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Program & Summer Camp Guide

Spring/Summer 2026

Greetings from Our CEO

Welcome to our Spring & Summer Program Guide!

As Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest, we are proud to offer experiences that empower girls to explore, discover, and lead. This season's programs reflect our commitment to helping every girl build courage, confidence, and character while having fun and trying something new. Through adventures in STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and life skills, girls will strengthen their abilities, deepen friendships, and find their spark.

Our vision remains at the heart of everything we do: to ensure every girl—no matter where she lives—has access to meaningful opportunities that help her grow into the leader she is meant to be. I am grateful to our dedicated volunteers, families, and community partners who make these programs possible across our vast footprint.

Adventure is calling, and I hope you'll join us in making this a season full of growth, joy, and unforgettable memories for our girls.

With gratitude,

Patty Craven, CEO

Organizations

World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)
A global association supporting the female-oriented and female-only Guiding and Scouting organizations in 152 countries.

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)
The national organization supporting the work of 111 councils across the United States for more than 113 years.

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest - Southern New Mexico & West Texas
An Independent 501(c)3 non-profit chartered by GSUSA, operating under the direction of local staff and board members, which oversees all service units, troops, and independently registered girls (a.k.a. "Juliettes") within a given geographic area.

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Service Units	Troops	Individually Registered Girls
Volunteers who create a sense of community and support troops and volunteers within a given geographic area.	Groups of girls led by volunteers who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.	Also known as "Juliettes," are individually registered Girl Scouts who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience but are not in a troop.

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Using This Guide

Girl Scout programs follow the four pillars of Girl Scouts (Life Skills, Outdoors, STEM, and Entrepreneurship). Each GSDSW program includes a date, location, and Girl Scout level (i.e., Brownie).

Daisies Grades K - 1

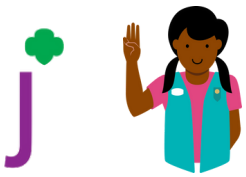
A Girl Scout Daisy has screen-free fun, makes new friends, and learns about her world. Fun, friendship, and hands-on learning activities await first and second year Girl Scouts.

Brownies Grades 2 - 3

Brownies learn how the world works, fall in love with the great outdoors, and share their interests with a small group of true friends. They try new things, gain social skills, and have a blast; they're excited to discover all they can do and be.

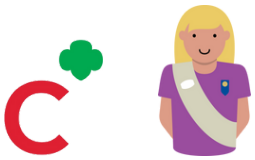
Juniors Grades 4 - 5

Juniors learn important life skills like what to do in an emergency, hone creative problem-solving skills, exercise leadership qualities, and fine-tune social skills by going on adventures with friends!



Cadettes Grades 6 - 8

Cadettes explore activities focused on discovery, confidence, and practical skills that will help them be their best selves in a year of going, seeing, and doing! They'll think big, consider different perspectives, and make awesome memories with friends.



Seniors Grades 9 - 10

A Girl Scout Senior declares her dreams, spreads her wings, and helps her community. As a Senior, she'll explore careers, pack her bags for amazing adventures, and learn to lead.

Ambassadors Grades 11 - 12

A Girl Scout Ambassador thinks about her life goals, chases her dreams, and creates change. As an Ambassador, she'll explore her personal goals, prepare for college, and even travel the world!

Programs at a Glance

Our programs explore all four pillars of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).
Each program listing includes the date, location, and Girl Scout grade level (i.e., Brownie 2 - 3).

D Daisy K - 1 | B Brownie 2 - 3 | J Junior 4 - 5 | C Cadette 6 - 8

S Senior 9 - 10 | A Ambassador 11 - 12 | A Adult 18 +

January 2026

Date		Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
9		Knowing Our Emotions: The Importance of Mental Health	Eunice, NM	S A
10		Outdoor Training	Odessa, TX	A
14		BFF Bracelet Party	El Paso, TX	D B J
17		Budget Bosses	El Paso, TX	C
24		From Used to Unique	Hobbs, NM	D

February 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
3	Gold Award Candidate Training	Virtual	S A A
5	Falcon Fan Night	Odessa, TX	D B J C S A A
7	First Aid Fun-damentals	El Paso, TX	J
7	Sew Be It: Sewing Class	Hobbs, NM	J
18	Dive Into World Thinking Day	Hobbs, NM	B
20 - 22	National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend	Council-wide	D B J C S A A
28	Friendship: Tea Time Party	El Paso, TX	B J

Programs at a Glance

March 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
7	Hearts in Action	El Paso, TX	C S
8 - 14	Girl Scout Week (on your own)	Council-wide	D B J C S A A
10	Journey in a Day: Get Moving	Midland, TX	J
14	Journey in a Day: Amuse	El Paso, TX	J
17	Journey in a Day: Breathe	Hobbs, NM	C
20	Library Explorers	Hobbs, NM	D
25	Flower Power Hour	Odessa, TX	J
28	Bug Buddies	El Paso, TX	B
28	Nature Preserve Navigators	Midland, TX	D B J C S A

April 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
Apr. 4 - May 16	Archery Club (weekly)	Odessa, TX	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie
Apr. 6 - May 11	Archery Club Session 1 (weekly)	El Paso, TX	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie
Apr. 7 - May 11	Archery Club (weekly)	Roswell, NM	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie
Apr. 7 - May 12	Archery Club (weekly)	Las Cruces, NM	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie
7	Gold Award Candidate Training	Virtual	S A A
Apr. 8 - May 13	Archery Club Session 2 (weekly)	El Paso, TX	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie

Programs at a Glance

April 2026 cont.

