

Troop Scoop February 2024

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Happy 112th Birthday,
Girl Scouts!

March 12, 2024

Girl Scout Birthday
Open House
March 2, 2024
Midland and El Paso

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of the desert southwest
southern new mexico
& west texas

Women of Distinction

32nd Annual Celebration

Honoring:



Krista
Escamilla



Cathy
George



Valerie
Sparks



Dr. Reagan
Viney

Please purchase your tickets at
<https://bit.ly/WoD2024> deadline March 12, 2024

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Cookie Classic GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, March 9, 2024
Butterfield Trail Golf Club
1858 Cottonwoods Drive
El Paso, TX 79925

To pay by credit card, scan code below

Sponsorship



bit.ly/GSDSW2024golfSponsorship

Registration



bit.ly/GSDSW2024golfRegistration



United Way

Product Program Cookies

Cookies Dates

- Thursday, February 1, 2024 - ACH #1 - 50% Balance Due as of Monday, January 29, 2024.
- Thursday, February 15, 2024 - ACH #2 - 50% Balance Due as of February 12, 2024.
- Thursday, February 29, 2024 - ACH #3 - 50% Balance Due as of February 26, 2024.
- Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Cookie Program Ends.
- Wednesday, March 6, 2024 - Final Rewards Due in Smart Cookies.
- Thursday, March 7, 2024 - Delinquencies Due to info@gsdsw.org.
- Thursday, March 14, 2024 - Final ACH Clean Up.
- Friday, May 3 - 5, 2024 - Howl at the Moon at Bonita Park Nazarene Conference Center & Campgrounds
- Friday, August 23 - 25, 2024 - Cookie Camp @ Fort Lone Tree
- Free Week of Resident Camp at Camp Mitre Peak -
 - Week 1 - June 23 - 29, 2024
 - Week 2 - June 30 - July 6, 2024
 - Week 3 - July 7 - 13, 2024
- Tuesday, March 12, 2024 & Saturday, March 16, 2024 - Custom Nike Design Class - Zoom
- Saturday, May 25, 2024 - Sea World San Antonio Campout
- Saturday, March 23, 2024 @ 10:00AM MT/11:00AM CT. - Digital Camera Class - Zoom
- Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 4:00PM MT/ 5:00PM CT - Cooking Class - Zoom
- Friday, April 5 - 7, 2024 - Stem Camp in Dallas TX
- Monday, June 10 - 15, 2024 - American History Tour - Top 5 Girl Scouts over 6,000 packages sold.

All trainings are live in gsLearn.
Please contact info@gsdsw.org to
request access to the trainings
needed if they are not on your
dashboard.

Just in Time Training
Log into your gsLearn to register
for these Q&A's

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
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[Click for valuable resources to help in the Cookie Sale](#)

Product Program Cookies

Leader Tips

Make the Best of the Cookie Program

- Help your girls set reasonable goals.
- Review product program safety with your girls.
- Remind girls to wear their sash/vest.
- Make sure to ask questions, if you have any.
- Communicate with your families.
- Practice, practice, practice those entrepreneurship skills.

Teach your girls the “5 Skills” of Cookies

Goal Setting
Decision Making
Money Management
People Skills
Business Ethics

Care 2 Share

Care 2 Share teaches girls philanthropy (to give back to their community).



February 16-18, 2024



Girl Scout Cookie Entrepreneur Family Pin

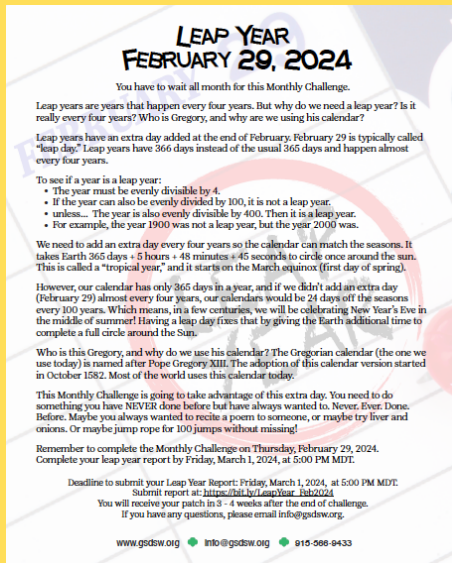


It's never been easier to support your Girl Scout as she develops business skills, makes amazing memories, and earns a different pin every cookie season. The simple, age-specific guidelines meet her where she is developmentally, making success a snap. [Check out this website](#), select a Girl Scout Grade Level and download your activity sheet to start today.

Program



February Monthly Challenge



This year is a leap year and the Monthly Challenge can be completed **ONLY** on February 29!

Let 'em Fly!

