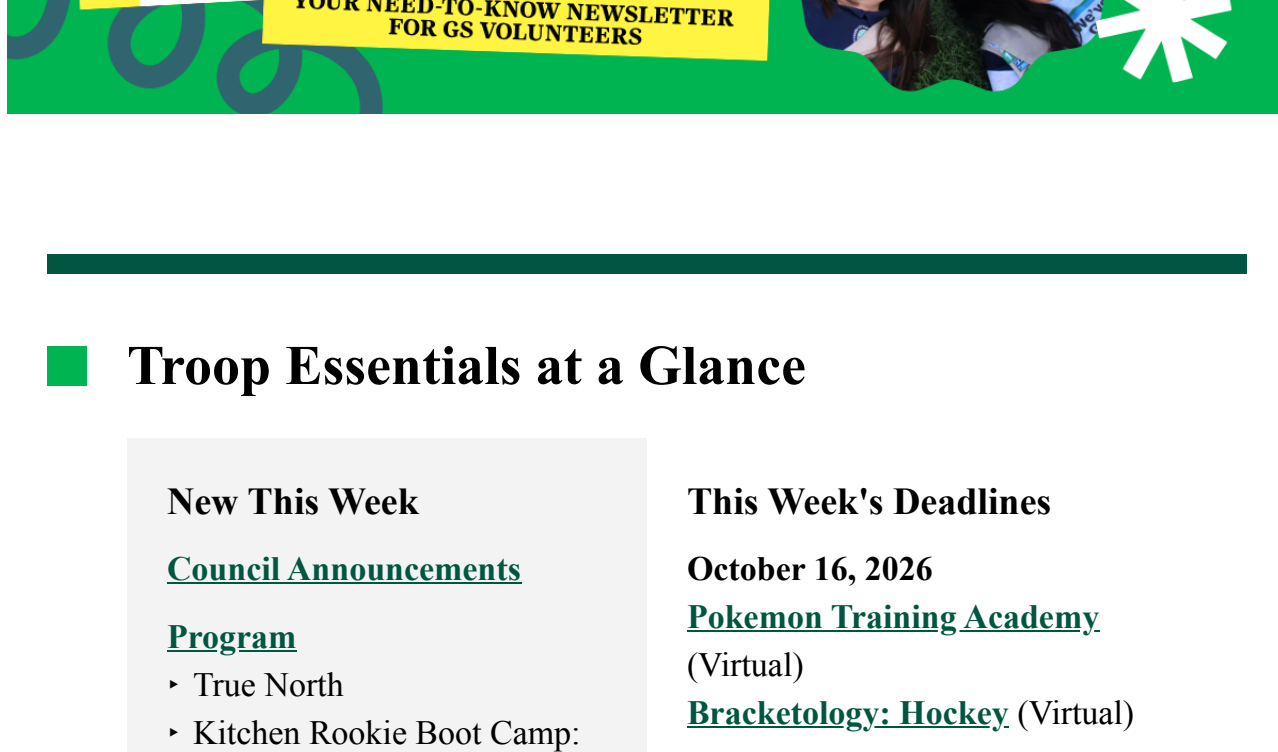


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Troop Essentials at a Glance

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• True North • Kitchen Rookie Boot Camp: Brownies Snacks • The Great Kitchen Clean-up Catastrophe: Brownie Household Elf • Artisan Craft Fair	Bracketology: Hockey (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!](#)

Program

True North | December 2 & 9

Cost: \$10

In this interactive two-part virtual leadership experience, Girl Scouts in grades 4–12 will explore their personal values,

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) by noon on November 13

identify a meaningful goal for the new year, and create a Courage Plan to help them take the first steps toward achieving it. Through engaging games, creative activities, guided discussions, and thoughtful reflection, girls will discover that courage isn't about being fearless... it's about moving forward with purpose, even when something feels challenging.

This multi-level program is designed for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors and supports girls as they complete the GSUSA True North Award at their own grade level.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Kitchen Rookie Boot Camp: Brownies Snacks | Self-Guided

Cost: \$10

Camp Chaos needs new chefs FAST! In this self-guided Brownie Snacks Badge adventure, Girl Scouts enter

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) by noon on December 4

Rookie Chef Bootcamp to survive recipe disasters, rescue silly snack emergencies, and train for the legendary Golden Spatula Tournament.

This flexible, self-guided experience is perfect for troops, families, homeschool groups, or independent badge work, and you can complete it at your own pace. The program includes guided activities, recipes, games, discussion prompts, printable materials, and a fun closing ceremony while helping girls complete all requirements for the **Brownie Snacks Badge**.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

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

Cost: \$10 per girl

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

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) by 12:00 p.m. on December 4

inspection. 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.

