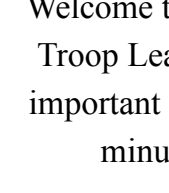
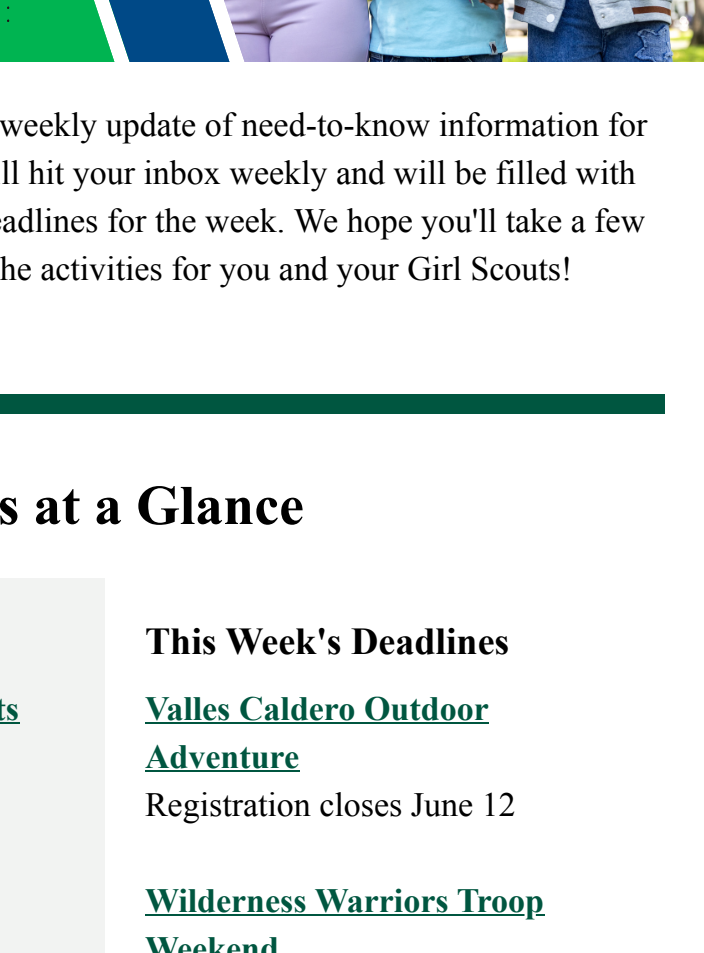


# girlscouts of new mexico trails

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## TROOP ESSENTIALS



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!](#)

### Council Announcements

#### Memo from Shoe, Program & Outdoors

I am thrilled to invite girls to join us for an unforgettable adventure filled with friendship, laughter, outdoor exploration, and new experiences.

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here today!](#)

Day Camp is a place where girls can build confidence, discover new talents, and create lifelong memories while enjoying the beauty of the outdoors. It's that first step on your adventure path when you are not quite ready for that full overnight experience.

Every day is designed to inspire courage, curiosity, and teamwork. The first week, you will take on the outdoors, whether it is looking for bugs or making a tasty snack. Week 2 will be all about being a star, whether you are the main actress or behind the scenes, this will be your week to shine. Week 3 is all about fun and games, designing your perfect game, and then having fun playing everyone else's. Week 4 takes us to the past with myths and legends, do unicorns really exist, we will find out, or be on the lookout for fairies. Week 5 is all about design, whether it is fashion or hair, what is your jam, glitter and shine will be everywhere. Week 6 is all about the wild, whether it is animals or your sense of adventure. Maybe you want to go on a safari, or deep in the jungle. What is your favorite wild animal? Week 7 brings out the glue, paint, glitter, colored paper, and all things of art. Show off your skills in your own gallery. Our amazing staff is working hard to create a safe, welcoming, and fun environment where every girl can shine, try something new, and simply enjoy being a kid. Girls will have a chance to give their input and design a schedule that fits their interests and mood.

There is something truly magical about camp — the friendships formed, the confidence gained, and the moments that girls will carry with them long after summer ends. We will finish the summer off with a giant campout on July 31st. We cannot wait to share this incredible experience with you and make this summer the best one yet! What adventure week are you choosing?

See you at camp!

### Program

#### Family Self Defense Seminar | June 27

Join us for a fun, family-hosted Self-Defense Seminar centered in partnership with **Blackman's Championship Martial Arts**.

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here](#) by 12 p.m. on June 19

Held near Father's Day, girls are encouraged to bring a dad, grandparent, guardian, or any supportive adult who wants to learn alongside them. All families are welcome as we strengthen safety, connection, and confidence together.

