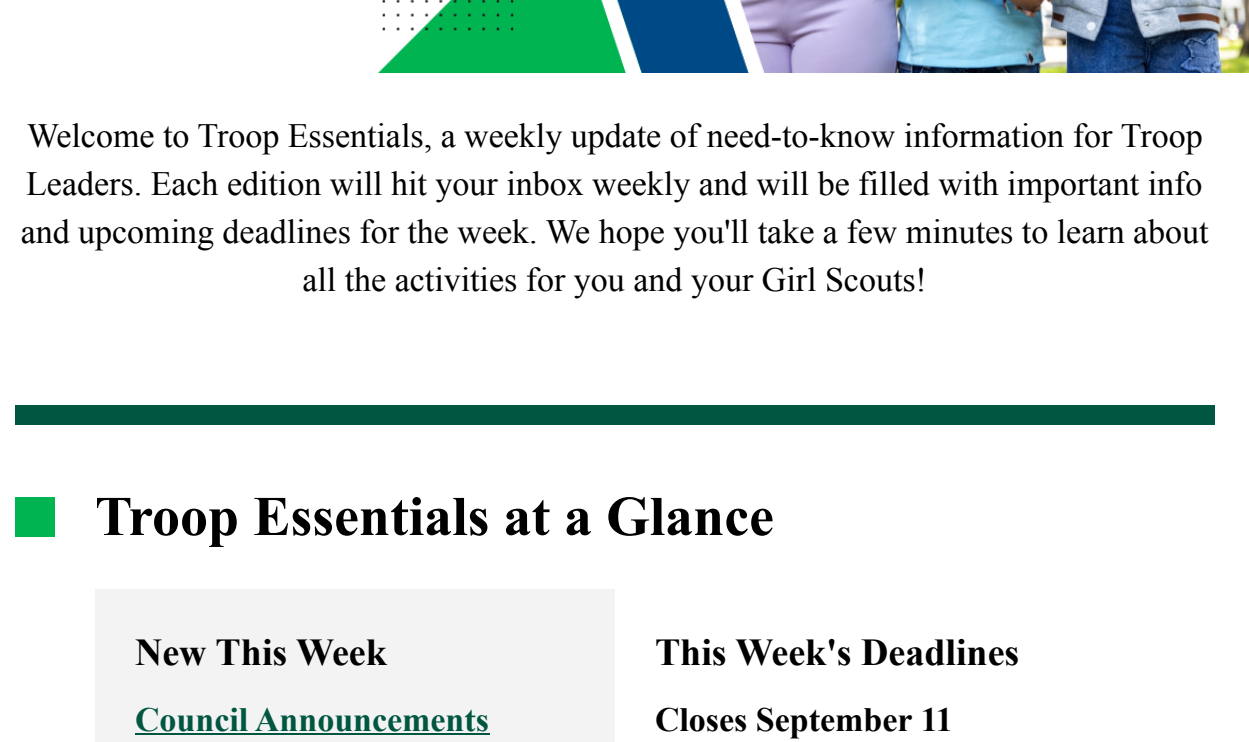


girlscouts of new mexico trails

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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!

Troop Essentials at a Glance

New This Week Council Announcements Program • Leader Daughter Weekend at Camp Elliott Barker • Daisy Petal Series • Helping Hands, Living Heritage Membership • Don't Let Your Program Credits Expire • Activity Notification Reminder Volunteers • Don't Miss Out! Registration Closes September 11 at Noon! Fund Development La Tienda • 20% Off All Planning Supplies Product Program • Fall Product Q & A Session • Maximize Your Troop's Fall Product Program Proceeds! Community Announcements • Boots & Bows Dance Previously Shared News	This Week's Deadlines Closes September 11 LEGO Club: Brick City Celebration (Virtual) Hook & Needle Yarn Club (ABQ) Hiking Adventure Club (ABQ) Honoring Our Roots, Growing Our Future: 110 Years of Girl Scouts (ABQ) Closes September 12 S'more to Learn (Virtual)
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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

Girl Member of the Board of Directors Application Now Open

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails is seeking a passionate, thoughtful, and dedicated 9th, 10th, or 11th-grade Girl Scout to serve as a Girl Member of the Board of Directors .	Action Needed ❑ Apply here by 5:00 p.m. on September 18
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This is a unique opportunity to make a lasting impact while learning how organizations operate and how leaders work together to create positive change.

