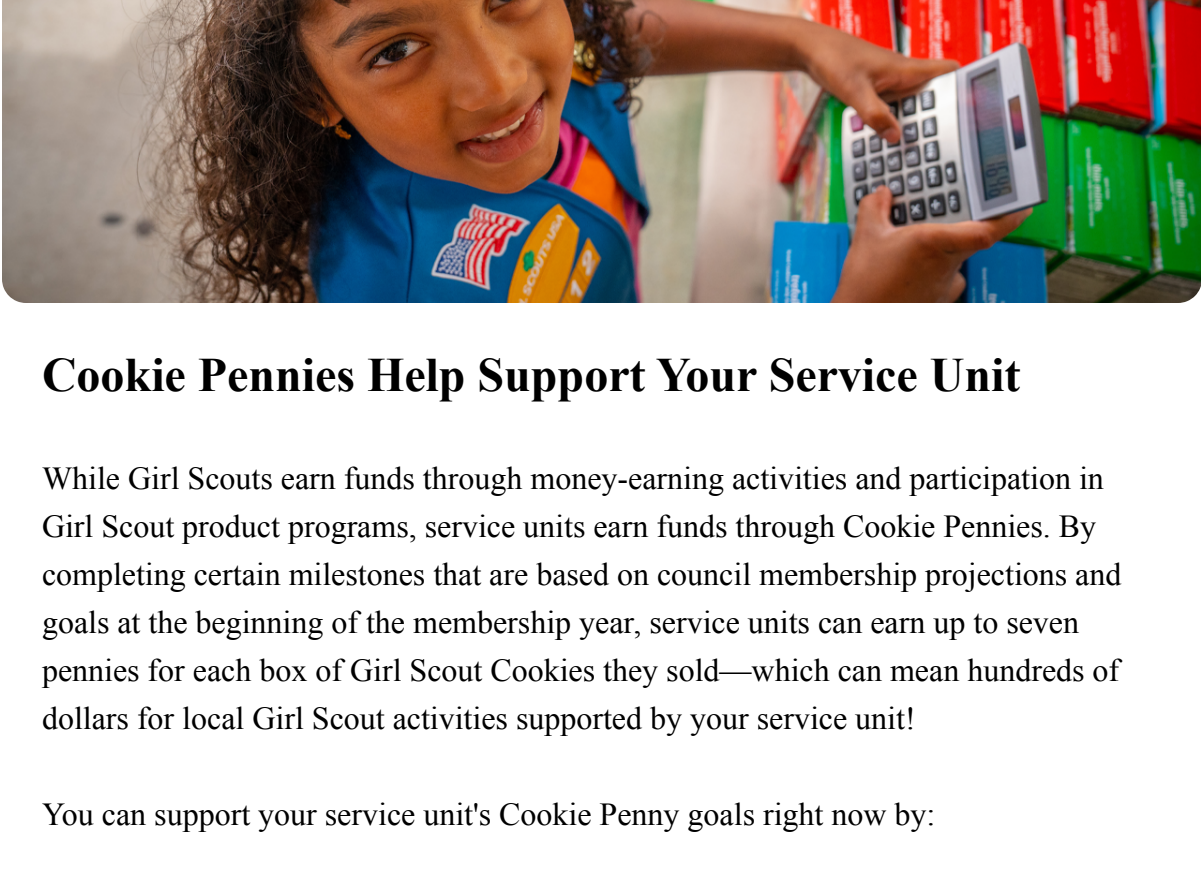


Subject: Your May Juliette Connect Newsletter

Preheader: Helpful tips and tools for Girl Scout Juliettes this month and beyond!