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

#### Under the Sea: A Girl Scout Experience | June 25

Ready to explore something new? This free virtual experience invites families with girls in Pre-K through 5th grade to dive into the world of Girl Scouts in a fun, imaginative way.

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here](#) by Noon on June 19

Inspired by The Little Mermaid, this interactive program brings the Girl Scout Promise and Law to life through themes of curiosity, bravery, friendship, and finding your voice.

While designed with younger girls in mind, all girls interested in joining Girl Scouts AND current members are welcome to attend and experience the magic.

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

#### Fortune Females Self-Guided Patch Program

In this self-guided program **Fortune Females: Build Your Wealth & Power for Cadettes through Ambassadors (grades 6–12)**.

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here](#) by noon on June 12

Girl Scouts explore the skills that help women become financially independent and powerful leaders.

Start exploring how female entrepreneurs build financial independence and create businesses!

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

#### Day Camp: Game Blast | June 22-26

A high-energy mix of outdoor games, puzzles, and creative challenges. Girls practice teamwork, communication, and sportsmanship while designing and testing their own original games.

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here](#) by 5 p.m. on June 17

With a balance of active play and thoughtful strategy, every camper discovers new ways to collaborate and have fun.

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

### Membership

#### Input on National Council Session Proposals & Discussion Topics Needed

GSNMT sends a delegation of representatives to the tri-annual National Council Session to vote on GSUSA governance topics and provide input on topics at a national level to help inform

**Action Needed**  
Register for the sessions you an attend to provide feedback or complete this [survey](#).

GSUSA's vision and decision-making. This year, there are three proposals and two discussion topics.

The three proposals are: the Girl Scout Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions Proposal (1), the Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration Proposal (2), and the Preservation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience Relating to the Entrepreneurship Program Proposal (3). The two discussion topics are: Amplify Impact and Revolutionize Engagement.  
Please register for these sessions on the Events Calendar.

- [NCS Discussion Topics June 12, 6-8 pm](#)
- [NCS Proposal 2 Info session June 15, 6-8 pm](#)
- [NCS Discussion Topics June 27, 10 am - 12 noon](#)
- [NCS Proposal 3 Info Session June 27, 1-3 pm](#)

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

#### Introducing Khaki Crew (Working Title!)

We're launching a new, council-wide leadership collective for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors who want to help shape the future of Girl Scouting in New Mexico.

**Action Needed**  
 [Apply here](#) by August 30

Because this group is girl-led from the start, members will help choose the final name; your voice matters from day one.

Work with older Girl Scouts from across the state to share ideas, build leadership skills, and represent youth voices council-wide. Members advise on programs and events, connect with peers, and collaborate with council staff through hands-on experiences and training.

If you're entering grades 6-12 and love brainstorming, planning, and making a difference, we'd love to have you.

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

#### 11th Grade Ambassadors Looking at Going GOLD

Your graduation year goes by fast! If you plan to earn your Gold Award and have not yet submitted your project proposal in Go Gold or presented to the Gold Award Committee, please submit

**Action Needed**  
 [Email Customer Care](#) for more information on how to get started with your Gold Award.

your proposal and schedule your presentation **before** the school year begins.

Training materials are available through an event registration on the last day of each month and is self guided.

**Who else should get this information:** 11th grade Girl Scouts & their caregivers  
**Contact:** [Customer Care](#)

#### Membership Office Hours

Have questions about renewing your membership? Need help getting ready for the year ahead? Not sure how to complete your troop Year End Activity Report?

**Action Needed**  
Use Meeting ID: 817 1100 9971 to [join via Zoom](#) with passcode GSNMT

Join us on Zoom for Membership Office Hours during the month of June! Membership staff will be available to answer all your membership questions. Drop in anytime — we're here to help!

- Wednesday, June 3, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 11, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 17, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 22, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

**Who else should get this information:** Anyone with membership questions  
**Contact:** [Customer Care](#)

### Volunteers

#### IMPORTANT: Summer Reminders!

As your troop or Service Unit enjoys summer activities, remember these important tips for safe and insured events.

**Action Needed**  
 Submit appropriate paperwork as listed above when planning an activity outside normal troop meetings and review and follow Safety Activity Checkpoints.

- Troop Events** NOT at the regular meeting time OR location must have submitted an [Activity and Money Earning Notification](#).
- Troop and Group Travel** for three nights or longer requires [Travel Training](#) and submission of [Extended Overnight Trip Applications](#).
- Service Unit Events** must have submitted a [Service Unit Program Event Plan](#).
- Refer to the appropriate [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) to ensure you have adhered to safety requirements and received appropriate approval.
- Remind your Girl Scouts and families about best safety practices, like the buddy system, when out and about as a troop.