Her voice matters. Her leadership matters. Apply today!

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

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Meeting | November 14

Join us on November 14, 2026, at the Berna Facio Professional Development Center, 3315 Louisiana Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, for the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Annual Meeting.	Action Needed ❑ Watch for additional details and registration information coming soon!
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Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Program

Leader Daughter Weekend at Camp Elliott Barker | October 10-11

Cost: \$40 per girl, \$45 per leader Step into the enchanted woods at Camp Elliott Barker for a Leader–Daughter Weekend filled with Forest Magic. Wander sun-dappled trails, craft woodland keepsakes, learn outdoor skills, and share campfire stories under starry skies. A cozy, wonder-filled retreat designed to help pairs reconnect and experience the magic of the mountains together.	Action Needed ❑ Register here by 12:00 p.m. on September 25
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Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Daisy Petal Series | October 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29

Cost: \$20 Join Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails for a special five-part Virtual Daisy Petal Series designed just for Kindergarten and 1st grade girls!	Action Needed ❑ Register here by 12:00 p.m. on September 18
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Over five fun and interactive Zoom sessions, Daisies will explore the Girl Scout Law, make new friends, and earn all their Daisy petals.

Each week, girls will discover new ways to be courageous, kind, and helpful while completing activities that bring the Daisy petals to life.

Whether your Daisy is brand-new to Girl Scouts or continuing her journey, this series is a fun and welcoming way to grow in sisterhood and spirit.

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

Helping Hands, Living Heritage | October 3

Cost: FREE Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to volunteer at El Rancho de las Golondrinas' Annual Harvest Festival in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Through service, girls will earn a Volunteer Patch and complete steps towards the GSNMT Hispanic Heritage Patch and the GSUSA Hispanic Heritage Patch while participating in a memorable, hands-on community event rooted in New Mexico's Hispanic history.	Action Needed ❑ Register here by 12:00 p.m. on September 18
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Who else should get this information: Junior, Cadette, Senior & Ambassador Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts & their caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Check Out These Sessions for September 26th's Big Event!

Cost: \$25 per person Celebrate, connect, and get inspired at this exciting 110th year of Girl Scouting in New Mexico! <i>Honoring Our Roots, Growing Our Future</i> on September 26th from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. is fast approaching! Don't miss out on sessions and activities like these:	Action Needed ❑ Register here by 12:00 p.m. on September 11
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- Girl Scout Resources on the web (website, VTK, myGS, Other stuff, including what's coming soon)
- What you need to know about Product Program, but didn't know to ask
- Intro to travel for volunteers and caregivers
- How to navigate High Awards, plus some updates on the process
- Troop Leader Talks – come and go with questions, ideas, or just take a moment to chat about anything troop-related
- All the places you can go! (travel for youth)
- Your path to High Awards (brainstorming and meeting requirements)
- Want to be a Pen Pal?
- How to build and manage an effective website
- Project Management 101 – how to tackle big plans with small steps
- How to make GS swag (badge presentation options, troop shirts, etc.)
- High Award Hangout – a casual space to talk, brainstorm, and ask questions about Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards
- Messages Through Time (Earn parts of the Digital Leadership Badge)

Whether you are just beginning your Girl Scout journey or bringing years of experience as a youth member or adult volunteer, you will find fun hands-on activities, practical skills, and an unforgettable beginning to the year. This is your chance to learn, laugh, create, and leave recharged for an amazing year ahead. **Register today and be part of the celebration!**

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

Membership

Don't Let Your Program Credits Expire!

Program credits earned during the 2025–2026 year have been extended! You now have until September 30, 2026 to use them.	Action Needed ❑ Action Needed—check out the events calendar, find an experience you'll enjoy, and register today!
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Who else should get this message: All Caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Activity Notification Reminder

As the new troop year gets underway, please remember to submit an Activity Notification for any troop events that take place outside of your regular meeting time or location. Submitting an Activity Notification helps ensure that you and your troop are covered under GSUSA insurance. Before planning any outings or activities, be sure to review the Safety Activity Checkpoints to make sure your plans meet all applicable safety requirements. Here's to a safe, successful, and fun troop year!	Action Needed ❑ Review Safety Activity Checkpoints & Submit Activity Notifications for your planned activities.
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Who else should get this message: All Caregivers
Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Welcome to a New Girl Scout Year!

