



January 2024 Troop Scoop



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**Spring/Summer 2024
Program Guide is HERE**



**It's Girl Scout
Cookie Time!**



Product Program Cookies



Cookies Dates

- Monday, January 1, 2024 - Troops & Girl Scout families gain access to Digital Cookie.
- Monday, January 8, 2024 - Council booths due in Smart Cookies.
- Saturday, January 13, 2024 - Mega Drop in El Paso, Midland/Odessa region.
- Sunday, January 14, 2024 - In-person Cookie Program begins.
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 - Early Bird booth selection.
- Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - Booth selections begin.
- Saturday, January 20, 2024 - Booths begin.
- 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.

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, January 4, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
Thursday, January 18, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
Thursday, February 15, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
Thursday, February 29, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A
Thursday, March 7, 2024 - Troop/IRG Q&A

Product Program Cookies

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.

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).



Make sure you check out ABC Baker's [website](#) and [Flickr](#) account for some tools and resources to elevate your cookie season.



**In a relationship with
my Girl Scout cookies**

current status

Program

January Monthly Challenge

Pringle Chip Ring Challenge January 2024

The Pringle Chip Ring Challenge has been around for a while, but there is a patch for it! Your challenge, if you choose to accept it, is to create a vertical ring of chips, like a Ferris wheel of chips.

What you will need is one can of Pringles chips, any flavor. Use only the whole chips; any that are broken can be eaten or disposed of.

Here are some questions to answer before you get started:

- How many chips do you think you will need?
- How will the base of your ring be able to support the sides and top?
- Will you put your chips in a certain pattern? If yes, what is the pattern?
- What is Plan B if your first design doesn't work?

This challenge is all about physics: How does the chip ring stay standing? As the sides of the ring get taller, gravity pulls down on the chips, causing them to slide down. In order for the chips to not slide, there must be enough force on the sides of the chips so that gravity can't pull them down.

For your Pringle Chip Ring Challenge Report, you will need to know how many chips you used, if you used a pattern and what it was, if you needed a plan B, and a photo of your chip ring.

Best of luck! Remember, patience will be your friend in this challenge!

Deadline to submit your Pringle Chip Ring Challenge Report
Wednesday, January 31, 2024 @ 5:00 PM MST (no exceptions)
Submit report at: https://bit.ly/GSDSW_Events
You will receive your patch in 2 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.
If you have any questions, please email info@gswdsw.org.



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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

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 starts Monday, January 1, 2024

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@gswdsw.org.



Program Summer Camp

Our annual Camp Mitre Peak Summer Camp Guide is here and registration is open!

Read the [Camp Guide](#) and discover camps where your girl can learn new skills, make new friends, and have amazing adventures. There is something for everyone - horseback riding, archery, swimming, wildlife at night, earning a badge a day, learning about animals, and outdoor adventure! Each program earns at least one badge by the end of the week!

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



Girl Scout Camp

Girl Scout camp is an opportunity for girls to grow with courage, confidence, and character while making friends and memories that last a lifetime. New this year, each program earns at least one Girl Scout badge. Campers will be given the badges at the end of camp. See the program description for specific badge(s) earned.

At camp, our Girl Scouts disconnect from screens and technology, stepping out of their comfort zone and opening their minds and hearts to new experiences.

Camp Mitre Peak is located between Alpine and Ft. Davis, TX. The iconic Mitre Peak watches over camp and brings Mitre Magic to every camper. Once you experience Mitre Magic, your Girl Scout life will be forever changed.



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

Renew Your Membership

Minimum of five (5) girls and two (2) unrelated adults in leader and coleader roles to keep your troop in compliance.

Older Girl Scout troops (Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors) may have three girls, if they are from at least two different families, and with approval from the CEO.

Happy New Year

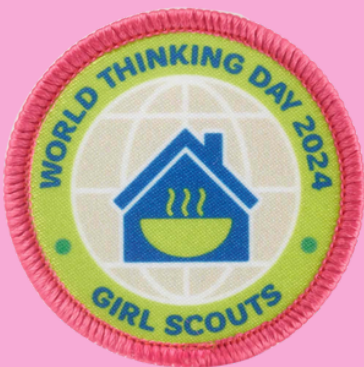
Key 
Dates

TROOP REMINDER: Keep track of your troop roster for compliance. All adults helping during cookie season for the troop (booths, handling money, etc.) **MUST** be a Girl Scout Volunteer (with membership and eligible background check on file.)

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.

Attend a local community event near you, share Girl Scouts with others by setting up an informational table and earn a free patch by being a GSDSW Community Champion. All informational materials will be provided. Email info@gsdsw.org for more details.



**Be a Community
Champion and
Earn a Free
Exclusive Patch**

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

Placement Specialist - Odessa

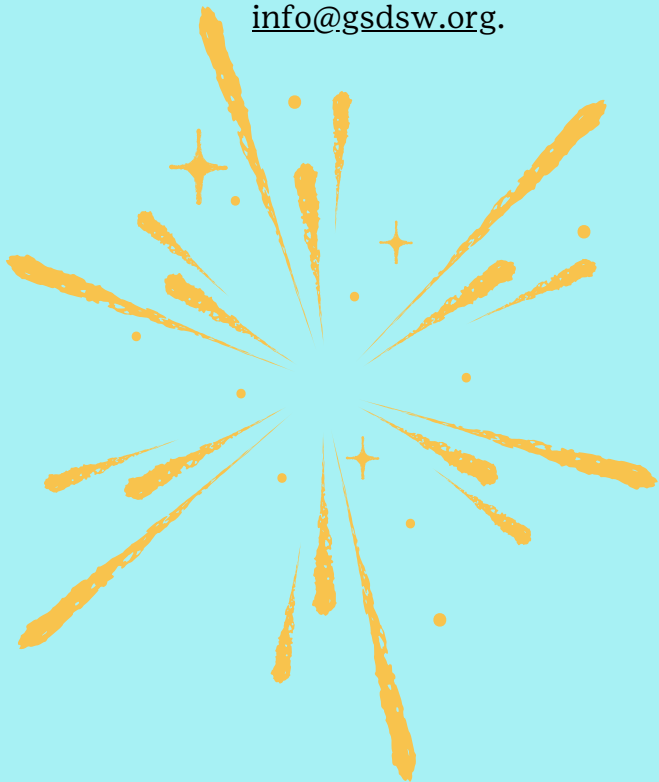
Fund Development Specialist - El Paso

Staff Accountant - El Paso

Customer Engagement Specialist - Roswell

Community Engagement Specialist - Odessa

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.

