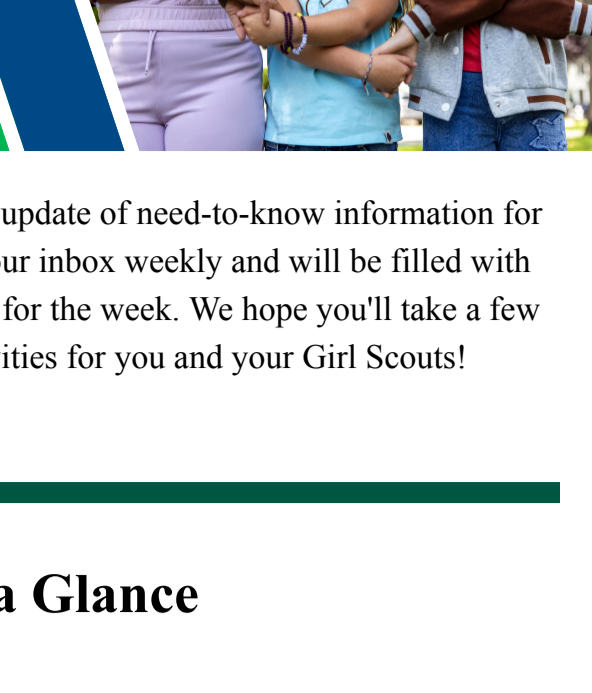
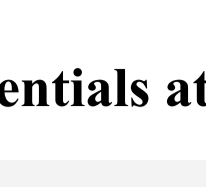




May 27, 2026



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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Council Announcements

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

Daisy Zoo Watch Parties

Get ready for a wild adventure! Daisy Girl Scouts are invited to join us for a special viewing party featuring a live, behind-the-scenes experience with the Smithsonian's National Zoo & Conservation Biology Institute on June 27 at 11:30 a.m.

Action Needed

- ABQ Watch Party [Register here](#) by 12 p.m. on June 12
- Clovis Watch Party [Register here](#) by 12 p.m. on June 12

Meet amazing animals, enjoy popcorn, and create a fun nature-themed craft as you kick off your Girl Scout journey! Registration is \$5 per person & includes popcorn, a themed craft activity & patch.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Taos Ski Valley Adventure Hike

Spend a full day exploring the alpine beauty of Taos Ski Valley on this all-ages adventure hike on June 27 at 9:45 a.m. Girl Scouts will trek to Williams Lake,

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by Noon on June 12

build outdoor skills, and earn the Trail Adventurer badge, with older girls taking on the ultimate challenge of summiting Wheeler Peak. Registration is \$5 per Girl Scout.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Wilderness Warriors Troop Weekend

Get ready for an unforgettable outdoor adventure! Girl Scouts will build confidence and outdoor skills while learning wilderness survival basics like

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by noon on June 12

shelter building, fire safety, navigation, and teamwork challenges June 26-28. The weekend will also include classic camp traditions—campfires, songs, and s'mores under the stars. Registration is \$65 per person

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Valles Caldero Outdoor Adventure

Our Valles Caldera Outdoor Adventure invites families to unplug, explore, and connect with nature through guided activities designed for all ages.

Action Needed

- [Register here](#) by noon on June 12

Whether you're hiking scenic trails, learning about the area's volcanic history, or spotting wildlife in the expansive Valle Grande, every moment becomes a hands-on learning experience.

Families will pay the entrance directly to the park or show their National Parks Pass. Registration with GSNMT is required as we need a roster of participants for the rangers before our arrival.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Outdoor Explorer Day Camp: June 8-12

Girls step into nature with confidence as they explore trails, create nature-inspired art, and practice simple outdoor skills. Each day encourages curiosity, teamwork, and joyful discovery in the outdoors.

Action Needed

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

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

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Membership

There's Still Time for Early Bird Registration!

Missed out on the Early Bird t-shirt but don't want to miss out on Early Bird completely? There's still time to register by May 31 and be eligible for a \$10 program credit and commemorative patch!

Action Needed

Register now and keep the fun going all next year!

Who else should get this information: Anyone who has not renewed their membership

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Early Bird T-Shirt Reminder!

Did you register for the upcoming Girl Scout year in April? If so, you earned the Early Bird t-shirt! Emails have been sent regarding t-shirt sizing.

Action Needed

Please check your email and complete the form as soon as possible to ensure we receive your correct size.

Who else should get this information: Any member that renewed by April 30, 2026

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Membership Office Hours

Have questions about renewing your membership? Need to get ready for the year ahead? Not sure how to fill out your troop YEAR?

Action Needed

Use Meeting ID: 817 1100 9971 to [join via Zoom](#)

Join us on Zoom for Membership Office Hours on 5/27/26 from 6:00–7:30 PM. Membership staff will be on hand to answer all your membership questions. Drop in anytime!

Who else should get this information: Anyone with membership questions

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteers

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

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

Community Announcements

Troop 11742 Food Drive

Every family deserves a safe place to call home. Girl Scout Troop 11742 of New Mexico Trails is hosting a donation drive to support Bernalillo County's Family Wellness Program, which helps families experiencing homelessness work toward stable housing, education, and employment.

Action Needed

- Donations will be accepted through June 6 and can be placed in the collection box at the council.

Families staying in temporary hotel rooms often have limited cooking options and need simple, easy-to-prepare meals. Your support can make a meaningful difference as they rebuild with dignity and hope.

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

Contact: [Louisa Garcia](#)

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

Action Needed

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

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: [Anna Cummings](#)

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!

Action Needed

- [Contact us](#)

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

Contact: [Katrina Montoya](#)

Previously Shared News

May 18, 2026

- Office Closure: Memorial Day
- Backcountry Basics
- Hiking Adventure Club: Clovis
- Brick by Brick: The Ultimate LEGO Engineering Challenge
- Playing the Past at Las Golondrinas
- Outdoor Explorer Day Camp
- Introducing Khaki Crew
- Membership Office Hours
- NOTE: La Tienda will be open on Thursday, May 21st, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Service Unit 156 Donation Drive

May 11, 2026

- AANHPI Heritage Month Free Self-Guided Patch Program
- NOTE: La Tienda Open Saturday, May 16
- Service Unit 156 Donation Drive

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