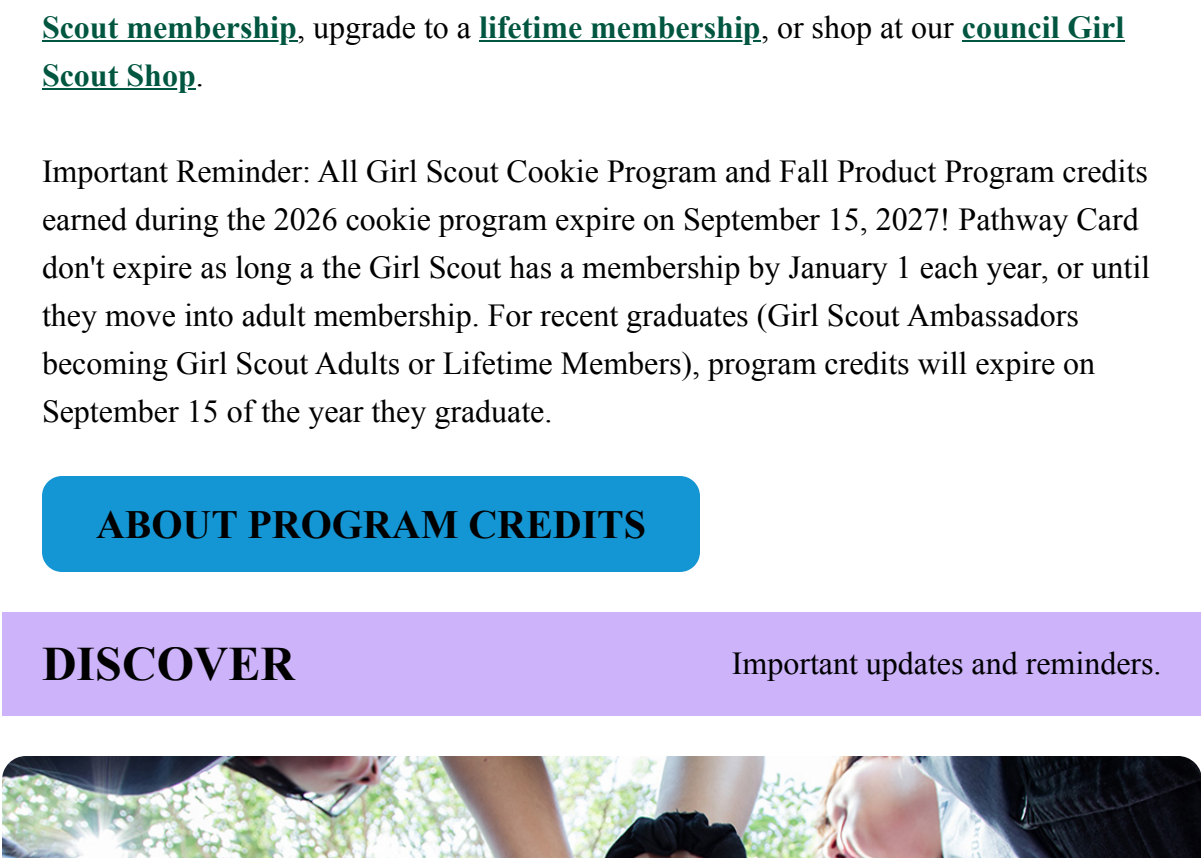
Cookie Pennies Help Support Your Service Unit

While Girl Scouts earn funds through money-earning activities and participation in Girl Scout product programs, service units earn funds through Cookie Pennies. By completing certain milestones that are based on council membership projections and goals at the beginning of the membership year, service units can earn up to seven pennies for each box of Girl Scout Cookies they sold—which can mean hundreds of dollars for local Girl Scout activities supported by your service unit!

You can support your service unit's Cookie Penny goals right now by:

- Participating in [Spring Membership Renewal](#)
- Engaging your Juliette in the [Golden Trefoil Patch Program](#)
- [Growing Girl Scout membership](#) by participating in recruitment activities

If you're curious about the specific metrics for your service unit, check with your service team!



Be Sure to Use Your Program Credits!

Cookie Program credits and Pathway Cards have been mailed directly to Girl Scouts using the caregiver's address on file.

Girl Scouts can use program credits to explore exciting experiences like [Girl Scout Destinations](#) and for [day and overnight camps](#). You can also use them to fund [troop or patrol travel adventures](#), attend GSOSW & service unit events, [renew your Girl Scout membership](#), upgrade to a [lifetime membership](#), or shop at our [council Girl Scout Shop](#).

Important Reminder: All Girl Scout Cookie Program and Fall Product Program credits earned during the 2026 cookie program expire on September 15, 2027! Pathway Card don't expire as long as the Girl Scout has a membership by January 1 each year, or until they move into adult membership. For recent graduates (Girl Scout Ambassadors becoming Girl Scout Adults or Lifetime Members), program credits will expire on September 15 of the year they graduate.

