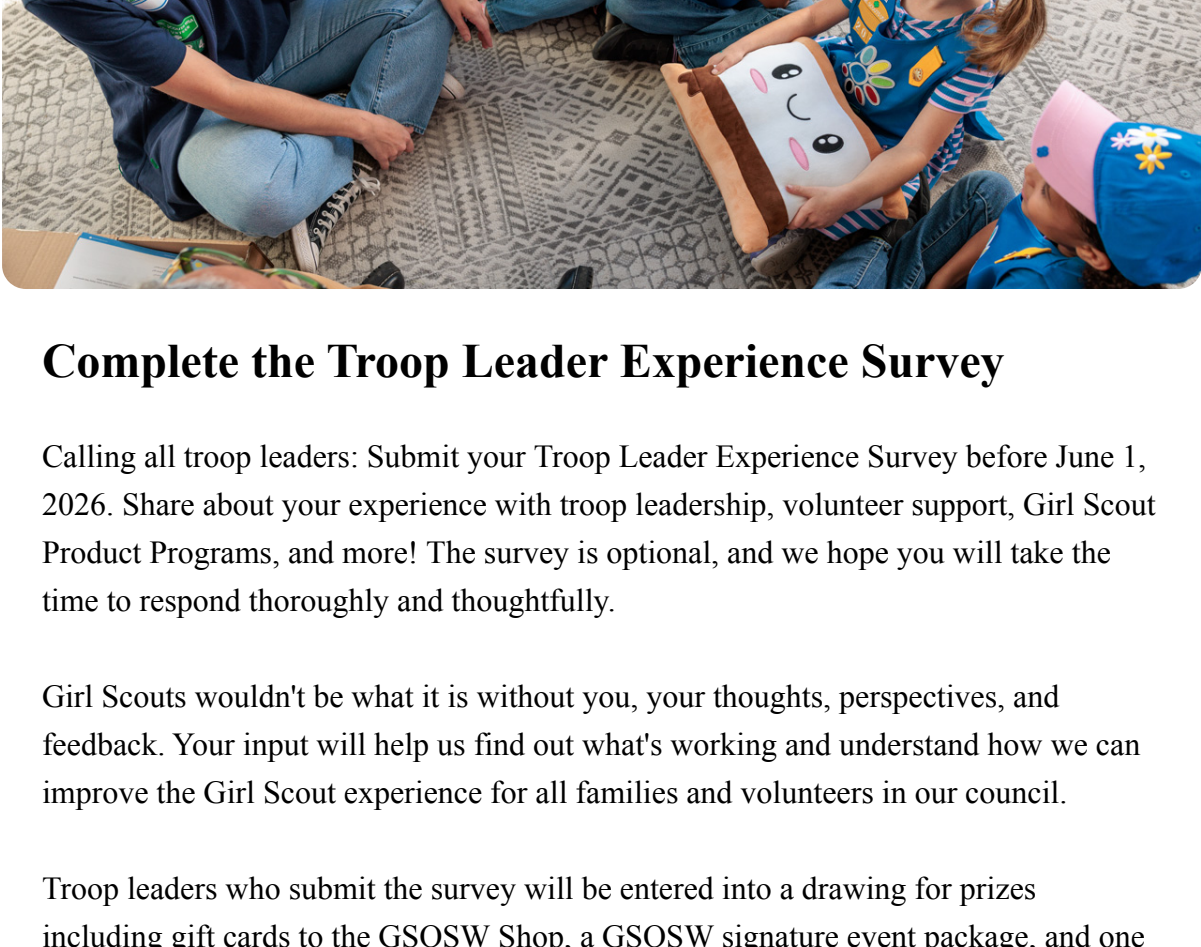


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Complete the Troop Leader Experience Survey

Calling all troop leaders: Submit your Troop Leader Experience Survey before June 1, 2026. Share about your experience with troop leadership, volunteer support, Girl Scout Product Programs, and more! The survey is optional, and we hope you will take the time to respond thoroughly and thoughtfully.

