

September 28, 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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[S'more to Learn: Troop Organizations & Meetings](#) (Virtual)

Closes October 2

[Girl Scouts of Panem: The Hunger Games Movie](#) (Albuquerque)

Program

Bracketology: Hockey | November 2, 9 & 16

Cost: \$10

Who will take home international hockey glory? Girl Scouts and their families follow the action of the 2026 IIHF Women's World Championship.

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by noon on October 16

Learn how tournament brackets work, make predictions, track teams from around the world, and discover the science behind speed, ice, equipment, and strategy in one of the fastest sports on earth.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Artisan Prep Nights | CSA: November 11, DBJ: November 12

Cost: \$10

Artisan Craft Prep Night is an informative virtual experience designed to help girls prepare for the upcoming GSNMT Holiday Artisan Market.

Action Needed

- ☐ [CSA: Register here](#) by noon on October 30
- ☐ [DBJ: Register here](#) by noon on October 30

During this interactive session, CSA Girl Scouts will turn their creativity into a business adventure as they practice crafting, marketing, pricing, and selling their handmade creations from home.

This program goes beyond arts and crafts; it helps girls build confidence, communication skills, creativity, and leadership while exploring real-world business concepts connected to Girl Scout entrepreneurship.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Sing, Sparkle, & Shout | November 13

Cost: \$20 per Girl Scout, \$10 per adult

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by noon on October 30

Get ready to sing, dance, laugh, and make new friends at our **Girl Scout Song Festival!**

Join us for a musical Girl Scout adventure filled with silly songs, action songs, classic Girl Scout favorites, *rownie Smile*, and opportunities to create their very own songs. From *Brownie Smile* to *Make New Friends*, girls will discover that you don't have to be a professional singer to have a GREAT time making music together!

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Music Festival: Amplify | November 14

Cost: \$20 per Girl Scout, \$10 per adult

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on October 30

Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors! Get ready to sing,

perform, create, and have a blast at a music festival made just for older Girl Scouts! Bring your favorite songs, make new friends, show off your creativity, and let your Girl Scout spirit shine!

Come find your voice. Make some noise. Create your soundtrack!

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Panem Project: Voices of Change| November 17

Cost: \$10 per person

Action Needed

- ☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on October 30

Attention, Tributes. Enter a Girl Scout rebellion of survival games, Capitol missions, alliance challenges, and Mockingjay

chaos inspired by The Hunger Games universe. One spark can start a rebellion. The Capitol is watching - **your words matter.**

JCSA Girl Scouts will step into the role of district leaders, advocates, and revolutionaries as they navigate leadership simulations, public speaking challenges, alliance negotiations, and rebellion strategy games.

This session focuses on using your voice to challenge unfair systems, inspire others, and lead with courage.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Membership

Happy New Girl Scout Year!

As we get ready for another amazing Girl Scout year, please remember to renew your membership and take a moment to review your Troop roster.

Action Needed

- ☐ Renew your memberships today!

Be sure your Girl Scouts and adult volunteers have also renewed their memberships so everyone is ready to begin the new year together!

Thank you for helping us start the year strong and ensuring our Girl Scouts and volunteers are ready for another year of connection, growth, and adventure!

Who else should get this message: All members who have not renewed

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

IMPORTANT: YEAR Closing!

The **Finance Tab in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) will close on October 1, 2026.**

Action Needed

- ☐ Submit your YEAR today!

If your troop has not yet submitted the **YEAR**, please log in to the VTK and complete your submission by **September 30, 2026.**

Please note that the **YEAR must be completed and submitted before your troop can participate in the Fall Product Program or the Cookie Program.**

Thank you for taking care of this important step and helping ensure your troop is ready for a successful Girl Scout year!

Who else should get this message: Troop Leadership

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteers

Bronze & Silver Awards Deadline is September 30th

September 30th is the deadline for last year's 5th graders to submit their Bronze Award Final Report AND for last year's 8th graders to submit their Silver Award Final Report. Please email these to customercare@nmgirlscouts.org.

Action Needed

- ☐ Reach out to [Customer Care](#) for more information on earning Girl Scouts' Highest Awards!

Given the volume of reports received in the past two weeks, we anticipate a high volume of reports to come in this week. Please expect a slower response time as reports will be reviewed in the order received. When you submit your report to the customer care email, you will receive a confirmation email with your case number. Please be sure to start a NEW email to customer care and don't reply to a previous email. You will NOT receive a confirmation email for a reply to a previous email.

All reports will be reviewed by November 15th at the latest. Please wait until after then to send inquiries on the status of your report. Thank you!

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

La Tienda News & Promotions

La Tienda Hours This Week

La Tienda reopens this on Thursday, October 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Action Needed

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

Who else should get this message: Troop leadership, adult volunteers, and Girl Scout caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

La Tienda October Promotion

For October, **take \$5 OFF any Girl Scout Self-Care Kit** at La Tienda Shop! It's the perfect little pick-me-up for a cozy night in, a thoughtful gift, or just because you deserve it. Stop by La Tienda Shop and grab yours!

Action Needed

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

Who else should get this message: Troop leadership, adult volunteers, and Girl Scout caregivers

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Community Announcements

Adventure Awaits: Mexico 2027!

Calling all Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Travel Troop 02020 is gearing up for an unforgettable international adventure to **Nuestra Cabaña, the Girl Scout World Centre in Cuernavaca, Mexico**, in July 2027.

Action Needed

- ☐ Questions? Please contact Nancy Wiggins at headcookie@aol.com

We'll be attending the spectacular **Firefly Session**, where Girl Scouts from around the world come together for friendship, cultural exchange, leadership, and adventure. Join us for an informational Zoom meeting on **September 24 at 6:30 p.m.** to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime experience and how you can be part of the journey!

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)
Meeting ID 777 4774 8708
Passcode Cabana

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

September 21, 2026

- Birds & Reptiles & Mammals, Oh My: Exploring NM Wildlife
- Pokemon Training
- Media Stars
- Adventure Awaits: Mexico 2027

September 14, 2026

- Last Chance: Girl Member Board of Directors Application
- Panem Project: Survive & Thrive
- Girl Scouts of Panem: The Hunger Games Movie
- Spooktacular Trunks & Treats Party
- Bracketology: Hockey
- Closure for Inventory
- Annual Catholic Scouting Mass

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

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