



It's Cookie Time! *Explore More Ways to Participate.*

We hope your Girl Scout Cookie season is off to a strong start! The [Girl Scout Cookie Finder](#) is now active, and customers can place orders to support troops near them by entering their ZIP code.

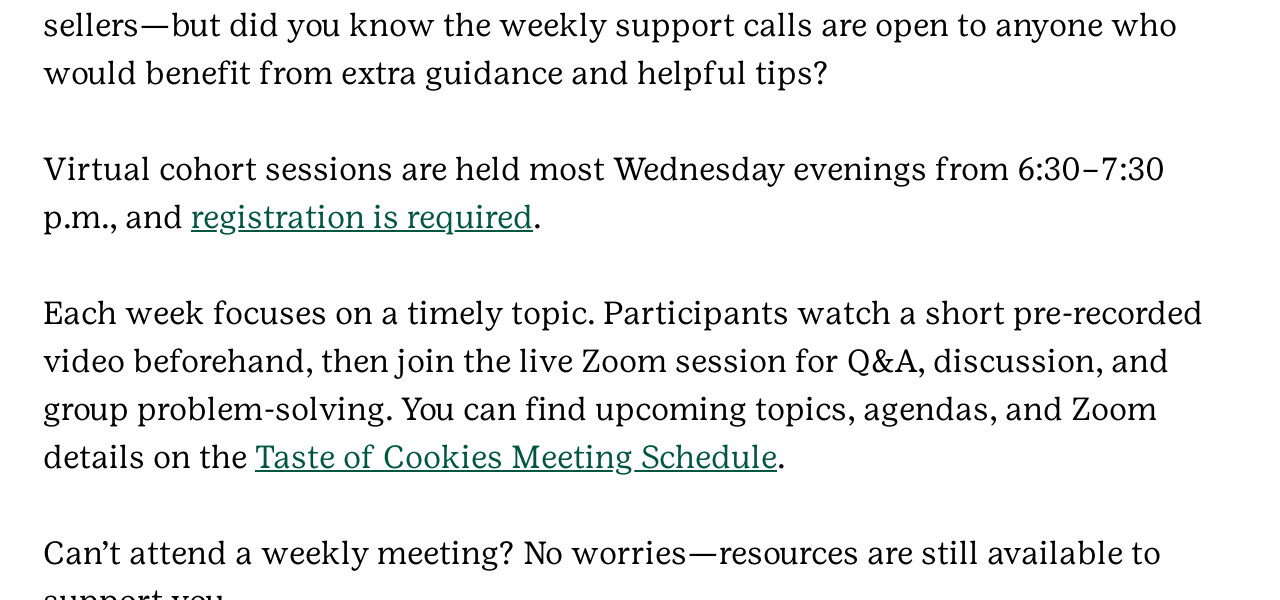
Has your troop explored all the ways to participate in the Cookie Program this year? Review [Pages 8 and 9 of the Cookie Program Family Guide \(PDF\)](#) to see participation pathways and safety tips, and choose the options that work best for your troop's goals. Make sure that your troop is ready to participate and listed in the Cookie Finder by reviewing the [Troop Eligibility Checklist](#). Connect with your service unit product manager or contact answers@girlscoutsosw.org if you have any questions or need support.



Check out the resources below to help support your troop through cookie season:

- [Cookie Program Troop Product Manager \(TPM\) Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cookie Program Family Guide \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cookie Program Calendar \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cookie Program Girl Scout Recognitions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Cookie Booth Helper Training \(YouTube\)](#)
- [2026 Cookie Program Promotional Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)
- ... and more [Cookie Program resources!](#)

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Get Extra Support through the Taste of Cookies Cohort

You may have heard about Taste of Cookies, our cohort for first-time cookie sellers—but did you know the weekly support calls are open to anyone who would benefit from extra guidance and helpful tips?

Virtual cohort sessions are held most Wednesday evenings from 6:30–7:30 p.m., and [registration is required](#).