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
8	Conquer the Course!	El Paso, TX	D B J C S A
11	Chihuahuas Baseball Game	El Paso, TX	D B J C S A A
11	Exploring Trees	Carlsbad, NM	C
16	Troop Tea Time	Big Spring, TX	D B J C S A
18	Lego Derby	Roswell, NM	D B J C S A
18	Master Your Ride	Midland, TX	S
22	Flower Where You're Planted	Hobbs, NM	J
25	Girl Scouts Build the Future: Engineer Edition	Las Cruces, NM	C S A

May 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
1-3	Howl at the Moon	Bonita Park, NM	D B J C S A A
9	Flowers, Friends, and Fun	El Paso, TX	D B J
9	Making Art with Mixed Media	Hobbs, NM	B
15	Girl Scout Game Night	Lovington, NM	D B J C S A A
21	Paint the Prairie	Midland, TX	D
23	Adventure Awaits! The World is Hers	El Paso, TX	C S A
23	Starlight Explorers	Andrews, TX	D B J C S A
May 31 - Jun. 10	Harry Potter in the UK	International Travel	C S A A

Programs at a Glance

June 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
1	June Bug Brigade	Odessa, TX	B
4	June Bug Brigade	Andrews, TX	B
5	Campfire Sisters	El Paso, TX	D B J C S A
10	Local Museum Tour	Carlsbad, NM	C
12 - 14	Archery Camp	Camp Mitre Peak, TX	B J C S A A *3rd grade Brownie
13	Discover Your Story, Girl Scout!	El Paso, TX	B
13	Self-Care: Spa Day	Hobbs, NM	C
16	Gold Award Candidate Training	Virtual	S A A
19	Pecos Community Champions	Pecos, TX	D B J C S A
21 - 27	Resident Camp Session 1	Camp Mitre Peak, TX	B J C S A
Jun. 28 - Jul. 4	Resident Camp Session 2	Camp Mitre Peak, TX	B J C S A

July 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
3	Picnic at the Park	Lovington, NM	D B J C S A
5	Sundae Funday	Midland, TX	D B J C S A
5 - 11	Resident Camp Session 3	Camp Mitre Peak, TX	B J C S A
6	Junior Jam Session	Odessa, TX	J
11	Happy Trails!	Dripping Springs, NM	D B J C S A
18	Friendship First	El Paso, TX	B
18	You Are a Star! (Literally)	Eunice, NM	S
20 - 25	GSUSA National Convention (on your own)	Washington, DC	D B J C S A A

Programs at a Glance

August 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
1	Nature Walk	Hobbs, NM	D
3	Lead Out Loud	Odessa, TX	C
4	Gold Award Candidate Training	Virtual	S A A
7 - 9	T.W.Y.G Camping	Lincoln National Forest, Ruidoso, NM	J C S A A
8	Through the Lens	El Paso, TX	C S A
11	Spotlight on Girl Scouts	Midland, TX	D B J C S A
13	Lead Out Loud	Midland, TX	C
15	Wild About Animals!	El Paso, TX	D
21	Girls, Goals & Great Outdoors	Lovington, NM	J

September 2026

Date	Event	Location	Girl Scout Level
3	Peaceful Poses	Midland, TX	D B J C S A
5	Library Explorers	El Paso, TX	D B
12	Girl Scouts Love State Parks	Bottomless Lakes SP, Roswell, NM	D B J C S A A
12	Girl Scouts Love State Parks	Hueco Tanks, El Paso, TX	D B J C S A A
13	Girl Scouts Love State Parks	Big Spring SP, Big Spring, TX	D B J C S A A
17	Spin a Yarn: Share Family Tales and Craft	Eunice, NM	B
18 - 20	Volunteer Conference	Camp Mitre Peak, TX	A
30	Volunteer Awards deadline	Virtual	A

Registration Information

How to Find and Register for Events

Our events can be found on our Event Calendar on our council website page - https://bit.ly/GSDSW_events or www.gsdsw.org - Discover - Activities - Event Calendar.

We use Doubleknot as our registration platform. We encourage you to create a Doubleknot account so you have a record of your registrations. After you have registered for a program or event, you will receive a confirmation email from Doubleknot. Check your spam folder!

Please be sure you have all the correct information needed for each girl or adult before you register, as you cannot make any changes after registration has been completed. This includes dietary information, buddy requests, t-shirt sizes, and other special circumstances or information for the event. Unfortunately, staff cannot change this information once it is submitted.

Fees

Event fees are charged to cover the cost of events and are due at the time of registration. Registration fees can be paid individually, through troop funds, or with Desert Dollars.

If using Desert Dollars, please complete the Desert Dollar submission form and mail it to:

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
225 E. Idaho, Ste. 9
Las Cruces, NM 88005

Or contact info@gsdsw.org to make other arrangements. Opportunity funds may be available; contact info@gsdsw.org.

Cancellations

If an event is cancelled by council, the person listed on the registration form as the troop or parent contact will be notified by phone or e-mail.

For troop registrations, it will be the responsibility of the troop contact person to notify all girls registered for the event.

Cancellations initiated by the council or program partner will result in a full refund of fees paid in the same manner as it was received (i.e., Desert Dollars).

Registration Deadlines

Please be mindful of event registration deadlines! Early registration is encouraged, as many events fill quickly. Fees may increase past the registration deadline, or spots may not be available.
If you are registering for your troop or multiple people, it is imperative to register early!

Event Etiquette

It is important to have directions to the event venue and plan on arriving with enough time to walk to check in before the start time. Please be sure to dress appropriately for the event and the weather. Wear your Girl Scout uniform. Let girls take the lead, while all adults should be nearby to supervise. Allow girls to do the activities with minimal adult intervention. Sometimes event leaders need extra help to manage activities. If you have extra adults or self-sufficient girls, consider asking how they can help. Be sure to thank your event leaders for sharing their time and skills with you.

Monthly Challenges

Monthly Challenges are fun, free activities girls and troops can do to earn a fun patch to wear on their vest or sash. Many troop leaders do the Monthly Challenge as a meeting activity.

Once you do the activity, complete a short online report with a photo of the girl doing the challenge, and the fun patch will be mailed to you 3 - 4 weeks after the end of the challenge.

While the current Monthly Challenge is posted on our website (https://bit.ly/MC_gsdsw), here is preview of the Monthly Challenges coming up.

January

Goal Setting

The start of the year is a great time to plan what things you will accomplish!

February

Black "Her-Story" Month

Research and celebrate a notable Black woman in U.S. history.

March

S.W.A.P.S.

