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Important Dates

October

October:	MagNut Program
Oct. 5:	Rock Climbing - DBJ (FULL) GS Day @ McCall's Girls in Aviation Day
Oct. 8:	Destinations Travel Meeting New Leader Volunteer Essentials
Oct. 11:	Beyond Cookies
Oct. 12:	First Aid/CPR Training Robotics Badge-a-thon Rock Climbing - CSA
Oct. 16:	Gold Award Training
Oct. 17:	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Oct. 18:	Talent Showcase Rehearsal
Oct. 19:	Robotics Badge-a-thon Talent Showcase Boss Girls
Oct. 22:	Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Oct. 26:	Adult Travel Training Babysitting Training CPR/First Aid Training New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials It's a G.I.R.L. Party!

November

Nov. 2:	Program Aid Training
Nov. 8:	Beyond Cookies
Nov. 9:	Babysitting Training First Aid & CPR Training
Nov. 10:	MagNut Program Ends
Nov. 12:	Destinations Travel Meeting New Leader Volunteer Essentials
Nov. 15:	G.I.R.L. Talks
Nov. 16:	Annual Meeting
Nov. 20:	Gold Award Training Service Unit Cookie Chair Training
Nov. 21:	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Nov. 28 - 29:	GSNMT Offices Closed

December

Dec. 6-8:	Snowed In @ Rancho
Dec. 10:	Destinations Travel Meeting New Leader Volunteer Essentials
Dec. 11:	Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
Dec. 14:	First Aid & CPR Training
Dec. 15:	Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker
Dec. 18:	Gold Award Training
Dec. 19:	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Dec. 20-22:	Snowed In @ Barker
Dec. 24-31:	GSNMT Offices Closed

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Our Mission

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

Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

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

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong,
and responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Letter from the CEO



As the first week of fall comes to an end, I am writing to you thinking of all the wonderful autumn smells and fiestas throughout New Mexico. I have fond memories of being a young girl, walking to my Girl Scout meetings, and feeling the crisp air with the hint of fall coolness, smelling the green chile roasting, and inhaling deeply to capture the tart smell of the apples growing in my neighbors' backyards. I loved walking down Moon between Menaul and Candelaria on my way home from my Girl Scout meeting and smelling pinion fires burning and swinging my decorated 31 flavor ice cream container contemplating making Love Pats for snacks for our next meeting. Such a beautiful time of year and so many fond memories associated with Girl Scouts.

We had a fabulous summer filled with many happy campers at Rancho del Chaparral and Camp Elliott Barker. Two gems of beauty! We celebrated our 50th year anniversary since our leaders before us nurtured Rancho to life, creating a beautiful camp for thousands of girls to enjoy. Many troops, families, and alumnae camped with us this summer and enjoyed the horses, ropes course and of course the Mystery Tree and Fairyland.

At Enchanted Evening we recognized

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Peggy Sanchez Mills, CEO

and honored women in STEM fields and raised fund to help ensure that all girls have a level playing field in future STEM careers. Over 600 girls attended our STEM Extravaganza which was sponsored by Facebook. Thank you! Our fabulous Rio Grande Zoo was again a huge hit with 900 girls spending the night at Roar and Snore. Girl Scouts Loves State Parks had its first ever nationwide gathering with over 30,000 girls participating. And the idea was created right here in NM! See page 4 for more information. Across the state we had a great time learning new skills, earning our highest awards and making the world a better place.

Lastly, we were honored to recognize Sylvia Acevedo, CEO for Girl Scouts of USA, who was raised in Las Cruces and was inspired by Girl Scouts as a young girl to become a Rocket Scientist. A wonderfully inspiring story was shared by Sylvia and her own CEO patch was personally passed out by her along with taking hundreds of pictures with our girls, parents and volunteers. See page 10.

Thank you for all you do as a volunteer, parent and very importantly as a young girl building your skills to build a better world for all of us.