Each week focuses on a timely topic. Participants watch a short pre-recorded video beforehand, then join the live Zoom session for Q&A, discussion, and group problem-solving. You can find upcoming topics, agendas, and Zoom details on the [Taste of Cookies Meeting Schedule](#).

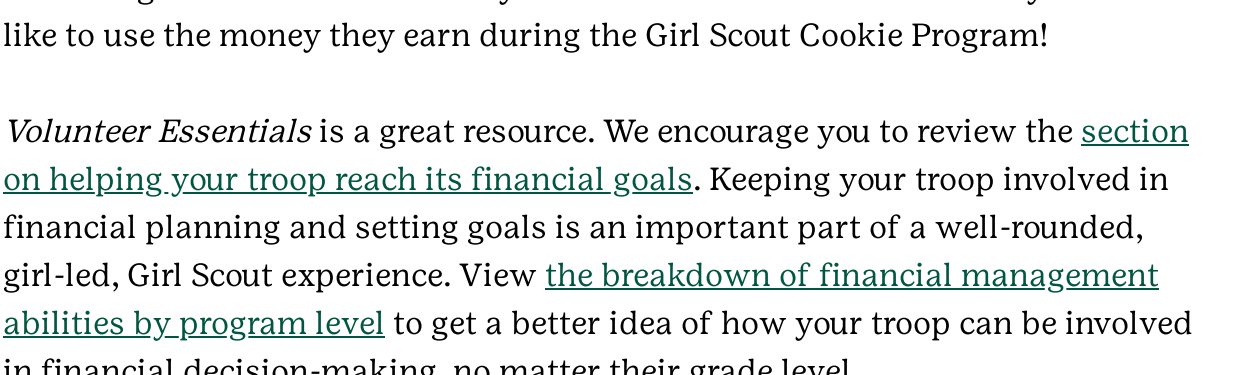
Can't attend a weekly meeting? No worries—resources are still available to support you.

REGISTER NOW

Support Girl Scouts through the Oregon Charitable Checkoff



When Oregon residents complete their 2025 state income tax returns, they can [donate all or part of their refund to GSOSW through the Oregon Charitable Checkoff](#). Please help spread the word and consider contributing!



Helping Your Troop Reach Their Financial Goals

This is a great time to work with your Girl Scouts to discuss how they would like to use the money they earn during the Girl Scout Cookie Program!

Volunteer Essentials is a great resource. We encourage you to review the [section on helping your troop reach its financial goals](#). Keeping your troop involved in financial planning and setting goals is an important part of a well-rounded, girl-led, Girl Scout experience. View the [breakdown of financial management abilities by program level](#) to get a better idea of how your troop can be involved in financial decision-making, no matter their grade level.

If you have questions about involving your Girl Scouts in goal setting and financial planning, please reach out to answers@girlscoutsosw.org.

MANAGING TROOP FINANCES

Gear Up for Cookies, Camp, and More

Shop at our council's new online store (<https://shop.girlscoutsosw.org>) for pickup or delivery! This website reflects the items available for purchase in the Portland Shop, and Girl Scouts can shop online using [GSOSW Program Credits](#) as well.



Get ready for this year's [Girl Scout Cookie Program](#) with exciting items, including the [NEW Girl Scout Cookie Squad hoodie](#), order Girl Scout uniforms and badges, and more.

The early-bird deadline for [overnight camp registration](#) is January 20! We are offering [10% off all items pre-ordered](#) for camp delivery by that date.