Girl Scouts wouldn't be what it is without you, your thoughts, perspectives, and feedback. Your input will help us find out what's working and understand how we can improve the Girl Scout experience for all families and volunteers in our council.

Troop leaders who submit the survey will be entered into a drawing for prizes including gift cards to the GSOSW Shop, a GSOSW signature event package, and one of two troop funds transfers of \$100.

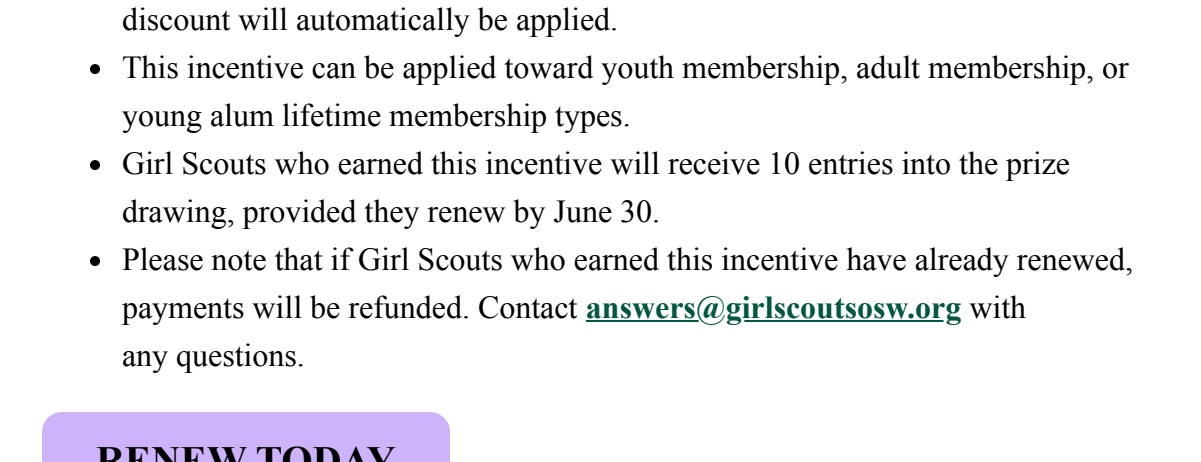
If you have any questions, please reach out to answers@girlscoutsw.org.

We appreciate your time and value your feedback!

[GO TO THE SURVEY](#)

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



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. Be sure to encourage your Girl Scouts to renew.

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)

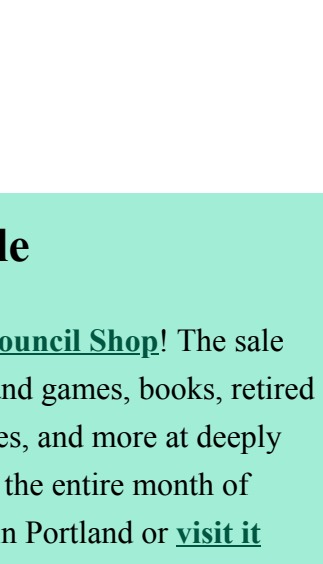
🍪 Girl Scouts who participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Program extension and sold 100 or more packages during that time earned their Girl Scout membership for next year! Here is how to redeem it.

- 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@girlscoutsw.org with any questions.

[RENEW TODAY](#)

Troop Financial Reports Due by June 30

Troops can find the [Troop Financial Report \(form #108\)](#) on the GSOSW website along with the [Instructions for Form #108](#). Financial reports are due by June 30. If you have questions about completing your financial report, contact your service unit treasurer first. If your service unit doesn't have a treasurer, email answers@girlscoutsw.org for assistance.



Important Resources:

[Troop Financial Report \(form #108\)](#)
[Instructions for Form #108](#)
[Activity Log Spreadsheet](#) (Excel file download)

[FINANCE FORMS](#)



Cookie Pennies Help Support Your Service Unit

While troops 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!

