

August 2024 Newsletter



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Volunteer Conference at Camp Mitre Peak

We need your help to make this Volunteer Conference the best ever!

WE NEED YOU!

*Volunteers who lead classes will receive a registration discount. Send to info@gsdsw.org

Registration is active!!

Dates: Friday, September 27, 2024, 7:00 PM - Sunday, September 29, 2024, 11:00 AM CDT

Location: Camp Mitre Peak, Fort Davis, TX

What is included: meals (Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast), training supplies, lodging (bring your own sleeping bag/toiletries), camaraderie, Girl Scout friendships, fabulous prizes, and more!

Cost:

- Early bird registration ends Saturday, August 10, 2024 - \$50 (save \$10!).
- On-time registration Sunday, August 11 to Saturday August 31, 2024 - \$60.
- Late registration Sunday, September 1 to Sunday, September 15, 2024 - \$70, no conference t-shirt and classes will be assigned.

Who? Leaders, co-leaders, parents, and Girl Scout volunteers (need to be a currently registered Girl Scout member.)

Engagement



On-Time Girl Scout Membership Renewal

We get it. You've got a lot on your plate, which is why we're sending a little nudge to remind you to renew your Girl Scout's membership now. Renew your Girl Scout membership and get ready for another year of adventure.

Sunday, August 11, 2024 - Last Day for girls to be moved/removed from troops.

Now is the time to get your troop rosters cleaned up and ready for the new year.

Outdoor Training in Odessa

Saturday, August 31, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

<https://bit.ly/OD24OutdoorTraining>

SAVE THE DATES

- Thursday, August 8, 2024
Service Unit Roundtable
- Saturday, August 10, 2024
Back to Troop Event
- Saturday, August 24, 2024
P.E.A.R.L.S.

[More information to come.](#)



Learning Moment

Is your troop changing their Troop Leader? That's what we call a Troop Leader Switch. We always prefer that the troop continue to stay together so we appreciate any volunteer taking over the leadership role. There may be times when Troop Leader Switches are necessary.

In such an event, you must notify council at info@gsdsw.org prior to the Switch to ensure the new leader has been approved by council and the troop stays in good standing.

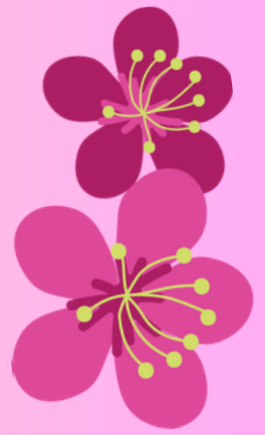
If there is to be a Troop Leader Switch, it is the responsibility of the existing Troop Leader to transfer all financial documents to the new leader and change the troop bank account accordingly. This includes the bank statements, receipts, ledger, and any other troop documentation or items.

Please note the 2023 - 2024 GSDSW Key Dates Calendar at www.gsdsw.org. There are important deadlines, programs, and more listed for your reference.