SHOP NOW



Apply for the Vera E. Heidenreich & Marjory R. Smith Fund by February 28

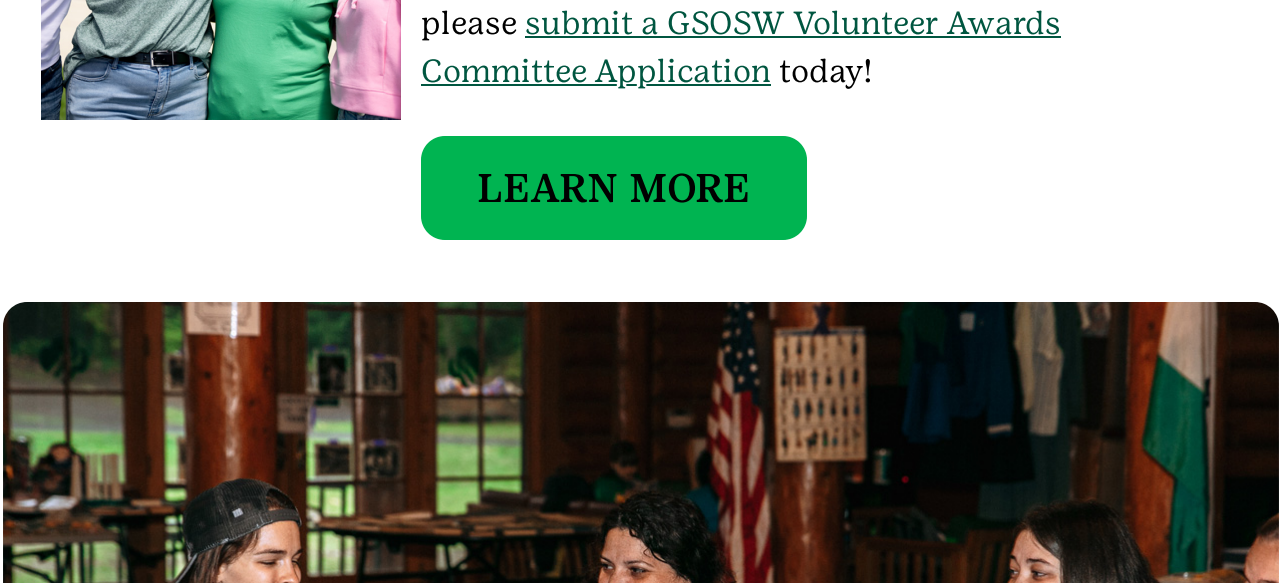
The [Vera E. Heidenreich & Marjory R. Smith Fund](#) (VEH & MRS Fund) was established in 2001 to fund activities or events, purchase equipment, and/or training opportunities that will help bring the Girl Scout program to all girls. Last year's funded projects included support for an outdoor equipment rental library in Central Oregon and funding to help engage foster children as Girl Scouts.

This one-time award between \$100 and \$400 is available to currently registered Girl Scouts, volunteers, and staff with Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

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CONNECT

Join us for meetings, events, and adult leadership development opportunities to connect with other volunteers, our council, and the Girl Scout Movement!



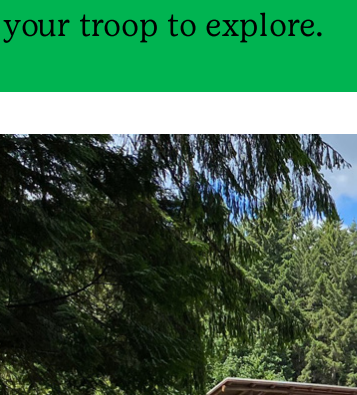
Register for the Next GROW Session

GROW (*Guiding with Purpose, Resilience in Leadership, Opportunities to Connect, Wisdom to Share*) is a series of short, engaging workshops led by our Volunteer Support team. If you missed the first session, [Bite-Sized Tools for Big Conversations](#), the [recording is now available on YouTube](#). Watch at your convenience and get practical tips for effectively engaging in tough conversations.

Register now for our next GROW session, [Supporting Minds: Mental Health Awareness for Girl Scout Volunteers](#). Learn to recognize signs of mental health challenges in both youth and adults, and build your confidence in offering appropriate support within your role as a Girl Scout volunteer. This session will be on February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