ABOUT PROGRAM CREDITS

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders.



Renew Your Girl Scout Membership Today

Get ready for your next year of Girl Scouts! Spring renewal opened on April 1, and there are exciting benefits available for Girl Scouts and volunteers who renew their membership this spring.

Any member (Girl Scout youth or adult) who [renews by May 31](#) will get **FIVE** entries in the prize drawing for one of the prizes below!

- **\$50 property credit** (three available)
- **\$50 GSOSW Shop credit** (three available)
- **Troop (or Juliette) camp experience** (one available)

🍕 Girl Scouts who participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Program extension and sold 100 or more packages during that time earned their Girl Scout membership for next year! Here is how to redeem it.

- When caregivers or leaders renew [Girl Scouts who earned this incentive](#), select Credit Card as the form of payment and then save. At that time, the discount will automatically be applied.
- This incentive can be applied toward youth membership, adult membership, or young alum lifetime membership types.
- Girl Scouts who earned this incentive will receive 10 entries into the prize drawing, provided they renew by June 30.
- Please note that if Girl Scouts who earned this incentive have already renewed, payments will be refunded. Contact answers@girlscoutsosw.org with any questions.

RENEW TODAY

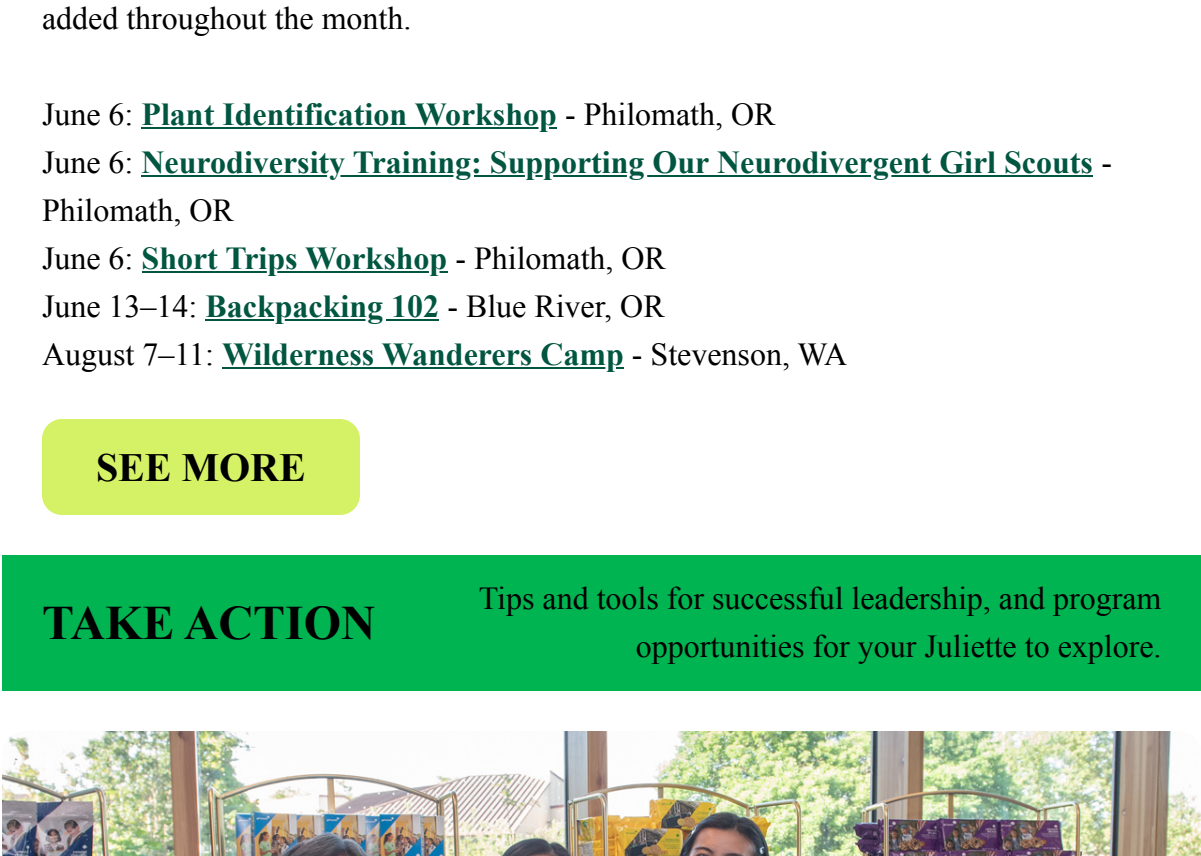
Last Chance: Shop the GSOSW Bin Sale



