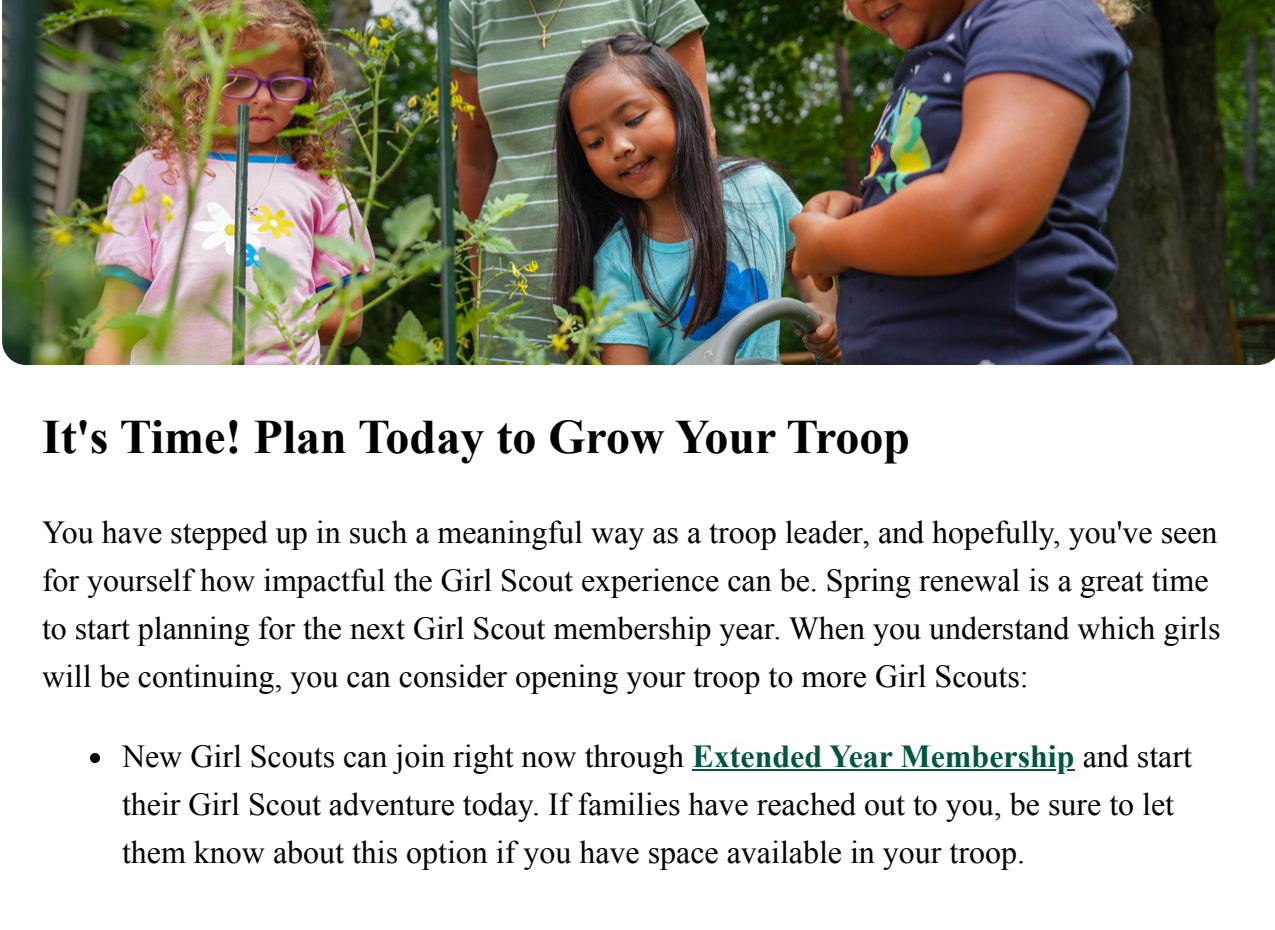


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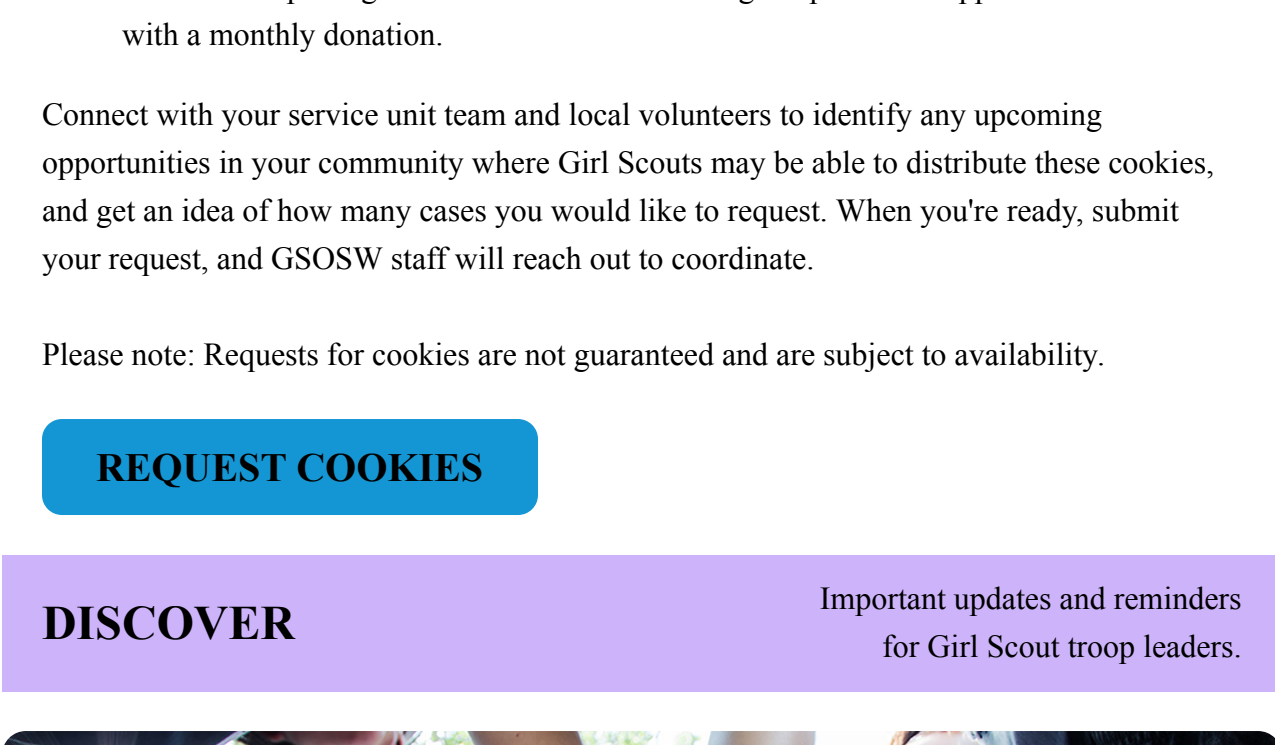
It's Time! Plan Today to Grow Your Troop

You have stepped up in such a meaningful way as a troop leader, and hopefully, you've seen for yourself how impactful the Girl Scout experience can be. Spring renewal is a great time to start planning for the next Girl Scout membership year. When you understand which girls will be continuing, you can consider opening your troop to more Girl Scouts:

- New Girl Scouts can join right now through [Extended Year Membership](#) and start their Girl Scout adventure today. If families have reached out to you, be sure to let them know about this option if you have space available in your troop.
- Take note of your troop's level of family support. Connect with caregivers and see if they are interested in helping out next year. After getting some Girl Scout experience, they may be interested in being more involved! You can support these family members as they step into leadership roles within the troop or service unit.
- Are you looking for Girl Scouts in specific grade levels to balance your multilevel troop? Let us know, and we will add a temporary note to the troop catalog and use this information as we connect with families interested in Girl Scouts.

We are endlessly grateful for the time and care you bring to your troop and to the Girl Scout Movement. We appreciate you taking the time to think through your plans for next year so that we can find an opportunity for every interested girl to participate in Girl Scouts.

Have a question about planning for next year or the best way to open your troop to new Girl Scouts? Contact answers@girlscoutsw.org—we're here to help!