Product Program

Fall Product



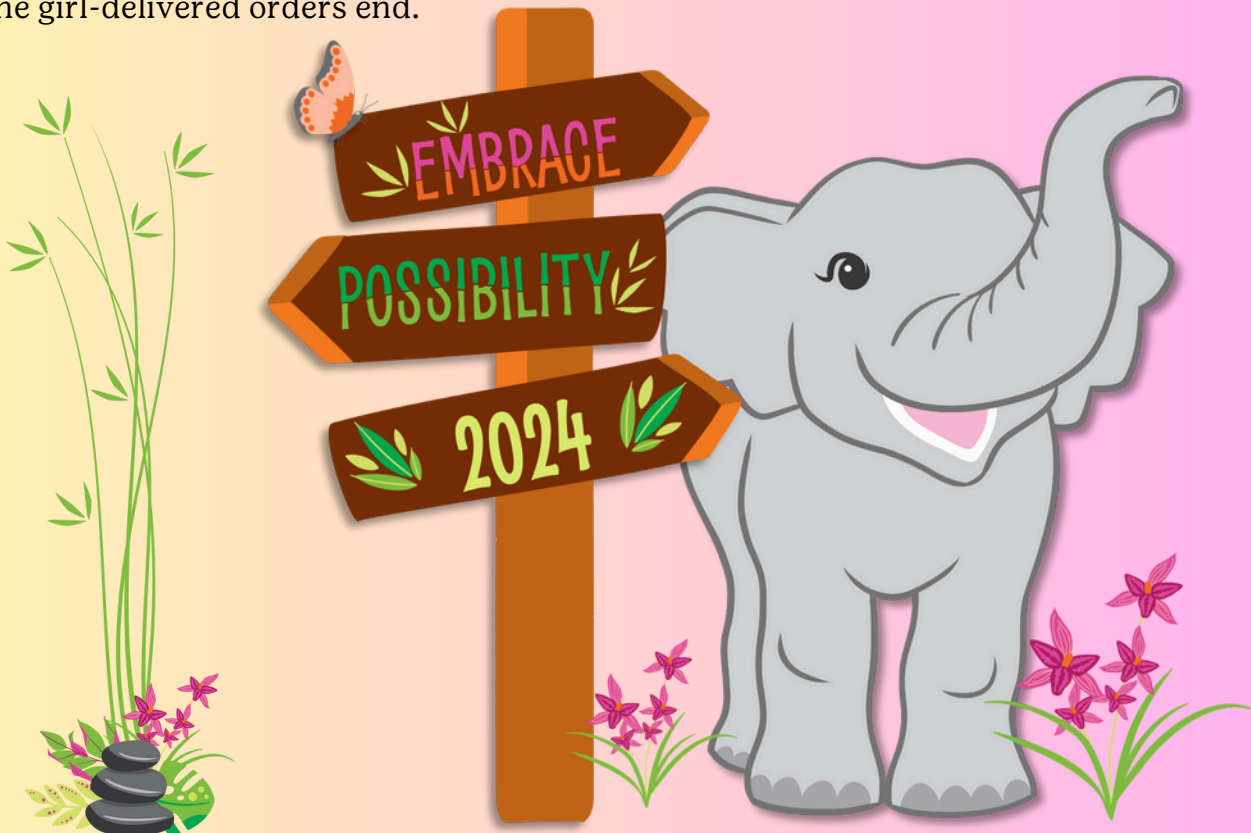
Fall Program Dates

August

- Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Service Unit Fall Product training in Las Cruces, NM 10:00 AM MDT.
- Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Service Unit Fall Product training in El Paso, TX 5:00 PM MDT.
- Monday, August 5, 2024 - Service Unit Fall Product Chair weekly meetings start at 6:00 PM MDT.
- Sunday, August 11, 2024 - Last day for girls to be moved/removed from troops.
- Thursday, August 22, 2024 - Volunteer access to M2 operating system.
- Monday, August 26, 2024 - Last day for volunteers to make changes to delivery site address.
- Thursday, August 29, 2024 - Fall Product Program begins.

September

- Sunday, September 15, 2024 - Troop Fall Product Coordinator can enter orders into M2 operating system.
 - Friday, September 20, 2024 - First day Service Unit Fall Product Chairs can enter orders into M2 operating system.
 - Saturday, September 28, 2024 - In-person order taking ends.
 - Monday, September 30, 2024 - Last day for Troops to enter orders into M2 operating system.
- Online girl-delivered orders end.



Program



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of the desert southwest
southern new mexico
& west texas

Back to Hogwarts Photo Contest

Have you gotten your Hogwarts acceptance letter yet? Me, neither. But no matter, this year the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest is hosting a Back to Hogwarts Photo Contest!

On Sunday, September 1, 2024, be in your best wizarding garb, raise your wand up high, and take a photo to celebrate Harry and the gang getting on the Hogwarts Express at Platform 9¾.

Winner will receive a Wizarding Adventure patch set.

Submit photo, name, and address to https://bit.ly/BackToHogwarts_24.

Rules:

- Only registered GSDSW Girl Scout members (of any age) are eligible.
- Photo must include a raised wand and a date/time validation (like a cell phone showing date/time in photo.)
- One entry per registered Girl Scout.
- Photos accepted Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM MDT.
- Winning photo will be randomly selected.
- Prize will be mailed to winner via USPS.
- Your photo submission give approval for posting on social media, etc.

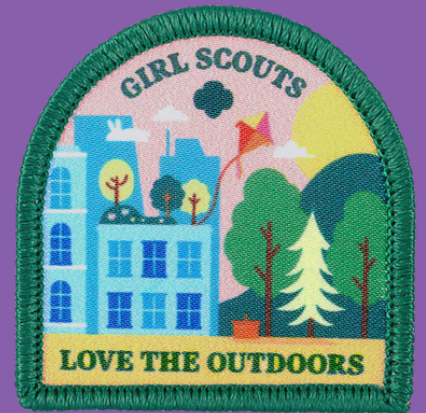
Questions? Contact info@gsdsw.org.

