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Important Dates

January

Jan 1:	GSNMT Offices Closed
Jan 3-5:	Milan Troop Cookie Training Snowed In @ Barker
Jan 7:	Troop Cookie Training Webinar Troop Tip Tuesday SPECIAL COOKIE ANNOUNCEMENT
Jan 8:	Albuquerque Troop Cookie Training
Jan 9:	Valencia County Troop Cookie Training
Jan 10-12:	BJC Extreme Fun Beyond Cookies
Jan 11:	Babysitting Training First Aid & CPR Training Famington Escape the Bakery
Jan 13:	Las Vegas Troop Cookie Training
Jan 14:	Albuquerque Troop Cookie Training Destinations Travel Meeting New Leader Volunteer Essentials
Jan 15:	Gold Award Training
Jan 16:	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Jan 17:	Clovis Escape the Bakery
Jan 18:	Angel Fire Escape the Bakery Volunteer Expo
Jan 20:	GSNMT Offices Closed
Jan 24-26:	CSA Extreme Fun
Jan 24:	ABQ Escape the Bakery - CSA
Jan 25:	Electronic Textiles - Los Lunas ABQ Escape the Bakery - DBJ New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials Gallup Boss Girls GSNMT Board Meeting
Jan 28:	Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials

February

Feb 1:	Los Alamos Escape the Bakery Valencia County Escape the Bakery Mountain View Escape the Bakery Program Aide Training
Feb 4:	Troop Tip Tuesday
Feb 7-9:	Snowed In @ Rancho
Feb 8:	The Art of Science
Feb 10:	Girl Scout Cookie Program Begins
Feb 11:	Destinations Travel Meeting New Leader Volunteer Essentials
Feb 14:	Beyond Cookies
Feb 17:	GSNMT Offices Closed
Feb 19:	Gold Award Training
Feb 20:	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Feb 22:	Adult Travel Training New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials World Thinking Day Celebration
Feb 25:	Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
Feb 29:	Leap Into Girl Scouts

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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

Happy Holidays!

As I wind down my time with Girl Scouts, I want to share how much of a privilege and honor it has been to serve as your CEO. Those of you who know my background know how much of a passion I have for organizations who serve girls and women. There is nothing more important than for us to assure that females gain more access to decision making, higher paying jobs and equity. What better place than Girl Scouts where our mission is to Build Girls of Courage, Confidence and Character.

We are a better organization, thanks to all of you, than we were 10 years ago when I joined this great organization. We had many challenges we had to work through and we prevailed and accomplished much. We are so well positioned for the next CEO to take us yet to another level.

I thank the Board of Directors, one of the finest Boards I have worked for during my 36 years as a CEO. I appreciate my staff, a superb team of professionals who work hard to be responsive to our volunteers and our girls. And I thank our volunteers for their contributions they so willingly

provide every day to our girls. Every day, the Board, staff and volunteers make a huge difference and impact the futures for girls.

And I so appreciate the donors, friends and professional colleagues I have met over the years. The spirit of generosity was so giving from all of you. And everyone I encountered, of course, had a Girl Scout story to share. Such an impact Girl Scouting has made on so many women over the 107 years since our founding.

And I thank our girls who inspire me, make me smile, provide that hope when I am frustrated, share their successes and dreams with me and most importantly for being a Girl Scout.

While it is a bittersweet to be retiring from Girl Scouts, I know that we are strong and will continue to grow even stronger- because of all of you!

With much appreciation,



Peggy Sanchez
Mills



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Entrepreneurship

Girl Scouts teaches skills that last a lifetime!

The Cookie Program begins **February 10!**
Discover more at nmgirlscouts.org/cookies



The Girl Scout Cookie Program 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.

Be sure to follow us on social media and stay tuned on January 7 for a special cookie announcement!

Interested in supporting a Girl Scout in your community?

Contact our Product Program Manager, Kimberly Hammon at customercare@nmgirlscouts.org. She can introduce you to one of your local Girl Scout Entrepreneurs!

