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 Shop Closures: 3/1, 4/15, 5/3-6, 5/30
 Mobile Shop Dates: Santa Fe 5/3,
 Farmington 5/4, Las Vegas 5/5, and
 Gallup 5/6.

NMGirlScouts.org



Many of us, from our childhood experiences in Girl Scouts, can still say the Girl Scout Promise. Today's Girl Scouts certainly can and many volunteers from the past and present still carry that all important message with them.

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,
 To help people at all times,
 And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

How simple and yet so powerful! Every day we put this all meaningful Vision into motion. It is organic, fluid, and ever redefining itself depending on how we chose to spend our days, share interactions and take action. As a guiding value to all of us, how can we not change the world for the better!

Our girls experience the Promise in their troops as they engage with one another and our girls come together across the beautiful state of New Mexico from all walks of life, ethnicities, ages, races, and income levels and they join together with all of their differences and celebrate the Girl Scout Promise....around one unifying and very powerful message as embodied in our Promise.

This is a very important year for us. It is the 100th anniversary of the Gold Award! This is the highest award a girl can earn. Over the years we have called the Gold Award the Golden Eaglet, Curved Bar, First Class and Golden Eagle of Merit and while the name has changed, the prestige associated with this award has never wavered. Congratulations to all of our awardees across the country.

Thank you for all you do to help a girl be that all she can be!

Peggy Sanchez Mills
 CEO



Cookie Dates

Are you ready for the 2016 Cookie Sale? We are! Here are some dates to get keep in mind:

February 15: Friends & Family Sale
February 15-20: Cookies to Troops
February 27: Booth sales begin
March 27: Cookie sale ends
Early May: Rewards to service units
June 6: Cliff's Event

Upcoming Girl Scout Dates

World Thinking Day (WAGGGS) February 22
Girl Scout Sunday March 6
Girl Scout Week March 6-12
Girl Scout Birthday March 12
Girl Scout Sabbath March 12
Volunteer Appreciation Week April 10-16
National GS Leaders Day April 22

Are You Registered?

Have you renewed your membership for the 2015-2016 Girl Scout year? You must be a registered Girl Scout to participate in the cookie sale. Remember, you can register online! NMGirlScouts.org

Training Dates

First Aid / CPR (Albuquerque)

Feb. 27, April 9, May 17, July 23

Outdoor Core

April 23-24 Gallup
June 25-26 Rancho del Chaparral
Aug 27-28 Camp Elliott Barker
Sept 17-18 Torreon
Sept 24-25 Santa Fe/Los Alamos
Oct 1-2 Albuquerque

Upcoming Program & Event Dates

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| Lobos Basketball Cookie Kick-off, UNM Wise Pies Arena | March 4 | Public event. 7pm. \$5. Register by 2/23. |
| GSNMT Board Meeting | March 19 | Board Members. Council Office |
| Doz-z-z-zing with the Dinos, NM Museum of Natural History | Apr 15-16 | DBJCSA. \$40. Registration closed. |
| Volunteer Recognition Ceremony, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center | Apr 16 | Volunteers & their families. |
| Doz-z-z-zing with the Dinos, NM Museum of Natural History | Apr 22-23 | DBJCSA. \$40. Registration closed. |
| Leader Daughter Camp, Rancho del Chaparral | Apr 30 - May 1 | Leaders & their daughters. \$30 each. Register by 4/19. |
| Roar & Snore, Rio Grande Zoo | June 11-12 | BJCSA. Register by 4/26. |
| Family Rafting Adventure, Taos, NM | June 11 | Age 7+. \$80 per person. Register by 5/31. |
| Girl Scout GoGold 100th Anniversary Celebration | June 22 | Details TBA in March |
| Camp CEO, Camp Elliott Barker | Aug 5-7 | SA. Details TBA in March |
| Chaco Canyon Camping Adventure | Sept 2-4 | JC. \$30/person. Register by 8/23 |
| Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony, National Hispanic Cultural Center | Nov. 12 | Details TBA in September |

D = Daisy, B = Brownie, J = Junior, C = Cadette, S = Senior, and A = Ambassador.
For further information, visit our website: nmgirlscouts.org -> Program

Juliette Gordon Low Presentation



My name is Tayah. I did a biography report on Juliette Gordon Low for my 4th grade class at Albuquerque Christian School.