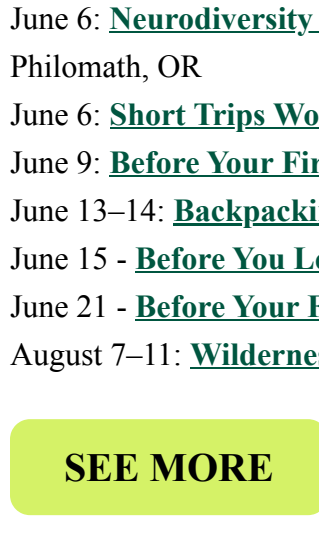
You can support your service unit's Cookie Penny goals right now by:

- Participating in [Spring Membership Renewal](#)
- Engaging your troop or Juliette in the [Golden Trefoil Patch Program](#)
- [Growing Girl Scout membership](#) by participating in recruitment activities and/or opening your troop to new Girl Scouts

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

[GROW YOUR TROOP](#)

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 9: [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
June 13–14: [Backpacking 102](#) - Blue River, OR
June 15 - [Before You Leave the Meeting Place](#) - Virtual
June 21 - [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
August 7–11: [Wilderness Wanderers Camp](#) - Stevenson, WA

[SEE MORE](#)

TAKE ACTION

Tips and tools for successful troop leadership, and program opportunities for your troop 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

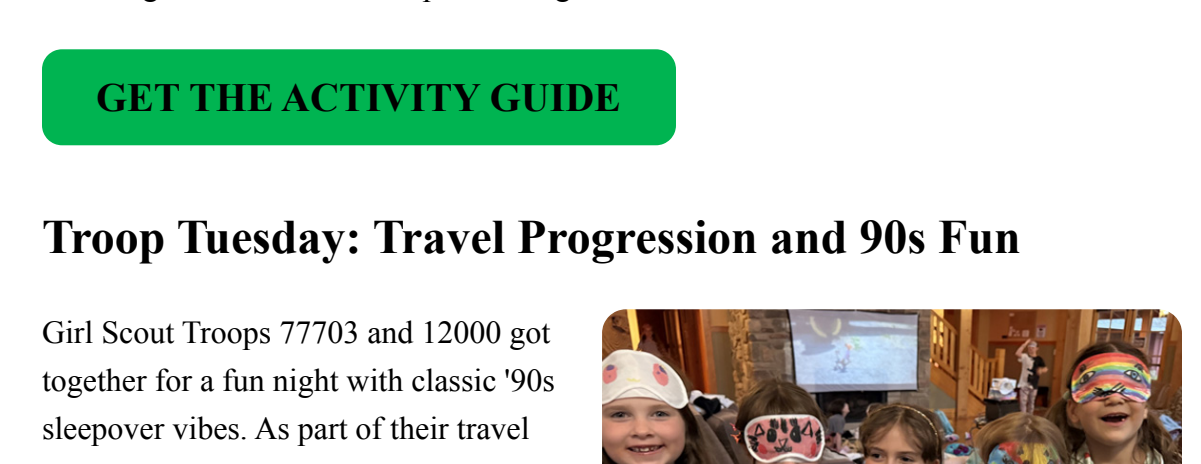
Doors at 5:30 p.m. | Reception at 6 p.m.

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 or troop 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 troop 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](#).

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

📅 Plan ahead and prepare troop safety with the [Emergency Action Plan template](#).

Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge

[The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge](#) is a great way to explore this summer and keep your troop engaged in Girl Scout programming when you may not be meeting as often. 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](#)

Troop Tuesday: Travel Progression and 90s Fun

Girl Scout Troops 77703 and 12000 got together for a fun night with classic '90s sleepover vibes. As part of their travel progression, this was a great opportunity for the girls to practice an evening drop-off event, build confidence, and get excited for future overnight camps and trips. They had pizza, and ice cream, and watched a movie. The girls had so much fun spending time together and making memories with both troops!

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@girlscoutsw.org.

We look forward to seeing what you share!

[SHARE YOUR TROOP'S STORY](#)

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 Cleavox \(Florence, OR\)](#)