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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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Registration closes May 22

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

We're Hiring!

Are you or someone you know interested in working for Girl Scouts? Click the link below for more details on career opportunities, including two New Member

Action Needed

- [Apply to work](#) with Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails today!

Engagement Manager positions and an Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships & Community Engagement.

Who Else Should Get This Message: Anyone Interested in Making a Difference in the Lives of New Mexico Girls

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Badge Bash

Join us September 19, 2026, for Badge Bash, an unforgettable 21+ camp-inspired adventure where adults become Girl Scouts for the night.

Action Needed

- [Register your adult troop here!](#)

Badge Bash is more than an event; it's an interactive experience where our community celebrates leadership, creativity, and the power of girls.

Guests will form adult troops and travel from station to station, completing interactive badge challenges inspired by classic Girl Scout experiences. Along the way, participants earn badges, reconnect with or experience the joy of camp, and experience the impact of Girl Scouts firsthand.

Who else should get this information: Any adult interested in a fun evening with Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Program

AANHPI Heritage Month Free Self-Guided Patch Program

Celebrate **Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month** with the **AANHPI Heritage: New Mexico Discovery Patch Program**, a self-guided

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by noon on May 29, 2026

Girl Scout experience exploring how Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander communities have helped shape the culture, history, and future of New Mexico.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Day Camp Registration Now Open

Give your girls a summer of adventure and growth! Our day camp offers hands-on activities and age-appropriate challenges rooted in Girl Scout values.

Action Needed

- [Learn more and register for Day Camp here](#)
- [Learn more and register for Leadership Tracks here](#)

In our safe, inclusive community, she'll build confidence, forge lasting friendships, and find the courage to try new things.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Ohana! A Girl Scout Experience

Ohana means family and finding a place where you belong. Tag along May 20th at 6:00 p.m. on a virtual experience with the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails ohana and see if you belong with us.

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by Noon on May 15

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Hook & Needle Yarn Club

Calling all Girl Scouts who love to loop, twist, and create! Join us May 29th at 6:00 p.m. for a cozy crafting adventure where yarn meets imagination.

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by noon on May 15

Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned stitcher, our Knit & Crochet Yarn Club offers hands-on fun, skill-building challenges, and plenty of space to share your creations. We'll explore new stitches, swap patterns, and celebrate the joy of fiber arts—one skein at a time. Come for the yarn, stay for the friendship, and leave with something handmade and heartfelt!

Who Else Should Get This Message: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts, & Their Caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Virtual Confidence Club

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will explore ways to stay confident, creative, and motivated as summer begins.

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by noon on May 29

Come ready for engaging conversations, fun activities, and a supportive space to grow and shine.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Membership

Get ready to celebrate something special—110 years of Girl Scouts in New Mexico! 🎉

Let's make new friends for the 110th year! ❤️

Action Needed

- Check Troop Rosters in MYGS and renew memberships - both girls and adults!

New girls who want to join Girl Scouts can sign up now with our Extended Year promotion — and they'll also receive the Early Bird incentives, too!

Don't miss your chance to be part of this milestone year! Renew your membership today and receive a \$10 program credit to use on exciting events, plus an exclusive 110th Anniversary commemorative patch you won't want to miss.

Another year of adventure is waiting — filled with new experiences, confidence-building moments, and unforgettable fun with your Girl Scout community. Let's make this year the best one yet! ❤️

Who else should get this information: Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts and their families, Troop leadership

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteers

New Behavior Management gsLearn Course

Girl Scout adults make troop time fun, welcoming, and unforgettable. This course helps volunteers and staff create safe, inclusive spaces filled with excitement and adventure while building confidence to handle behavior challenges that arise.

Action Needed

- Check out the new course [here!](#)

With practical tips and easy-to-use strategies, adults are empowered to keep troop time positive and help every Girl Scout shine.

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

La Tienda News & Promotions

La Tienda Hours This Week

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

Action Needed

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

NOTE: La Tienda will be open on Thursday, May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

May Promotion: 2026 Kindergarten, High School, College, & Trade School Grades take 20% off for May! We celebrate your dedication to your education!

Represent your Girl Scout Sisterhood! Don't forget your cords, stole, and tassel for graduation day and graduation photos!

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

Cookie ACH Complete

Troop Cookie ACH withdrawals and deposits were processed as of Monday, April 20th. Please monitor your troop's bank account to ensure the correct amount was withdrawn or deposited.

Action Needed

- Please monitor your troop's bank account and inform us of any issues with withdrawals.

If there are any issues, please email customercare@nmgirlscouts.org immediately. We are processing troop bonus payments and Service Unit payments the week of April 27th.

Who Else Should Get This Message: Troop Cookie Chairs and Troop Treasurers

Contact: [Product Program Team](#)

Community Announcements

Service Unit 156 Donation Drive

Service Unit 156 is hosting a period product donation drive benefiting *A Light in the Night*, a charity that supports homeless women, men, and children.

Action Needed

- For questions or to coordinate drop-off near Cottonwood Mall, please email Anna Cummings or call 505-417-2273.

Leaders are encouraged to share this information with their families, and collection

boxes may be set up at places of business, schools, or places of worship.

Requested donations include pads, tampons, feminine hygiene wipes, individual factory-sealed packets of ibuprofen or Pamprin, and small chocolates to include in care boxes.

Donations are being accepted through June 8. Items may be delivered to Anna Cummings near Cottonwood Mall or placed in the donation box located at council.

Who else should get this message: Troop and Service Unit Leadership

Contact: [Katrina Montoya](#)

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

May 4, 2026

- Ohana! A Girl Scout Experience
- Hook & Needle Yarn Club
- Clay & Coffee: Trinket Studio
- Sports+Girls/Pitching for Change
- New Behaviour Management gsLearn Course
- Troop Year End Activity Report (YEAR) Now Open
- NOTE: La Tienda Closed Saturday, May 9
- May La Tienda Promotion: Graduates Receive 20% Off in May

April 27, 2026

- We're Hiring!
- Day Camp Registration Now Open
- (Paint) Party in the Park, Las Vegas Style
- Last Chance for Early Bird T-Shirt
- 11th-grade Ambassadors Looking at Going Gold!
- Junior Experience Box!
- Troop Year End Activity Report (YEAR) Opening Soon!
- Cookie ACH Complete

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

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