Some things I read about were things I had already learned about in Girl Scouts. I knew that she had sold her own pearls to help pay for scouts to keep going. I knew that she founded the first Girl Scout troop in the US. And I knew that she was born on October 31st which is Halloween.

There were lots of things that I did not know about that I learned when doing the report. Here are some of the new things I learned:

- She was born the same week that Abraham Lincoln was elected president.
- She had to move away from Savannah with her mom and sisters because it was not safe during the Civil War.
- JGL liked to travel and went to places all over the world.
- She started Girl Guide troops in Scotland and London before she started Girl Scouts.
- She was friends with Rudyard Kipling - a famous author who wrote the Jungle Book.
- She liked to fish and would go out to the river even in her fancy clothes.
- JGL was almost completely deaf. My leader had talked about this but I did not know it was from ear infections and getting rice stuck in her ear at her wedding.
- She did not tell people she had cancer because she did not want to stop working with girls.

I also learned that many people did not think girls could or should do scouting types of things at the time when Girl Scouts started. Juliette Gordon Low helped people see that girls could be anything they want.

Thank you for lending me the scout uniform for my presentation. My teacher and my class really liked it. I had fun being able to tell them about one of my favorite famous people. Tayah R.

Girl Scouts at the Roundhouse



Troop 10532 from El Rito represented the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails at the Roundhouse on January 19. This troop conducted the flag ceremony in the NM House of Representatives for the opening day of the legislature!

The troop met many local and state leaders. Pictured at right is Troop 10532 with State Representative Steve Pearce.

Girl Scout Day at the Roundhouse

Girl Scouts take action in many ways -- through direct service in their community, by educating others, and by advocating for issues that better their community. Learn more about the legislative process through the Girl Scout Citizenship badges: Celebrating Community (Brownies), Inside Government (Juniors), Finding Common Ground (Cadettes), Behind the Ballot (Seniors), and Public Policy (Ambassadors). Meet local legislators and decision makers. See how laws are made. Learn how you can make a difference!

Each year, GSNMT holds a Girl Scout day at the Roundhouse. This is a day where Girl Scouts, their troops, and their families are encouraged to visit the New Mexico state capitol. There is not a set program or agenda for the day, rather we encourage Scouts and visitors to tour the Roundhouse, meet their local legislators, and learn more about the legislative process. On February 16, Troops from across the council attended Girl Scout Day at the Roundhouse.

Girl Scout Pages

During their planning meeting following Christmas break, Troop 10080 decided to work on their Finding Common Ground Badge. Finding Common Ground is the modern version of the traditional Citizen badge for Cadettes. As part of this badge, the girls observed differences of background, beliefs, and opinions, making decisions in a group, exploring civil debate, understanding compromise, and finding common ground through mediation. Their main activity for this badge was to serve as legislative pages during the 2016 New Mexico General Session.

Legislative pages serve a legislator as an honored guest and "gopher" for the day. Each page is introduced on the House Floor and welcomed to service. She might take care of mail or errands between offices and the mail room. She retrieves bills from the bill room and greets visitors to the representative's office. She serves her designated representative on the house floor when in session (about 2 hours) getting coffee and drinks, delivering gifts, etc.

The girls of Troop 10080 prepared before their day at the legislature, researching the legislator they were going to be a page for. They started their day in Belen, taking the 5:49am train, arriving in Santa Fe at 7:45am. Their day included an Education Committee meeting, then meeting the legislators, Page training and tour, and then their official paging duties. The girls were pages for: Rep. Kelly Fajardo (Belen), Rep. Cathryn Brown (Carlsbad), Rep. Nora Espinoza (Roswell), and Speaker of the House Rep Donald Tripp (Socorro).

