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Summer 2016

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Every day is a joy to see our girls in action. But there are simply some days where it is challenging to take it all in without the cup overflowing! This past week was one of those tremendously “feel good” moments that remind us as to why we do the work we do for girls.

We are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Girls Changing the World. Since 1916, girls have been undertaking projects that improve their communities that they live in, the communities of other families in need – very simply stated- they have been changing the world for the better for 100 years.

As I watch our country and the world we live in struggle with so many challenges, I truly wish our leaders could take a lesson from the work our girls accomplish daily.

They exhibit :

- A strong sense of self
- Positive Values
- Taking risks in order to learn
- Resolving conflict through building healthy relationships
- Identifying community problems and developing plans to resolve

Couldn't we as adults model our Girl Scouts behavior more often in our daily lives?

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our local and state community leaders and the media for their support of the great things that our Girl Scouts are doing to impact the community. As you read this newsletter, I hope you share in the pride I have for our girls and their accomplishments.

With much appreciation for your generosity,  
Peggy Sanchez Mills, CEO

## Girl Scout Troop Helps Create a Warm and Welcoming Atmosphere in the City's Emergency Winter Shelter

Last week, the City of Albuquerque recognized Girl Scout Troop 47 for their selfless actions in donating their time and talents to make the city's West Side Winter Shelter feel more like home to its visitors.

This past summer, Sarai Rankin, Naomi Rankin, Samantha Multari, Marisa Sala, Arianna Fernandez, and Dayci Dozier collectively spent 167 hours creating a library and painting murals and transitional ribbons on the white walls of the West Side Winter Shelter. The goal of the troop was to make the space more livable and less institutional for those seeking refuge during the freezing winter months. The completed project boasts 19 murals, 14 transitional ribbons between the murals, and a library containing books and videos for families to entertain children.

During the 2015/2016 winter season, in partnership with the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, the shelter was open 124 days hosting an average of 232 men, women and children a night. The city provides more than \$1.3 million annually to six different shelters throughout the course of the year, including this city owned facility, previously used as a jail. Prior to the Girl Scout's involvement, the walls were bland, and plain, not offering a very warm and inviting atmosphere. Now, due to the thoughtfulness of these teens, the space is now much more welcoming and comfortable for guests.

Girl Scout Troop 47 chose to spend part of their summer vacation to help make a more comfortable living space to those in need. These girls are an excellent example of the kind of giving and gracious attitude Albuquerque's youth possesses. It is for these reasons that they are being recognized as City of Albuquerque Good Samaritans.


*Article courtesy of the City of Albuquerque*

## Upcoming Program & Event Dates

- Sept 16-18 **Rancho Big Clean.** Free!
- Sept 23-25 **Barker Big Clean.** Free!
- Sept 24 **GSNMT Board Meeting.** Camp Elliott Barker
- Sept 24, 25 **Disney on Ice.** Santa Ana Star Center, Rio Rancho. *Cost varies per seat type.*
- Sept. 28 **Sadie Robertson Live Tour.** Santa Ana Star Center, Rio Rancho. *Cost varies per seat type.*
- Oct 1 **Girl Scout Day at McCall's Pumpkin Patch.** \$13.95 per person. All ages.
- Oct 1 **Battle of the Scouts.** University Stadium, Albuquerque. \$17 per person. All ages, public.
- Oct 8 **Camporee.** Haynes Park, Rio Rancho. \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers. All ages.
- Oct 15 **Babysitting Class.** GSNMT Office, Albuquerque. \$15 per girl; \$45 for nonmember. 12 years and older.
- Oct 27 **Trunk or Treat.** GSNMT Office, Albuquerque. \$5 for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Public, all ages.
- Nov 5 **Jammies in Jellies.** BioPark Aquarium, Albuquerque. \$35 for girls, \$25 for adults. D
- Nov 12 **Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony,** National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque. \$5 per person.
- Dec. 11 **Moscow Ballet - Great Russian Nutcracker.** Kiva Auditorium, Albuquerque. *Cost varies per seat type.*

D = Daisy, B = Brownie, J = Junior, C = Cadette,  
S = Senior, and A = Ambassador.

For complete calendar of program, event, and training dates, visit our website:



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# 6th Annual Camporee

October 8, 2016 10am-3pm Haynes Park, Rio Rancho

**Sisterhood,  
service projects,  
leadership skills, &  
making the world a better place  
make our Girl Scouts superheroes!**

*Join us for fun and educational activities for the whole family!*

Sisterhood, service projects, leadership skills and making the world a better place is what make our Girl Scouts superheroes! We want to celebrate this star power and encourage you to come wearing your superhero cape! Decorate it at home, or decorate at our special superhero station! Capes will also be for sale at Camporee! All attendees registered by the registration deadline will receive a participation patch. Join us for this all-day celebration of being a Girl Scout featuring loads of hands-on activities that will blow and reshape your mind! This is a community and family event.

Loretta's Lattes & TeddyLu Concessions food trucks will have yummy treats for purchase!

**Registration fee:**

\$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers

**Registration deadline: 9/24**

**Featured Camporee vendors include:**

- Intel - site tours and more!
- Bandojo - displaying musical touchboards
- Museum of Natural History - animal specimens to touch and examine
- Ag in the Classroom - learning about what seeds need to grow by making a bracelet
- NM Tourism - learning about environmental health and the importance of recycling PLUS learn about our new #nmtrue patches!
- UNM Engineering - learn about nanotechnology (the science of impossibly tiny things) through fun hands-on activities
- Gamers Anonymous
- NM Energy Coalition
- Girl Scout History
- Girl Scout SWAPS
- Cape Decorating station!
- Pokemon Go in the Park!
- Guest Appearance by Juliette Gordon Low!

