



Permian Basin Gives  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025



A promotional graphic for Permian Basin Gives. It features the text 'PERMIAN BASIN GIVES' with a yellow heart icon over the 'I' in 'GIVES'. Below this, it says 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MAY 20, 2025' with a blue heart icon. On the right is a circular logo with a blue figure holding a heart, and the text 'To Donate Visit PermianBasinGives.org'.





# 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

Resource Development Specialist - El Paso

Seasonal Office Assistant - 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.