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

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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

Save the Date: 110 Years of Girl Scouting in New Mexico & Cookie Season Kickoff

We're celebrating 110 years of Girl Scouting in New Mexico with a special Ribbon Cutting and Cookie Season Kickoff on Friday, February 19, 2027.

Action Needed
☐ Mark Your Calendar!

Join us as we honor our legacy and inspire the next generation. More details coming soon!

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

Help Us Name Our New Mascot

Before our green roadrunner mascot can make her official debut, she needs a name. Vote for your favorite and help choose the name she'll carry on all her adventures!

Action Needed
☐ **Click here to vote!**

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

Program

Parents, Need a Little Time to Tackle Your Holiday Shopping?

We've got you covered! **Cozy Night In: Holiday Magic** on December 12 is the perfect opportunity to drop off the girls for a fun-filled evening while you enjoy some time to yourself.

Action Needed
☐ **Register here** by noon on November 27

The girls will make their own pizzas, warm up by the fire with delicious hot chocolate, and enjoy festive, cozy crafts with friends. So grab those favorite pajamas, get ready for a little holiday magic, and let the girls enjoy a special night of fun and friendship before the holiday hustle and bustle begins!

You shop, they cozy up, and everyone wins!

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

Hook & Needle: Winter Stitches | December 18, 6:00 PM

New Participants: $25
Returning Participants: $10

Action Needed

Celebrate the season with Winter Warmth & Snowy Stitches, our December Hook & Needle theme!

- ☐ **Register here** by noon on December 4

This month, scouts will craft frosty-fun projects inspired by snowflakes, mittens, penguins, cozy cabins, and all the chilly charm of winter. Whether they're knitting, crocheting, cross-stitching, quilting, or bringing a personal project from home, everyone is welcome to settle in and stitch something soft, warm, and winter-ready.

We'll start with a simple winter-themed pattern to spark creativity, then open the makerspace so scouts can craft at their own pace. Think twinkly lights, warm cocoa vibes, and a room full of handmade cheer—the perfect way to wrap up the year with creativity and community.

Come for the yarn, stay for the cozy, and leave with something handmade to brighten the winter season.

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

Girl Scouts of Panem: Mockingjay 1 | December 19, 6:00 PM

Panem is at war, and the Mockingjay has risen! Council is excited to welcome Girl Scouts of Panem to the next chapter of our Hunger Games Book & Movie Club with a screening of *Mockingjay: Part I*.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by noon on December 4

Step beyond the arena and into the heart of the resistance for an evening of action, discussion, and cinematic adventure! Gather your fellow Girl Scouts and wear your district colors or Hunger Games inspired attire to show your support for the rebellion.

You do not need to participate in the Book Club to attend Movie Club. However, registration is required for each screening individually.

Can't attend in person? Book Club members can join us through Teleparty from home or with their troop and chat with fellow tributes on Discord. Registration is still required, as the fee covers your fun patch and shipping.

"The fire is catching, and if we burn, you burn with us."

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

The Great Kitchen Cleanup Catastrophe: Brownie Household Elf | Self-Guided

Cost: $10

Camp Chaos is in trouble! Captain Catastrophe has destroyed the kitchen before the big Golden Spatula Tournament inspection.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by Noon on December 4

In this self-guided Brownie Household Elf Badge adventure, Girl Scouts become Chaos Control Elves as they complete fun cleanup missions, save energy and water, create natural cleaners, recycle creatively, and organize the kitchen before time runs out.

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

Kitchen Rookie Boot Camp: Brownie Snacks | Self-Guided

Cost: $10

Welcome to the wildest cooking camp ever created! At Camp Chaos, pudding splatters the ceiling, pretzels mysteriously explode, and recipes never seem to go according to plan.

Action Needed

- ☐ **Register here** by Noon on December 4

Girls will step into a hilarious story-driven adventure where creativity, confidence, and teamwork are the secret ingredients to success.

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

Membership

Check Your Girl Scouts' Grades!

Please check your troop roster and verify the grades listed for your Girl Scouts are correct.

Action Needed

- ☐ Renew your memberships today!

We will be sending out information to this year's graduating seniors soon and would hate to miss any because their grade in the system is incorrect. Don't have graduating seniors in your troop? Please check grades to be sure the correct activities are open for your members to register for. If you have Girl Scouts with incorrect grades, parents can change them or send a list of names and emails to **customercare@nmgirlscouts.org** to have them updated.

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

Volunteers

Volunteer Recognition Nominations Deadline is December 31st

Volunteer Recognitions are open for nominations! If you know of a volunteer in your troop or Service Unit that deserves special recognition for their work during the Girl Scout year, nominate them today!

Action Needed

- ☐ Complete the appropriate form and email it to **Customer Care** by December 31, 2026.

If your troop partners with a group or organization, recognize them with a council or community service award!

All nomination forms and additional information are on the **Volunteer**

Recognition page.

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

S'more to Learn: Activities & Outings | November 18

New volunteers often have questions about Girl Scouts. Are you looking for tools and resources to help you lead your troop?

Do you just have questions and you would like to ask someone in real time?

Action Needed

- ☐ Register here for the Wednesday, November 18th session at 5:30 PM. Registration is open until 6 PM that day.

We're focusing on **activities and outings**, with practical tips, helpful ideas, and time to ask questions and learn from other leaders.

Whether you're a brand-new troop leader or just looking for fresh ideas, you'll leave with helpful takeaways to bring back to your troop!

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, Wednesday, & Thursday 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

Candy and Nut Product Delivery Reminders

Candy and nut deliveries will take place this week. Just a couple of reminders: please report any missing or damaged items right away.

We created a form for Troop Fall Product Chairs to notify the Product Program Team of these issues, and we shared it in Fall Product News.

Action Needed

- ☐ Ensure Troop Fall Product Chairs pick up and distribute product as soon as possible, and report damages and missing products immediately

We have enough products available to replace any damages, so don't hesitate to reach out. Don't forget to remind Girl Scouts to deliver product as soon as possible.

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

Fall Product Program ACH Information

Troop Fall Product Program Chairs will receive an email with information on ACH withdrawals or deposits for participating in the Fall Product Program by Friday, November 6th.

Action Needed

- ☐ Verify all information is correct and inform council of issues

Please double-check that the information is correct. If any information needs to be corrected, please contact the Product Program department immediately. ACH withdrawals and deposits will take place on Thursday, December 3rd.

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

Previously Shared News

November 2, 2026

- 2026 Annual Meeting Registration Now Open
- Help Us Name Our New Mascot
- Cozy Night In: Holiday Magic
- Panem Project: Truth in the Capitol
- Give Older Girl Scouts the Chance to Explore the World
- Fall Product Program ACH Information

October 26, 2026

- Checking In After Severe Weather
- Hook & Needle Yarn Club: Harvest Hues
- Game Night, Girl Scout Style!
- NEW PRICE: Girl Scouts of Panem: Catching Fire
- Check Your Girl Scouts' Grades
- S'more to Learn: 11/07
- Fall Product Program Order Taking Complete

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

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