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## Girl Scout Day at McCall's PUMPKIN PATCH

**Saturday  
October 1st, 2016  
10am - 6pm**

Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch, pick your own pumpkin from the field, try to find your way through the 16-acre corn maze, feed the farm animals, race a pedal kart, launch a pumpkin, & much, much more!

## JELLIES IN JAMMIES

**Saturday  
November 5th, 2016  
6pm - 9pm**

### Daisies!

Spend an evening with friends at the BioPark Aquarium learning about all the creatures that call the water home. Explore the tide pool and get your hands wet as you touch and learn about starfish and stingrays.



# MagNut: Our Fall Product Program

Girl Scouts have multiple opportunities to build their confidence and gain critical thinking skills, but the Girl Scout Fall Product Program is unique. By participating in the fall product program, Girl Scouts learn the challenges of running a business at a young age, and how to succeed. Through determination, goal setting, and positivity, Girl Scouts acquire invaluable skills that lay the groundwork for academic and professional success, and help girls unlock their true potential! The fall product program is an opportunity not to be missed!

## What is the MagNut Sale?

The Girl Scout Product Program focuses on money-earning activities that help sustain our Council and troops through two annual programs- the fall MagNut Program and the spring Cookie Program. Proceeds earned from the MagNut Sale can offset all, or a large part, of the cost of Girl Scout activities (and relieve parents of this obligation, too!). Additionally, through Girl Scout product programs, girls learn five key skills including goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics—skills they will continue to use all through their life. Parents, please read through the parent guide to find out more about our program and how your Girl Scout can participate.

For a downloadable copy of the complete MagNut Parent Manual, please visit this page: [www.nmgirlscouts.org](http://www.nmgirlscouts.org) / [Cookies+](#) / [Fall Product Sale](#) / [Fall Product Resources](#)

Thank you, Kimberly and Sonia (GSNMT Product Program Team)



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EXPLORE

### Important Dates

Door-to-door Sales:  
**September 30 - October 23, 2016**

Online Sales:  
**September 30 - November 30, 2016**

Nuts/Chocolates Delivered to Service Unit MagNut Chair:  
**November 14 - 18, 2016**



# Explore Something Different!

Did you know your support helps girls build a lifetime of skills and confidence?



It's awesome! By participating in the Girl Scout Product Sale, girls learn essential life skills like **goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics**—having a ton of fun along the way! Help us empower girls to build bright, shining futures they can always depend on.

## be a business coach for girls

### Set her up for success with this easy to-do list:



- Look for your girl's family letter from the troop, containing important tips and info.
- Complete the Fall Product Card together and set goals together.
- Relate what she is learning in the program to every day life, such as saving up for something she wants to buy, interacting with other people, or setting goals in school.
- Help her practice her sales pitch and follow safety tips.



## New for 2016

**Custom Koala Patch:** Create and earn your own My Creation koala patch by selling \$160 online. Troop leaders can earn their own custom koala patch if their troop online sales totals \$500 or more.

**New Nut/Chocolate Products:** The Black Forest Mix and Honey Nut Mix are added to the yummy MagNut selections this year!

**New items:** Memory Photo books, calendars, and holiday cards

And... Extended online sale date!

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Create & Earn Your Own Koala Patch!

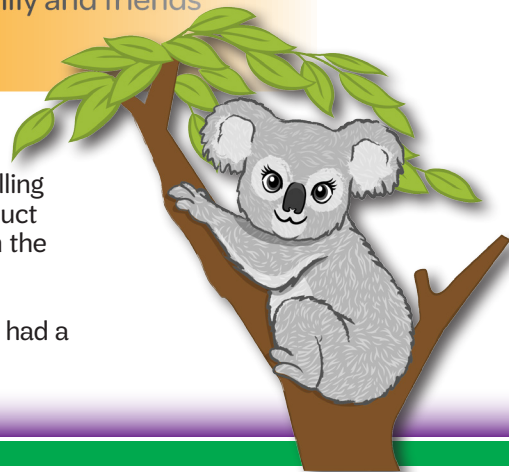


### QSP

A safe and secure way to have out-of-town family and friends support your nuts and candy sale

Meet Raine, the Koala, this year's fall product program mascot! Raine is upbeat, friendly, and willing to go the distance to achieve her dreams. Girls can do the same by participating in the fall product program and encouraging each other to reach their goals. Raine will give advice and updates on the GSNMT Facebook page.

Our Koala mascot is named after 2015 MagNut top seller Raine from Troop 10092 in Gallup (she had a total of \$1,273 in MagNut sales!).



## fall product line-up & rewards

**Nuts & Candy:** Go online to learn all about our 2016 nuts and candies.



### Rewards

Earn rewards for your MagNut sales.

Recognitions	
All recognitions are cumulative giving you an opportunity to earn each item as you reach your goals.	
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# Meet the Membership Staff

The Membership Department at GSNMT is the largest department in our council, with ten staff members. Six of these staff recruit members, train volunteers, and support existing troops and service units across the council. We are proud of this team and enthusiastic about their efforts in this upcoming membership year. Here is an opportunity to meet our Membership Staff and to see what they do.

