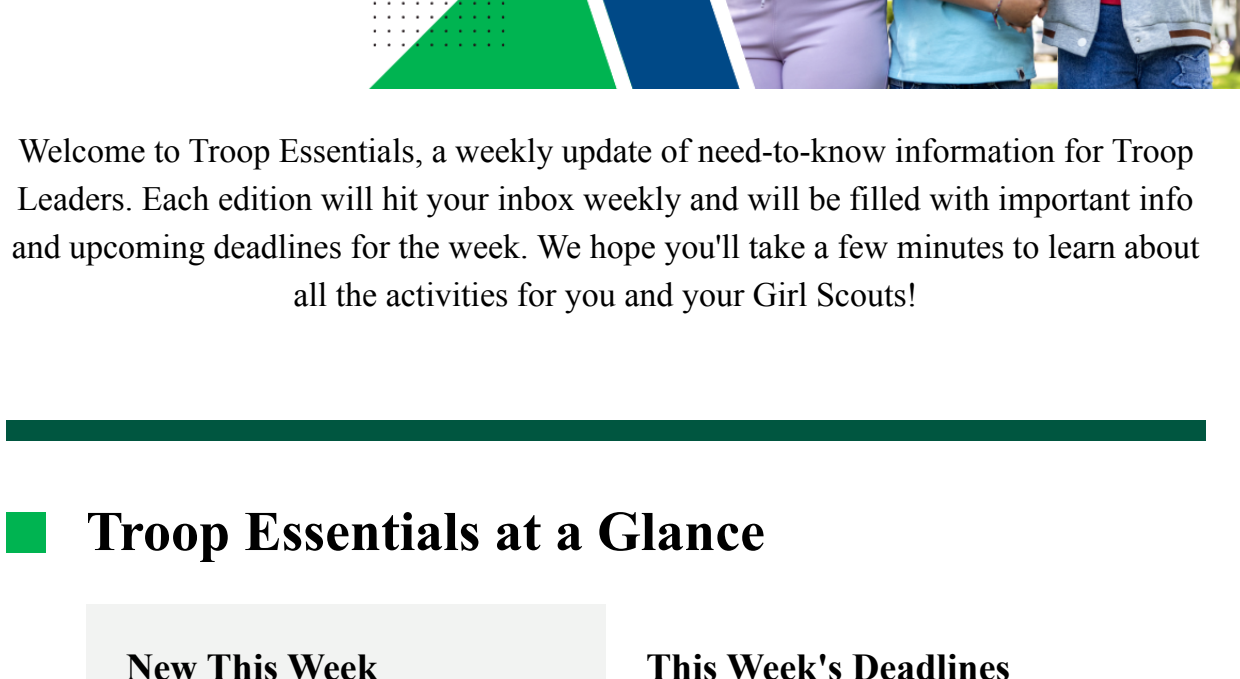




August 10, 2026



Welcome to Troop Essentials, a weekly update of need-to-know information for Troop Leaders. Each edition will hit your inbox weekly and will be filled with important info and upcoming deadlines for the week. We hope you'll take a few minutes to learn about all the activities for you and your Girl Scouts!

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Program

Girl Scouts Love State Parks | September 12

Cost: \$5

Join us for a day of hiking, wildlife discovery, nature activities, and outdoor adventures at participating parks across New Mexico.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on August 28

Participating parks:

- Rio Grande Nature Center State Park
- Hyde Memorial State Park
- Cerrillos Hills State Park
- Clayton Lake State Park

☒ Special event patch included with registration.

Visiting another state park instead? Event patches will be available in **La Tienda**.

Come celebrate the outdoors with your troop, friends, and family while making memories and discovering the beauty of New Mexico's state parks!

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

New Mexico Summer Bucket List | Self-Guided

Cost: \$7

As summer winds down, we hope you've made plenty of unforgettable memories across the Land of Enchantment!

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on August 14

The New Mexico Summer Bucket List gives Girl Scouts the chance to commemorate 100+ fun activities, explore their communities, take on regional challenges, and earn the **GSNMT Summer Bucket List fun patch**. Download the program booklet in **MyGS** and finish checking off your summer adventures before the season ends!

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Media Stars Santa Fe | August 27

Cost: FREE

We're looking for northern NM Girl Scouts of all ages to join our upcoming content recording session in downtown Santa Fe.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 5:00 p.m. on August 24

Participants should wear Girl Scout gear and bring their vest or sash. Adults are welcome to help during sessions, and recordings may be featured on social media.

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Membership

Chile Award Submissions are Now Open!

- **Troop volunteers** and **Juliette caregivers** may submit nominations for the **Chile Award**.
- **Service Unit Volunteers** may submit nominations for the **Service Unit Ristra Award**.

Action Needed

- ☐ The Chile Award nomination forms are now available on our [website!](#)

All award submission forms are **due by September 30, 2026**.

Who else should get this message: Troop and Service Unit Leadership
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteers

New to Troop Leadership? Join Us!

S'more to Learn: Volunteer Mentorship is open to all troop leadership.

This virtual series focuses on helping Girl Scout troop leaders build confidence, strengthen their skills, and connect with fellow volunteers.

Action Needed

- ☐ Register for one (or both) of this month's sessions
 - [August 22nd at 9 am](#)
 - [August 26th at 5:30 pm](#)

Each month features a new topic with practical guidance and helpful takeaways for both new leaders and those looking to refresh the basics. To make participation easy, multiple sessions will be offered each month on the same theme. Every session will also include at least 30 minutes of open forum conversation and Q&A, giving you time to ask questions, share ideas, and learn alongside other troop leaders. This month's topic is tips and tricks for troop organization and running meetings.

