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Golden Trefoil Applications Due August 31

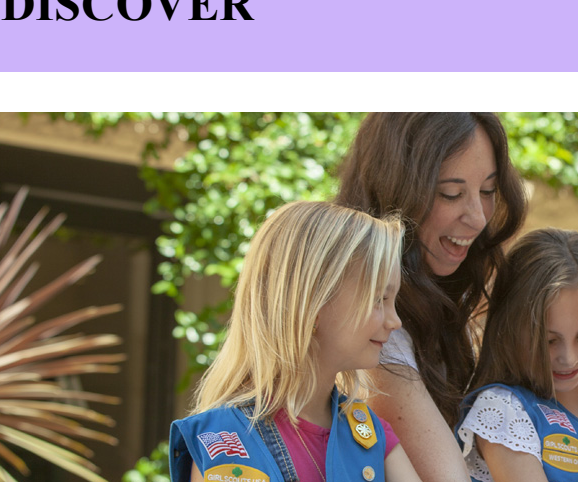
The Golden Trefoil patch program helps troops and Juliettes make the most of their Girl Scout experience by participating in a wide variety of activities throughout the year.

From STEM and travel to entrepreneurship and outdoor skill-building, Girl Scouts offers so much! Did your troop complete the steps to earn the Golden Trefoil last year? If so, please request your free patches or rockers by August 31. If not, talk to your Girl Scouts about earning the Golden Trefoil in the new membership year!

Resources for Troops:

- ✓ [Golden Trefoil Checklist for Troops](#) (PDF)
- 📄 [Golden Trefoil Application for Troops](#) (JotForm)

GET THE PATCH



GSOSW Year at a Glance

The Year at a Glance is a one-page, printable resource that makes it easy to keep track of milestone dates and events throughout the Girl Scout year.

DOWNLOAD NOW

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



Support Your Troop's Activities: The Fall Product Program Starts Soon!

The Fall Product Program starts on September 21, 2026. This program helps Girl Scouts build entrepreneurship skills by offering family and friends the chance to purchase delicious nuts, chocolates, and magazines. It's also a great opportunity to earn funds to support troop activities early in the new membership year! More information about how to get your troop involved is coming soon.

Resources Now Available!

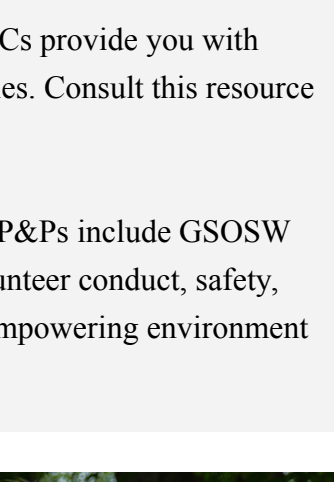
- 📄 [Fall Product Program Troop/Juliette Product Manager \(TPM/JPM\) Guide](#) (PDF)
- 📄 [Fall Product Program Family Guide](#) (PDF)

EXPLORE THE PROGRAM

Updated Resources for the New Membership Year

The 2026–2027 Girl Scout membership year begins on October 1, and three important resources for Girl Scout volunteers have been updated. Be sure to reference these documents as you plan your Girl Scout year!

- [Volunteer Essentials \(VE\)](#): This guide supports Girl Scout volunteers, from Girl Scout troop basics to participating in the Cookie Product Program and managing troop finances.
- [Safety Activity Checkpoints \(SACs\)](#): The updated 2026 SACs provide you with safety guidelines for GSUSA- and GSOSW-approved activities. Consult this resource when planning all activities!
- [Volunteer Policies and Procedures \(P&Ps\)](#): The Volunteer P&Ps include GSOSW policies and processes, including membership standards, volunteer conduct, safety, finances, and more, all to help ensure a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for our members.



Nominate a Volunteer for a National Award

Has your Girl Scout had a stellar day camp experience? Did a camporee exceed your expectations? Has a staff member gone above and beyond to get you the resources you need?