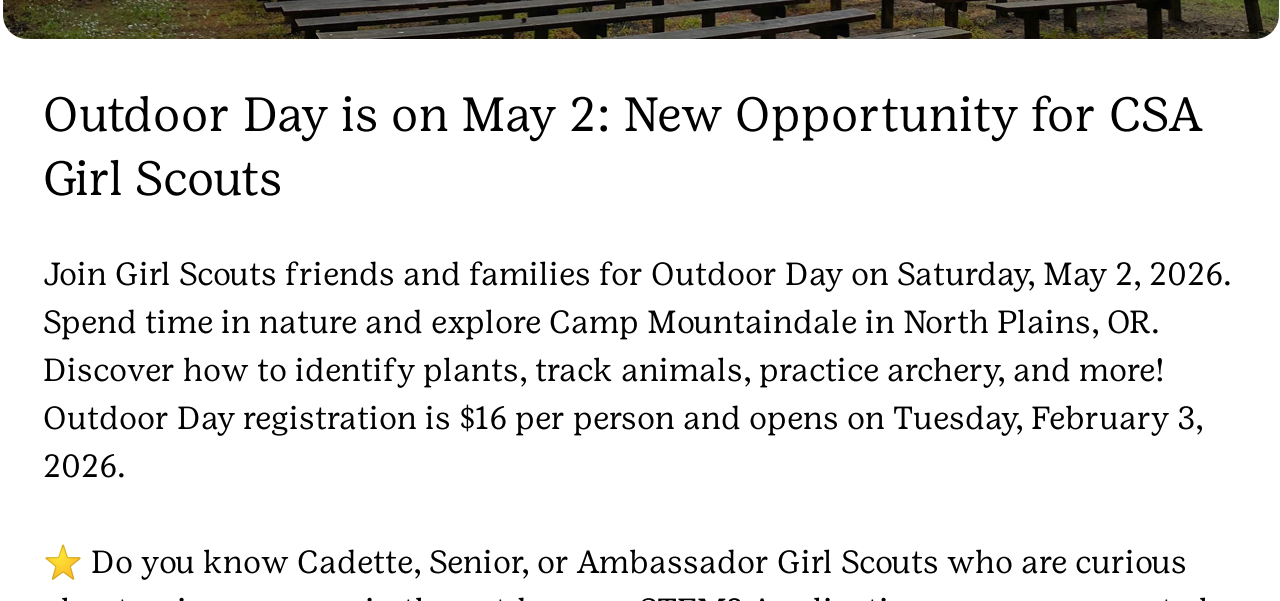
SIGN UP

Volunteer Awards Committee now accepting applications!



Do you have a heart for recognizing the hard work of our incredible Girl Scout volunteers? GSOSW strives to recognize and appreciate volunteers across the council through Spring and National Fall Awards, and we need you! If you are interested in joining us, please [submit a GSOSW Volunteer Awards Committee Application](#) today!

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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.

January 24: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - Portland, OR](#)

January 27: [Before Your First Troop Meeting - Virtual](#)

January 28: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - Eugene, OR](#)

January 29: [Before Your First Troop Meeting - Virtual](#)

February 3: [Before Your First Troop Meeting - Virtual](#)

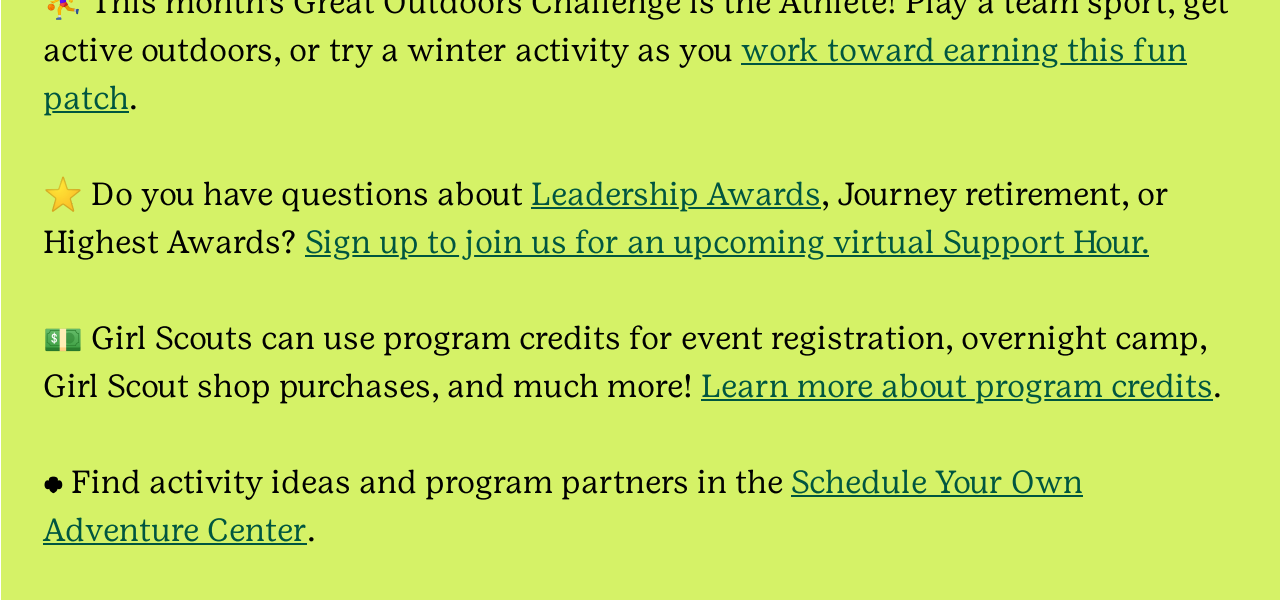
February 5: [Before Your First Troop Meeting - Virtual](#)