This Girl Scout tradition is perfect to celebrate Girl Scout week!

April

April Showers

Explore, design, and create your own rainbow.

May

Pack It Up

Knowing how to pack for a trip, whether a weekend or more, is a skill to have!

June

Noodlin' around with flavor!

Make your own noodles.

July

Parades

Walk in or be a spectator in a fun parade during this month.

August

Weather or Not

Track the weather and become severe weather aware.

September

Energy Conservation

Be a home and school detective to save energy.

FUN in FUNdraising!

Join us in strengthening our community and growing our Girl Scout family through our signature fundraising events.

Upcoming: Women of Distinction this April in Midland, Texas.

Mark your calendars and help us spread the word!
Stay tuned to our social media and website for updates and ways to support our council.

Women of Distinction

Saturday, April 11, 2026

For more than three decades, Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest has honored more than 300 women who have distinguished themselves through their leadership, extraordinary contributions to their community, and, most importantly, by exemplifying the Girl Scout mission as women of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

The proceeds from these events allow Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to provide scholarships and deliver the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). They also enhance our four priority program areas - Financial Literacy, Healthy Living, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and Outdoor Leadership - and support a variety of activities and programs for Girl Scouts across Southern New Mexico and West Texas.

Highest Awards
Bronze, Silver, and Gold

Bronze Award

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior can earn, and those who achieve it show leadership, teamwork, and dedication.

Spending at least 20 hours on their project, Bronze Award Girl Scouts leave a lasting impact on their community.

More than a service project, the Bronze Award encourages girls to explore an issue, take action, and create positive change - building courage, confidence, and character along the way.

Silver Award

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest honor a Cadette can earn, recognizing girls who dedicate at least 40 hours to creating a lasting impact in their community.

Silver Award Girl Scouts identify an issue, explore its root causes, and develop a project that leads to meaningful change.

Through planning, action, and reflection, they showcase their passions and build the leadership skills that guide them into the future.

Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouts, and those who earn it set themselves apart through their perseverance and grit.

Dedicating more than 80 hours to her project, the Gold Award Girl Scout leaves a legacy to benefit her community and the world.

More than a community service project, the Gold Award is a Take Action project that looks at the root cause of an issue and then puts into place a solution that leaves a legacy with her council and her community.

A note about sustainability of the Highest Award Projects: The guidelines are tools to help examine the underlying root cause of issues, develop sustainable project plans, and measure the impact of Highest Awards projects on their communities, target audiences, and themselves. There is progression from one level to the next - Juniors reflect on how their projects could be continued, Cadettes reflect on and put a plan in place for continuation, and Seniors and Ambassadors work to ensure their Gold Award project is sustained beyond their involvement.

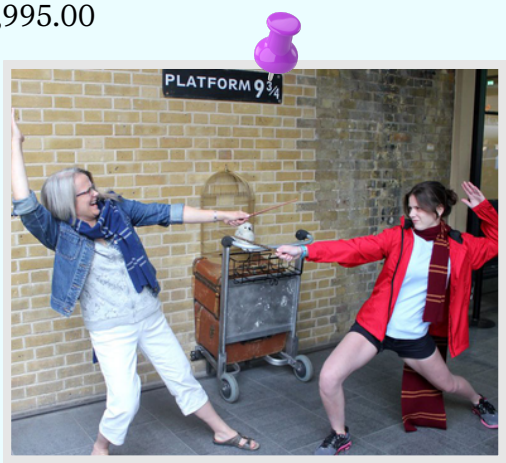
Travel Opportunities with GSDSW

Harry Potter in the UK
May 31 - June 9, 2026

Join GSDSW and explore the world of wizardry while visiting the World Scout Centre Pax Lodge in London! Tour London, hitting all the iconic Harry Potter spots, visit Warner Bros. Studio Tour London - The Making of Harry Potter, and delight in a high tea. Then head north to Edinburgh, Scotland, stopping at filming locations! Wands at the ready for this exciting trip of a lifetime! This trip is for troops or adult-accompanied girls who are Cadettes - Ambassadors.

SCAN ME

Deadline to register for this trip: Thursday, January 15, 2026
Price per person: $3,995.00



For these trips, you can use Desert Dollars!

Girl Scout Destinations

Destinations are the ultimate travel opportunities for Girl Scouts! Destinations are GSUSA-sponsored group travel. Decide where you want to travel to, then complete an application.

Destinations are individual travel for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. Scholarships are available to girls who have been accepted to a GSUSA Destination trip.

Volunteer with Girl Scouts

Service Unit Volunteers

Service unit volunteers are the network of support throughout your community. They empower troop leaders and troop volunteers to be the role models that Girl Scouts need and connect them with the resources for unforgettable troop experiences.

Troop Volunteers

Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Troop leaders, volunteers, and other roles, like Cookie Chair, engage regularly with their Girl Scouts and guide them through activities like earning badges, exploring the outdoors, or running their own businesses through the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Short-Term Volunteers

If you want to get a snapshot of Girl Scout life, you can find short-term volunteer opportunities at the troop or council level. Be a trainer, help with large events, support fundraisers, and more!

The best part is that there is no one “type” of volunteer. If you believe that Girl Scouts can change the world, you belong here. Contact info@gsdsw.org for more information on volunteering with us.

All About Cookies

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is an integral part of a Girl Scout's journey toward leadership, learning, and developing these five skills:

Goal Setting

Girls set cookie sales goals individually and with their team, create a plan to reach them, and develop cooperation and team-building skills along the way.

Decision Making

Girls help decide how the team will spend their cookie money, furthering their crucial thinking and problem-solving skills.

Money Management

Girls learn to budget for their goals, take cookie orders, handle customers' money, gain mathematical and practical life skills, and develop financial literacy.

People Skills

Girls learn to talk to, listen to, and work with all kinds of people while selling cookies. These experiences help them develop healthy relationships and conflict resolution skills they will use throughout their lives.

Business Ethics

Girls are honest and responsible at every step of the cookie program. Business ethics are developed here to reinforce the positive values they are developing as Girl Scouts.