Reminder: Girl Scout Cookies Available for Community Events

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington is partnering with service units and troops to help distribute Girl Scout Cookies at public events that Girl Scouts may be participating in this summer.

- These cookies are not for sale.
- Cookies are to be distributed free of charge, in unopened packages, at public events such as parades, festivals, and markets where your service unit or a troop may be representing Girl Scouts in your community.
- Each cookie package will have a sticker directing the public to support Girl Scouts with a monthly donation.

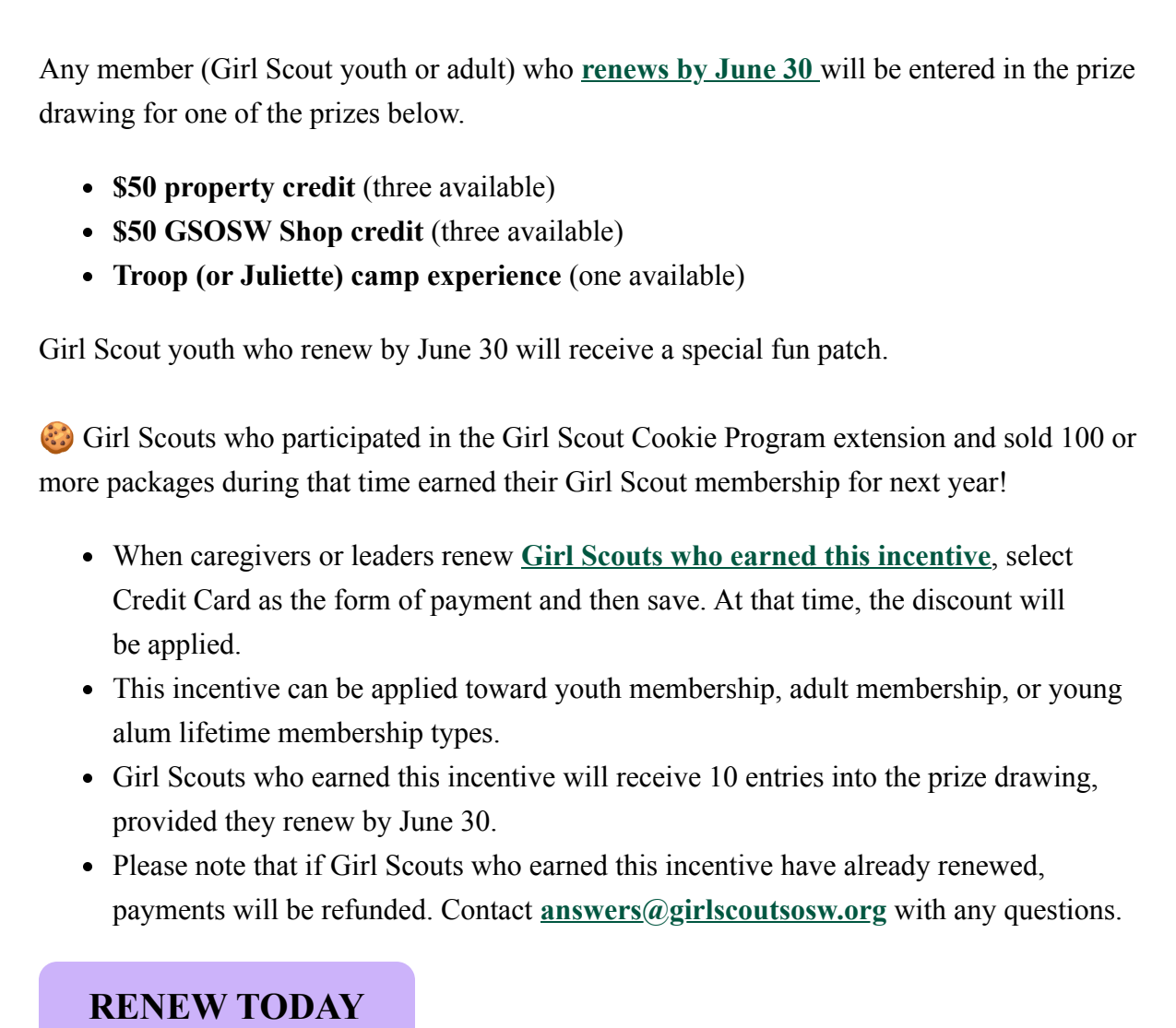
Connect with your service unit team and local volunteers to identify any upcoming opportunities in your community where Girl Scouts may be able to distribute these cookies, and get an idea of how many cases you would like to request. When you're ready, submit your request, and GSOSW staff will reach out to coordinate.