Gold Award Centennial

Over the last century, young women have honed their leadership skills to earn the highest award in Girl Scouts. While this award has gone by many names—starting as the Golden Eaglet of Merit in 1916 and becoming the Gold Award in 1980—it's always recognized girls who take action to make our world a better place. Gold Award earners do good work in our backyard, throughout our country and on the other side of the planet!

Now it's time to celebrate the Gold Award Centennial—and we want you to join us!

Throughout the next Girl Scout membership year, we'll throw parties and offer special activities for everyone to get involved. Here are just a few ways you can join the fun ...

- Save the Date for the Gold Award Centennial Extravaganza! On June 22, Girl Scouts and community leaders from all across our state will come together to celebrate the 100th anniversary of girls changing the world; this event will include awesome guest speakers, learning and sharing Take Action skills, and more.
- For Juniors-Ambassadors: Earn a Highest Award. If you earn your Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award this year, you'll also receive a special centennial certificate!
- For Girl Scout Alumnae: Join Us at an Event

Did you earn the Gold Award, First Class, Curved Bar, or Golden Eaglet? Let us know by emailing cashort@gs-nmtrails.org and we'll invite you to special Gold Award social events throughout the year! Here's to another amazing 100 years!



Juliettes

What are Juliettes? Juliette Girl Scouts are registered girl members, in grades K-12, who are busy, independent, self-confident girls and young women who want to be a part of something larger – Girl Scouts! Meeting in troops is one way to be part of the Girl Scout experience, but when there aren't available troops in the area, a troop no longer meets, or a girl becomes too busy with extracurricular activities or sports, becoming a Juliette will allow her to continue her Girl Scout experience on an individual basis.

As a Juliette, a girl won't attend troop meetings; instead, she will work on Girl Scout programs with the guidance of a caregiver or another adult mentor. She would decide what activities to participate in and which earned recognitions and awards she wishes to complete. A Juliette may also attend community and council events.

Below are the different ways that a Juliette can participate in Juliette Girl Scouting:

- Attend council program events
- Participate in the Cookie Sale
- Attend Girl Scout events in your area
- Work on badges and patches
- Attend Summer Camp

You choose your next adventure and the fun continues!



Meet our Juliette Liaison

Dara Montoya was a volunteer for ten years before becoming a GSNMT staff member. She is a Recruitment & Retention Specialist for Northern New Mexico, based out of our council office in Santa Fe.

Dara recognized that many girls who are unable to join a troop often miss out on Girl Scout opportunities available to them. So, she revitalized the council's Juliette program. Through this program, Dara will send girls a quarterly newsletter for Juliettes (called the Juliette Gazette!), sharing what activities and events are available. Dara will also help Juliettes connect with local Girl Scouts and activities in their community.

Interested in learning more about the Juliette program? Contact Dara at DMontoya@gs-nmtrails.org

Program

BFF: Be a Friend First The twists & turns of getting along

Through a joint effort with the Rio Rancho Community Foundation, Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, and the school district's PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions Support) initiatives, a one day event was planned with Rio Rancho Middle Schools to raise awareness about anti-bullying. The Girl Scout Initiative "BFF--Be a Friend First" was implemented to 6th-8th grade girls at Eagle Ridge Middle School.

The BFF program is a unique, same-sex approach to preventing relational aggressive behavior among girls at a critical point in their development. Girls were also introduced to Christopher Boone writer and producer of the locally filmed movie CENTS. The day included activities on group discussions about the film, identifying the 5 witnesses of a bully, stomping out the bad negative words, "I AM" banner was created that the girls wrote their own personal words. A video was created from events of the day that will be shared with the middle schools and Girl Scout councils across the nation.



Are you a Troop Leader interested in providing BFF activities for your troop?

Are you a parent, volunteer, or girl who wants to bring BFF to your middle school or community?

Contact the GSNMT Program Department at 505-343-1040 to learn more and to get resources.