Where does the $6.00 per package go?

When you buy Girl Scout cookies, you are supporting Girl Scout entrepreneurs and investing in the lives of our future female leaders. Each package of Girl Scout cookies enables Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place within their own communities.

All About Cookies

2026 Cookie Program Important Dates

January

- Saturday, January 17, 2026 - Cookie Mega Drop
- Sunday, January 18, 2026 - Cookie Season begins

March

- Sunday, March 1, 2026 - Cookie Program ends

April

- Monday, April 6, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Laptop Coding Class
- Wednesday, April 8, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Laptop Coding Class
- Saturday, April 18, 2026 - Cooke Recognition - 500 Club at the Lego Derby, Roswell
- Tuesday, April 21, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Countertop Ice Cream Maker Class
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Countertop Ice Cream Maker Class

May

- Friday, May 1 - 3, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Howl at the Moon, Bonita Park, NM
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Beats Headset Class
- Thursday, May 14, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Beats Headset Class

July

- Tuesday, July 21 - Sunday, July 26, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - GSUSA National Convention in Washington, D.C.

August

- Friday, August 14 - Sunday, August 16, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - CEO Campout, Camp Mitre Peak, TX
- Thursday, August 27 - Sunday, August 30, 2026 - Cookie Recognition - Weekend in Paris, France

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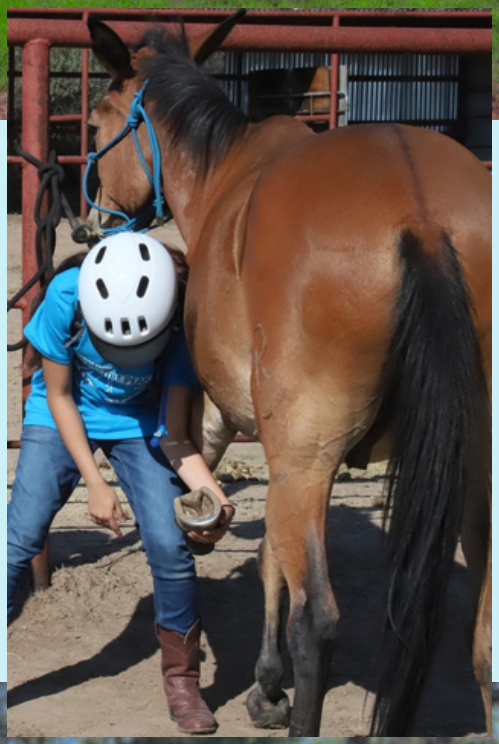
Summer Camp Guide

2026

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Discover the Magic of Girl Scout Camp!



At Girl Scout camp, girls grow in courage, confidence, and character while making friends, discovering new passions, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

Every camp experience includes the opportunity to earn official Girl Scout badges, a fun way to celebrate new skills and achievements. Campers will receive their earned badge(s) at the end of camp, a special reminder of all they've accomplished.

Here, Girl Scouts unplug from screens and reconnect with nature, stepping boldly outside their comfort zones to explore, play, and learn in a supportive, empowering environment.

Camp Mitre Peak, located between Alpine and Fort Davis, TX, is a place unlike any other. Watched over by the majestic Mitre Peak, the camp radiates a unique Mitre Magic that every camper feels from the moment they arrive. Once you experience it, your Girl Scout adventure will never be the same!

Are you ready for camp?

Girl Quiz	Yes 3 points	Maybe 2 points	No 1 point
I can stay overnight at a friend's house without calling home.			
I remember to brush my teeth and hair.			
I can keep track of my belongings.			
I like to try new things even if I may be a little nervous or scared.			
I will be okay without any electronics.			
I can be brave when I hear strange noises or see bugs at night.			
I am willing to help with kapers like sweeping my cabin and setting tables.			
I can speak up when I need something.			

Caregiver Quiz	Yes 3 points	Maybe 2 points	No 1 point
You relax and enjoy yourself when your girl is at a sleepover.			
You would be ok following the policies that apply to camp.			
You're prepared to not see your girl for several days.			
You trust the camp director and counselors with your girl's safety.			
You believe Girl Scout camp builds girls of courage.			
You are confident in your girl's ability to maintain her hygiene.			
You're confident your girl will question foods that might contain her allerigies.			
You believe your girl is confident sleeping in a cabin with other girls without a nightlight.			
Total Points			

Add Up Your Points and See Where You Belong!

8–13 points: You might not be quite ready for a full week at camp, and that's okay! Talk with your parents about having a fun overnight with a friend or joining your troop for a short trip. Every adventure helps you get ready for the next one!

14–18 points: You're ready to dive into resident camp! Pack your adventurous spirit, grab your sunscreen, and get ready for a week full of laughter, friendship, and discovery. We'll see you this summer!

19+ points: You hear the call of camp! Whether you're a returning camper or a natural-born adventurer, Camp Mitre Peak is waiting for you. Don't miss out on the magic—register today!

Caregivers: If your camper has special needs, please contact info@gsdsw.org (attn: Resident Camp) before registration so we can ensure proper placement and make any needed accommodations.

How Resident Camp Works

Who Can Come to Camp?
Girls entering grades 3–12 in fall 2026 are invited to join the adventure! Register your camper for a session that fits her age, Girl Scout level, and interests. Example: A girl finishing 3rd grade and entering 4th should register for a Junior program, even if she hasn't bridged yet.

Camp Life
Campers swim daily (weather permitting)! On Sunday, girls complete a swim check, learn horse safety, and choose their YOYOs ("Your On Your Own") which are fun afternoon activities offered in addition to their main program. Some sessions may not include YOYOs every day.

Not a Girl Scout Yet?
No problem! Join for $25 and then register for camp. All Girl Scouts are automatically covered by camp insurance, so everyone's ready for fun!

Field Trips
Some programs head off-site for extra adventure! Permission to travel is included in registration. Look for the field trip icon in program listings.

Every girl in every session will earn a Girl Scout badge corresponding to that particular program! Some programs will complete more than one badge. Girls will receive their badges at the end of the session.