Onward to the holiday season,

Peggy Sanchez Mills, CEO

GIRLS OUTDOORS

Since the founding of Girl Scouts in 1912, our Movement has encouraged girls to get outside and develop important skills that can only be gained from outdoor activities. Camping and exploring in nature inspire physical play, allowing girls to develop confidence and creative reasoning skills that can help them in all aspects of life. In today's day and age, it is more important than ever for girls to pursue activities outdoors, and our council provides girls with the perfect opportunity to do so through our two awesome Girl Scout summer camps, numerous Outdoor Programs available year round, and girls will choose their adventure through Gritty Girls, our newest trek into the great outdoors!

When Girl Scouts get outside they:

- Discover that they can solve problems and overcome challenges
- Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall
- Become team players and care more about protecting the environment

According to the Girl Scout Research Institute, Girl Scouts report much higher levels of environmental stewardship than other girls. When girls get outdoors, they learn not only about themselves, but the world around them, which inspires them to make a difference.

New Outdoor Badges

In partnership with The North Face, Girl Scouts released 12 new outdoor high adventure badges for all grade levels in summer 2019. These exciting new badges push girls to greatness with programming ranging from trail running to rock climbing, to snow sports and hiking. Girl Scouts love high adventure!

Read on to learn about how we've been getting outdoors!



Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails CEO Peggy Sanchez Mills & New Mexico State Parks Director, Christy Tafoya, had a vision. A vision to get every girl to explore their local state parks. Studies show 71% of girl members 8 to 14 tried their first outdoor activity through the Girl Scouts. It was a perfect fit! The idea was presented to GSUSA and so Girl Scouts Love State Parks was born.

The inaugural Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend took place July 13-14, 2019. More than 30,000 Girl Scouts were welcomed at nearly 400 state parks across 48 states and Puerto Rico. Girls and their families explored the parks' natural resources, meet with rangers, camped under the stars, hiked trails, developed skills in the arts, on the water, and in the field, including archery and learning how to clean water to drink and celebrated their love for the outdoors. It was an amazing weekend full of firsts!

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails had a total of 207 participants at events held at Eagle Nest Lake State Park, Fenton Lake State Park, Bluewater Lake State Park, and Rio Grande Nature Center State Park.

Save the Date to join us for Girl Scouts love State Parks Weekend September 12-13, 2020!





Celebrating 50 years at Rancho Del Chaparral

Rancho del Chaparral is located on part of the San Diego Land Grant bestowed to Francisco Garcia de Noreigo in 1790 by Governor Fernando Chacon. 1200 acres of this land was purchased by funds raised through Girl Scout cookie sales by the Girl Scouts Chaparral Council.

Rancho del Chaparral replaced Camp Eliza Seligman, which had served the girl of the council since the early 1940's but was no longer adequate for their growing needs. Parents and friends of Girl Scouts raised funds

through a Capital Campaign in 1967 and Rancho del Chaparral was dedicated on July 13, 1969.

Rancho del Chaparral continues to welcome girls, troops, families and the public for exciting camp adventures. Attendees experience hiking, horseback riding, arts and crafts, campfires, star gazing, archery and much more.

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails is proud to celebrate not only 50 years of amazing Girl Scout memories and history, but also outstanding individuals and organizations that have supported that journey.



Gil Berry

Gil Berry designed Rancho del Chaparral 50 years ago. His daughters have attend Rancho del Chaparral and he has given freely of his time, talent and resources to Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails. Gil is currently a Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Board member.

The Wild Women

The Wild Women have been an intrgal part of the history of Rancho del Chaparral from it's conception to today. Through donations of time, talent, telescopes, the new sky shed and a barn, they have made a lasting impression on what Rancho del Chaparral is today.

Peggy Sanchez Mills

Peggy Sanchez Mills was 15 years old when Rancho was being built. With her troop, she helped pull scrub oak to build the camp girls enjoy today. Through her role as Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails CEO, she has assured the legacy of Rancho del Chaparral will continue by updating the camp with pipes, wiring, drainage and more.

Florence Wengerd aka Crafty

Florence Wengerd, also known as "Crafty", was a counselor at Elsa Seligman Girl Scout camp, and she taught crafts at Rancho. As a leader of a Senior Girl Scout troop before Rancho opened, she led her troop in conservation projects to help prepare the camp for use. In the 1990s, she saw the need for a craft center at Rancho and took it upon herself to raise money for the building. She dedicated "Crafty's Closet" to her late husband Sherman, because they both realized the value of crafts in girls' lives, and they loved camp.