With incidents of bullying reaching almost epidemic proportions and, in some cases, ending in tragedy, the Girl Scouts of the New Mexico Trails is launching an innovative, anti-bullying experience for middle school girls.

BFF (Be a Friend First) is designed to work with the aMAZE! Journey, Girl Scouts' highly acclaimed leadership program.

- The aMAZE! Journey gives middle school girls valuable skills to develop healthy relationships, prevent bully behavior, and become peacemakers in their schools and communities.
- In BFF, girls get to explore thorny issues like peer pressure, stereotyping, gossip, and cliques through engaging role-plays, creative writing, games, and discussion exercises. They can also create and lead projects in their schools and communities to tackle bullying issues on their terms and turf!
- BFF easily integrates into existing health or character education classes, or can even serve as an after-school program in the community.
- Healthy relationships are the solution to bully prevention. BFF inspires girls to lead one another—with friendship!

Donate now to help make programs like BFF available to girls throughout New Mexico

NEW! Community Resources

As Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Girls grow courageous and strong through a wide variety of enriching experiences, such as field trips, skill-building sports clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships.

In Girl Scouts, **GIRLS CHANGE THE WORLD!**

Community Service vs. Take Action

Girls Change the world through community service and through take action projects.

- Community Service projects address an issue and provide a short-term solution, with a short term impact. For example, Abby and her troop decide to help an uninsured family who lost their home in a fire, this is the issue. The troop's solution is to collect clothes, household goods, and food for the family.
- Take Action projects identify the root cause of the issue and have long-term benefits and sustainable support. To make their project sustainable, Abby and her troop Organize community groups and/or community members to establish an ongoing clothes closet for families facing a crisis.

Community Resources & Community Needs

Our Girl Scouts provide thousands of hours of community service and Take Action projects in their communities. In an effort to share community needs and to inspire new ways to serve the community, we will be introducing a new issue in the community that girls, troops, and families can learn more about. A new issue will be shared monthly. We encourage you to:

- Discover, learn more about this issue in your community
- Connect with organizations or people in the community to get guidance on how you can make a difference
- Take Action in your community, carry out your service to the community, making the world a better place



Map It! Girls Changing the World

Map It! is an interactive map that shows how Girl Scouts all over are changing the world! Whether it's Gold Awards, Silver Awards, Bronze Awards, Forever Green, or Journey Take Action projects, browse what girls are doing to get inspiration and share your story with us! It's a great way to get inspiration for your Girl Scout year or just see what other girls are doing to change the world! Map It! features Take Action projects, not service projects.

<http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/map-it-girls-changing-the-world/>



March: Education & Literacy

Literacy is the ability to read, view, write, design, speak and listen in a way that allows you to communicate effectively. The power of literacy lies not just in the ability to read and write, but rather in a person's capacity to apply these skills to effectively connect, interpret and discern the intricacies of the world in which they live.

Research shows that people with good literacy skills are more likely to have higher self-esteem, better health, better jobs and higher wages than those with poor literacy skills. They are more able to take advantage of the opportunities that life may offer them.

Did you know:

- Half of all students in New Mexico can't read at grade level.
- 20% of New Mexicans age 16 and older have literacy skills at level 1, the lowest level on a scale of 1 to 5.
- In terms of literacy level 2, 46% of New Mexico's population is at this level or below. As a benchmark in practical terms, nearly two-thirds (64%) of all jobs today require literacy skills beyond level 2, while only 12% require skills at level 1 and 24% at level 2, according to a study by the Milken Institute.

Some resources for further research & inspiration:

- NM Coalition for Literacy
- Head Start
- World Literacy
- JumpStart
- NM International Reading Association
- Literacy New Mexico
- NM Adult Education Association

Encouraging Literacy in their Community Troop 97's Little Free Library

Troop 97 in Los Alamos created a Little Free Library to encourage reading as their Take Action project for their Silver Award. A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. Everyone can participate.

Learn more: www.littlefreelibrary.org



Share your story!