## Melissa Bruney, Director of Membership & Volunteer Services

Originally started working for Girl Scouts of Chaparral Council in October 2000 as Product Sales Manager, then as Fund Development Director, and finally as COO with the newly merged Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails before leaving for Ohio in April 2009. Came back as Director of Membership & Volunteer Services in October 2015.

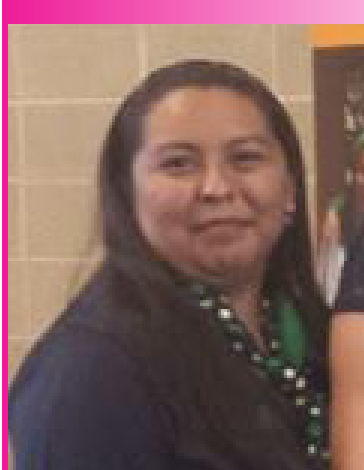
Girl Scouts has something for every girl or adult wanting to be part of our organization. Whether you like the outdoors, science activities, arts & crafts, sales activities, or more, a girl or potential volunteer can find something she loves at Girl Scouts.



## Amber Deenihan,

Recruitment & Retention Specialist, San Juan & Western Rio Arriba Counties

I have only been a Girl Scout as an adult. This is my 8th year with GS. I have been a troop leader, Service Unit (SU) product sales manager, SU cupboard manager, SU treasurer, SU recruiter, and SU manager before becoming a staff member 2 years ago. My oldest daughter Hannah is a Cadette and my youngest daughter Ireland will be starting Daisies this year. I have had the privilege of witnessing the difference Girl Scouts makes in many of the girls that I work with including my own daughter. When she started Girl Scouts as a Kindergartener she was so shy and scared she cried everyday and had to be pulled off my leg. As a middle school student she is strong, confident, and self assured. She is successful in anything she sets her mind to. That is what Girl Scouts means to me.



## Clarissa Yatsattie,

Recruitment & Retention Specialist, McKinley, Cibola, Catron & Socorro Counties

My Girl Scout story began in the 1st grade when I joined Troop 956 at Eubank Elementary. We would have to wear our Girl Scout uniforms to school on the day of meetings. I was so proud to wear my Girl Scout uniform, my brown jumper, Brownie button-up shirt, and Brownie sash (which I still have).

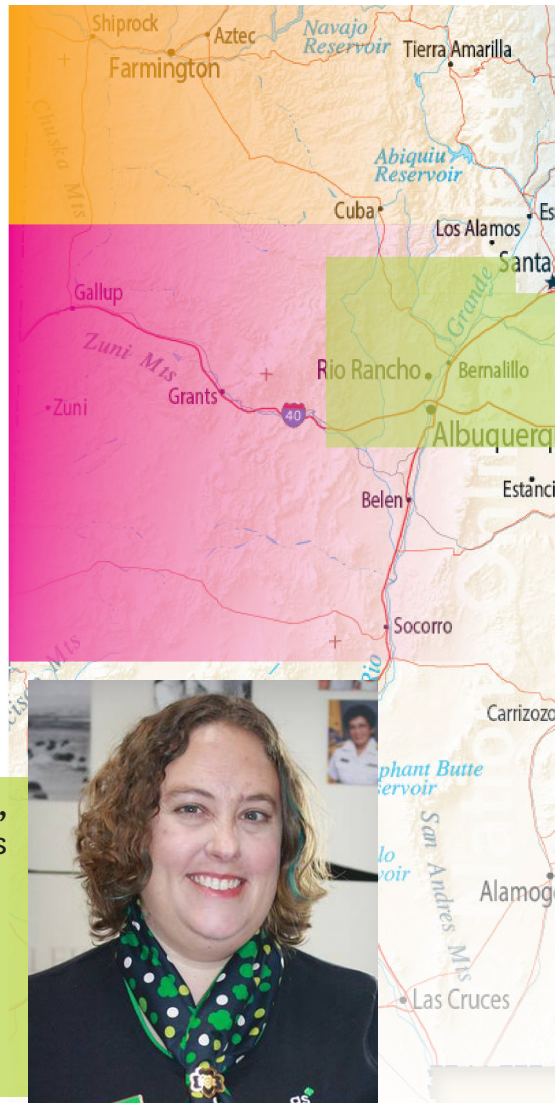
My favorite badge to earn was the Dancer badge. I remember going to a dance studio and learning different dances from a dance instructor. This was a special trip for me because I always wanted to take dance classes but my parents could not afford them. Now as a Girl Scout staff member, that is what I think about when I describe

Girl Scouts – we are organization that provides opportunities for girls that they might not always get. I do not know how many times I have heard the words “this is my first time...” as a Girl Scout staff member and volunteer and it brings joy to me because I know these girls are creating memories that will last them a lifetime.

## Kristen Sillence,

Internal Membership Specialist, Sandoval, Bernalillo & Valencia Counties

Growing up, I was a Brownie, but the year I bridged to Juniors I moved to a town without a handy Girl Scout troop. However, I always knew I wanted my daughter to have the same great experience I did in those few years. So when she was in Kindergarten I started Troop 10292 and have led that troop with a great team of leaders since 2010. A couple years into leading the troop, the Desert Rose Service Unit Manager asked me to be her co-manager and I joined the Service Unit team in that position. I held that position for just over three years until a position opened up on the Council Membership staff in October 2015.







**Christopher Frain, Information Analyst/Data Management**

I am the statistical eyes and ears of the council. I regularly prepare reports regarding our membership to help with recruiting and management efforts by the rest of the Membership team.

