

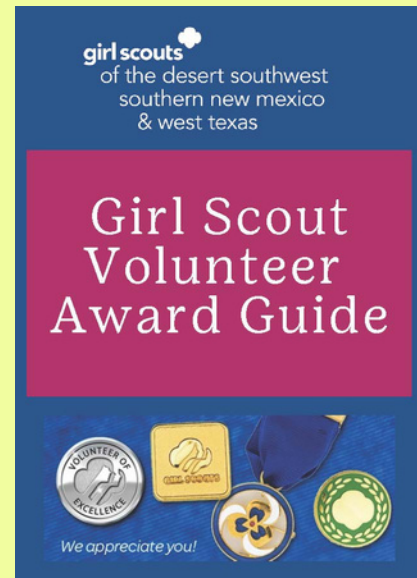
October 2023 Troop Scoop

What's in this month's issue:

- Ceremony of Honors Deadlines
- Cookie Dates
- Fall Product Dates
- Important Troop Forms
- Council Properties
- Career Opportunities
- Council Store Hours
- And so much more!

**Deadline for complete
nominations for the
Ceremony of Honors is
Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023!**

Volunteer Conference 2023 It's a WRAP!



Honor Troop

PVSA

SU Awards

Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a memorable trip back to the 80's. Who wants to join us next year?

The Girl Scout Silver Award and Bronze Award are being updated.

Product Program

COOKIE DATES

- Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023 - Service Unit Cookie Chair names due to info@gsdsw.org.
- Thursday, Oct. 12, 2023 - Troop Cookie Coordinator names due to Service Unit Cookie Chairs.
- Monday, Oct. 23, 2023 - Gluten Free order to be completed via link sent to Troop Coordinator after Agreement is complete.
- Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 - Booth Coordinator names due to info@gsdsw.org.
- Monday, Oct. 30, 2023 - Cupboard Coordinator names due to info@gsdsw.org.

2024 Looking Ahead at Cookies

- Interested in helping troops during the Cookie Program?
- Want to make your own schedule?
- Enjoy counting?

We are looking for Council Cookie Cupboard helpers in El Paso, Midland, and Odessa. If interested, email info@gsdsw.org for more information.



FALL PRODUCT DATES

- Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 - In-person orders end.
- Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 - Online girl-delivery orders end.
- Monday, Oct. 16, 2023 to Friday, Oct. 20, 2023 - Product delivered to SUFPC.
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 to Sunday, Nov. 2, 2023 - Boothing Period.
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 - Online direct ship & magazine sales end.
- Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 - Fall Product Program season ends.
- Thursday, Nov. 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM MST - Digital Camera Reward Class
- Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 at 10:00 AM MST - Digital Camera Reward Class



Program



Ceremony of Honors

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023
 El Paso and Midland, TX
 We need your
 award nominations now!
 Deadline to nominate someone is
 Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023

Lego Derby in Midland

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023
 Midland Program Center



https://bit.ly/LegoDerbyMD11_23

Fee: \$15
 Registration closes
 Monday, Oct. 16, 2023

Outdoor Training

This training is required every three years and needs to be completed for your troop to be able to go camping.
 Troop funds can be used to cover cost of training.

Min 5 / Max 20

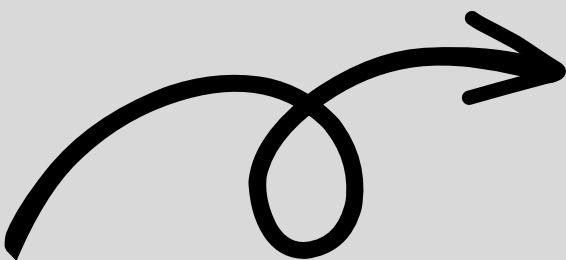
El Paso

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023.
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MDT
 Girl Scout Program Center
 9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
 Registration begins Oct. 2, 2023
 Registration closes Nov. 6, 2023
<https://bit.ly/OutTrainEP2023>



Las Cruces

Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024
 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM MST
 Las Cruces Program Center
 225 E. Idaho, Ste. 9, Las Cruces, NM 88005
 Registration begins Nov. 2, 2023
 Stay tuned for the link to sign up!



October's Monthly Challenge
is about the Moon. It is a
one-night challenge on
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023.



Council will support any Service Unit wanting to host their own Cookie College. Service Units have had increasing success with hosting cookie rallies in the past few years. Council will be able to provide advertising on council website, links to all the ABC cookie rally information and activities, answer questions, and other support as available. Questions, contact info@gsdsw.org Attn: Cookie College

Virtual Troop
schedule is on
our website.
Check it out!

Engagement



Don't Forget About the Kapers

A "kaper chart" is a Girl Scout tradition for dividing up troop responsibilities. A kaper is a job or chore that must be done. A kaper chart indicates all the jobs available and who is responsible for each one. Using a kaper system right from the start will help with the long-term group behavior management of a troop and make the regular management of meeting tasks everyone's responsibility.



Click image to register.
Midland Program Center
901 W. Dengar
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Click for an special Juliette Gordon Low activity packet.

Renew Your Membership

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

DAISY DAY RETURNS

El Paso

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2023

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Memorial Park

bit.ly/23daisydayep



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](#)



Girl Scout Open House
Odessa Program Center
5217 N. Dixie Blvd.
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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. Take it with you and recycle it.
- 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.

Alamogordo

Camp Mitre
Peak

Carlsbad

Deming

El Paso

Hobbs

Las Cruces

Midland

Odessa

Roswell

Silver City

White Spur
Hut

Around the Council

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Career Opportunities

Fund Development Specialist -

El Paso [Apply Here](#)

Seasonal Membership Growth Specialist

El Paso - [Apply Here](#)

Midland - [Apply Here](#)

Odessa - [Apply Here](#)

Interested candidates, please use the
[Apply Here](#) link or send your resume to
info@gsdsw.org

Retail Shops

Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

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

2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MDT

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

1st Saturday - Will be at Daisy Day

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

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.