Are you or your troop doing service in your community? Share your story with us! Send your story (with photos, if possible) to CAShort@gs-nmtrails.org and we will share on the website or in an upcoming newsletter. We want to hear how YOU are changing the world!!!

Girl Scout Cookie Program

2016 Girl Scout Cookie Dates

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| Feb. 15 | Friends & Family Sale begins |
| Feb. 15-20 | Cookies are delivered across council |
| Feb. 27 | Booth sales begin at 4pm |
| March 27 | Booth and Friends & Family sales end |
| early May | Rewards are delivered to service units |
| June 4 | Cliff's Event |

Did you know....

All of our Girl Scout Cookies have zero trans fat per serving!

All of the girls pictured on the packages are registered Girl Scouts. Every package shows Girl Scouts in action and participating in real Girl Scout program activities.

Purchasing a box of Thin Mints—our mint-flavored cookies with delicious chocolaty coating—helps a girl learn money management. She handles money, keeps records, even tracks orders—activities that are essential to running a successful business.

Meet the Product Program Staff



Sonia DeGuzman & Kimberly Hammon,
GSNMT Product Program Staff

Many of us refer to February and March as “Girl Scout Cookie Season,” but for the GSNMT Product Program Department, cookie season lasts almost year round! Meet Sonia and Kimberly, the staff who make the cookie magic happen.

This is Kimberly’s first year as Product Program Manager, but don’t think that she is a newbie—Kimberly has worked at GSNMT for 7 years and has 13 years of experience as a Girl Scout volunteer. She shares, “I am really excited as this is my first year as the council Product Program Manager. I have participated in our council’s cookie program as a troop leader/cookie chair for over ten years and was able to experience firsthand the positive impact that it had on my own troop. I look forward to using my volunteer background experience to help make this year’s cookie sale a positive and successful experience for everyone.”

Sonia has been on staff for 8 1/2 years and in the Product Program Department for 5 years. Her ability to strategize on the spot is an asset to her role. Sonia shares that she appreciates the volunteers’ dedication and is most impressed by the girls’ ingenuity, “I love to hear how creative girls are when trying to close a cookie sale. I enjoy working with all of our volunteers; that we share the same passion for Girl Scouting and doing everything we can in making it the premier leadership organization for all girls.”

Advice from Kimberly & Sonia

Any advice for those new to the cookie sale:

Even if you think you might know the answer, it’s better to ask instead of having to do the work twice

How to keep from getting stressed:

Cookie Time is very stressful for all adults involved; mentally and physically. I try to go to the gym or workout at least five times a week during cookie season.

Know that you are never alone. We have a great support system- other leaders, Service Unit Cookie team, and council staff. Reach out to someone if you have a question or issue. More than likely someone else is experiencing the same thing.

Any tips on setting up a cookie booth?

When setting up a booth, make sure you display your troop and individual goals. Customers love hearing how they are able to contribute to Girl Scouting through cookie sales.

Presentation is everything! The way that your booth looks- Make sure it is colorful and that the cookies are prominently displayed. Make sure that the girls know what cookie flavors they are selling and how the troop money will be spent. And most importantly, have fun! When customers see that the girls are enjoying themselves, they want to contribute. Have the girls sing Girl Scout songs or make up their own cookie songs to sing at their booths.

Be a sister to every Girl Scout, stay positive, remember that you are a role model to the girls.

And...remember to have FUN! When you have fun, the girls will have fun!

How adults can best support their Girl Scout in the Cookie Sale:

Families are an important part of the tradition, values and fun of Cookie Season. Here is how you can support your Girl Scout and help her get the most of the experience.

Encourage goal-setting. Goal-setting is an important life skill. She'll go far if she knows how to set a high goal and reach it. Ask about her group's goals and help her set personal goals. Help her fill her goals in on her order card and encourage her to talk about goals with customers.

Support her sales. She needs you to be on her side as she develops the confidence to ask people for orders. Listen to her practice her sales message, arrange booth site sales at work, places of worship or other locations frequented by people who love Girl Scout cookies. Go with her to sell and deliver cookies.