Please note: Requests for cookies are not guaranteed and are subject to availability.

[REQUEST COOKIES](#)

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



Renew by June 30 to Enter Prize Drawing

Any member (Girl Scout youth or adult) who [renews by June 30](#) will be entered 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 Scout youth who renew by June 30 will receive a special fun patch.

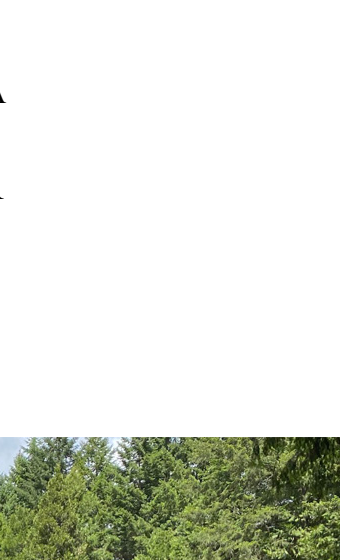
🍪 Girl Scouts who participated in the Girl Scout Cookie Program extension and sold 100 or more packages during that time earned their Girl Scout membership for next year!

- 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 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](#)

Preparing Your Troop Financial Report

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)

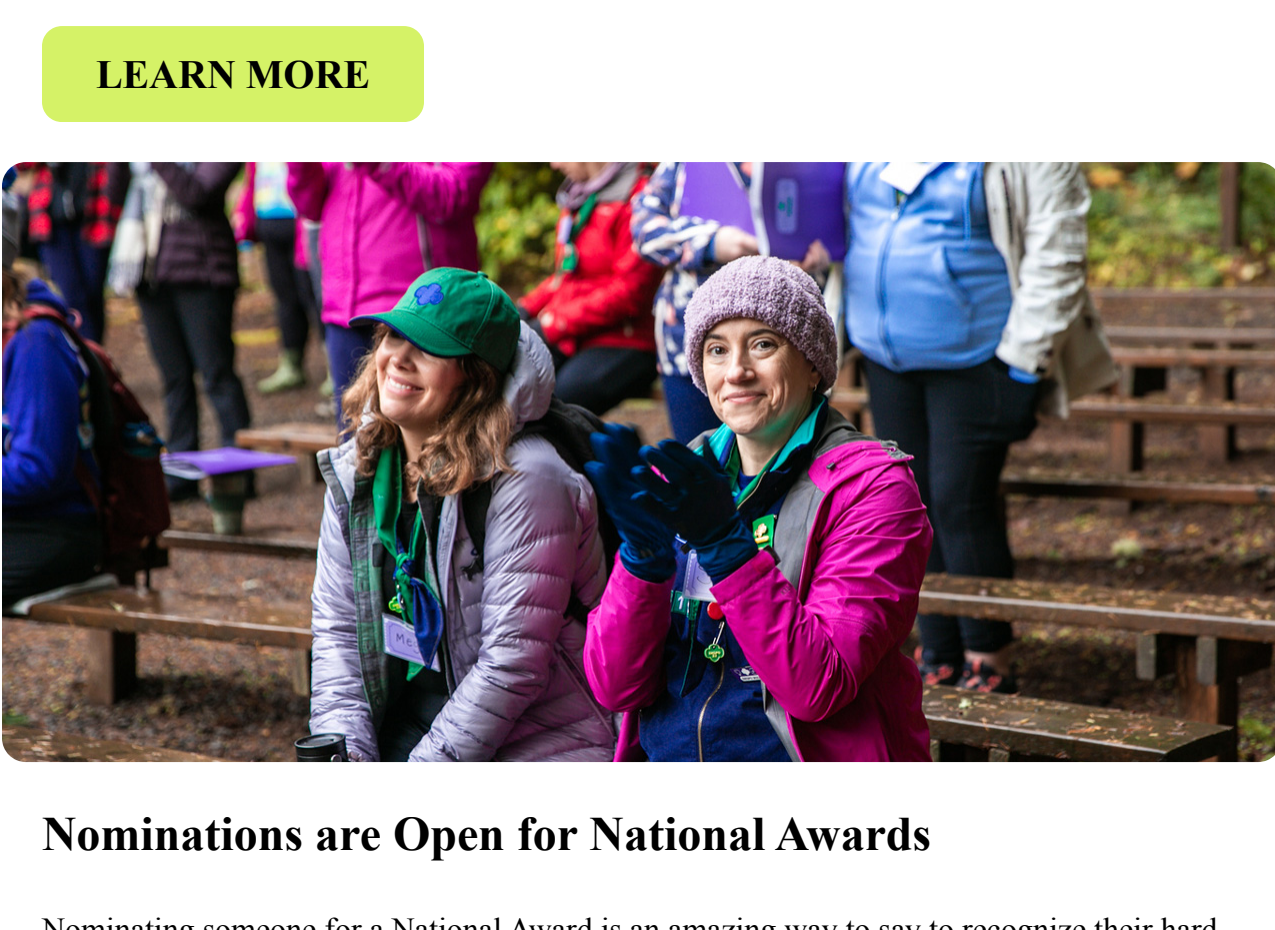
[FINANCE FORMS](#)