As your troop gets back into the swing of meetings, take a moment to check your troop roster and make sure all memberships are current and information is up to date. Need to:	Action Needed ❑ Action Needed Contact Customer Care with any changes or updates.
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- Change your troop meeting time or location?
- Open your troop to new members?
- Update other troop information?

Here's to another amazing year of **adventure, friendship, leadership, and Girl Scout fun!**

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

Bank Statements

Bank Statements are due! June, July, and August 2026 are due by September 30 to your membership staff person. Who else should get this message: Troop and Service Unit Leadership Contact: Customer Care	Action Needed ❑ Please email statements to Customer Care
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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. Back to school is the perfect time to stock up on Girl Scout and school essentials! The La Tienda Shop has memory books, notepads and other fun and practical school essentials; we've got you covered! Stop by the Girl Scout La Tienda Shop this September Promo to find items that will help your Girl Scout stay organized, inspired, and ready for a fantastic school year. Who else should get this message: Troop leadership, adult volunteers, and Girl Scout caregivers Contact: Customer Care	Action Needed ❑ Contact us with your La Tienda needs
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Product Program

Fall Product Q & A Sessions

Do you have questions about the Fall Product Program? Are you a Troop Chair who would like more information or is unsure about parts of the program? Join the Product Program Team for a MagNutz Q&A Session. You can log on at any time during the Zoom session and do not need to stay for the whole session. Jump on, get your question answered, and jump off. The next session is Saturday, September 12th from 9 am to 10:30 am and Tuesday, September 15th from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. No registration is required. Who else should get this message: Troop Fall Product Chairs & Troop Leadership Contact: Product Program Team	Action Needed ❑ Click here to jump on any Zoom session if you have questions or concerns. The passcode is Fall2026
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Community Announcements

Boots n Bows Dance

Kick up your boots and tie on your bows for the Service Unit 152 "Boots & Bows" Dance Party on Friday, September 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in Rio Rancho! For just \$5 per girl (fun patch included), Scouts and non-registered friends can enjoy a DJ, photo booth, SWAP station, and treats—just remember that guest parents must stay for the event, participating troops must supply safety-wise chaperones, and all attendees require a completed Health History Form . Who else should get this message: Girl Scouts & Their Caregivers Contact: Service Unit 152	Action Needed ❑ Please complete your event Registration Form today to secure your troop's spot on the dance floor!
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Service Opportunity: Women's Circle of Wishes High Tea

Troop 10711 would like to invite 7–8 senior and/or cadette Girl Scouts to join us as we serve tea and finger foods at the Make-A-Wish New Mexico Women's Circle of Wishes High Tea on Sunday, September 20th 10:30am–1:30pm. This is a special service opportunity and a wonderful chance for Girl Scouts to serve their community, practice hospitality and leadership skills, and be part of an event supporting Make-A-Wish and its mission of bringing hope and joy to children and their families. We look forward to making this a great service experience for Girl Scouts while helping make this event special for the guests and supporting an amazing cause.	Action Needed ❑ Interested girls or troop leaders can contact Kaisi Ingersoll at (505)249-5814 or ingersollkaisi@gmail.com for more specific information and to coordinate participation.
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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 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
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Previously Shared News

August 31, 2026 • Girl Scouts Love State Parks: Deadline Extended! • Hiking Adventure: Albuquerque • LEGO Club: Brick City • Welcome to a New Girl Scout Year • Bank Statements • Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange	August 24, 2026 • The October-December Event Guide is Here! • Girl Member of the Board of Directors Application Now Open • Girl Scouts Love State Parks: New Park Added! • Bubbles & Balloons: Daisy LiHo! • Check out these sessions for September 26th's big event! • Product Program Permission & Caregiver Responsibility Form Available • Service Opportunity: Women's Circle of Wishes High Tea
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Visit the [Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails website](#) for more information and upcoming events.

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