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TROOP ESSENTIALS
YOUR NEED-TO-KNOW NEWSLETTER
FOR GS VOLUNTEERS

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November 30, 2026
Bronze Award Training (Self-Guided)
Silver Award Training (Self-Guided)
Gold Award Training (Self-Guided)

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

Upcoming Holiday Closure

Our office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27, 2026, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Action Needed

☐ Note: Normal business hours will resume on Monday, November 30, 2026.

This time of year is an opportunity to pause and reflect on what we're grateful for, and to spend meaningful time with family and friends.

We are thankful for your continued support and community throughout the year.

Wishing you a warm and happy Thanksgiving!

Summer Camp Update

After careful consideration, we have made the difficult decision not to offer weeklong overnight camp at Camp Elliott Barker this summer.

We know this may be disappointing, but we believe it is important to be transparent now rather than offer an experience that falls short of what our girls deserve.

Action Needed

☐ Watch for outdoor programs & opportunities for feedback as we work toward the return of overnight camp in 2028.

This summer, we will continue to offer family camp and other outdoor activities at Camp Elliott Barker, along with Day Camp at our Albuquerque Program Center. We remain committed to outdoor experiences and plan to bring residential camp back in FY28. As we move forward, we welcome your feedback and partnership.

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts, & their Caregivers
Contact: Customer Care

The January - March Event Guide is Here!

Ready to plan your next adventure? The **January-March Event Guide** is now available online!

Action Needed

☐ Click here to view what's coming this winter!

Take a look at everything coming up this winter and secure your spot at your favorite events.

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, Girl Scouts, & their Caregivers
Contact: Customer Care

Program

Media Stars: Cookie Edition! | December 19, 1:00 PM

Get ready to shine on camera and help us celebrate Cookie Season! We're looking for Girl Scouts, Leaders & families to participate in

Action Needed

☐ Register here by noon on December 11

a special Media Stars content
recording session

focused on all things cookies, including staged b-roll video, photography, and social media content.

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership & Girl Scout Caregivers
Contact: Customer Care

Winter Day Camp: Arctic Lab | December 21-23, 8:00 AM

Members: $150
Non-Members: $200

Arctic Explorers Lab is designed for Girl Scouts who love to ask questions, test ideas, and explore the science behind winter.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by noon on December 11

Girls will build mini igloos, investigate insulation materials, create frost-pattern art using chemistry, experiment with frozen bubbles, and map migration routes using simple navigation tools. Outdoor challenges, science stations, engineering tasks, and themed activities encourage curiosity, problem-solving, and teamwork. The camp concludes with the Arctic Challenge Finale, where Girl Scouts apply everything they've learned.

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

The Quiet Campfire Winter Book Club | Self-Guided

This winter, Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to join **The Quiet Campfire Winter Book Club**! a peaceful, cozy, self-guided reading experience designed for busy troops and families.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by noon on January 31

Girl Scouts choose a book from our fresh, innovative reading lists featuring lesser-known authors, New Mexico voices, and librarian-approved favorites. Along the way, they'll enjoy simple crafts, a fun reading snack, reflection prompts, and their very own Winter Reading Bingo. The Quiet Campfire brings warmth, imagination, and connection to the colder months, whether Girl Scouts participate at home, with their troop, or during holiday downtime.

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

Volunteers

Winter Solstice Celebration Registration Closing Soon!

Join us on December 21st at 6pm at the ABQ Service Center to celebrate the solstice and participating is some good, old fashioned Girl Scout fun!

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by noon on Friday, December 4th

Enjoy a baked potato bar with a cocoa and cider bar plus dessert! Make a solstice-themed craft and enjoy a final celebration for the longest night of the year while mingling with other adult Girl Scouts! All Adult Girl Scouts and Alums are invited!

Who else should get this message: Adult Girl Scouts & Alums
Contact: Customer Care

S'more to Learn: Volunteer Appreciation | December 5

We know new volunteers have questions about Girl Scouts. Volunteers do a lot! Want to know about volunteer appreciation options and our annual event? Do you just have questions and you would like to ask someone in real time.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** for the Saturday, December 5th session at 9:00 AM. Registration is open until 9:30 AM that day.

Join us for this online session designed to help Girl Scout troop volunteers build confidence, strengthen their skills, and connect with fellow volunteers. The session will also include at least 30 minutes of open forum conversation and Q&A, giving you time to ask questions, share ideas, and learn alongside other troop volunteers.

Who else should get this message: Any troop volunteer wanting to learn more
Contact: Customer Care

La Tienda News & Promotions

La Tienda Hours This Week

La Tienda is open Tuesday 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 November Promotion

It's officially SWEATER WEATHER!

November is all about cozy layers, chilly days, and showing off your Girl Scout spirit!

Action Needed

- ☐ **Contact us** with your La Tienda needs

For November, at the **La Tienda Shop**, **save $5 on any Girl Scout hoodie or sweater!**

Whether you're headed to camp, a troop meeting, or just keeping cozy, there's no better time to bundle up in your Girl Scout gear. Stop by La Tienda Shop and snag one!

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

Product Program

Join Us for Cookie Rookie: Intro to Cookies

Are you a new volunteer to the Girl Scout Cookie Program? Not your first season, but want a refresher on all things Cookie Program? Would you like a detailed conversation about cookies?

Join us for the virtual Cookie Rookie Intro to Cookies.

Action Needed

☐ Please join us on December 2nd at 6 PM, December 12th at 9 AM, December 14th at 6 PM, January 6th at 6 PM, or January 9th at 9 AM.

We take a deep dive into cookies and get all your questions answered.

Who else should get this message: Troop Cookie Chairs
Contact: Product Program Team

Reminder: Fall Product Program ACH Thursday, December 3rd

ACH withdrawals and deposits will take place on Thursday, December 3rd. Please deposit all money into troop bank accounts by Monday, November 30th.

Outstanding balance reports are due Tuesday, November 24th.

Action Needed

☐ Verify all information from ACH email on November 6th is correct and inform council of issues

If troops can't meet ACH amounts, contact the Product Program team immediately. The deadline to adjust ACH amounts is Monday, November 30th at noon.

Who else should get this message: Troop Leadership and Troop Fall Product Chairs
Contact: Product Program Team

Community Announcements

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

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- Winter Day Camp: Arctic Lab
- The Quiet Campfire Winter Book Club

November 9, 2026

- Save the Date: 110 Years of Girl Scouting in New Mexico & Cookie Season Kickoff
- Parents, Need a Little Time to Tackle Your Holiday Shopping?
- Hook & Needle: Winter Stitches
- Girl Scouts of Panem: Mockingjay 1
- The Great Kitchen Cleanup Catastrophe: Brownie Household Elf
- Kitchen Rookie Boot Camp: Brownie Snacks
- Candy and Nut Product Delivery Reminders

Visit the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails website for more information and upcoming events.

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