A Day at Camp

7:00 AM Rise and Shine
7:45 AM Flag Ceremony
8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Camp Activities
12:00 PM Lunch
1:00 PM Me Time
2:00 PM Afternoon Activities
5:45 PM Flag Ceremony
6:00 PM Dinner
7:00 PM All Camp
9:00 - 10:00 PM Bedtime

Camp Registration and Financial Assistance Information

Registration
It is easier than ever! Prices have not increased and the complete registration process is online! Visit https://bit.ly/GSDSWeventcalendar for sessions and registration. If you can't register online, call 915-566-9433, ext. 2241, for assistance.

Registration and Payment Deadline
Registrations are accepted until the camp session is full or two weeks prior to the session start date, whichever comes first. A $75 non-refundable deposit is required to secure your camper's spot. Desert Dollars may be used for a deposit. Payment in full is due 15 days prior to the camp session start date. If full payment is not received 15 days prior to your camper's start date, her slot will be forfeited and opened up to other campers. Your deposit will not be refunded. If you register for camp within 15 days of the session start date, payment in full is required.

Cookie Rewards and Desert Dollars
If your camper sells 3,000+ packages of Girl Scout cookies and chooses a free week of camp, or 5,000+ packages for two free weeks of camp, she must register following the standard camp registration process to reserve her spot. All camp registrations require a $75 deposit payment at the time of registration to hold the camp session. Once the Girl Scout Cookie Program is complete and all prizes are confirmed, campers who elect a free week of camp will be refunded the deposit paid to hold their camp spot. If your camper plans to pay with their Desert Dollars, she must register following the standard camp registration process to reserve her spot. A completed Desert Dollar redemption form with Desert Dollars must be mailed to GSDSW, 225 E. Idaho, Suite #9, Las Cruces, NM 88005.

Financial Assistance for Camp
GSDSW is committed to making sure that camp is accessible to our Girl Scouts. Families requesting financial assistance for camp still need to register for camp and pay the $75 deposit. To apply, please go to www.gsdsw.org or https://bit.ly/CMPFA2026. Typically, financial assistance covers up to 50% of camp fees.

Refunds and Program Transfer
Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to info@gsdsw.org at least four weeks in advance of the program date for consideration. The $75 camp deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE. Refunds are not issued for campers who do not attend. Refunds are not issued for cancellations occurring less than four weeks in advance of the session start date. Refunds due to illness or injury require a doctor's note for consideration. If a camper needs to change which week or program she is attending, please contact info@gsdsw.org as soon as possible. There is a $25 fee for transferring from one session or program to another.

Confirmation
Immediately following your camp registration, you will receive an email confirmation with your receipt from Doubleknot. You will receive another email in approximately two weeks with a Camper Registration Packet that includes health history forms, permission forms, Health Exam form, buddy request, alternate adult pick-up form, and a packing list.

Cancellations
GSDSW reserves the right to cancel a camp program due to insufficient registration, acts of nature, or other reasons beyond our control. In the event a camp program is canceled, a full refund will be issued. For cancellations, an email notification will be sent to each registrant. Phone numbers and emails can be updated at any time in your myGS membership account.

All program offerings have a six-camper minimum. If the minimum is not met two weeks prior to the start of the session, then parents and campers will be contacted to select a different program or receive a full refund.

Register for camp before April 1, 2026, and your camper will receive $15 Trading Post credit* to be used while she is at camp!

*one credit per girl

Important Dates to Remember

Session	Last Day for refund consideration (minus $75 deposit) ---------- Registration Balance Due ---------- Health Record & Doctor Exam submitted	Last day to register with full registration payment required ---------- Last day to change session/program ---------- Minimum number of campers needed
Session 1 June 21 - June 27	Sunday, May 24, 2026	Sunday, June 7, 2026
Session 2 June 28 - July 4	Sunday, May 31, 2026	Sunday, June 14, 2026
Session 3 July 5 - July 11	Sunday, June 7, 2026	Sunday, June 21, 2026

Sessions at a Glance

Session Date, Program Name, Grade (Fall 2026), Cost

June 21 - June 27 *Sunday - Saturday*	June 28 - July 4 *Sunday - Saturday*	July 5 - July 11 *Sunday - Saturday*	June 21 - July 11 *Sunday - Saturday* *3 weeks*
Art & Archery Grade 3 - 5 $325	**Equestrian Delight** Grades 3 - 5 $625	**Equestrian Delight** Grades 3 - 5 $625	**Counselor-in-Training I (CIT I)** **Counselor-in-Training II (CIT II)** **Wrangler-in-Training I (WIT I)** **Wrangler-in-Training II (WIT II)** Grades 11 - 12 $725
Water Fun Grades 3 - 5 $460	**S'more to Explore** Grades 3 - 5 $325	**Art & Archery** Grade 3 - 5 $325	
Mitre Foodies Grades 6 - 8 $460	**Amazing Race** Grades 6 - 8 $460	**Desert Explorers** Grades 6 - 10 $460	
Into the Night Grades 6 - 8 $460	**Saddle Up** Grades 6 - 9 $625	**Saddle Up** Grades 6 - 9 $625	
Mountain Hikers Grades 6 - 10 $325	**Adventure Awaits** Grades 9 - 12 $460	**Beyond the Stars** Grades 9 - 12 $460	
True North Grades 9 - 12 $460	**Desert Horse Trails** Grades 9 - 12 $1,100		

Camp Buddies

If two campers want to ensure they are together at camp, they should register for the same program. A camp buddy is requested in the Camper Registration Packet. If a troop or large group (four or more) sign up to attend camp together please note, campers are only allowed to pick one buddy to bunk with.

YOYO's (Your On Your Own)

These girl-chosen activities offer a variety of experiences ranging from arts and crafts, to free swim, to hiking, and more. Not every program has YOYO's every day.

Session 1 June 21 - June 27

NEW

Art & Archery

Grade 3 - 5 Min 6 / Max 16 $325

Enjoy a creative and adventurous week at Mitre Peak! Learn archery skills and play fun games with certified staff, then head indoors to craft nightlights and windchimes for your cabin. Let your imagination lead the way as you make art, hike, swim, explore, and take part in classic camp traditions.