This self-guided program includes activity instructions, supply lists, discussion prompts, games, crafts, and a closing celebration while helping girls complete all requirements for the **Brownie Household Elf Badge**.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Artisan Craft Fair | December 5

Cost: \$15 per Girl Scout/Troop table, \$30 per adult-only table

Girl vendors are invited to sell handmade items, holiday goodies, original artwork, crafts,

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) by noon on November 20

accessories, and more. Whether they're just starting their business journey or already have products ready to share, we want to celebrate their creativity and leadership! Spaces are limited, so reserve your vendor booth today!

Who else should get this information: Troop Leadership, 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](#)

Volunteers

New to Girl Scouts?: S'more to Learn | October 17

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

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) for our Saturday, October 17th session at 9:00 AM. Registration is open until 9:30 AM that day.

Do you just have questions and you would like to ask someone in real time? 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](#)

Youth Mental Health First Aid - VIRTUAL | November 7

Thanks to a partnership with the National Council for Mental Wellbeing, GSUSA, United Way, and GSNMT, we can offer this \$170 course at a discount for our membership.

Action Needed

☐ [Register here](#) by Noon on October 23, 2026.

Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among children and adolescents ages 12-18. Mental Health First Aid covers how to interact with a youth in crisis and how to connect them with help. This Virtual Course has about 3 hours of REQUIRED self-paced, online pre-work and an exam after the 4-hour virtual course. After completing this course and the required pre- and post-work, you will be certified for three years as a Youth Mental Health First Aider. Registration includes electronic versions of materials and a patch.

Who else should get this message: Interested Adults

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Volunteer Call-Explore What's Next For Girl Scouts | October 27 or November 7

Building on the summer announcement of Program Modernization to members, GSUSA will be hosting a special webinar this fall for volunteers to learn more about the future of the Girl Scout program experience and ask questions.

There are two opportunities for volunteers to participate in the webinar:

- ☐ [Tuesday, October 27, 8:00–9:00 p.m. ET](#)
- ☐ [Saturday, November 7, 1:00–2:00 p.m. ET](#)

They'll share the why behind their efforts, how feedback from Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers is helping shape the next chapter of our Movement, and what volunteers can expect in the years ahead. They'll also provide a brief demonstration of the new Girl Scout program Library, designed to make it easier than ever to discover badges, awards, patches, and activities for Girl Scouts of all ages.

To help accommodate as many participants as possible, please register for **only one** session. Space is limited.

Who else should get this message: Interested Adults

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

La Tienda News & Promotions

La Tienda Hours This Week

La Tienda is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 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](#)

Product Program

Still Time to Participate in the Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program ends on Thursday, October 22nd. We know some troops might have missed the information on the Fall Product Program. If your troop is interested in participating, it's not too late to get started. The first step is to complete the [Fall Product Program Troop Chair Agreement](#) form.

Action Needed

☐ Fall Product Program Chairs need to complete their forms to gain access to training. [Check out the Fall Product Central webpage](#) for more resources and information.

By the next business day, volunteers will gain access to training in gsLearn. Training and product permission forms must be complete by Thursday, October 15th.

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

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Thursday, October 15th - Last Day to Submit 2026-2027 Product Program Girl Permission Form for Fall Product Program

Please make sure your Troop Fall Product Program Chair checks M2OS to ensure all Girl Scouts are listed in M2OS by Wednesday, October 14th. Friday, October 16th will be the last day we upload any Girl Scouts into the system.

Action Needed

☐ Fall Product Program Chairs ensure all Girl Scouts participating are listed in M2OS.

Please remember all Girl Scouts must submit a [2026-2027 Girl Scout Product Program Permission and Caregiver Responsibility Form](#) to participate in the program. Be sure to share this link with families who have not yet completed it.

Who else should get this message: Troop Leadership & Girl Scouts participating in Fall Product Program

Contact: [Customer Care](#)

Community Announcements

Opportunity to Help at Empty Bowls Event on October 24, 2026

Storehouse New Mexico, a food pantry in Albuquerque, is looking for a few volunteers to help at the [2026 Empty Bowls](#) event being held on October 24, 2026, at St. John's United Methodist Church.

Action Needed

☐ If interested in volunteering, please email Stacey Mounce at smounce@goadclante.org

Girl Scout Juniors and older are welcome to help. There are two shifts to help with: 10:30-12:30 and 12:00-2:00. Here are some of the tasks to help with:

- Line Monitor to help direct people to ticket sales, bowl sales, and the food line
- Bread and cookie servers
- Runners/Refillers to help make sure napkin, utensil, and water containers are full
- Table cleaners to help put fresh place mats on tables and make sure the tables are clean

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

October 6, 2026

- Girl Scouts of Panem: Catching Fire
- Native American Heritage Month at the Museum of Indian Arts & Culture

September 28, 2026

- Artisan Prep Nights
- Sing, Sparkle & Shout
- Music Festival: Amplify
- Panem Project: Voice of Change
- Happy New Girl Scout Year!
- IMPORTANT: YEAR Closing
- October La Tienda Promotion

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

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