



December 2024 Newsletter

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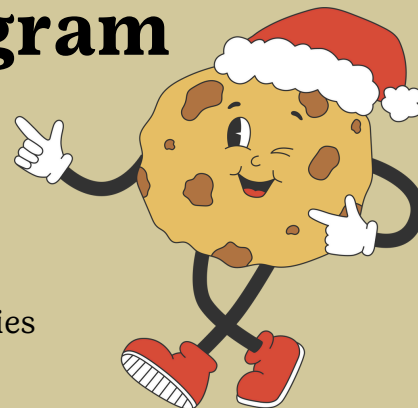
Council Holiday
Closure

End of Year Holidays
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2024
- Wednesday, Jan. 1,
2025

Product Program



2025 Cookie Program



December

Dec. 1 – Last day for girls move/remove
Dec. 5 – Troop / IRG Q+A
Dec. 12 – Troop / IRG Q+A
Dec. 16 – Troop Initial Order Rewards Due into ABC Smart Cookies
Dec. 17 – SU Initial Order Rewards Due into ABC Smart Cookies
Dec. 19 – Cupboard and Booth Coordinator Q+A

January

Jan. 1 – DOC start day for Direct Ship Sales
Jan. 5 – Booth Due in ABC Smart Cookies
Jan. 6 – Opt-Out Form Due
Jan. 7 – Booth Selection Begin
Jan. 9 – Troop / IRG Q+A
Jan. 11 – Mega Drop
Jan. 12 – 1st Day of Cookie Program
Jan. 16 – Cupboard and Booth Coordinators Q+A
Jan. 23 – Troop / IRG Q+A
Jan. 30 – Cupboard and Booth Coordinators Q+A
Jan. 30 – 1st. ACH 50 % of Balance Due

Troop Cookie Coordinator Training
will be on Zoom 5:30 - 6:30 PM MST

You can choose:

Monday, December 2, 2024

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Register: <https://bit.ly/TrpCookie24>



**We are looking for
volunteers for Cookie Mega
Drop on Saturday,
January 11, 2025, in El Paso
and Odessa.**

Email info@gsdsw.org for more
information.



FALL PRODUCT DATES

December

Week of December 2nd – ACH proceeds to
SU and Troops as Needed.

January

Late January early February – Delivery of
recognitions to Service Units.

Program

Yule Stories from Around the World

This free virtual event will be hosted fireside in a backyard, the perfect setting for a crisp December evening. Grab your favorite blanket, a cup of hot chocolate, and listen to short stories about the holiday season from around the world. Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM MST

To register: <https://bit.ly/YuleStories2024>
(when you register, you will be sent the link)



Families are invited to join!



Ceremony of Honors

Please join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our girls and volunteers at our annual Ceremony of Honors. Saturday, December 14, 2024

El Paso location

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM MST

St Mark's Church

5005 Love Rd.

El Paso, TX 79922

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/COH2024EP>

Odessa location

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST

Odessa Girl Scout Program Center

5217 N. Dixie

Odessa, TX 79762

RSVP - <https://bit.ly/COH2024OD>



**December
Monthly
Challenge is
Armpit Fudge!**



Calling all leaders and adult volunteers!

Bring your appetite and adventurous foodie spirit as we try different types of outdoor cooking techniques including, but not limited to, Dutch oven, foil packets, buddy burners, and reflector ovens.

Sunday, January 5, 2025 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

Fee: \$20 per person

Registration: <https://bit.ly/OutCookAdEP2024>



Girl Scout Silver Award Reminder

In order for Cadettes to earn the Silver Award, please follow these steps:



- Complete the GSUSA Silver Award training in gsLearn (girls/troop leader/parents/caregivers)
- Girl(s) complete the Silver Award Proposal Submission online - <https://bit.ly/SilverAwardProposal>
- Once the Silver Award committee approves the proposal the girl(s) can start working on their project.
- After the project is complete the girl(s) submit the Final Report online - <https://bit.ly/SilverFinalReport2024-25>

Engagement

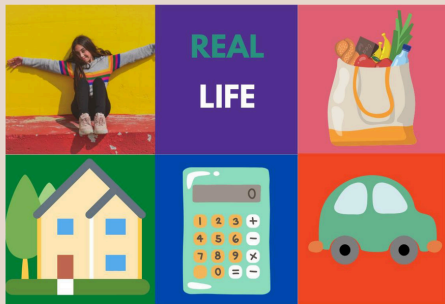


Important Troop Forms

- 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



REALITY FAIR



Juniors - Ambassadors (4th - 12th graders) Saturday, December 7, 2024
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

MIDLAND PROGRAM CENTER, 901 W. DENGAR AVE., MIDLAND, TX 79705

Ready to try "real life?"

Join us for an interactive Reality Fair and discover if the starting salary of your chosen career can cover the essentials of real life.

Cost: \$10 per girl
(after Monday, November 11, 2024 cost is \$15 per girl)

Registration deadline:
Monday, November 25, 2024, at 5:00 PM MST

<https://bit.ly/RealityFair2024MD>

For questions, please contact infor@gsdsw.org or call 915-566-9433



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Parade reminders
from Safety Activity
Checkpoint.



REMINDER: If you meet at a Council property please update your Troop/SU meeting agreements for the new year.

Resource Development

Cookies and Cocktails

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Las Cruces Convention Center

6 PM - 10 PM

\$ 40 per person

\$ 300 table of 8

Sponsorships Available

Bartender & Mixologist Competition
Both non-alcoholic and alcoholic options

Come vote for your favorite drink,
enjoy appetizers, silent auction items,
and dance to West Texas Band.



bit.ly/2025cookiesandcocktails



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Saturday, April 12, 2025

33rd Annual

Women of Distinction *Save the Date*

Honoring Amazing Women in the Permian Basin
Dinner, Live and Silent Auctions, Cocktail Attire

Petroleum Club

501 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX 79701

6:00 PM - 11:00 PM



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2nd Annual Cookie Classic GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, February 28, 2025
Lone Star Golf Club
1510 Hawkins Blvd.
El Paso, TX 79925

Tickets



\$125 per golfer

Register by 12/1/2024
and save \$10 per person

Register after
2/1/2025 and pay
\$10 more per person



Registration begins 7:00 AM
Shotgun Start 8:00 AM
Lunch and Awards following

Sponsorships Available
For full details visit
<https://bit.ly/CCGolf25>

Sponsor



CitiBank Community Rewards Voting

VOTE HERE EVERY HOUR

- Individuals may vote in each market
- Monday, Nov. 4, 2024 - Friday, Dec. 6, 2024
- One vote per hour per email address
- Top 5 in each category (in no particular order) are updated regularly
- Open to everyone, not just City Bank customers
- Must be 18 years or older
- No systematic voting or software-assisted programs

VOTE FOR US
today!

Community
REWARDS





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.



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**

- 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.

** 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



Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

Career Opportunities

Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - El Paso,
Hobbs, Odessa, and Roswell

Marketing Communication Specialist -
El Paso

Program Specialist - Midland

Product Program Specialist - El Paso and
Midland

Interested candidates should email
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.

Retail Shops

Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MST

(Closed for lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)

1st Saturday of each month 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

Las Cruces

Monthly during the Service Unit Meeting

3rd Saturday of each month from

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST

Midland

Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

1st & 3rd Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST

Odessa

Wednesday and Friday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CST

2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CST

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.



Las Cruces Mobile Shop Monthly Availability

On the Service Unit Meeting
days from 4:00 PM -
8:00 PM MST