A note for troops using US Bank: Beginning June 23, the new US Bank Singlepoint platform is now the default for all users. The old version will be available for awhile, but we encourage everyone to begin using the new version if you haven't already.

- View the [US Bank SinglePoint Resource Guide](#) (PDF).

CONNECT

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



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.

July 10: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Eugene, OR
July 16: [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
July 21: [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
August 7–11: [Wilderness Wanderers Camp](#) - Stevenson, WA
August 14–17: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place](#) - Vancouver, WA
August 21: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Vancouver, WA
September 6: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place](#) - Portland, OR
September 7: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Portland, OR

[SEE MORE](#)



Join us at the Mountaindale Training Palooza!

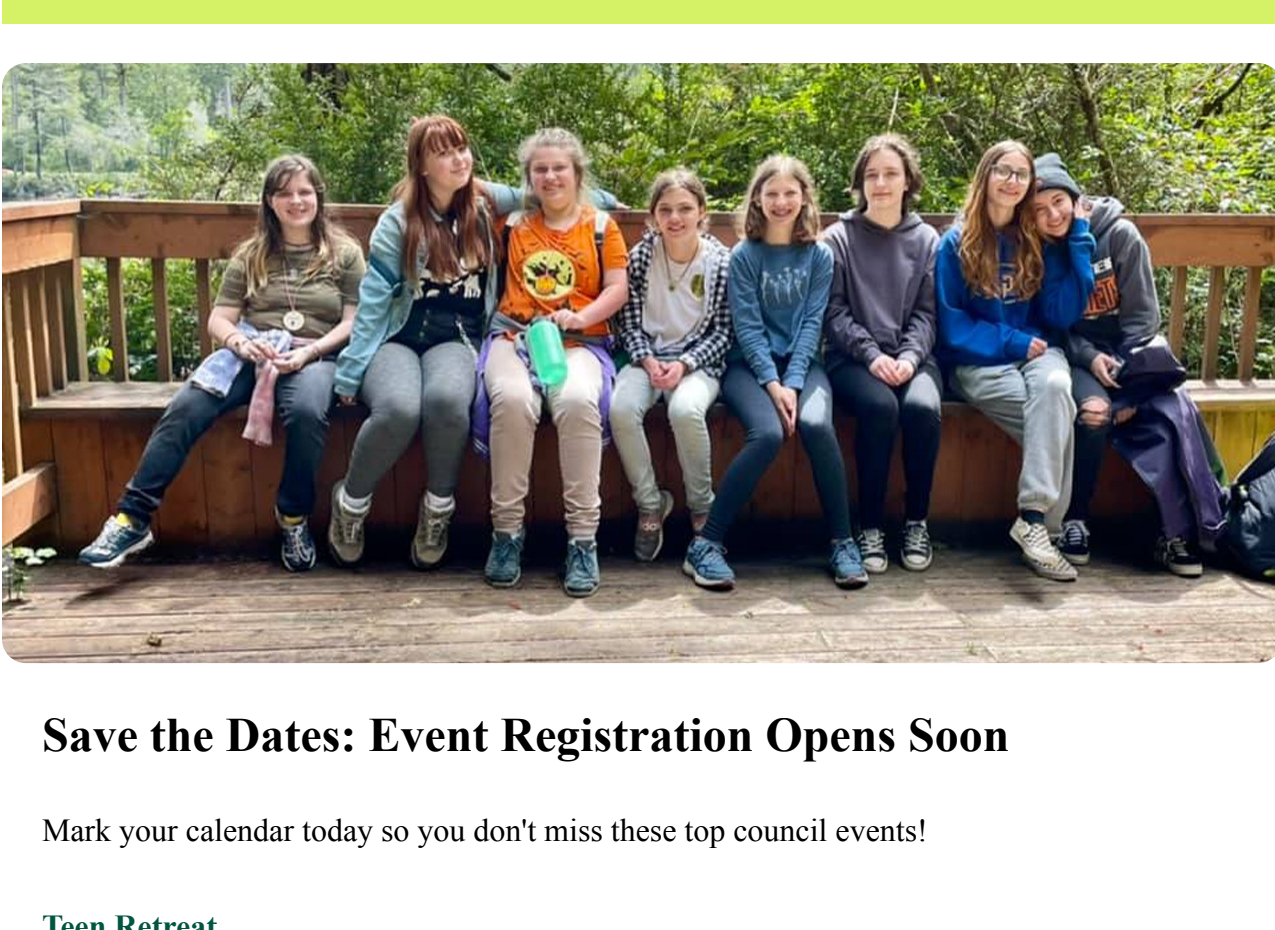
Are you looking for a way to enhance your skills and get the training you need to take your Girl Scouts outdoors? Check out our upcoming Training Palooza at Camp Mountaindale, where a variety of courses will be offered over a single weekend from September 19–20. The following trainings still have space, so register quickly before they fill!

- [Level 1 Archery Instructor Training](#)
- [Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#)
- [Before You Camp Like a Girl Scout](#)
- [Plant Identification Workshop](#)

Registration coming soon:

- Low Ropes Qualification Training
- STEM Leader Workshop (tentative)
- BLENDED Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR/AED (tentative, outside provider)

[LEARN MORE](#)



Nominations are Open for National Awards

Nominating someone for a National Award is an amazing way to say to recognize their hard work, and you can make it even more meaningful by asking youth and their families to write letters of endorsement!

Here are just a few examples of award-worthy service to get your appreciation flowing:

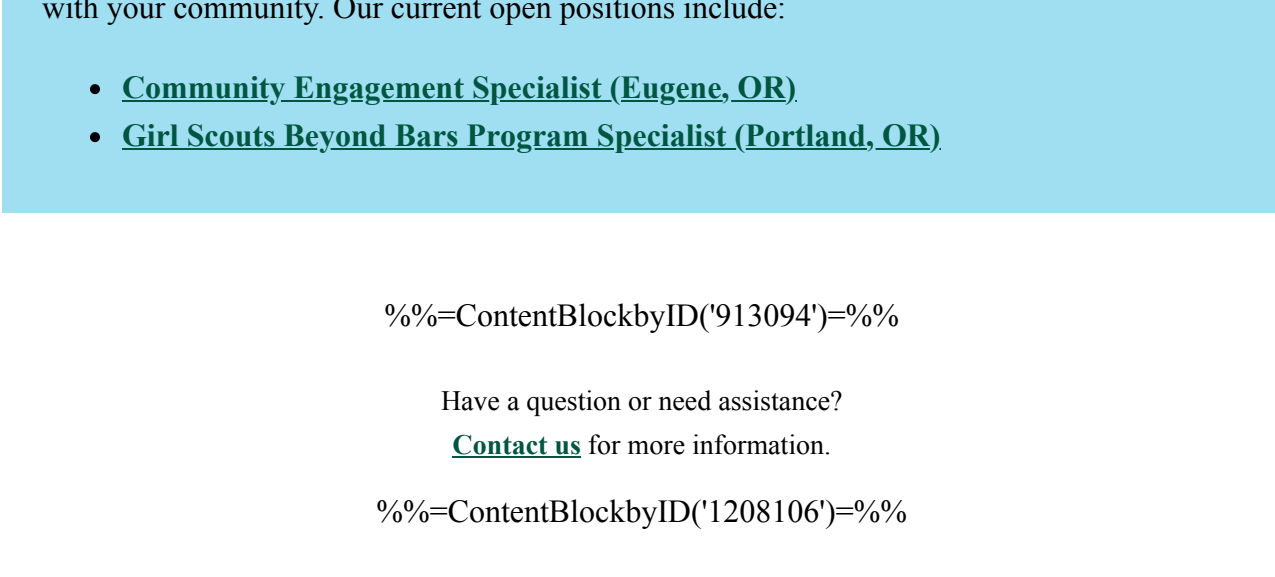
- Day camp staff and counselors who give your Girl Scouts an amazing camp experience
- Friends and family volunteers who consistently show up to support your troop with their time, expertise, and resources
- Service unit team members who go above and beyond to support their volunteers and create opportunities for Girl Scouts to thrive
- Troop product managers who make cookies and fall product more accessible for you and your Girl Scouts
- Troop leaders who put their all into ensuring their Girl Scouts have opportunities to lead and progress in their skills
- Any volunteer who advocates for your Girl Scout to have access to an incredible Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Volunteers who organize camp clean-ups, camporees, and cookie events
- ... and countless more!

We've created a [Letter of Endorsement Template](#) to simplify the process, as well as a [flow chart](#) to help you decide what award to choose. For more information, please check out the [National Awards page](#). **The deadline for National Award nominations is August 31.**

[LEARN MORE & NOMINATE](#)

TAKE ACTION

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



Mark a Milestone

On July 4, 2026, the United States will commemorate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Girl Scouts of the USA has partnered with [America250.org](#) to recognize this anniversary—and you can earn a special five-patch collection.

You can join an event, take part in a national project, or create your own way to participate. Explore history, discover diverse stories, and give back through service!

Be part of the conversation about our past, present, and future. Ready to start?

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

🔥 **This month's STEAM Challenge is Feeling the Heat!** Uncover the science of fire, build an edible fire, or explore climate change as you [earn this fun patch](#).