My favorite part of the job? Reading the girls' responses to our post-event or post-program surveys and hearing the girls themselves tell us about how they are developing the skills and attitudes they will use as the next generation of leaders in our community.



**Sarah Ruiz,**

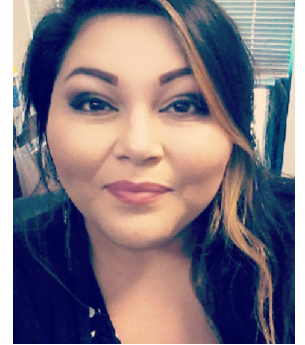
**Customer Care/Data Management Specialist**

My job is primarily dealing with troop bank accounts, processing memberships, and helping when people have difficulty with their registration or member accounts. The customer service side would be what I like most about my job. When in finance I did not have a lot of interaction with our members. And the events I get to attend its good to see the girls having fun and doing activates.

**Amber Ortiz,**

**Customer Care/Program & Camp Registrar**

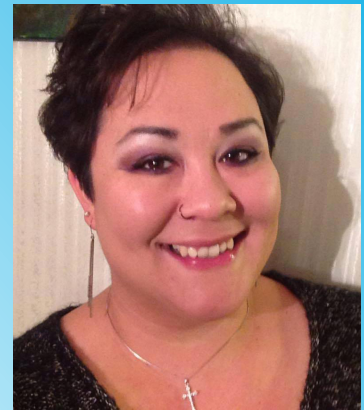
I have been with Girl Scouts for almost 4 years now. I never did experience GS as a kid but getting to know Girl Scouts as an adult is just as rewarding. I am able to experience, first hand, the empowerment this organization does for girls and young women and that in itself is a reward.



**Dara Cordova-Montoya,**

**Recruitment & Retention Specialist, Santa Fe, Los Alamos, Taos & Eastern Rio Arriba Counties**

I love that my job takes me all over our beautiful state! I get to meet wonderful families and girls and promote an organization that I believe in and am a product of. Mentoring volunteers and watching them work with their troop is very rewarding. One of my own troop girls said to me once, "Mrs M. you give me good childhood memories!", this year she will graduate from high school as an honor society member! It is a blessing and an honor to be a part of many childhoods.

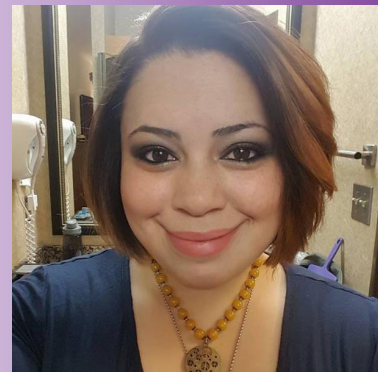


**Emily French,**

**Recruitment & Retention Specialist, Curry, Roosevelt, DeBaca & Quay Counties**

I volunteered with the Be a Friend First series and fell in love with the Girl Scouts. The first time I realized I made an impact in a young girl's life was when a girl recognized me in Albertsons and ran up to hug "MISS EMILY!" That instantly made my heart warm to this program.

What I love about my job: I love getting everyone together to do something that betters themselves and the lasting impacts it has had on me. I LOVE the sense of community. I also love the ability to impact other causes and organizations I care deeply for through Girl Scout donations and community service.

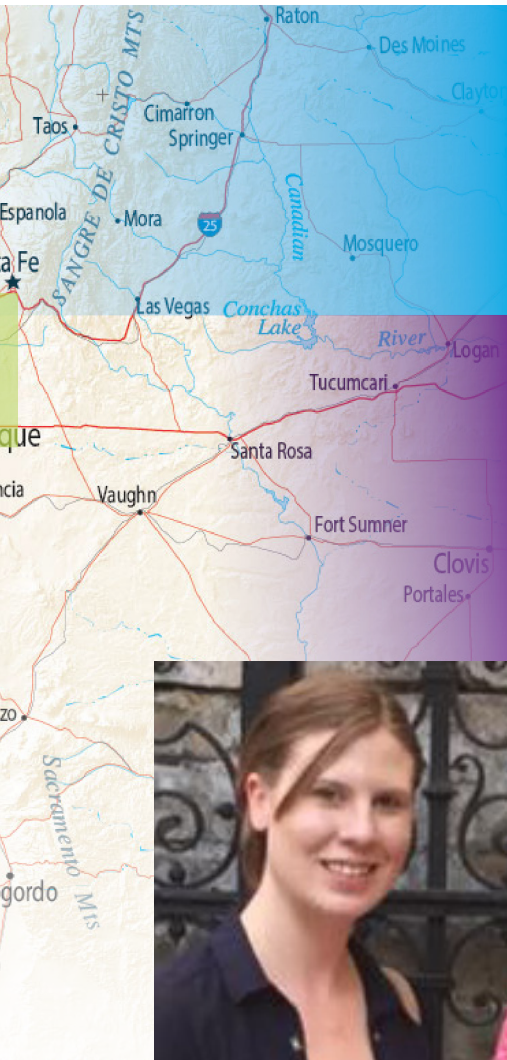


**Cynthia Gonzales,**

**External Recruitment Specialist, Sandoval & Bernalillo Counties**

I have been a Girl Scout since I was 6 years old. I am a fourth generation Girl Scout. I received my Gold Award and my troop bought me a lifetime membership when I became an adult member.