SEE MORE

NEW! Request a training in your area with our [GSOSW Volunteer Training Interest Form](#).

TAKE ACTION

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



Outdoor Day is on May 2: New Opportunity for CSA Girl Scouts

Join Girl Scouts friends and families for Outdoor Day on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Spend time in nature and explore Camp Mountindale in North Plains, OR. Discover how to identify plants, track animals, practice archery, and more! Outdoor Day registration is \$16 per person and opens on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

★ Do you know Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scouts who are curious about unique careers in the outdoors or STEM? Applications are now open to be an [Outdoor Day Program Partner Assistant](#)!

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Emergency Action Plan Template Now Available

As adults in Girl Scouting, we keep safety top of mind at any Girl Scout activity or event. Planning for safety—especially with larger groups—is a thoughtful and careful process, and volunteers have shared that they could use a tool to help. We've heard you, and we're excited to share our [Emergency Action Plan template](#)! We encourage you to check it out and try it when planning for your next activity or event. And we value your feedback! As you review and use this tool, [let us know](#) how it goes so we can incorporate your feedback and experience into future versions. Thank you for all you do to make Girl Scout activities safe and fun!

Celebrate Black History Month with Girl Scouts

February is Black History Month, when we honor the Black and African American communities' incredible contributions and leaders throughout U.S. history—from civil rights leaders to artists and politicians to inventors. Take this opportunity to learn more about the community's central role in U.S. history and the world. Make new discoveries and have tons of fun [while earning your patch!](#)

EXPLORE THE PATCH

🍪 This month's STEAM Challenge is Cookie Engineering! Experiment with baking, build a gingerbread house, or build something incredible with cookie boxes as you [earn this fun patch](#).

🏹 This month's Great Outdoors Challenge is the Athlete! Play a team sport, get active outdoors, or try a winter activity as you [work toward earning this fun patch](#).

★ Do you have questions about [Leadership Awards](#), Journey retirement, or Highest Awards? [Sign up to join us for an upcoming virtual Support Hour](#).

■ 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](#).

📄 Keep your troop's information up-to-date by completing the [Troop Information Update Form](#).

Troop Tuesday: Giving Back with Girl Scout Juliette Eva

Eva, a Girl Scout Juliette currently in 4th grade. She is working on her Junior Simple Meals badge. Eva's school was having a Winter Lights event and requested cookie donations, so Eva made Grinch M&M cookies and Snickerdoodles to share. Great job, Eva!

How is your Girl Scout troop or Juliette giving back to their community during this festive season?

Celebrate your Girl Scouts and inspire others by sharing your story! To be considered, email up to four of your best photos, a one-to-three-sentence description, and your troop number with the subject line "Troop Tuesday" to communications@girlscoutsosw.org.

We look forward to seeing what you share!

SHARE YOUR TROOP'S STORY