🏕️ **This month's Great Outdoors Challenge is the Happy Camper!** Camp in a park, at Girl Scout Camp, or in your own backyard as you [work toward earning this fun patch](#).

🌟 Is your troop earning their Bronze or Silver Award? Complete the [Bronze Award Notification Form](#) or [Silver Award Notification Form](#) to let us know.

📋 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](#).

Save the Dates: Event Registration Opens Soon

Mark your calendar today so you don't miss these top council events!

[Teen Retreat](#)

October 2–4, 2026, in Florence, Oregon

Registration opens Tuesday, July 21, at 9 a.m.

Join us at [Camp Cleawox](#) for a retreat dedicated to Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Get ready for a three-day, two-night retreat made just for teens—packed with fun, friends, and the freedom to choose what **YOU** want to do.

[STEM Day](#)

November 7, 2026, at the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center in Salem, Oregon

Registration opens Tuesday, August 25, at 9 a.m.

Celebrate Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math at our annual STEM Day! Girl Scouts of all ages and their families are welcome.

[SEARCH MORE EVENTS](#)

Troop Tuesday: Lake Oswego Service Project

Girl Scout Troop 20048 finished their year off with a service project marking a stormwater drain at West Waluga Park in conjunction with the City of Lake Oswego. Stormwater plays a big role in keeping our environment clean and safe. This marker reminds us that our everyday actions impact local waterways—and how we can all help protect them. A friendly reminder: "Only Rain Goes in the Drain" that flows into the lakes and rivers that hydrate our animals, serve as home for our fish and allow for summer recreation!

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 \(Eugene, OR\)](#)
- [Girl Scouts Beyond Bars Program Specialist \(Portland, OR\)](#)