Shop the bin sale at the [GSOSW Council Shop](#)! The sale features apparel, fun patches, toys and games, books, retired badges and requirements, accessories, and more at deeply discounted prices up to 90% off for the entire month of May! Stop in at the GSOSW Shop in Portland or [visit it online](#). Sale items are color-coded for easy shopping, no matter where you shop.

CONNECT

Connect with volunteers and our council through meetings, events, and leadership opportunities.



Join GSOSW's National Council Delegates on June 2

Want a say in decisions that impact Girl Scouts *across the country*? This is your moment. Join [GSOSW's National Council Delegates](#) for a lively, behind-the-scenes look at the proposals and discussion topics heading to the National Convention in Washington, DC this summer and share your thoughts before votes are cast!

We're talking about things like:

- National licensing agreements & rules
- Policies around girls fundraising for Bronze & Silver Award projects
- Decreasing authority of the national board to increase membership dues.
- New and innovative program delivery models ...and more!

Whether you're passionate about policy, curious about how decisions get made, or just want to stay in the know, this is your chance to jump in to ask questions and share your perspective. Join us for a virtual meeting on June 2 from 6–7 p.m. The meeting is open to all Girl Scout members ages 14+.

SIGN UP



Upcoming Training for Volunteers

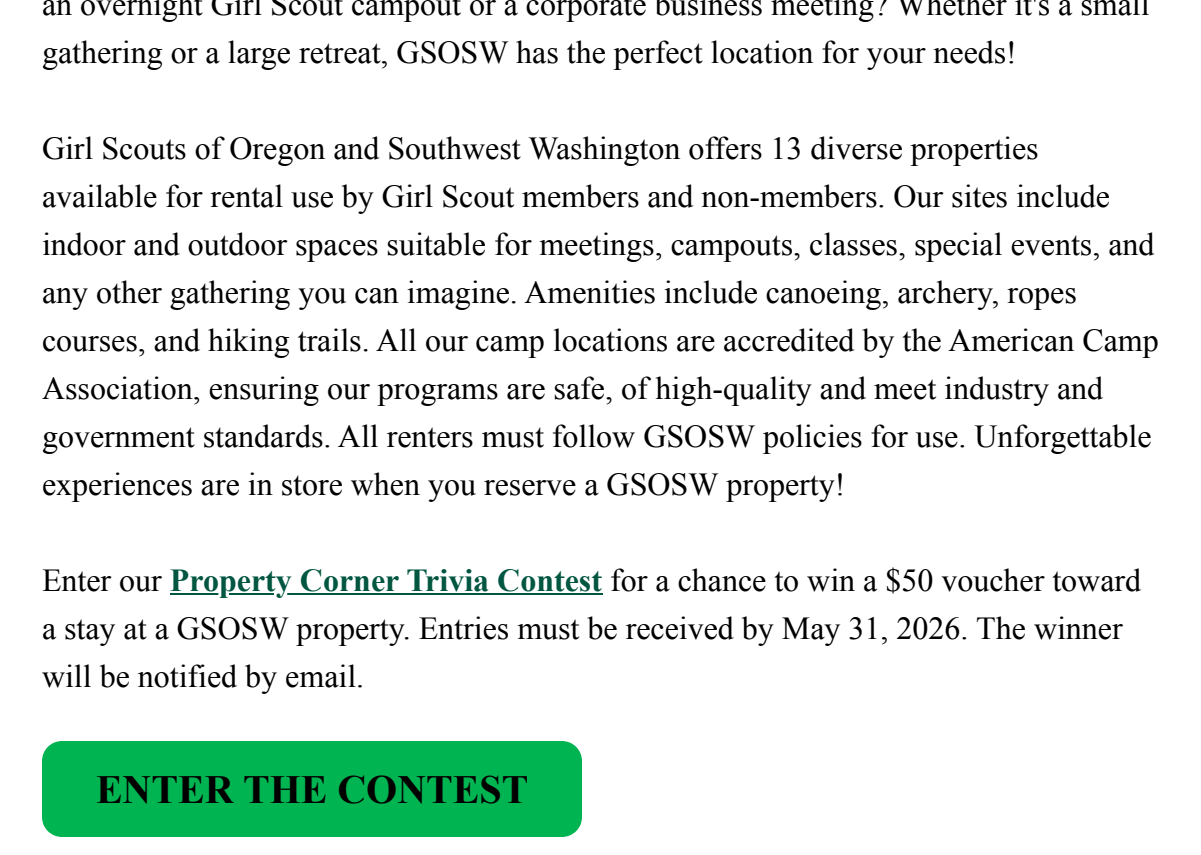
Below are just a few upcoming training dates for adult volunteers! Please check our [Events page](#) for additional dates and locations. New training opportunities may be added throughout the month.