Water Fun

Grade 3 - 5 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Beat the heat with a week of water fun! Improve your swimming and water safety skills, enjoy a pool party and water games, create water-themed art, and explore the camp creek bed. Wrap up the adventure with a field trip to Balmorhea State Park to swim, explore, and geocache at the world's largest spring-fed pool.

Mitre Foodies

Grade 6 - 10 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

This is a tasty week of cooking adventures! Take a fun field trip to see food growing in surprising places and grab a treat from a local food truck. Go grocery shopping in Alpine to get what you need for a cookout. Back at camp, make Big Bend–inspired dishes and learn food traditions from local experts. Enjoy yo-yos and any other camp activities your group picks!

Into the Night

Grade 6 - 8 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Experience camp after dark with late nights and sleep-ins! Take night hikes under the stars, enjoy a glow-swim pool party, and try no-flash photography. Join TX Parks & Wildlife biologists for a spotlight survey of nighttime critters, then enjoy a Star Party at McDonald Observatory and view stars, planets, and moons through telescopes.

Mountain Hikers

Grade 6 - 10 Min 6 / Max 16 $325

Lace up your hiking boots - you're going the extra mile! Explore trails in camp, from the views on Kokernot and Mesa to the hidden waterfalls and pools of Comanche Falls and Chimney. Enjoy a scenic picnic, hike up Mitre's shoulder, and view camp from above. Spend a magical night on the plateau under the stars, cool off in the pool and enjoy camp traditions when you're off the trail.

NEW

True North

Grade 9 - 12 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Discover your inner compass as you build leadership skills with your fellow Girl Scouts! Explore your guiding principles, set a meaningful goal, and work together to make it happen. Hike up Hancock Hill in Alpine to sign the famous desk, and use your creative outlet to reflect on your week. You'll have time for all the Mitre fun - yoyos, swimming, archery, and hiking!

Session 2 June 28 - July 4

Equestrian Delight

Grade 3 - 5 Min 6 / Max 12 $625

Sit tall in the saddle as you navigate an obstacle course or explore camp on horseback. Learn the different gaits, body language, and how to take care of a horse. You will still have time to play and participate in all of our fun camp traditions! A 4x6 photo will be included of you and your horse.

NEW

S'more to Explore

Grade 3 - 5 Min 6 / Max 16 $325

Calling all snack lovers! Make tasty new treats every day and create a cookbook to take home. Host a fun tea time for other campers, then whip up a special three-course cookout meal in the kitchen and dine at beautiful table settings you design. You'll also get out of the kitchen to explore the fun activities camp has to offer including a chance to make a unique s'more!

NEW

Amazing Race (Outdoor Challenges)

Grade 6 - 10 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Gear up for a week of challenges, clues, and outdoor fun! Learn new skills each day to get ready for the big Amazing Race on Friday. Go geocaching off-site, test your aim in archery, and tackle puzzles and escape-room style activities. In between, enjoy all your favorite camp fun - swimming, yoyos, and time with friends.

Saddle Up

Grade 6 - 9 Min 6 / Max 8 $625

Take your horse riding experience to the next level. even if you're new to riding! Learn to outfit and care for your horse and hone your riding skills. Then master trail safety and riding in a group before you venture out onto the 06 Ranch! Show off your skills with a flag ceremony on horseback, and enjoy everything camp has to offer.

NEW

Adventure Awaits

Grade 6 - 10 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Get ready to explore the magic and fun of West Texas! Hike scenic trails in the Davis Mountains, then head out on an exciting overnight adventure - camping under the stars. Finish the week with a trip to Alpine to cheer on the local Cowboys baseball team! Enjoy daily hikes, pool cool-downs, and all your favorite camp traditions like yoyos, songs, and time with friends.

NEW

Desert Horse Trail - TWO WEEK PROGRAM

Grade 9 - 12 Min 6 / Max 8 $1100

Dive into a two-week riding adventure! You'll be paired with a horse to ride and help care for, build your skills in the arena, and head out on trail rides or multiple rides. Enjoy an overnight at the 06 Ranch bunkhouse and show off your horsemanship in a showcase for younger campers. Between sessions two and three, relax and recharge with Stay and Play.

Session 3 July 6 - July 12

Equestrian Delight

Grade 3 - 5 Min 6 / Max 12 $625

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Art & Archery

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NEW

Desert Explorers

Grade 6 - 10 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Explore desert oases and have fun with your favorite camp activities. Swim and snorkel at the pool, and go Balmorhea State Park to tour the natural springs and snorkel in the crystal waters of this historic swimming hole! Go to the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute for a guided hike and sweeping views of the Davis Mountains. Find hidden springs in and around our own camp!

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NEW

Beyond the Stars (Nocturnal Shenanigans)

Grade 9 - 12 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

When the moon comes up, you'll explore camp and the desert after dark—night hikes under the Milky Way, keeping nightwatch by the fire, and joining TX Parks & Wildlife biologists to spot nocturnal critters. Enjoy McDonald Observatory's world-famous Star Party, plus sleeping in. You'll also tap into your creative side with no-flash photography and your own laser light show.

Session 1 - 3 June 21 - July 11

CIT / WIT and CIT II/WIT II

Grade 11 - 12

$725

Ready to take your camp experience to the next level? Girl Scout Camp leadership programs give you a summer filled with fun, friendship, new challenges, and the chance to learn what it really takes to be a camp leader.

As a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) or Wrangler-in-Training (WIT), you'll jump into classic camp activities, team-building adventures, and hands-on leadership practice. Each week brings something a little different, so by the end of summer you'll have built a ton of new skills—and unforgettable memories.

These programs grow with you, too. CIT/WIT and CIT II/WIT II introduce new leadership techniques and camp skills you can bring back to your troop, service unit, or day camp. It's the perfect mix of summer fun and leadership growth, all alongside friends who love camp just as much as you do!