Volunteer. Her group is sure to need volunteers willing to chaperon booth sales, pick up cookies and more.

Practice safety. Be a good role model for safety and good decision-making. Help your girl understand the Girl Scout safety rules.

Find more resources on our website: NMGirlScouts.org

MY GIRL SCOUT IS



PART OF THE LARGEST GIRL-LED BUSINESS IN THE WORLD.

There is more to Girl Scout Cookies than what is in the box. The Girl Scout Cookie Program provides an important ingredient for leadership by helping girls develop five key skills.

5 Skills for Girls

- Goal Setting
- Decision Making
- Money Management
- People Skills
- Business Ethics



#gscookiegram

Photo Challenge February 26 - March 25
Cookie lovers across America are getting creative and snapping cool photos!

Who can participate in this challenge? Everyone! Volunteers, Girls, Council Staff and your customers. Encourage cookie fans to take a creative photo or selfie using their favorite Girl Scout Cookie and upload it to Instagram using the hashtag #GSCookiegram.

Check out the details on the GSNMT website >>

How the Cookie Crumbles

People ask "where does the cookie money go?" Here is how the cookie crumbles:

With every purchase, approximately 70% of the proceeds stay in the local Girl Scout council and with the Girl Scout troops and girls to provide a portion of the resources needed to support Girl Scouting within the region, including the portion that goes directly to the group selling the cookies. The balance goes to the baker to pay for the cookies.

The net sales that the council and troops raise through the Girl Scout Cookie Program stay with that council and troops. Again, let there be no question: all of the revenue from cookie activities—every penny after paying the baker—stays with the Girl Scout council. Girl Scout councils offer a wide variety of recognition items, program and store-related credits, and travel experiences that girls are eligible to earn individually based on their sales.

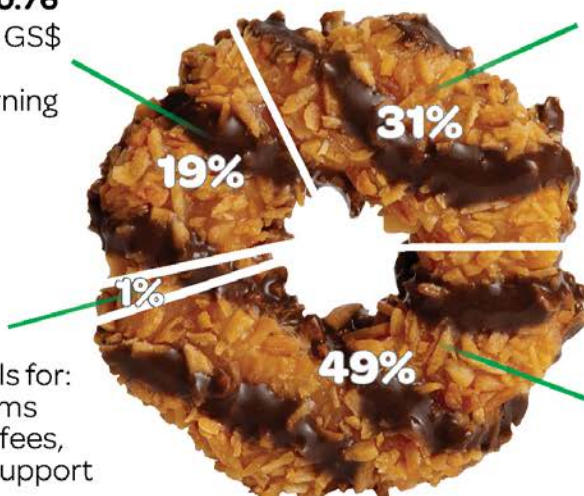
How \$4.00 per box supports Girl Scouts (2015)

Direct Support to Girls, Troops & Service Units: \$0.76

- 20¢ for girl incentives: GS\$
- 55¢ for troop earnings
- 01¢ for service unit earning

Opportunity Fund: \$0.04

Financial assistance to girls for: membership dues, uniforms and handbooks, program fees, camperships, and troop support



Cost of the Cookie Program: \$1.25

- Cost for cookies from the baker
- Transportation & storage of cookies
- Incentives
- Staff and supplies

Council Delivered Activities: \$1.95

- High quality programs including:
 - Outdoor adventure, incl. camp
 - STEM
 - Healthy living
 - Business & financial literacy
- Maintaining GS camps & program sites
- Council hosted girl & volunteer events
- Volunteer support, training, resources
- Administrative expenses

Camp: Choose Y

Resident Camp Adventure

Camp is a progression. Girls as young as 1st grade may be ready for Resident Camp, while others may not. But by the time a girl is in 4th to 5th grade she should be responsible enough for herself, and confident enough to take the step to resident camp alone or with a friend.

Troop Camp Adventure

This is a great time for those girls that may not be ready for camp on their own. Troops can come to camp together and participate in the programs like canoeing, ropes course, archery, horses, campfires and arts and crafts. Leave the programming to us. Want to work on a badge or do a hike? The adventure is yours to make!