Spring Archery Club 2024 is for Girl Scouts in grades 3 and up, including adults! Locations are El Paso, Midland, and Las Cruces. See our council website calendar for dates, fees, and more information -



https://bit.ly/GSDSW_events

Registration starts Monday, January 1, 2024.

Program Aide Training

PA

Program Aide is traditionally for Cadettes, but we are expanding it for Seniors and Ambassadors as well. This four half-day training will cover how to work with younger girls, leadership skills, traditional Girl Scout activities, and more.

Program Aide training will be held in Las Cruces March 5 - 8, 2024 (Tue. - Fri.), in Midland March 11 - 14, 2024 (Mon. - Thu.), and in Odessa March 12 - 15 (Tue. - Fri.). For more information and registration - https://bit.ly/GSDSW_events.

Limited space available - register today!



Howl at the Moon is Friday - Sunday, May 3 - 5, 2024!

Registration is open!

Be part of the GSDSW premiere event in the Lincoln National Forest in the mountains of New Mexico! Have high adventures, try something new, make new friends and connect with old friends.

Visit https://bit.ly/Howl_at_the_Moon2024 for more information and registration. Questions? Email info@gsdsw.org.



Program Summer Camp

Check out these new and exciting programs at summer camp!
Don't miss out - register today!

What are you waiting for? [Click here to check it out!](#)

Session 1

June 23 - June 29

Camp Mess-ology

Grade 3

Min 6 / Max 16

\$300



Do you love making messes, building things, and getting dirty? This week is for you! Create your own sparkle slime, compete in a Lego building challenge*, and explore the creek bed for hidden treasures.

You take the lead with trying something new during the YOYO's (You're On Your Own when you get choose what activity you want to do!)

*suggested by Anna

Session 2

June 30 - July 6

Badge-a-Day

Grade 4 - 5 Min 6 / Max 16 \$450

Find a new adventure each day this week! Explore nature as you earn Outdoor Art Explorer and your Musician badge as you make an instrument and perform playing it. Craft & Tinker badge has your creative juices flowing while Space Science Explorer badge takes you on a field trip to McDonald Observatory. Create your meals to earn your Simple Meals badge. You will also be able to enjoy all the traditional camp activities as you embark on your themed adventures each day.



Session 3

July 7 - July 13

Bull's-Eye

Grade 4 - 5

Min 6 / Max 12

\$300

Nock, release, and let 'em fly! This week at camp is all archery - target practice, games, trail scavenger hunt targets, and by the end of the week getting a bull's-eye will be second nature. Enjoy other camp activities like campfire cooking, star gazing, and closing campfire songs and skits.



Need a gift for a girl in your life? How about a Camp Mitre Peak Resident Camp gift certificate?

915-566-9433 x2200

info@gsdsw.org

Engagement

GIRL SCOUT WEEK
MARCH 10-16, 2024

BE ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR ACTIVITIES TO DO
WITH YOUR GIRLS!

Key★
Dates

Important Troop Forms

- Bank Account Request
- Emergency Procedures
- Extra Insurance Enrollment Form
- Health History
- Key Dates Calendar
- Opportunity Fund Application
- Renew your membership!
- Safety Activity Checkpoints
- Trip and High-Risk Activity Form
- Troop Disbandment Checklist
- Troop Disband Form
- Volunteer Essentials

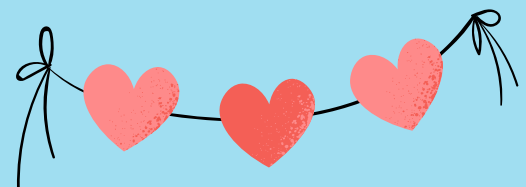
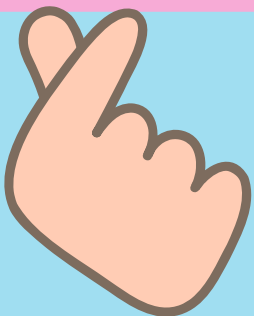
World Thinking Day 2024

Making the world a better place is Girl Scout Law, so it's no surprise we have a holiday dedicated to doing just that. Each February 22, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across 150 countries celebrate World Thinking Day.

D,B,J Guide

C,S,A Guide

It's a day of international friendship and a time to stand up for causes that could improve the lives of girls around the globe. While the holiday itself comes in February; the World Thinking Day Award can be earned at any time of year.



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 put 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

Around the Council

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Career Opportunities

Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - Roswell

Community Engagement Specialist - Odessa

Community Engagement Specialist - El Paso

Interested candidates, please click on the career/location or send your resume to info@gsdsw.org.



Retail Shops

Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MST

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

1st Saturday - 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MST

Las Cruces

By Appointment Only

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

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.