**Who else should get this information:** Service Unit Team Members, Troop Leadership, and activity planners  
**Contact:** [Customer Care](#)

### La Tienda News & Promotions

#### La Tienda Hours This Week

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

**Action Needed**  
 [Contact us](#) with your La Tienda needs

**SPECIAL SATURDAY HOURS: La Tienda will be open this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**June Promotion:** Get ready for your Girl Scout summer adventures!

Save 20% on all gear at La Tienda for a limited time. Whether you are planning a camping trip, a day hike, or a weekend getaway, we have everything you need to prepare for the outdoors.

Shop lanterns, flashlights, fans, knives, backpacks, and so much more. Come in and visit us today to stock up for the season.

**Birthday Club:** Stop by La Tienda during your birthday month to receive your birthday fun patch!

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

### Product Program

### Community Announcements

#### Become a Sundae Scout with Troop 10843

Troop 10843 invites you to scoop, swirl, and sprinkle your way into summer as an official **Sundae Scout!**

**Action Needed**  
 [Register here](#) to receive your bingo card

Join us on a delicious mission to explore and celebrate all the sweetest ways to chill out around Albuquerque. It's the coolest kickoff of the season!

Pick up your **Ice Cream Bingo Card** and start your adventure—every scoop earns a square, every swirl gets you closer to victory, and completing a row unlocks the ultimate reward: a **special Sundae Scout fun patch** to prove you conquered the frozen frontier. Complete your Bingo as a troop or as a Juliette—choose your own adventure!

*Not in the Albuquerque–Rio Rancho area? No problem—visit 4–5 local shops in your area to qualify.*

**Cost:** \$5 per Girl Scout  
**Honor system completion**  
**Register multiple scouts:** email [gstroop10843@gmail.com](mailto:gstroop10843@gmail.com) to confirm

**🎉 Kickoff Event: Sundae Scouts Ice Cream Social!**  
Start your journey by earning your very first Bingo square at our **Ice Cream Social Kickoff Event!**  
**Wednesday, June 17th**  
Visit any participating **Menchie's Frozen Yogurt** location (any time during business hours)

Simply mention "**Girl Scouts Fundraiser**" at checkout, and a portion of the proceeds will support Troop 10843's Bronze Award project. Bring your appetite, your family, and let's turn this into a citywide Girl Scout celebration!

**Participating Locations:**

- 1101 Unser Blvd SE #1, Rio Rancho (11 AM – 10 PM)
- 6001 Winter Haven Rd NW, Albuquerque (11 AM – 10 PM)
- 6500 Holly Ave NE Ste A-1, Albuquerque (12 PM – 9 PM)

**Important:** This is a family-friendly, pay-your-own-way event and not a drop-off activity. All girls must attend with a parent/guardian or follow troop safety ratios.

Coordinate with sister troops, invite friends, and let's fill Menchie's with Girl Scout green—we can't wait to see you there! 🍦🍦

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

#### Help Blue Star Mothers With Care Packages

Rio Grande Valley Blue Star Mothers is getting ready to send out very special 4th of July care packages in honor of 250 years as a united nation.

**Action Needed**  
 Join Blue Star Moms on Saturday, June 13!

These packages will go to our local military serving overseas on June 13th. If you would like to help them assemble these care packages. Join them on Saturday, June 13th, from 9 am to 11 am at the Rio Grande Valley Blue Star Mothers Troop Support Center (2919 2nd Street NW, Albuquerque). They have over 70 cases of cookies and 300 candy and nut items to send. Don't forget to send us pictures if you help!

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

#### 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?

**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

<b>June 1, 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Memo from Shoe, Program &amp; Outdoors</li><li>Curtain Call Day Camp</li><li>IMPORTANT: Summer Reminders!</li><li>Community Service Opportunity: Albuquerque Fisher House</li><li>Help Blue Star Mothers with Care Packages</li></ul>	<b>May 27, 2026</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daisy Zoo Watch Parties</li><li>Taos Ski Valley Adventure Hike</li><li>Wilderness Warriors Troop Weekend</li><li>Valles Caldero Outdoor Adventure</li><li>Junior Confidence Club</li><li>There's Still Time for Early Bird Registration</li><li>Early Bird T-Shirt Reminder</li><li>Troop 11742 Food Drive</li></ul>
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Visit the [Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails website](#) for more information and upcoming events.

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