Barker Resident Camp Adventure



Animal Crackers (1st-3rd)

Grossology (1st-3rd)

Camp Like a Girl (1st-4th)

X Marks the Spot (4th-6th)

Wake Maker (4th-6th)

Cliff Hangers (6th-8th)

Camp Surprise (6th-8th)

Saddle Sense (6th-12th)

Backwoods Challenge (9th-12th)

Xtreme Adventure (9th-12th)

...and MORE!

Open House & Big Clean Weekends

Rancho del Chaparral Open House

May 28, 2-4pm

Rancho Big Clean Weekends

May 13-15 (Spring) and Sept 16-18 (Fall)

Camp Elliott Barker Open House

May 29, 2-4pm

Barker Big Clean Weekends

May 27-29 (Spring) and Sept 23-25 (Fall)

What is the Big Clean Weekend? This is a weekend where families, troops, and supporters of Girl Scouts come to camp to help prepare it for the camp season (in the spring) or prepare it for winter (in the fall). A little bit of work and a LOT of fun! This is a great (FREE!) weekend for Troops to come to camp and do service projects!



Meet the Camp Director

Vanessa "Shoe" Grose' was a Girl Scout through Juniors, but spent every summer at Girl Scout camp for years later. She started working at camp as a horse staff counselor and has held nearly every position in camp. This will be "Shoe's" 7th year as a camp director and the 3rd year as the Camp Director for GSNMT. Now, hear what she has to share about her love of and plans for camp this summer...

"As a little girl I was dropped off at camp for the first time I was just 8 years old. Little did I know I would leave a changed person and my future would be set. Camp can be a place where you can create memories, make new discoveries, develop lifelong friendships and learn new skills.

"Now imagine yourself sitting next to a crackling campfire surrounded by friends, singing songs and roasting a marshmallow after a day of doing all sorts of fun activities, like canoeing, horseback riding and archery. Pretty amazing, right? There is just something about camp that sticks with you for a lifetime. If you have been to camp before, we welcome you back for another summer of great adventures. If this is your first time, get ready to not only imagine camp, but experience it first hand, will you set your future?"

Remember Girl Scout camp is open to **ALL** girls, not just current Girl Scouts. We have something for everyone!

Happy Camping! See you this summer! Vanessa "Shoe" Grose', Camp Director

OUR Adventure

Family Camp Adventure

Calling all campers! Family camp is a time when everyone in the family can come and enjoy the camp experience. Bring your parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, and friends to camp for fun filled weekends of activities including archery, arts & crafts, singing around the camp fire and even horses.

Want to work at camp?

Spend your summer outdoors working in the beautiful mountains of New Mexico. Stay away from the cubicle and get a tan. Ride horses, canoe, rock climb, and do arts and crafts while getting paid to do it. Obtain real world experience that will get you noticed by hiring managers. NMGirlScouts.org / Camp

Rancho Resident Camp Adventure

Water Spies (1st-3rd)

Pony Pals (1st-3rd)

ProChef Donut Wars (4th-6th)

Little Backpackers (4th-6th)

Art-tastic (4th-8th)

Zombie Survival (6th-9th)

Chef Challenge (7th-10th)

...and MORE!



Troop & Family Camp Adventures



Rancho Family Camp

Family Camp 1: June 3-5
Me & My Guy: June 17-19
Family Camp 2: July 8-10
Me & My Gal: August 5-7

Rancho Troop Camp

Saddles & Spurs: June 12-15
Tack & Trails: June 26-29
Outdoor Badge Bonanza: July 17-20
Galloping Gals: August 12-14

Barker Family Camp

Me & My Guy: July 22-24

Barker Troop Camp

Ropes & Saddles: June 24-26
Outdoor Badge Bonanza: July 14-17

Combined: Barker Troop & Family Camp

Troop & Family Camp: Aug 12-14

Did you know ...
YOU can:



Sell Girl Scout Cookies



Pay for Girl Scout Camp!

