

July 2024 Newsletter

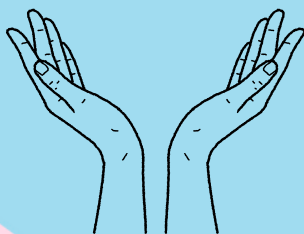


What's in this month's issue:

- Engagement
- Summer Camp
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- Program Dates
- Resource
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- Career Opportunities
- Council Store Hours
- And so much more!



Our thoughts and prayers
go out to our Ruidoso
troop #16045 for their
safety and for all the
others who have been
affected by the fires
and floods.



Email update
on PEARLS
coming soon

Engagement

Email update
on SU Summit
coming soon

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.



Free Invite-A-Friend Patch



We love it when our girls share Girl Scouting with others! Every Girl Scout that invites her friend to join receives a patch along with her friend. Email us at info@gsdsw.org with the names of both girls to receive free Yin Yang patches.

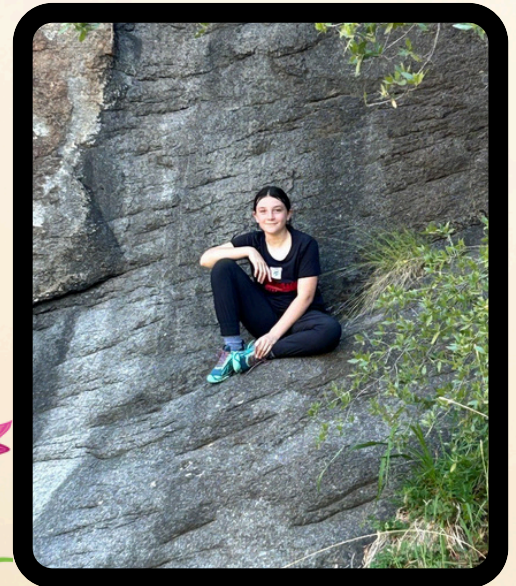
TROOP REMINDER: Keep track of your troop roster for compliance. All adults helping during Fall Product or cookie season for the troop (booths, handling money, etc.) **MUST** be a Girl Scout Volunteer (with membership and eligible background check on file.)

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

Summer Camp has Started!!

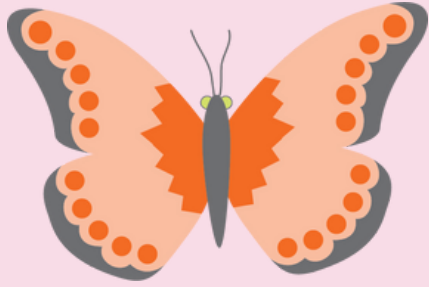
**Summer camp has
started at Camp
Mitre Peak
Have you signed up
yet?**

[Click here to see the
Summer Camp Guide](#)

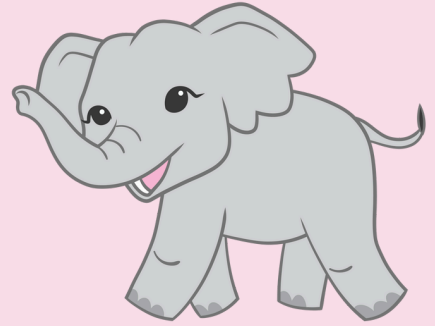


**What fun will your girl have this summer?
It is not too late to sign up. Come join the fun!**

Product Program



Fall Product



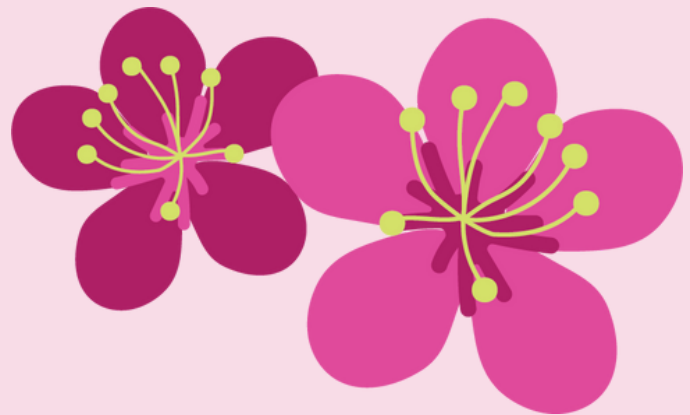
Fall Program Dates

July

- Monday, July 15, 2024 - Initial Troop Fall Product Coordinator list due to info@gsdsw.org.
- Monday, July 29, 2024 - Service Unit Fall Product training in Carlsbad, NM 6:00 PM MDT.
- Tuesday, July 30, 2024 - Service Unit Fall Product training in Odessa, TX 6:00 PM CDT.

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.



Program

Program Aide Training

Program Aide is traditionally for Cadettes, but we are expanding it for Seniors and Ambassadors as well. This two 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 Odessa July 30-31, 2024 (Tue-Wed), and in Midland August 1-2, 2024 (Thu-Fri). For more information and registration - [Register Here](#).

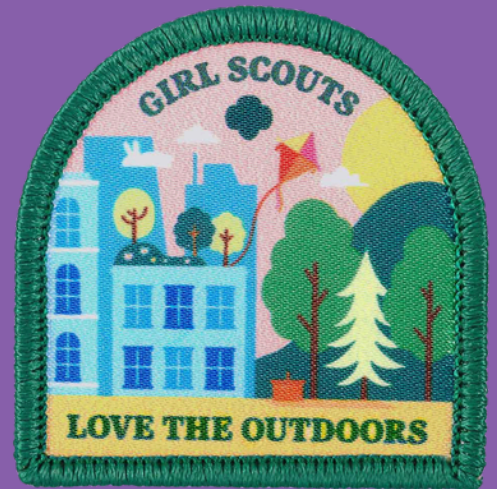
Limited space available - register today!

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Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

Now that summer is here, it's the perfect time to start thinking about ways to keep Girl Scouts engaged.

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](#).



Celebrate Women Supporting Women with us as the Locomotives take on the Las Vegas Lights FC!

[Get tickets here!](#)

We are thrilled to announce that our very own CEO, Patty Craven, will be honored for her incredible contributions with Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest. Let's show our pride and support for Patty while enjoying an action-packed game!

TWYG camping weekend in Ruidoso (July 26-28, 2024) has been cancelled as the USFS closed the campground.

**Click here for
July's
[Monthly
Challenge](#)**

Resource Development

[Click to Register](#)



Lasso Up *Western Dinner, Dancing & Fun*

benefiting
Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest

Saturday, August 24, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Las Cruces Convention Center

Games, Dinner, Live Band, Dancing
Silent Auction, Live Auction & Cash Bar

Tickets:

Early Bird: \$70.00 before July 1st

\$75.00, July 1st - July 31st

Late: \$85.00, August 1st - August 11th

Sponsorships Available

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE
INFORMATION ON THIS
AWESOME EVENT!**



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**

** 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 - Hobbs,
Roswell and Silver City

Community Engagement Specialist - El Paso
and Odessa

Product Program Specialist - Midland

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



Women Veteran's Day Honoree
Alicia Cox

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.

All council offices and shops will be closed on
Thursday, July 4th, 2024

Midland and El Paso shops WILL NOT be open
Saturday July 6, 2024. They will resume first
Saturday hours in August.

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