STEM From Girls

Our STEM From Girls Initiative wrapped up the year with some exciting programs! From museum visits to STEM fairs to specialized clubs, we have been working with great partners to provide our Girl Scouts exciting opportunities in STEM. Some highlights from the last quarter include:



- **Balloons & Bubbles** – Kindergarten and 1st Grade Girl Scouts spent an evening at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum to get their hands wet as they learned the science behind balloons and bubbles. Parents who attended said “We had such a great time and learned many wonderful things. Thank you so much for this wonderful opportunity!” and “This was a great event, kept my daughter excited and engaged. Thank you!”



- **Robotics Badge-a-thons** – During this quarter we hosted two Robotics Badge-a-thons for Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes in Taos and Los Alamos. Over 40 girls attended to learn about sensors, actuators, robotics, and programming. Each girl earned a Programming Robots Badge for putting their robot through a series of sequences and loops.



- **Star Trails: Club of Astronomy** – This Santa Fe club for 6th-12th grade girls meets once a month for presentations, hands-on activities, night sky viewing through telescopes, and field trips. We have been studying solar astronomy, constellations, and Messier Objects.



- **Girl Scouts Code Club** – Our first ever Code Club at Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails has been very successful! We meet once a week to explore concepts and learn commands in the programming language Python. We have Women in Tech Spotlights during our meetings to meet and learn from women who study and work in technology. We will be starting another club in the Spring, so keep an eye on our website for more information.



- **STEM Extravaganza** – Our largest STEM event of the year took place at the Gutierrez-Hubbell Houses in September and brought in a huge crowd! There were over 20 STEM vendors with demonstrations, experiments, and hands-on activities. Our council was lucky enough to have special guest Wendy Lawrence, retired NASA astronaut give two presentations about living in space!

Thank you to all of our sponsors and funders who make these events possible by contributing to our STEM From Girls Initiative.

- Facebook
- Sandia National Laboratories/Honeywell
- Intel
- International Women's Forum of New Mexico

Girls Outdoors

Studies show that girls today are not spending nearly enough time outdoors. Technology and structured activities leave less time for girls to get outside and enjoy nature. But as a Girl Scout, she'll have plenty of opportunities to create her own outdoor adventures and develop a lifelong appreciation for nature and the out-of-doors — whether with her troop, at camp, or with friends and family.

And that's great news—because when Girl Scouts get outside, they:

- ◆ Discover that they can better solve problems and overcome challenges
- ◆ Develop leadership skills, build social bonds, and are happier overall
- ◆ Become team players and care more about protecting our environment
- ◆ When girls spend quality time outdoors and increase their exposure to nature, they thrive physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

Spending time outdoors is a cornerstone of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and has been since Girl Scouts' began. Our all-girl environment and proven programming show girls the benefits of spending time out in the world that surrounds them in ways that encourage them to take healthy risks and overcome their fears.

That's why Girl Scout collaborated with The North Face to develop 12 Outdoor High-Adventure badges for girls in grades K to 12 to explore nature and embrace exciting outdoor adventures. These experiences, like backpacking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, rock climbing and tree climbing, give girls the confidence to support one another, take healthy risks, and spend dedicated time in nature. And what better environment to do so than beautiful New Mexico?

What's better than that? Girls have more choices! Each Outdoor High-Adventure badge has two paths girls can take to complete the badge. She'll blaze a trail of leadership in the outdoors, all with Girl Scouts support along the way.





Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails held two Indoor Rock Climbing days in October at Stone Age Climbing Gym to introduce girls of all ages to the adventures of rock climbing!

Over the two days, 34 girls were able to learn about the history of rock climbing and mountaineering, the gear needed to climb, where they can climb, safety precautions to consider, the different types of climbing, and how to clip themselves in and out of the auto belay devices at the gym.

All girls in attendance earned at least 2 steps towards their Rock Climbing Adventure badge!

"I learned that I shouldn't be afraid of heights!"

~Kayla

"If you try it one time and don't get it, you can try it again."

~Hayley

"My favorite part was when I pushed myself to make it to the top, and I did it!"