Not a Girl Scout? Join today! www.gsdsw.org
Opportunity Fund available.

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Just because school is starting doesn't mean you can't be outdoors with your troop and friends!

A NEW version of The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge activity sheet is now available to provide a fun activity you can explore to keep the troop connected, with friends and family, or individually. This patch program is the suggested summer activity included in most of the Troop Year plans.

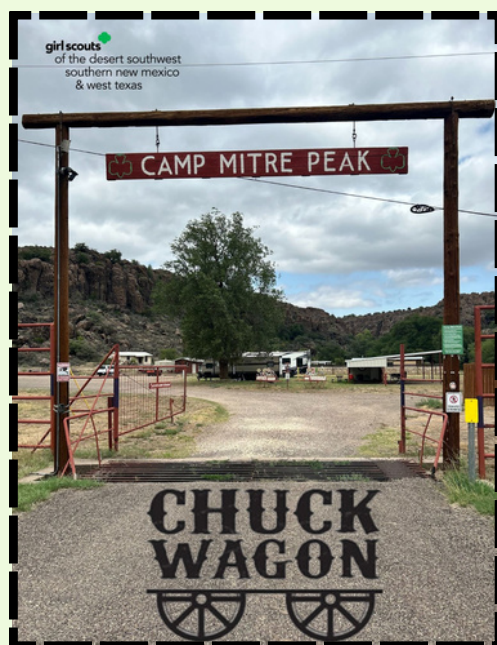


Girl Scouts Love State Parks

It's About the Sand
Monahans Sandhills State Park
Saturday, September 14, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CDT

Click here for
August's
Monthly
Challenge:
Exploring
Careers

Resource Development



Tickets:

Early Bird: \$55.00 before
Saturday, August 17, 2024

On-time: \$60.00

Saturday, August 17, 2024 -
Friday, September 13, 2024

Late: \$70.00

Saturday, September 14, 2024 -
Friday, September 20, 2024

<https://bit.ly/ChuckWagon2024>

Sponsorships Available:

<https://bit.ly/ChuckWagonSponsor>

Questions: Call Amy at
(432) 614-2635 ext. 9001



Council Properties

Council Property Building Rental / Usage

All property / building rentals and usage must follow the process below:

- Submit request to info@gsdsw.org.
- Complete the rental agreement and submit it to info@gsdsw.org.
- Once approved and placed on our property calendar you will receive an email with further instructions.
- No rental/usage of GSDSW properties/buildings are approved without going through the complete process.
- If you are found to be using GSDSW property/buildings without council approval all future rentals/usage will be denied.



- If you rent or use any of GSDSW's buildings, you are responsible for checking all areas to ensure they are clean.
- Be sure you are wiping tables down to remove crayon/glue/etc., sweeping or vacuuming, and make sure trash is put in the trash cans and clean recyclables are tossed in the recycling bins.
- Please make sure that there is no trash in the recycling bins.
- Painting and messy projects should be done over tile or outside. Do not do these projects on carpet or on chairs with fabric covers.
- Please check the restrooms to be sure toilets are flushed before you leave. It has been found that the toilets are not being flushed or are being stuffed with toilet paper.
- If after your rental or usage it is found that a cleaning crew or plumber needs to be brought in, you will be financially responsible and future usage will be denied.

If you are interested in using or renting Camp Mitre Peak or any of our program centers for troop/service unit meetings or an event, contact us at info@gsdsw.org.

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**

** Currently the White Spur Hut is not available for use for an undetermined amount of time. There has been a significant water leak at the building and it is flooded. This will require more than a simple repair. We will provide you with updates as we get them.

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

By Appointment Only

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

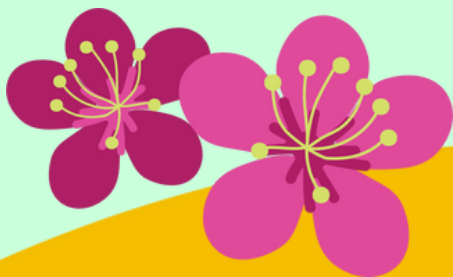
Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - Hobbs and Roswell

Community Engagement Specialist - El Paso and Odessa

Product Program Specialist - Odessa

Interested candidates should email careers@gsdsw.org with resumes and cover letter.



Save the date – All council shops will be closed Monday, September 23 – Monday, September 30, 2024 for inventory.