

September 2023 Troop Scoop

What's in this month's issue:

- Fall Product Dates
- Many Program Links
- Important Troop Forms
- Council Properties
- Career Opportunities
- Council Store Hours
- Care 2 Share Pictures
- And so much more!

Note:

**All council offices will be closed
Sept. 1 - Sept. 4 in honor of Labor Day**

**Shops will be closed
Sept. 22 - 30 for inventory**

The S'More S.T.E.M.
mobile lab ribbon
cutting, and open house
was a huge success.



Las Cruces Lego Derby



Care 2 Share program

Product Program

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.

OWN YOUR
magic



FALL PRODUCT DATES

- Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023 - Fall Product Program season starts.
- Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023 - In-person orders end.
- Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023 - Online girl-delivery orders end.
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 to Sunday, Nov. 2, 2023 - Bothing 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



Volunteer Conference Camp Mitre Peak

Friday, Sept. 22 -
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023
Deadline to register:
Sept. 12, 2023

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

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors

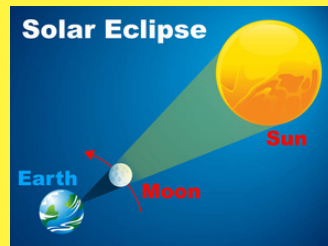


Come join us at these events or enjoy on your own:
Download your passport [here!](#)

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 - Hueco Tanks State Park
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 - Franklin Mountain State Park
Sunday, Sept. 10, 2023 - Mesilla Valley Bosque State Park

Solar Eclipse at Camp Mitre Peak

Friday Oct. 13, 7:00 PM CDT -
Sunday Oct. 15, 10:00 AM CDT



Girl Scout 
Cookie College



September
Monthly
Challenge is
all about
Apples!!

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

PROGRAM DATES:

- Sunday, Oct. 1, 2023 - Girl Scout Family Day at Mesilla Valley Corn Maze
- Saturday, Nov. 4, 2023 Lego Derby - Midland Program Center
- Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 - Outdoor Training in El Paso. Registration begins Oct. 2

Engagement



DAISY DAY RETURNS
Deadline to register is
Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023

El Paso
Oct. 7, 2023
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Memorial Park
bit.ly/23daisydayep



DON'T FORGET

Troop Volunteer role
renewals need to be
completed for the new
membership year
beginning
Oct. 1, 2023.



Kickstart Your Troop Year
with Tried-and-True Tips
for Your First Parent
Meeting

Troop/Service Unit Financial Reports



- If your Troop Financial Report is not turned in by November 30th, your troop will not be eligible to participate in the council's Cookie Program.
- "Failure to submit the required financial report will result in a financial audit and possible release from volunteer position with council." –GSDSW Volunteer Policy Manual 5.2.2

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

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.

Renew Your Membership

Get your troop ready
for Back to Troop

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](#)

Staff Accountant - 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 - Closed due to Holiday (Sept.)

Las Cruces

By Appointment Only

Midland

By Appointment Only

Odessa

By Appointment Only

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.