Carol & John Cochran
Stephanie & David Allen
Barbara Koenig
Emily Hoswell aka Magic



Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails



EARLY BIRD BADEORAMA

Leave No Trace, Camp Oh-No, and the ever popular S'more Banana Boats were just a few of the activities that girls participated in during this summer's Early Bird Badgeorama! Over 230 girls accepted the challenge and took part in our 2019 Early Bird Badgeoramas across 8 locations throughout New Mexico Trails. As part of the 2020 Early Bird incentive line, girls who renewed their 2020 Girl Scout membership by May 24th were invited to participate in an Early Bird Badgeorama, earning their respective Eco- badge for their program level.

Be on the lookout for the incentive line and Early Bird information in the spring of 2020 for the badge offering for next summer's Badgeorama!

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



Girls have thoughts worth sharing! Join Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails and be introduced to the ideas and passions of our G.I.R.L. speakers. What is a G.I.R.L.? She's a go-getter, an innovator, a risktaker, and a leader who stands up, takes charge and makes the world a better place.

Help us pack the room with community support to inspire and mentor these young women to follow their passions and turn them into careers or advocacy. With your help, we're building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place!

Friday, November 15, 2019 ♦ 6-8 PM
4000 Jefferson Plaza NE, ABQ, NM 87109

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STEM Extravaganza

STEM Extravaganza was an exciting day filled with fun and educational hands-on activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Math for the whole family! Participants met scientists and conducted experiments as they explored the exhibitor fair. Outdoor skills were tested at the Ninja Course, volunteers were able to complete Outdoor Core Training, and those who choose to stay the night got to enjoy s'mores and sing-a-longs.

Thank you to our Exhibitors:

- Facebook
- NM Museum of Natural History & Science
- Explora
- Bradbury Science Museum
- ABQ CodeClubs.Org
- Fractal Foundation
- ABQ International Sunport
- New Mexico Bureau of Geology
- UNM Society of Women Engineers
- UNM American Nuclear Society
- NM Tech – Autonomous Flight and Aquatic Systems Laboratory
- NMSU – American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- Bureau of Land Management
- ABQ BioPark
- WALL-E Robot
- Explosive Dance Team
- Booz Allen Women in Engineering and Science
- NM FIRST LEGO League
- Wings of Enchantment
- Ninja Force
- Wendy Lawrence – Retired NASA Astronaut
- Isotopes Orbit
- Face Painter Monique Montoya



STEM Extravaganza would not have been possible without our Sponsor Facebook, and our contributors, Sandia National Laboratories/Honeywell, Intel & International Women's Forum of New Mexico.



Thank you Captain Lawrence for sharing your story with Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails.

Captain Wendy Lawrence is a retired naval aviator and NASA astronaut. As a helicopter pilot, she made several deployments to the North Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Kenya, making over 800 shipboard landings. After earning a master's degree in ocean engineering from MIT and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI), Lawrence was selected as an astronaut in 1992 and worked at NASA for 14 years. A veteran of four shuttle missions (STS-67, 86, 91 and 114), she has logged over 50 days in space. Her last flight was the first Shuttle "Return to Flight" mission following the loss of the orbiter Columbia and her crew. This flight evaluated new procedures for inspection and repair of the shuttle orbiter's thermal protection system.

Currently, she works part-time at Space Camp and the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, informing the public about NASA's spaceflight programs and participating in STEM education programs.

Wendy was brought to us through a partnership with GSUSA & AstraFemina.



Sponsor Highlight:
Facebook

Thank you for sponsoring STEM Extravaganza 2019

Our girl-centric, hands-on STEM event is the highlight of the year for hundreds of our girls, and it would not be possible without the generous support of our community. Facebook, the girls of New Mexico thank you!

We asked Facebook why they chose to support us, and here is what they said:

"Facebook is committed to playing a positive role and investing in the long-term vitality of the communities where we live and work. We're proud to support the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails, helping students use the power of technology to gain knowledge and experience in STEM education."