Who else should get this message: All new troop leadership
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteer Recognition Nominations Are Now Open Year-Round

You asked for nominations to open earlier so you could recognize outstanding volunteers throughout the year—and now you can. Volunteer award nominations are open year-round.

Action Needed

- ☐ Check out the [Volunteer Recognition](#) page

Nominations submitted by November 30 will be considered for recognition at the Celebration of Service and Success on April 17.

Before submitting a nomination, please review the requirements for each award carefully. Be sure your nomination clearly explains how the volunteer meets the award criteria.

You will also need email addresses for all endorsers. Each award lists the minimum number of endorsers required, but you may include additional endorsers if you would like.

Who else should get this message: All members
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Fund Development

Invest in the Future of Girls at Badge Bash

Badge Bash is **Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails' premier fundraising event of FY26**, an evening that directly supports girls across New Mexico.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Learn more & share](#)

Reserve an Adult Troop Table for \$1,000 and gather friends, colleagues, or clients to invest in the next generation of leaders. Throughout the evening, guests will have the opportunity to participate in an exciting **Live Auction** featuring exclusive packages valued between **\$4,000 and \$7,000**, along with additional opportunities to give through sponsorships, raffles, and other fundraising activities.

On **September 19**, supporters from across New Mexico will come together at the beautiful Indian Pueblo Cultural Center for an evening inspired by the spirit of Girl Scouts. Guests will enjoy camp-inspired experiences, earn badges, tackle interactive challenges, and celebrate the life-changing impact of Girl Scouting.

Badge Bash offers a unique opportunity to reconnect with the adventure and purpose of Girl Scouts—or experience it for the very first time—while making a meaningful investment in the future of girls.

We're asking members to help us fill the room with individuals and businesses who believe in empowering girls.

- **Reserve an Adult Troop Table for \$1,000.**
- **Invite a company to become a sponsor.**
- **Join another troop if you don't have a full table.**

Every table purchased, sponsorship secured, raffle ticket sold, and auction bid placed provides girls across New Mexico with opportunities to build courage, confidence, and character while developing the skills they need to become tomorrow's leaders.

Who else should get this message: Any adults interested in supporting Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

La Tienda News & Promotions

La Tienda Hours This Week

La Tienda is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday & Wednesday, & Thursday this week.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Contact us](#) with your La Tienda needs

August Promotion: Get your troop ready for a new year of adventures with our **Back to Troop Bundle** at the Girl Scout La Tienda Shop!

Choose Your Own Adventure! Customize your bundle with the items that best fit your troop's needs and kick off the new Girl Scout year prepared for fun, learning, and unforgettable memories.

Stop by the La Tienda Shop this August to build your perfect bundle. We can't wait to help you get adventure-ready!

Who else should get this message: Troop leadership, adult volunteers, and Girl Scout caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Product Program

Getting Started with the 2026 Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program will begin soon. Training for volunteers will be available in gsLearn for Fall Product Program Troop Chairs starting Monday, August 17th if their

Title

- ☐ Fall Product Program Chairs need to [complete their forms](#) to gain access to training

[2026 Fall Product Program Troop Chair Agreement](#) is submitted. Click here to complete the form. The Fall Product Program begins Friday, September 25th.

Who else should get this message: Fall Product Program Troop Chairs
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

2026-2027 Product Program Calendar

Back to school means back to troop, and as your troop plans its Girl Scout year, remember to save these important product program dates.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Share this calendar](#) with other troop volunteers and families

[Click here](#) to check out the full 2026-2027 Product Program calendar, including dates for the Fall Product Program and Cookie Program. Dates for Cookie Reward experiences will be released on Tuesday, January 26, 2027.

Who else should get this message: Troop Volunteers & Girl Scouts Families
Contact: [Product Program Team](#)

Community Announcements

The Land of Enchantment Young Ambassadors Program

The Land of Enchantment Young Ambassador Program is seeking powerful youth entering their junior or Senior year in high school for the school year **2026-2027** to support the Governor's goal of cleaning New Mexico and enhancing the natural beauty of our state.

Selected Ambassadors will participate throughout the school year, organizing community projects, and will work with a group of their peers on a statewide leadership and engagement project. Ambassadors are young people in their community who want to take leadership to educate and empower their community to be litter-free.

Ambassadors will receive a \$3,000 participation stipend upon completion of the fellowship and projects. They will receive training in project management and community leadership and gain experience in leading projects.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Learn more here](#)

Beyond the Baseline

Beyond the Baseline serves the greater Albuquerque community, bringing hands-on learning through free life skills, academic enrichment, and tennis.

August 15, 11 am - 1 pm: Show Me The Money!
Introduction to saving your money for a great future powered by Nusenda

August 29, 11 am - 1 pm: APD Canine Heroes
Meet and learn from our canine heroes about the work they do every day to keep us safe

Share Your Upcoming Events & Projects

Do you have an upcoming event or project that you'd like to share with all Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails troops/members?

Send us your information to be included in future Troop Essentials emails!

Who else should get this message: Troop and Service Unit Leadership
Contact: [Katrina Montoya](#)

Action Needed

- ☐ [Contact us](#)

Previously Shared News

August 3, 2026

- Curious Cats!
- LEGO Club
- Passport to Adventure Two
- Celebrate 110 Years of Scouting in New Mexico!
- 2026-2027 Product Program Calendar

July 27, 2026

- To Infinity & Beyond
- Farmington Adventure Park
- S'more to Learn: Volunteer Mentorship
- Got a Climate Project Idea? The City Wants to Fund It!

Visit the [Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails website](#) for more information and upcoming events.

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