All my friends were joining Girl Scouts so I decided that I wanted to be a Girl Scout too. We lived in Amarillo, Texas and one of the most devastating things about moving was the idea of moving away from my Girl Scout friends. So my mom told me that if there was not a Girl Scout troop near us that she would start one...famous last words!





# Volunteer Development

Every day, Girl Scout volunteers make fun, friendship, and awesome new experiences possible for girls across the country.

Be the troop leader that supports her every week—the one that watches her smile get bigger as she grows more confident. Mentor a Girl Scout Cookie Professional during cookie season so she can earn enough to reach the goals she and her troop set. Or work with other adults to provide the kind of behind-the-scenes support that makes it possible for her to make amazing new memories at Girl Scouts.

Whether you can give a few hours, a few weeks, or a few months, volunteering with Girl Scouts is flexible and fun.

## Volunteer Resources

Volunteering can be a big commitment, so we want to make sure you have the resources you need ... when you need them! What resources are available?

- Online resources on our website
- Council staff
- Volunteer mentors

## Volunteer Trainings

Following are some of the trainings offered that help prepare adults to be prepared and enthusiastic about making a difference in girls' lives:

- **Troop Essentials:** Everything you need to know to begin your journey down the classic Troop Pathway. This class is a requirement to become a Troop Leader. This is required every two years.
- **First Aid/CPR:** Emergencies require prompt action and quick judgment. For many activities, Girl Scouts recommends that at least one adult volunteer be first-aid/CPR-certified.
- **Outdoor Core:** Are you ready to take girls camping? This course is designed to prepare you to take your troop on an overnight outdoor adventure.
- **MagNut Training:** Troops wanting to participate in the fall MagNut sale must have one volunteer from their troop participate in a MagNut Troop Training. These trainings are offered through local service units and through the council.
- **Cookie Training:** Troops wanting to participate in the fall Cookie sale must have one volunteer from their troop participate in a Cookie Troop Training.
- **Delegate Training:** GSNMT requires all delegates complete training before performing their duties at the Annual Meeting. Delegate training is available online

To learn more about these training, check out our website.

## Calling all Adults: Opportunities for Engagement



### Volunteer Opportunities:

#### Troop Leader or Assistant

**Troop Helper:** Assist with driving, activity planning, snacks, or other tasks necessary to keep the troop running oh-so-smoothly from week to week.

#### Event / Program Volunteers

Support volunteers or staff at a program or event.

#### Camp/Seasonal Volunteers

Help the girls explore nature and find the fun outdoors.

#### Specific program help needed:

**Camporee.** Oct. 8 (10am-3pm). Join us for an all-day celebration of being a Girl Scout featuring loads of hands-on activities that will blow and reshape your mind!

**Trunk or Treat.** Oct. 27 (5-8pm). Family fun for all ages! Decorate a trunk and enter our Trunk Decoration Contest! We will also have a costume contest, crafts, games, entertainments and even a haunted house!

### about

At Girl Scouts, we know that when girls succeed, so does the rest of society. Whether they're assembling robots, planting trees, or petitioning Congress, Girl Scouts are building a better world for all of us. We need your help to ensure every girl in our community develops the confidence that Girl Scouts nurtures.

When you contribute your time, talent, or donations, you help us bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to more girls—enabling them to unleash their potential, build their future, and transform their world. Your gift directly impacts the lives of girls in your community.

### volunteer

Board or Committee Service, troop leadership, event planning

### mentor

Share your personal and professional experience with older girls at Camp CEO, or be a presenter at an anti-bullying workshop or other activity

### advocate

We would appreciate you taking the time to introduce us to people in our community!

### donate

Camperships for girls in need, funding for critical programs and services, camp improvements and renovation.

### sponsor

Camporee: Girl Scouts, troops and families engage in STEM activities, learn about the environment and conservation, and have fun camping.

Innovate and Create Day Camp: A four-week series of STEM programs. Girls learn programming, coding and design.

Be a Friend First (anti-bullying workshops) help young girls to recognize the dangers of bullying behavior, and gain the skills and confidence to stand up for themselves and others.

## Networking

# 94%

of Girl Scout volunteers have made new friends in Girl Scouting

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# 2016 Volunteer Expo: *Changing Girls, One at a Time*

Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Central United Methodist Church, 201 University Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, 87106

The Volunteer Expo is a day of enrichment workshops that will help you plan troop meetings and events, get new ideas from other volunteers, and explore new ways to empower girls! Session options listed below. Who can attend: All adult volunteers are welcome, including Troop Leaders, Assistant Leaders, parent helpers, and more!

\$15 for the full day conference, includes a participation patch and snack. If registering online, you will incur a small processing fee. Submit the registration form and full payment by October 4, 2016. Register online through EventBrite or submit hard copy registrations to the council office.



<b>Session 1</b> 9:15 am – 10:15 am	Energize Your Troop Meetings	Camping Hacks	Easy Meals/ Freezer Meals for a Busy Mom	Yoga
<b>Session 2</b> 10:20 am – 11:20 am	Personal Safety/ Self-Defense	Geocaching/ Letterboxing	Songs	Knot-tying
<b>LUNCH</b> Bring your own lunch or stop at a nearby restaurant with your fellow volunteers!				
<b>Roundtable sessions / Lunch discussions</b>		Trefoil Guild and Our Cabana	Girl Scout Convention 2017	Questions for Council
<b>Session 3</b> 12:50 pm – 1:50 pm	Taking Action – Service Projects	Mission Impossible: Understanding the Teenage Brain	Troop Crafts on a Shoestring Budget	Plan Your Own Camp Adventure
<b>Session 4</b> 1:55 pm – 2:55 pm	Silver and Gold Awards	Ceremonies	Cadette / Senior / Ambassador Outdoor Challenge	Sensitive Subjects: How to Approach Them
<b>Session 5</b> 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Teaching Survival Skills	Build Your Own Journey	Organizing Techniques	Tracing Your Genealogy Roots

## In Their Own Words

“I LOVE being a Girl Scout volunteer. It brings joy to my life to know that I helped shape the future of a young lady.”

