

October 2024 Newsletter

girl scouts 
of the desert southwest
southern new mexico
& west texas

Las Cruces Mobile Shop Availability

- Monthly during the Service Unit Meeting
- Third Saturday of each month from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

What's in this month's issue:

- Fall Product Dates
- Look Ahead at 2025 Cookies
- Program Activities and Links
- Important Troop Information
- Upcoming Fund Raisers
- Council Properties
- Career Opportunities
- Council Store Hours
- And so much more!

Volunteer Conference 2024 It's a WRAP!



Thank you to everyone who attended. It was a memorable trip back to the 70's.
Who wants to join us next year?



Girl Scout 
Cookie College

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



Product Program



FALL PRODUCT DATES

October

- Tuesday, October 1, 2024 – Last day for Service Unit to enter orders into the M2 operating system.
- Week of October 21-25, 2024 – Product Delivery to Service Unit.
- Monday, October 21 – Monday, November 11, 2024 – Girls deliver Fall Product to customers.
- Weekends October 26 – November 10, 2024 – Bothing Period.

November

- Sunday, November 10, 2024 – Online Direct ship sales end (magazines, bark boxes and tumblers.)
- Monday, November 11, 2024 – Recommended girl money due to troops.
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – Final day to enter recognition submissions.
- Wednesday, November 13, 2024 – Delinquency Report due to info@gsdsw.org.
- Sunday, November 17, 2024 – Girl moves/removes can resume.

2025 Looking Ahead at Cookies

COOKIE DATES

- **PAST DUE** - Monday, September 16, 2024 – Service Unit Cookie Chair names due to info@gsdsw.org
- Sunday, October 6, 2024 – Troop Cookie Coordinator names due to your SU Cookie Chair. Troops without SU Cookie Chair/IRG send to info@gsdsw.org
- Monday, October 21, 2024 – Gluten free order due to info@gsdsw.org

We are looking for Council Cookie Cupboard:

- El Paso - helpers
- Las Cruces - Coordinator and helpers
- Midland - Coordinator and helpers
- Odessa - Coordinator and helpers

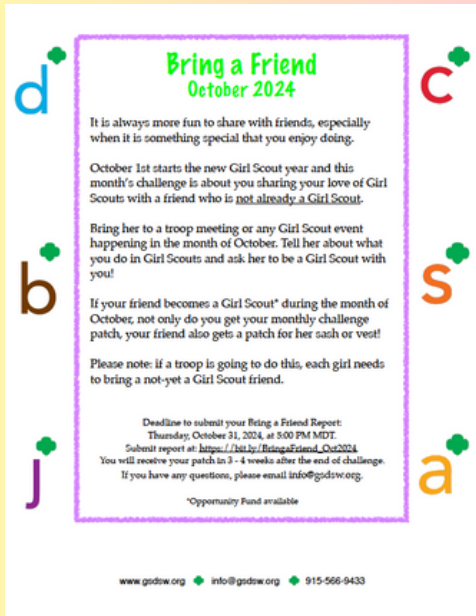
Email info@gsdsw.org for more information.

Program

TWO October Monthly Challenges!

One for girls and one for adults!
Click on flyer for more information.

Need a digital copy of your
Fall/Winter Program Guide?
[Download it here!](#)



**Bring a Friend
October 2024**

It is always more fun to share with friends, especially when it is something special that you enjoy doing.

October 1st starts the new Girl Scout year and this month's challenge is about you sharing your love of Girl Scouts with a friend who is not already a Girl Scout.

Bring her to a troop meeting or any Girl Scout event happening in the month of October. Tell her about what you do in Girl Scouts and ask her to be a Girl Scout with you!

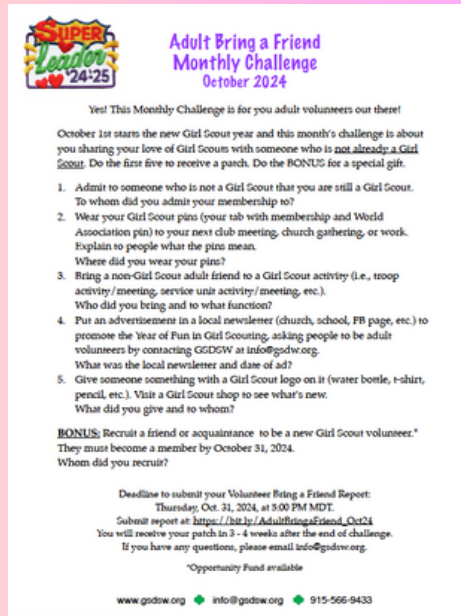
If your friend becomes a Girl Scout* during the month of October, not only do you get your monthly challenge patch, your friend also gets a patch for her sash or vest!

Please note: if a troop is going to do this, each girl needs to bring a not-yet a Girl Scout friend.

Deadline to submit your Bring a Friend Report:
Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 5:00 PM MDT.
Submit report at: https://bit.ly/BringAFriend_Oct2024
You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.
If you have any questions, please email info@gdsdw.org.