If you would like information about supporting our programs, contact our Development Director, Molly Garza, at 505-923-2518 or mgarza@nmgirlscouts.org



MISSION NM – WELCOME BACK SYLVIA!

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails had the honor of welcoming New Mexico native, lifelong Girl Scout, and current CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, Sylvia Acevedo, back to New Mexico on July 16, 2019. Sylvia was honored at a stunning event held at the Governor’s Mansion in Santa Fe, NM with girls, volunteers, and staff present.

Through Girl Scouts, Sylvia discovered her passion for space, science, and math. Her interest in STEM subjects would lead her to a career as a rocket scientist, engineer, technology executive, and award-winning STEM entrepreneur. Sylvia has championed girls in STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and leadership. Girl Scouts now earn badges in cybersecurity, robotics, design thinking, coding, eco awareness, high-adventure outdoor activities, and, of course, space science.

Carina L., Juliette Girl Scout from Los Alamos, was inspired by Mission NM to start her Silver (and future Gold) Award project because of Sylvia’s words of encouragement to our esteemed guests and the High Awards honorees that were awarded that evening.

Congratulations Mission NM High Award Honorees

BRONZE Troop 1680 Kara D. Allyson D. Troop 10074 Elizabeth B. Sydney B. Julie F. Cara G. Esther G. McKenzie G. Amelia H. Eleanor J. Adrianna K. Aislinn M.	Gwen M. Angel M. Madelyn S. Troop 10082 Laila G. Troop 10607 Aleah D. Troop 10637 Shiann M. Mesa S. Skyler W. Troop 10574 Kaleigh C.	SILVER Troop 10578 Angelica B. Troop 10684 Zeta S. Juliette Aurra K.	GOLD Troop 716 Paige A. Troop 10305 Dua H. Troop 10266 Lily M.
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Girl Scouts teaches skills that last a lifetime!



The Girl Scout MagNut and Cookie Programs give girls a taste of entrepreneurship. Girls learn essential life skills, set impressive goals, and use their earnings to go on epic adventures and make the world a better place!

Entrepreneurship programs focus on leadership, collaboration and explorations of personal values through discovering, connecting and taking action.

Skills gained in the Girl Scouts Entrepreneurship Programs influence later success. More than half (57%) of Girl Scout Alumnae in business say the Cookie Program gave them the skills they possess today, such as money management, goal setting and public speaking.

As entrepreneurs, girls gain five skills and work as a team to accomplish goals and solve problems:

GOAL SETTING
Girls set goals and, with their troop or families, create a plan to reach them.

DECISION MAKING
Individual Girl Scouts and their troops make their own business decisions. Girls decide how to market their business and what to do with their earnings.

MONEY MANAGEMENT
Girls develop a budget, take orders, and handle customers’ money.

PEOPLE SKILLS
Girls learn how to talk (and listen!) to their customers, as well as how to work as a team with other girls.

BUSINESS ETHICS
Girls act honestly and responsibly during every step of the program.

The MagNut Program begins **September 27!**
Discover more at nmgirlscouts.org/magnut



Interested in supporting a Girl Scout in your community? Contact our Product Program Manager, Kimberly Hammon at customercare@nmgirlscouts.org. She can help introduce you to one of your local Girl Scout Entrepreneurs!

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GO-GETTER

INNOVATOR

RISK-TAKER

LEADER



JOIN US

IN ORLANDO

Join us for a one-of-a-kind gathering of girls and women from around the world!

For three days next October, girls will dominate Orlando, Florida—and we want you to be a part of it!

That's right. October 21–25, G.I.R.L. 2020 will draw more than 10,000 go-getters, innovators, risk-takers, and leaders from around the world to one place for the biggest and boldest event of its kind!

Why should YOU be there?

- Life-changing conversations about issues affecting girls, women, and all of us
- Inspiring speakers
- Chances to learn critical lessons and skills to take back to your community
- Amazing friendships and connections to last a lifetime
- The ever-popular G.I.R.L. EXPO - A Hall of Experiences, offering a variety of enlightening educational opportunities
- One-of-a-kind fun!

So, mark your calendar, invite your friends and visit girlscouts.org/girl2020 for the latest updates!

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