“Being a Girl Scout leader and working with the girls is GREAT! I love helping them to grow into themselves, who they are, and the GREAT people they will become.”

“It is exciting and rewarding to see the girls try new things, learn new things, and share their knowledge with younger Girl Scouts, and mature into leaders.”

## Happiness

# 88%

of Girl Scout volunteers believe their life is better because they volunteer with Girl Scouts.

## Knowledge

# 92%

of Girl Scout volunteers feel that Girl Scouts help them learn or share something new.

## Life Skills

# 62%

of Girl Scout volunteers believe that their volunteer experience has helped them professionally.

## Chile Award

The Chile Award is an award created by Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, recognizing troops and leaders who achieve high standards in Girl Scouting. These high standards are based on a set of criteria outlined on the Chile Award form and are met by the troop during the October 1 to September 30 membership year. Completed forms are due to the troop's membership staff person by close of business on September 30 annually in order to qualify as a Chile Award Troop and based on the most recent membership year. Only the forms are needed; no documentation is required at this time.

If recognized as a Chile Award Troop, troops receive a congratulatory letter and certificate, are mentioned at the High Awards Ceremony in November, recognized in the Fall newsletter, posted on the Recognitions page of our website, and acknowledged in the monthly e-newsletter. In addition, troops may purchase the Chile Award pin and year droplets from La Tienda.

Turn in your Chile Award form before Friday, September 30 at 12 noon. Forms may be dropped off at the council headquarters at 4000 Jefferson Plaza NE or emailed to Melissa, mbruney@nmgirlscouts.org





# Badges, Journeys, & Patches

## What is the difference between Badges, Journeys, and Patches?

- **Badges** focus on one specific skill (for example, creating a piece of art or learning first aid).
- **Journey** awards are based on a girl's participation in a whole series of interrelated activities and discussions that contribute to a girl's overall experience and that help her develop the three keys to leadership.
- **Council Patches** are patches designed to be unique to our council. Girl Scouts of every level - and from other Councils - can earn these Council patches, and they will give girls the opportunity to discover themselves while exploring topics that are specific and unique to our Council, connect with others and take action in their community. Council patches can be earned by girls while working with a group, with a troop or on their own.

## Badges

Big Learning, Huge Fun!

Girl Scout badges are a great way for a girl to explore her interests and learn new skills—and to remember every adventure and show the world what she's accomplished.

**Badges =  
Building Skills**

Ever wanted to...

- Make your own movie, cook food from a different country, go geocaching, sleep under the stars, write a book of short stories, plant a garden?
- Invent something new, paint a masterpiece, star in a play, take amazing nature photographs, make your bedroom into a jungle, run a business, go on an adventure trip?
- Become an awesome babysitter, sew yourself a dress, build a wooden bench, learn to play a musical instrument, or design a website?
- **Great news! You can learn to do all these things and earn Girl Scout badges as you go.**

Want to earn a badge by learning something else entirely? We've got you covered with our Make Your Own badge option. Just figure out what you want to learn and who can help you, then go online to create a badge of your own design.

## New Outdoor Badges

After voting on new badges and selecting the badge designs, girls can now work toward the five new Girls' Choice Outdoor badges!

In keeping with the century-old tradition of encouraging girls to be active outdoors, Girl Scouts is rolling out the new Girls' Choice Outdoor badges this year, and the new badge materials and guidelines are now available online for the first time ever.

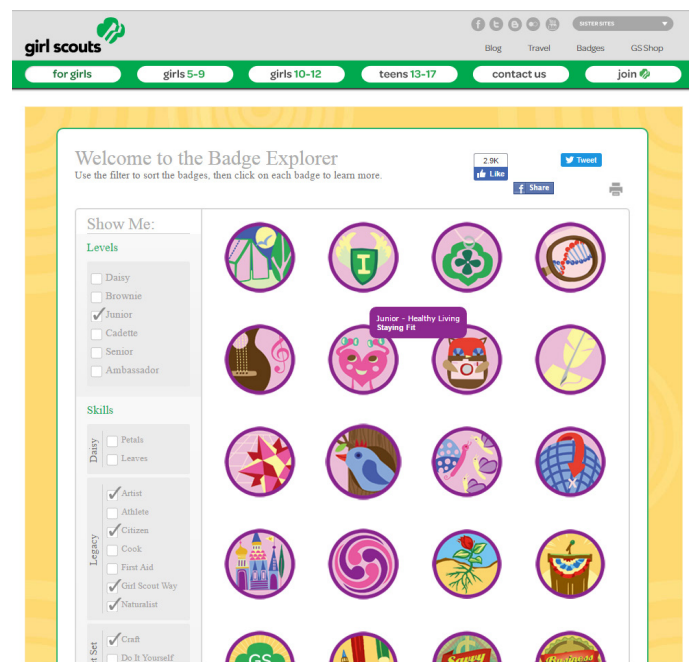
The new Outdoor badges, as voted upon by girls across the country, include the following:

- Brownie: Outdoor Adventurer and Outdoor Creator
- Juniors: Horseback Riding and Outdoor Explorer
- Cadettes: Archery and Outdoor Apprentice
- Seniors: Paddling and Outdoor Art Expert
- Ambassadors: Ultimate Recreation Challenge and Outdoor Art Master



## Badge Explorer

Not sure which badge you want to work on? Check out the Badge Explorer to filter your grade level and then skills you want to develop to see what badges are available.