~Anica

"I learned that no matter how hard it is, never give up!"

~Iris



Life Skills

Gold Award Girl Scout Natalie A.

While working with the Pajarito Ski Patrol, Natalie saw the need for a more accessible helicopter pad. She wanted to give back to the Ski Patrol as they, and the Pajarito community, has helped her grow in the amazing young woman she is today. Additionally, she was a need to engage more girls in engineering fields and hosted an all-girls workshop to share what she learned while completing her project.

With support from Pajarito Mountain, Natalie designed and installed all-weather resistant emergency lighting units and a new landing pad. While Pajarito had a general idea of where they would like the pad to be, Natalie scouted the area to determine the best area not only for landing, but also for the solar energy needed to power the lighting units using New Mexico's latitude to determine the best angle to use only a small amount of energy to charge the units.

Natalie recorded her work, created a step-by-step slideshow of her drafting process and created a 3-dimensional version of an alarm box she taught at her all-girls workshop. She used social media and local newspapers to advertise her workshop and with support from Project Y, a local community project space, she was able work with 14 girls and instill a passion for engineering and STEM.



Honoring Our Military

Nearly 100 girls, leaders, volunteers, and family members joined us for our annual Flag Retirement Ceremony! Girls learned the importance of respect and protocol in retiring a flag, as well as made thank you cards and signed photographs of our current Girl Scout volunteers who are veterans having served in our armed forces.



Many Girl Scouts participated in Wreaths Across America events across the state. Girl Scouts in Eastern NM sponsored 47 wreaths!

Babysitting Training

American Red Cross Babysitting Training will give you all the tools you need to learn to be an amazing babysitter! Learn "sitter survival" secrets, tips for how to find a job near you, and learn how to care for babies, toddlers, and kids up to 10 years old. Learn what to do in an emergency and how to make playtime fun for those you are babysitting.

Saturday, January 11



Extreme Fun

Are you ready to hit the slopes? Join us at Camp Elliott Barker to learn how to ski or snowboard or to hone your skills with a lesson at Angel Fire Ski Resort. Spend a full day mastering your skills then return to Barker for hot cocoa by the fire. In your downtime, create

some crafts to take home, participate in a dance party, learn to cook on a fire or propane stove, spend time in the spa corner, and more!

BCJ - January 10 -12
CSA - January 24 - 26



Electronic Textiles

Join us for an Electronic Textiles workshop! Learn the basics of electricity, simple circuitry, and sewing as you design and make your own light up project by embedding electronics into fabric!

Saturday, January 25



Volunteer Events

January 11	First Aid & CPR
January 14	New Leader Volunteer Essentials
January 16	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
January 18	Volunteer Expo
January 20	GSNMT Offices Closed
January 25	New & Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials
January 28	Returning Leader Volunteer Essentials

Troop Cookie Training: Various Dates & Locations. See website for details

JANUARY EVENTS

Escape the Bakery!

Join us for an escape room adventure!

You'll work in groups to Escape the Bakery while learning all about this year's cookie program!

January 11 - San Juan
January 17 - Clovis
January 18 - Angel Fire
January 24 - ABQ CSA's
January 25 - ABQ DBJ's
February 1 - Los Alamos
Mountain View
Valencia County



Beyond Cookies

Do you love selling cookies and want to sell more or products you make yourself? Is the Cookie Rally your favorite Girl Scout Event? Need help talking to strangers or making phone calls asking for support? Attend Beyond Cookies! Each session will have a different focus. At the end of Beyond Cookies, you'll be a more courageous and confident entrepreneur!

Friday, January 10



Destinations

Where in the world will Girl Scouts take YOU? Make friends all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts. Join us to learn about Girl Scouts Destinations & Upcoming Council-Sponsored Travel Opportunities.

Tuesday, January 14



Gold Award Training

Interested in your earning your Gold Award but not sure where to start? Brainstorm ideas with the Gold Award committee and other girls, formulate a plan, and begin your journey to Gold!

Wednesday, December 18



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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!

#GIRL2020