Session 1 June 21 - June 27

True North

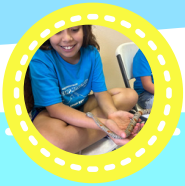
Grade 9 - 12 Min 6 / Max 16 $460

Not ready for a full three-week CIT program but want a taste of what it's like to be a camp leader?

Discover your inner compass alongside other older Girl Scouts during a week dedicated to personal leadership growth. You'll dive into what makes your leadership style unique, identify the values that guide you, and set a meaningful goal to work toward throughout the session. Together with your group, you'll practice real leadership skills as you plan, collaborate, and accomplish everything you set your minds to.

Take a hike up Hancock Hill in Alpine to sign the famous desk, and use your favorite creative outlet to reflect on your progress and achievements. Plus, you'll still have plenty of time to enjoy all the best parts of Mitre - yoyos, swimming, archery, and hiking. Participants will earn the True North award for their program level.

Camp Traditions

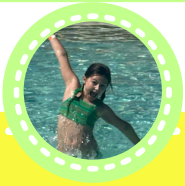


YOYO's

Afternoon sessions called YOYO's (Your On Your Own) are activities selected by the campers on their first day of camp. Hiking, arts & crafts, guest presenters, and free swim are just a few things campers can select. NOTE: not every program has YOYO's every afternoon.

Theme Meals

Mealtime is more than just food - it's fun time! Each week, campers and staff come together for theme meals, where the dining hall transforms into something totally different. One day you might find yourself at a backwards dinner eating dessert first, and the next your using a spatula to eat spaghetti for random utensil meal!



Camper Council

Girl Scout camp is all about girl-led adventure—and Camper Council is how your ideas help shape the fun! Each unit chooses a few girls to represent them at council meetings, where campers share what's going well, brainstorm new ideas, and help plan special camp activities.

Cook Outs

There are so many different ways to cook your meal outdoors - campfire, buddy burners, on stick, or in a Dutch oven. How about baking a cake in an orange? Camp is great way to try new foods and you just may discover your new favorite flavor.

Closing Campfire

The last night of camp is pure Mitre Magic! Campers gather under the stars to sing songs, perform skits, and share their favorite memories. It's a time to celebrate friendships, laughter, and all the adventures of the week - while already dreaming about next summer!

Camp Information

Arrival/Departure to Camp

Sunday Check-in: 2:00 - 3:00 PM CST
Saturday Check-out: 10:00 - 10:45 AM CST

Please respect check-in and check-out times as they have been developed to accommodate a smooth transition for all campers.

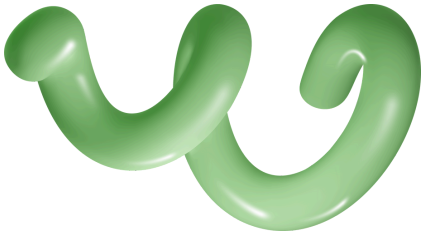
If an emergency arises and you need to deviate from the above times, contact the Camp Office at (432) 364-2314.

Arrival

Gate will open at 2:00 PM CST.
Parent orientation is at 3:30 PM at the Kiva, if you have questions. After the parent orientation, you can discuss any special custody arrangements or other important information with the Camp Director.

Departure

Campers must be picked up by 10:45 AM CST.
All adults picking up campers must show a photo id. Campers are not allowed to leave camp with anyone other than their parent or guardian without a signed, written statement from the parent authorizing the specific adult by name that is picking up the camper. This authorization should be discussed with your camper and the counselor at check-in and is included in the Camper Registration Packet.



Camper Behavior

Campers who consistently do not follow directions can endanger their own safety
as well as the safety of other campers and staff.

A camper may be sent home early for consistently not following directions. A parent phone call will be placed prior to a final decision. No refunds will be given.

Stay 'n Play

Campers may stay overnight at camp between consecutive resident camp programs for free! Campers enjoy downtime, movies, special treats, and getting recharged for the next week. Their laundry will also get done during this time. Check "Stay 'N Play" in the Camper Registration Packet.

Trading Post

The Trading Post has healthy snacks, toiletries, and camp souvenirs available for purchase, from 50¢ to $20.00. You may deposit money into your camper's account during check-in with cash, check, credit card, or Desert Dollars.

Camp Information

Health Information

Doctor Exam / Camp Physical

All campers are required to have a completed Health Record & Doctor Exam form. This form must be completed after January 1, 2026, and submitted one month prior to the session start date. See the chart on page 18 for deadlines. If registering less than one month prior, then the Exam form should be submitted as soon as possible. This Exam Form must be completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant with original signatures and dates. Exam forms may be duplicated, but each copy must have original signatures.

Medications

All medications, prescription or non-prescription (including vitamins), must be in the original container with the dosage. Medications must be left with the health supervisor during check-in. Send enough of the prescriptions for her entire camp stay. Include medications that require only occasional use, such as epinephrine pens or inhalers.

Health Screening

Our on-site health screening ensures that campers are admitted to camp without a contagious illness or condition. We screen for 1) raised temperatures, 2) head lice, and 3) foot fungi. Campers remove their shoes, socks, and hair accessories (ponytails, braids, hair beads, etc.) for screening.

Contagious conditions will prevent a camper from being admitted to camp, and if detected, it is the responsibility of the parent to seek treatment. A camper may be allowed back into camp after receiving prescribed care. Camp fees are non-refundable when a camper arrives with a pre-existing condition.

Health Center & Local Services

The Health Center houses the camp nurse and includes an isolation ward and a med/clinic room. Campers' medications are properly stored and administered by the camp nurse. In cases of illness or injury, campers are treated at camp unless further care is needed. When necessary, campers are taken to a local physician or Big Bend Regional Medical Center, ten minutes from the camp in Alpine.

Camp Information

Cell Phone Policy

Camp Mitre Peak follows a no cell phone policy to ensure Girl Scouts safety and inclusion. This means that visible cell phones will be collected by camp staff, powered down, and held until checkout for safekeeping.

This policy applies to other technology or devices if it is deemed a safety issue or a distraction to group activities. If your Girl Scout uses technology as an assistive device, please contact us at info@gsdsw.org to ensure we have the best possible support in place. We welcome adult campers' use of cell phone for photos, but reliable cell service is rare at camp.