New to our cookie rewards this year is the **Program Voucher**.

Program Vouchers are valid **May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017** and can be redeemed through council for program events, camp sessions and service unit events.

Program vouchers are awarded to individual girls, not troops. Program vouchers will be delivered to troop leaders at their April and May service unit meetings.

2016 Recognitions Ceremony

Save the Date: April 16, 2016

Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
Albuquerque, NM

Contributing to girls' development of courage, confidence and character is one of the many rewards associated with being a Girl Scout volunteer. Another is the honor of your contributions being recognized by your peers.

Join us at the 2016 Recognitions Ceremony to celebrate the accomplishments of our dedicated volunteers and community partners.



We appreciate you!

Coming Soon ...

Volunteer Systems & Customer Engagement

Imagine a world where girls and volunteers join Girl Scouts with ease; new volunteers are recruited and confirmed in a matter of days (instead of weeks); volunteers receive the support they need when they need it; and girl and volunteer retention is on the rise. THAT TIME IS COMING...SOON!

Get ready for a new and improved customer-centric experience!

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails is joining with GSUSA and councils across the nation in a new way of engaging and communicating with our awesome volunteers, caregivers, and girl members.

This new way of work focuses on aligning people, processes, and systems to effectively ensure both recruitment and service/retention functions are providing a quality, customer-centric and consistent experience resulting in girl and volunteer membership growth and satisfaction.

Known as Volunteer Systems, this customer engagement initiative is a two-part strategy (organizational and technological) that hopes to provide better customer service and dynamic technology, both to ease the processes of joining our Movement, leading a troop, serving as a volunteer, engaging in programs, receiving information, communicating with colleagues and staff, and so much more.

Coming soon:

The Volunteer Toolkit. This is a national digital resource which you will be able to access across devices— including your smart phone, tablet or computer. **For troop leaders and key volunteers**, the toolkit will streamline onboarding and simplify troop management, meeting planning, and program experiences, reducing your investment of time by half! Plus, you'll be able to connect with other volunteers and communicate a Girl Scout's progress to parents. **For parents and caregivers**, the toolkit offers a parent portal that will make it easier to communicate with your Girl Scout's troop leader, manage her schedule, and stay involved in her Girl Scout experience.

New GSNMT website. The GSNMT website will migrate to a much streamlined navigation and a nationally consistent look. Look for local and national highlights, in-depth information about the Movement, and featured calls-to-action to join, volunteer, reconnect, and support Girl Scouts!



More time to get your hands dirty.

With the new **Volunteer Toolkit** web app you'll be able to quickly plan and organize your troop's activities so you can focus on the important part—having fun.

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*Scouting rises within you and inspires
you to put forth your best.*

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A Special Gift

Laurie and Robert Walker, of Los Alamos, recently made a generous gift to benefit Camp Elliott Barker in Angel Fire. The gift honors their daughter, Dr. Lea Ann Walker.

Lea Ann was involved with Girl Scouts in New Mexico and attended Camp Elliott Barker from second grade on. She ended up working as a Wrangler and a riding instructor there. Lea Ann's love of horses has led her to a career as a Doctor of Equine Medicine in San Marcos, California.

Lea Ann says that attending Girl Scout camp helped her to break out of her comfort zone and connect with her own individuality in a healthy and constructive environment, while learning life skills like responsibility, learning to work with others, and functioning as an individual and as part of a team in a multitude of settings. Her love of horses drew her to the barn, and camp time helped her to stay interested in horses. She credits her career to her time at camp, saying that those experiences undoubtedly led her to where she is today.

Dr. Walker and her parents are a wonderful example of giving back to Girl Scouts in gratitude for their own experience, and to help ensure that New Mexican girls have the same opportunities for years to come. Thank you, Walker family!

If you would like to make a donation, please contact Molly Garza with the GSNMT Development Department at 505-923-2518 mgarza@gs-nmtrails.org



*Photo: Dr. Walker with the
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