June 6: [Plant Identification Workshop](#) - Philomath, OR
June 6: [Neurodiversity Training: Supporting Our Neurodivergent Girl Scouts](#) - Philomath, OR
June 6: [Short Trips Workshop](#) - Philomath, OR
June 13–14: [Backpacking 102](#) - Blue River, OR
August 7–11: [Wilderness Wanderers Camp](#) - Stevenson, WA

SEE MORE

TAKE ACTION

Tips and tools for successful leadership, and program opportunities for your Juliette to explore.



Celebrate Our Council's Gold Award Girl Scouts at GOLD!

We have 20 new Gold Award Girl Scouts to celebrate this year! If you're in the Portland Metro area, we hope you'll join us on Tuesday, June 16, as we [celebrate these incredible changemakers at GOLD](#).

GOLD 2026

Tuesday, June 16

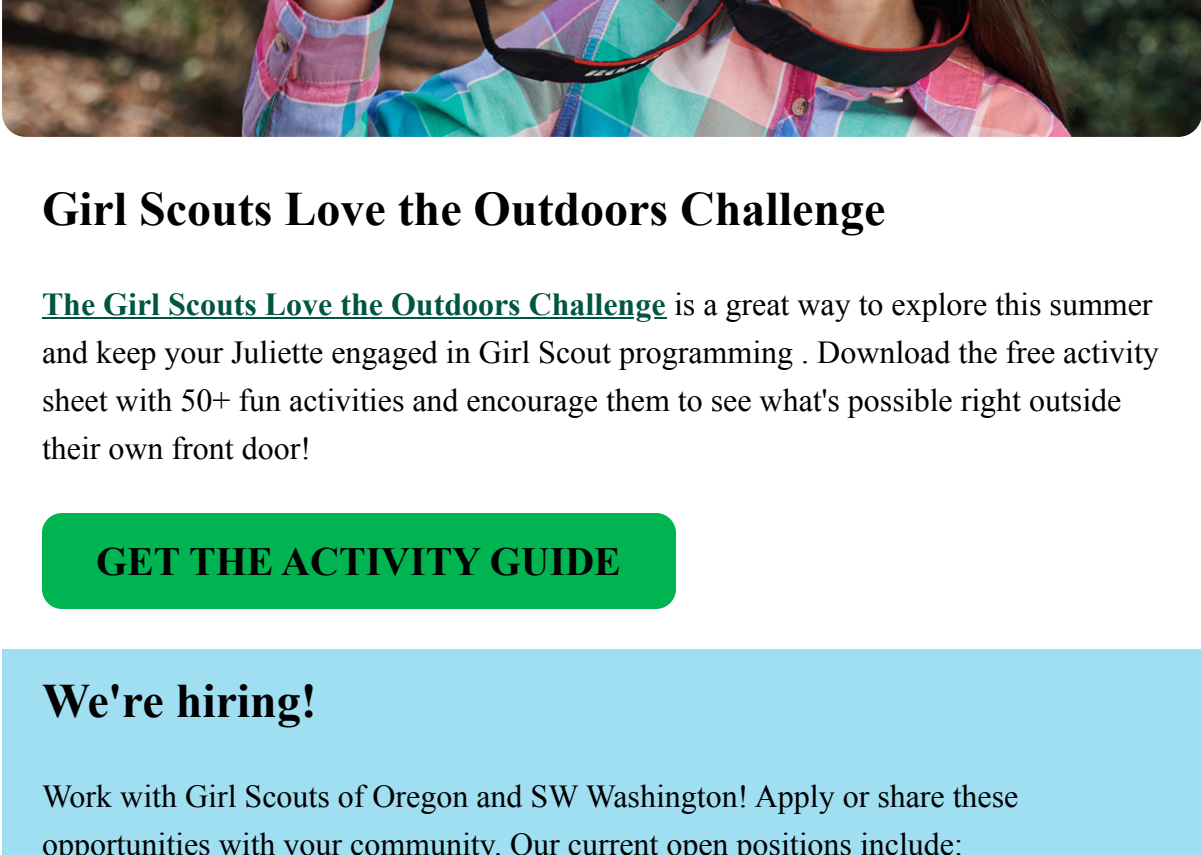
Doors at 5:30 p.m. | Reception at 6 p.m.