*Opportunity Fund available

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**Adult Bring a Friend
Monthly Challenge
October 2024**

Yes! This Monthly Challenge is for you adult volunteers out there!

October 1st starts the new Girl Scout year and this month's challenge is about you sharing your love of Girl Scouts with someone who is not already a Girl Scout. Do the first five to receive a patch. Do the BONUS for a special gift.

1. Admit to someone who is not a Girl Scout that you are still a Girl Scout. To whom did you admit your membership to?
2. Wear your Girl Scout pins (your tab with membership and World Association pin) to your next club meeting, church gathering, or work. Explain to people what the pins mean. Where did you wear your pins?
3. Bring a non-Girl Scout adult friend to a Girl Scout activity (i.e., troop activity/meeting, service unit activity/meeting, etc.). Who did you bring and to what function?
4. Put an advertisement in a local newsletter (church, school, FB page, etc.) to promote the Year of Fun in Girl Scouting, asking people to be adult volunteers by contacting GGDGW at info@gdsdw.org. What was the local newsletter and date of ad?
5. Give someone something with a Girl Scout logo on it (water bottle, t-shirt, pencil, etc.). Visit a Girl Scout shop to see what's new. What did you give and to whom?

BONUS: Recruit a friend or acquaintance to be a new Girl Scout volunteer.* They must become a member by October 31, 2024. Whom did you recruit?

Deadline to submit your Volunteer Bring a Friend Report:
Thursday, Oct. 31, 2024, at 5:00 PM MDT.
Submit report at: https://bit.ly/AdultBringAFriend_Oct24
You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.
If you have any questions, please email info@gdsdw.org.

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**Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
Program & Volunteer Awards Guide
Fall/Winter 2024/2025**

THANK YOU

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Awards

There are more to Girl Awards than the Bronze, Silver, and Gold. There are Journey Summit, Safety, My Promise My Faith and more! Download "Awards? Alright!" It's your guide to all the awards a Girl Scout can earn. <https://bit.ly/AwardsAlrightGuide>



JUNIOR AIDE

Outdoor Training in El Paso, TX

Saturday, November 16, 2024

Remember, you need to take the Outdoor Training in order to take your girls camping.

To register: https://bit.ly/OutTrainEP_Nov24

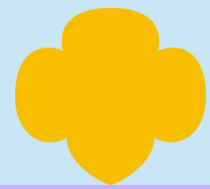
Registration deadline is Monday, November 6, 2024 @ 5:00 PM MST

Save \$10 and register before Monday, October 28, 2024





Engagement



DID YOU KNOW?

When marking a girl or adult as "not returning" by a troop leader, they will not automatically be removed from the troop roster.

To request a move or removal of individuals, please email info@gsdsw.org.

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](#)

Renew Your Membership

Get your troop ready for
Back to Troop

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



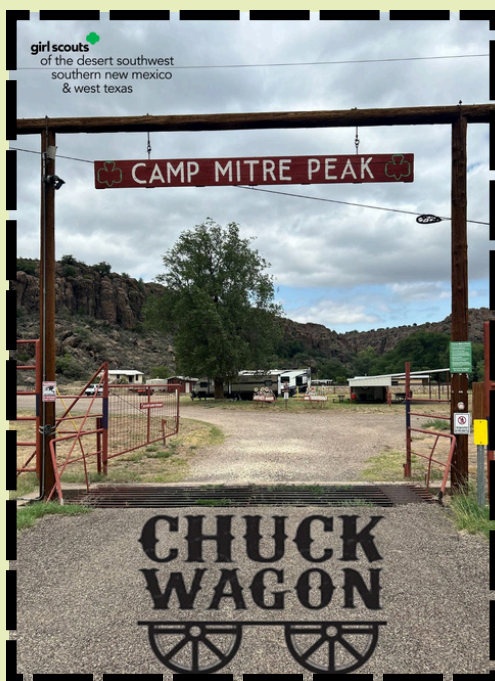
Don't Forget About the Kapers

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 for an special Juliette Gordon Low activity packet.

Resource Development



Saturday, October 5, 2024

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Tickets:

On-time: \$60.00

Saturday, August 17, 2024 -

Friday, September 13, 2024

Late: \$70.00

Saturday, September 14, 2024 -

Friday, September 20, 2024

<https://bit.ly/ChuckWagon2024>

Sponsorships Available:

<https://bit.ly/ChuckWagonSponsor>

Questions: Call Amy at

(432) 614-2635 ext. 9001

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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

Cookies and Cocktails

Saturday, January 18, 2025
Las Cruces Convention Center

6 PM - 10 PM

\$ 70 per person

\$ 525 table of 8

Sponsorships Available
Bartender Competition

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

Thursday,
October 17,
2024



EL PASO GIVING DAY 2024!

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 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.

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 and Roswell

Community Engagement Specialist -

El Paso and Odessa

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 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.

