



August 3, 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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Every Girl Scout has a story to tell. Share the moments that define your Girl Scout experience – the challenges you overcame, the friendships you forged, the positive impact you made. These Mission Moments inspire us all and are vital in helping us tell the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails story on social media and in grant applications that support our mission.

[Share your Mission Moments here!](#)

Program

Curious Cats! | August 27

Cost: \$10

Do you love cats, crafts, and adventure?

Action Needed

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

Register meow for our **fun virtual DBJ program** where you'll go on a **Midnight Cat Parade** and explore **cool cat science experiments** - all from home!

Who else should get this information: Daisy, Brownie, & Junior Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

LEGO Club Powered by Chevron | August 25

Cost: FREE

Ready, set, build!

Action Needed

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

Build something that moves - or something you wish existed! Maybe it's a speedy race car, a camper van for road trips, a flying scooter, or a rocket-powered ice cream truck.

This session is all about playful imagination and sharing your ideas with fellow builders. Girls can work on their own creations while chatting, showing progress, and celebrating everyone's unique designs.

Who else should get this information: JCSA Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Passport to Adventure: Water, Wildlife & Night Adventure | September 2

Cost: FREE

Water, wildlife, and night adventures await Daisy, Brownie, and Junior explorers in the second session of our

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on August 21

free GSNMT-exclusive virtual experiences exploring and celebrating New Mexico State Parks.

The final clues lead south and east. The missing stamps are hidden near rivers, lakes, bird habitats, campgrounds, and under star-filled skies. Girl Scouts must become naturalists, wildlife watchers, and campers to finish the mission.

Who else should get this information: DBJ Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

To Infinity & Beyond | August 12

Know someone thinking about joining Girl Scouts?

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12 p.m. on August 7

This free virtual experience invites families with girls in Pre-K through 5th grade to discover what Girl Scouts is all about in a fun and engaging way. Inspired by Toy Story, this interactive program explores the Girl Scout Promise and Law through themes of friendship, teamwork, courage, and trying new things.

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Passport to Adventure: Ancient Worlds, Mountains, & Earth Mysteries | August 19

Cost: FREE

Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will study ancient worlds,

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on August 7

Girl Scouts are invited to challenge themselves on exciting aerial obstacles, test their balance and teamwork skills, and experience the thrill of the outdoor adventure course. Whether you're conquering the climbing elements for the first time or racing across the course like a pro, this action-packed day is all about confidence, courage, and fun. Come make memories, cheer each other on, and discover your adventurous side high above the ground!

Who else should get this information: Troop Leaders, Girl Scouts, & their caregivers

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

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/MagNut 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

Got a Climate Project Idea? The City Wants to Fund It!

The City of Albuquerque's Sustainability Office is part of the Youth Climate Action Fund by Bloomberg Philanthropies, offering grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 for projects that are proposed, designed, and led by young people aged 15–24 right here in Albuquerque. Projects should help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and focus on one or more of our climate priorities — waste, transportation, and nature — helping us implement Albuquerque's climate action plans.

Projects are youth-led, but funds are disbursed through organizations, so it's a great chance for community groups to partner with young leaders. Applications close **Wednesday, September 2nd**.

Action Needed

- ☐ Learn more and apply at www.cabq.gov/YouthClimateGrant.

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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 Troops/members?

Action Needed

- ☐ [Contact us](#)

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](#)

Previously Shared News

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!

July 20, 2026

- New Mexico United Game-Day Experiences Just for Girl Scouts!
- Hiking Adventure Club: Santa Fe
- Junior Confidence Club
- Passport to Adventure One
- Welcome to Cadettes
- S'more to Learn: Volunteer Mentorship
- SFCMF Young People's Concert

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

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