Camper Blues

Feeling a little homesick at camp is normal, especially on the first day or two. Most campers adjust quickly and are soon enjoying all the activities, friends, and adventures around them. If a camper continues to feel sad or isn't joining in, counselors and the Camp Leadership Team are there to help and provide extra support.

Parents are always welcome to call and check in with their child's counselor. If the counselor is unavailable, you can leave a message—they'll usually return the call by the next mealtime.

Birthdays

Birthdays are fun celebrations at camp. Special arrangements for giving a present or providing treats for your camper's entire unit can be made in advance with the Camp Director. Campers with birthdays while at camp are recognized during breakfast on "their" day.

Summer Camp Information

Communication

Lack of mail is the chief cause of camper blues. Letters can be mailed prior to your camper's session OR left at our Trading Post during check-in. Please allow at least three to four days for the postal service to deliver mail to camp. If mail is left at our Trading Post, please make sure it is clearly marked with: camper name, program name, and delivery date.

When writing, avoid phrases like we miss you so much, wish you were here, your pet hasn't eaten for a week, or your friends ask about you.

Mailing Address
Your Camper's Name
Camp Mitre Peak - Program
PO Box 9680
Alpine, TX 79831

Camp Mitre Peak Location

200 Camp Mitre Peak Road, Fort Davis, Texas
from El Paso, TX - 3.5 hours
from Midland, TX - 3 hours
from Odessa, TX - 2.5 hours
from Las Cruces, NM - 4.5 hours
from Roswell, NM - 4.45 hours
from Carlsbad, NM - 3.5 hours

Work at Camp

Volunteer at Camp

Love camp but can't spend the whole summer here? You can still be part of the fun by volunteering!

Help out in the kitchen and fuel hungry Girl Scouts, spend a week as a camp counselor guiding girls through new adventures and skills, or share a special hobby or talent by teaching a short activity. There's a way for everyone to join in and experience a little Mitre Magic!

Tell us what you're interested in at info@gsdsw.org - we can't wait to have you join the fun!

Apply Today!

Join Our Staff

Spend your summer outdoors, make a difference, and gain skills that last a lifetime! Camp staff build leadership, communication, collaboration, and problem-solving skills while guiding campers through fun and adventure.

You will also have the chance to receive specialized training, like First Aid / CPR, and gain experience valuable in youth development and many other careers.

Ready to start your adventure? Contact info@gsdsw.org to learn more!

Camp Packing List

CLOTHING

- ☐ Shirts/t-shirts (NO halter, spaghetti strap tank tops, mid-drifts, tube tops)
- ☐ Sweatshirt, windbreaker, or warm sweater (it can get cool at night)
- ☐ Shorts of mid-thigh length
- ☐ Long pants/jeans (2 - 3 pair for horse programs)
- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Pajamas
- ☐ Swimsuit and towel
- ☐ Raincoat or poncho
- ☐ Socks that cover the ankle (a pair a day and a few extra)
- ☐ Hat for sun protection

TOILETRIES

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Shampoo and conditioner
- ☐ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ☐ Comb and/or brush
- ☐ Sanitary supplies
- ☐ Deodorant (non-aerosol)
- ☐ Shower tote or bag
- ☐ Lip protection
- ☐ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)

SUPPLIES

- ☐ Sleeping bag / bedroll
- ☐ Washcloth and towel (two of each)
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Laundry bag for dirty clothes to be taken home (mesh or cotton work best)
- ☐ Mess kit and silverware for cookouts
- ☐ Flashlight / headlamp and extra batteries
- ☐ Refillable water bottle (at least 1 liter)
- ☐ Backpack / tote bag to pack daily items

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Two pairs of sturdy sneaker or athletic shoes (no sandals, clogs, open-toed or open-heeled shoes, including Crocs)
- ☐ Shower shoes (typically flip-flops)
- ☐ Riding boots with a one-inch heel for horse programs (cannot have an inseam zipper, be made of all rubber, or have embellishments for safety reasons)

OPTIONAL

- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Bandana
- ☐ Cards, books, or quiet games
- ☐ Stationary, pen, pre-addressed envelopes, and stamps
- ☐ Inexpensive watch/clock (if your camper likes knowing the time)

Please label all your belongings

PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME

- ⊘ Cell phones - they are not allowed at camp for the safety of all campers and staff
- ⊘ Snack foods and drinks except for special dietary need, i.e., gluten free or dairy free products - must be turned in upon check in at camp
- ⊘ Alcoholic beverages
- ⊘ Weapons
- ⊘ Electronic devices (tablets, mp3 players, projectors, etc.)
- ⊘ Hair dryers / curling irons / straighteners
- ⊘ Expensive watches or jewelry
- ⊘ Personal sports equipment
- ⊘ Pets

Make a Girl's Summer - Send her to Camp

At Girl Scouts, we believe every girl deserves the chance to experience the magic of camp. Camp scholarships open the door for girls who might not otherwise be able to attend due to financial circumstances. Your contributions ensure that girls across the 33 counties we serve can enjoy the same adventures, friendships, and leadership opportunities—no matter their family's budget.

Scholarships also help cover the cost of camp activities, keeping fees low so more girls can participate. With your support, we can continue giving Girl Scouts the tools to become the leaders they dream to be today and the leaders our communities need tomorrow.

Your gift makes a difference:

- $1,000 – One week of resident camp for two girls
- $500 – One week of resident camp for one girl
- $250 – Half a week of resident camp for one girl

Donate online at www.gsdsw.org or complete the form below and mail to:
Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest – Camp Scholarship
9700 Girl Scout Way
El Paso, TX 79924

Thank you for helping girls create memories and build skills that last a lifetime!

Yes, I would like to help send a girl to camp!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Payment Information

☐ $1,000 ☐ $500 ☐ $250 ☐ Other $_____

☐ Enclosed is my check payable to Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

☐ If you would like to pay by credit card check here and a staff member will contact you.

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Southern New Mexico & West Texas
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El Paso, Texas 79924

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