[forgirls.girlscouts.org/home/badgeexplorer/](http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/home/badgeexplorer/)





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## Journeys

GSUSA has created National Leadership Journeys. On every Leadership Journey, everything girls do—whether it's performing science experiments, creating art projects, cooking simple meals, or learning to protect the planet's water supply—is aimed at giving them the benefits of the Girl Scout "Keys to Leadership": Discover, Connect, Take Action.

**There are three series of Journeys to choose from at every grade level:**

- It's Your World—Change It!
- It's Your Planet—Love It!
- It's Your Story—Tell It!

Pick the Journey topic that interests you most and makes the most difference, whether it's caring for animals, helping others get healthy and fit, spreading kindness, saving the planet, taking a stand for girls, creating community—or any other issue that's really important to you.

We know you want to make a difference in the world—and have fun doing it. You'll be able to do just that when you go on a Girl Scout Journey.

**You'll team up with friends to:**

- Identify a problem you want to do something about
- Come up with a creative solution that will make a difference
- Create a team plan to make that solution a reality
- Put your plan into action
- Talk about what you learned—and what you can't wait to do next!

## Journeys = Exploring Leadership

### Using Journeys & Badges Together

Journeys and badges are designed to be complementary, not to compete. Journeys are the core Girl Scout curriculum. They have been developed to help Girl Scouts develop the three keys to leadership: Discover, Connect and Take Action.

Badges complement the journeys by helping girls build skills on specific topics.

**What does it mean to "customize" a journey?** Journeys only come to life when girls and volunteers sprinkle in their own interests, talents, creativity and imagination to shape the journey experience. You can also call upon a range of local experts who can enrich the girls' experience. Check out tips and suggestions in the girls' book, adult guide and in It's Your Journey—Customize It!

**IT'S YOUR WORLD—CHANGE IT!**

This Journey series helps girls understand what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world through unique leadership and advocacy challenges.

**It's your planet → Love IT!**

This Journey series invites girls to make sense of the wealth of environmental information available so they can act for the betterment of Earth and its inhabitants.

**It's Your Story → Tell it!**

This Journey series gives girls the opportunity to tell their stories through a range of creative approaches. It's designed to strengthen a girl's sense of herself and boost her capacity to seek and meet challenges in the world.

*Journey forward!*



## Patches

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Over the next membership year, GSNMT will be revitalizing our Council Patch Program! The Council Patches will match the consistency of GSUSA badges and offer Council Patches available for girls of all levels. Our current Patch Program will be available based on current patch availability, and we will transition to the new Council's Own Badges in the upcoming months. Some Council Patches may appear concurrently with Council Badges during the transition.

**View Council Patch Requirements:** Current Council Patches are listed on our website, along with the Patch of the Month at [www.nmgirlscouts.org](http://www.nmgirlscouts.org) / Programs / Council Patches

### New Mexico State Fair Patch September Patch of the Month



Discovery

96%

of girls have tried at least one new thing as a Girl Scout

This is a great time of the year to work on the Balloon Fiesta Patch and the Gold Award Centennial Patch. And, we have plenty in stock!

**Need to purchase a patch?** Council patches are often kept at lower stock numbers due to demand. Contact Molly at LaTeinda, our Girl Scout Shop at 505-338-2360 to ensure the number you need is available before beginning a patch.



### GSNMT's Council's Own Patches

- ABQ BioPark – Daizy the Elephant
- ABQ BioPark - Monarch Butterfly
- ABQ BioPark – Porcupine
- ABQ BioPark – Sea Turtle
- Balloon Fiesta 2015
- Birding at Rancho del Chaparral – now available at Rancho
- Generations
- Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Patch
- Gold Award Centennial
- Isotopes (no official requirements for this participation patch)
- Juliette Gordon Low - NEW Requirements now available!
- Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful – available through Service Unit 152
- Lego Robotics (no official requirements for this participation patch)
- Los Alamos Time Machine – available through Service Unit 22
- Money Skills – Business Ethics
- Money Skills – Decision Making
- Money Skills – Goal Setting
- Money Skills – Money Management
- Money Skills – People Skills
- Safe and Sound at Home
- State Fair
- Valle de Oro
- White Rock Cleanup – available through Service Unit 23
- Winter Wonderland

**View our patch requirements online:**  
[nmgirlscouts.org](http://nmgirlscouts.org) Program / Council Patches

## Announcing: New Mexico True Council Patches!

Coming soon: GSNMT Staff and the New Mexico Department of Tourism are teaming up to present two new New Mexico True council patches. These will be focused on New Mexico State pride and then on keeping New Mexico clean, protecting our resources.

**NEW MEXICO** True



## Battle of the Scouts UNM Lobos vs. San Jose State



**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

11:45am Punt, Pass, & Kick (for the Scouts)  
1:00pm Pre-Game Flag Ceremony (must RSVP)  
2:00pm Kick-Off

### What is Battle of the Scouts?

Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts are coming together at the UNM/San Jose game to see who has the most Scout pride--Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts.