Patricia Reser Center for the Arts Beaverton, Oregon

Tickets cost \$35 through May 31 and include GOLD reception with DJ, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts, and the GOLD presentation where prominent business and community leaders will recognize this year's Gold Award Girl Scouts. On June 1, ticket prices will increase to \$50—secure your tickets soon! We hope to see you there.

GET TICKETS

Save the date! The GOLD silent auction will open on June 9, with great prize packages for adventures and experiences across the council. You do not need to attend GOLD to bid in the silent auction.



New! Bronze and Silver Award Notification Forms

Is your Girl Scout starting a Bronze or Silver Award? Please let us know! These notification forms should be filled out after the project is approved by their adult and once they start working. The forms are short, easy to fill out, and will help us to identify Girl Scouts working on Highest Awards so that we can better support them! These forms are located on the [Bronze Award](#) and [Silver Award](#) pages on the council website.

Already in progress? Please take a moment and let us know!

- [Bronze Award Notification Form](#)
- [Silver Award Notification Form](#)

EXPLORE HIGHEST AWARDS

Great adventures await at GSOSW properties!

Are you looking for a coastal exploration or a forest experience? Do you have plans for an overnight Girl Scout campout or a corporate business meeting? Whether it's a small gathering or a large retreat, GSOSW has the perfect location for your needs!

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington offers 13 diverse properties available for rental use by Girl Scout members and non-members. Our sites include indoor and outdoor spaces suitable for meetings, campouts, classes, special events, and any other gathering you can imagine. Amenities include canoeing, archery, ropes courses, and hiking trails. All our camp locations are accredited by the American Camp Association, ensuring our programs are safe, of high-quality and meet industry and government standards. All renters must follow GSOSW policies for use. Unforgettable experiences are in store when you reserve a GSOSW property!

Enter our [Property Corner Trivia Contest](#) for a chance to win a \$50 voucher toward a stay at a GSOSW property. Entries must be received by May 31, 2026. The winner will be notified by email.

ENTER THE CONTEST

Celebrate Pride Month

The Girl Scout LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch is designed for Girl Scouts of all levels and their leaders to honor LGBTQ+ history, celebrate the diverse cultures and identities of LGBTQ+ people, and acknowledge the many contributions the LGBTQ+ community has made and continues to make across our nation.

EXPLORE THE PATCH

🍎 **This month's STEAM Challenge is Food Magic!** Make edible slime, explore sweet and savory, or protect an egg from a fall as you [earn this fun patch](#).

🌱 **This month's Great Outdoors Challenge is the Cultivator!** Create a garden or learn about native plants as you [work toward earning this fun patch](#).

📅 Girl Scouts can use program credits for event registration, overnight camp, Girl Scout shop purchases, and much more! [Learn more about program credits](#).

🔍 Find activity ideas and program partners in the [Schedule Your Own Adventure Center](#).

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

[The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) is a great way to explore this summer and keep your Juliette engaged in Girl Scout programming. Download the free activity sheet with 50+ fun activities and encourage them to see what's possible right outside their own front door!

GET THE ACTIVITY GUIDE

We're hiring!

Work with Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington! Apply or share these opportunities with your community. Our current open positions include:

[Community Engagement Specialist \(Eugene, OR\)](#)
[Camp Lifeguard - Camp Arrowhead \(Stevenson, WA\)](#)
[Camp Lifeguard - Camp Cleawox \(Florence, OR\)](#)