### Where is the game?

Branch Field at University Stadium, Albuquerque

### Who can attend?

Everyone! Battle of the Scouts is fun for the whole family! Only registered Scouts can participate in the flag ceremony and attend the pre-game Punt, Pass, & Kick.

### Cost?

\$17 per person

### Registration deadline?

September 27.

### Stay tuned!

We will have a full camp debrief in our November issue, sharing our fabulous 2016 summer camp season.

### Share your camp story!

[nmgirlscouts.org / about / Our Council / Share Your Story](http://nmgirlscouts.org/about/Our-Council/Share-Your-Story)

## Outdoor Core

Are you ready to take girls camping? This course is designed to prepare you to take your troop on an overnight outdoor adventure.

Outdoor Core allows for adults and girls sign up to attend at the same time and learn core outdoor skills together. If your troop is ready to explore the great outdoors, these are the programs for you! Daisies, Brownies, & Juniors will learn and practice awesome outdoor camping skills! Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors will learn how to teach girls outdoor skills and plan an adventure with safety in mind! For adults, this course is designed to prepare you to take your troop on an outdoor adventure. You will learn how to safely take girls on hikes and car camping trips to developed campgrounds. The focus is on strategies for allowing girls to safely and successfully learn, practice and master basic hiking and camping skills—actually practicing these strategies with younger girls.

Who can attend: Registered GS girls and adults  
\$5 per girl and \$5 per adult

Registration deadline is 2 weeks prior to deadline.

Upcoming Outdoor Core Training: Albuquerque October 1-2

## Big Clean

**Rancho del Chaparral**  
September 16-18  
near Cuba, NM

**Camp Elliott Barker**  
September 23-25  
Angel Fire, NM

Team up to clean up! Volunteers are needed to help prepare camp for the winter. We'll work hard preparing camp for the winter, but we'll have tons of fun meeting new people and making new memories. Come for the day or stay the weekend, just let us know so we have food to feed you and a place for you to sleep!



**Did you know:** You can rent our camps for troop camping, service unit encampments, family camping, family reunions, corporate retreats, and more! To learn more, go to [nmgirlscouts.org / camp / rent our camps](http://nmgirlscouts.org/camp/rent-our-camps)



# Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

## Celebrating 100 Years of Girls Changing the World GSNMT Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony

National Hispanic Cultural Center  
Saturday, November 12, 2016

8:30-9am Check in / registration

9-10:15 Annual Meeting. Join us to see governance in action. a GSNMT Girl Board Member will narrate the business meeting, explaining each aspect to show how our Board of Directors and Delegates work to fulfill the Girl Scout Mission.

10:15-11 Refreshments and meet & greet with the girl awardees; walk through and learn about how the Girl Scouts award projects are changing the world.

11-12 Awards Ceremony. Join us as we recognize the girl awardees who have taken their leadership skills and inspiration to make the world a better place.



Cost: \$5, which covers refreshments & cost of event. Registration will be posted on our website by late September.

*Celebrating  
100 Years of  
Changing  
the World*

**Top 5 Words Used to Describe Girl Scouts**

**Friendship Fun  
Leadership  
Community  
Confidence**



Santa Fe Girl Scouts participated in the Santa Fe Fiesta Parade in early September. The Mayor even hopped on their float to pose for a photo!



## Support GSNMT while Shopping!



**AmazonSmile** is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile? On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. We will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.



**Smith's Rewards Program.** Support the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails while shopping at your local Smith's Food and Drug Stores. Just follow the instructions below and start supporting today! Visit the Community Rewards page on Smith's website. Sign in or create an account if you have not done so, provide an email address and password. You will then be asked to enter your rewards card number. Then, enter Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails: 36596. Now just make sure and scan your Smith's rewards card every time you shop and you will be contributing to GSNMT.

## CaringCent

Great News! We just made donating to Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails easier with a mobile "rounding" solution called CaringCent! That means you can contribute to our fundraising goals by donating your spare change when you use a credit or debit card!

When can you sign up? Now! Your spare change can be a powerful part of our fundraising!

caringcent™ small change, BIG impact

TRAVEL TOTAL \$275.16 → ROUND UP TO \$276.00 → \$0.84 DONATED!

## Some thoughts and reflections from our Membership Staff:

Girl Scouts is a place where you can find yourself. Whether you are a girl or an adult, this organization will encourage you to find your inner strength, courage, and leadership skills, you never knew you had. You will make lifelong friendships and have experiences you might not get anywhere else. Girl Scouts truly does build girls of courage, confidence, and character; who make the world a better place.

***Girl Scouts provides you with so many opportunities that you never dreamed were possible.***

The impact the girls have had on me far exceeds anything I could ever have imagined.

**I love getting to watch girls get "it." It doesn't matter what it is, but that moment when a girl lights up because she got "it" is magical to see.**

Being a Girl Scout Volunteer has provided my daughter with opportunities she never would have had, but has also provided me with a support network and friendships that I would never have had otherwise. Be a sister to every Girl Scout is true at all ages.

### Experiences

# 89%

of parents say that their daughter gets a greater variety of experiences from Girl Scouts than she does from other extracurricular activities.

### Confidence

# 90%

of parents say that because of Girl Scouts, their daughter is more confident.

### Friendship

# 95%

of parents say that because of Girl Scouts, their daughter has made more friends.

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