Nominating them for a National Award is an amazing way to recognize their hard work, and you can make it even more meaningful by asking youth and their families to write letters of endorsement! We've created a [Letter of Endorsement Template](#) to simplify the process, as well as a [flowchart](#) to help you decide what award to choose. The deadline for nominations is August 31—submit yours today!

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

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. We may add new training opportunities throughout the month.

- August 27: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Virtual
- August 29: [Wilderness Hiking Course](#) - Albany, OR
- August 29: [STEM Leader Workshop](#) - Portland, OR
- August 30: [Backpacking 101](#) - Albany, OR
- September 6: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place](#) - Portland, OR
- September 7: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Portland, OR
- September 10: [STEM Leader Workshop](#) - Portland, OR
- September 10: [Before Your First Troop Meeting](#) - Virtual
- September 16: [Before Your First Overnight](#) - Bend, 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 we'll offer a variety of courses over a single weekend, September 19–20. The following trainings still have space, so register quickly before they fill!

- [Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#)
- [Before You Camp Like a Girl Scout](#)
- [Plant Identification Workshop](#)
- [Low Ropes Qualification Training](#)
- [STEM Leader Workshop](#)

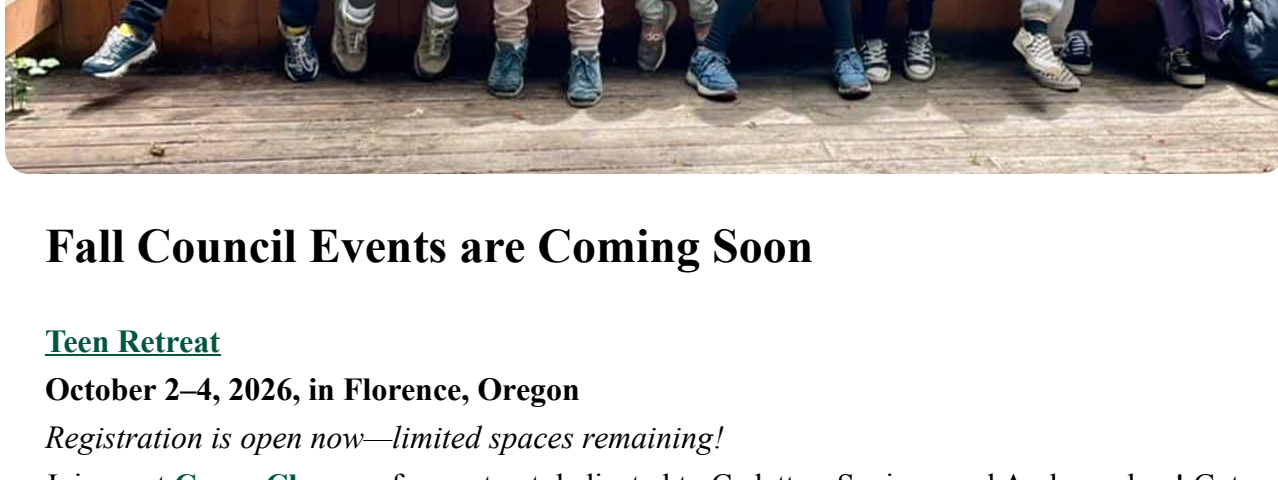
Registration coming soon:

- Blended Adult and Pediatric First Aid and CPR/AED (tentative, outside provider)

LEARN MORE

TAKE ACTION

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



Fall Council Events are Coming Soon

Teen Retreat

October 2–4, 2026, in Florence, Oregon

Registration is open now—limited spaces remaining!

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. Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can take on a leadership role as a STEM Day Program Partner Assistant. [Learn more and apply.](#)

SEARCH MORE EVENTS

🔥 [Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend](#) is coming up on September 12–13! [Visit a local state park with your troop and earn a patch](#). For even more adventure, check out the [GSOSW State Parks Passport](#).

🌿 [The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge is here!](#) [Download the free activity sheet](#) with 50+ fun, family-friendly outdoor activities. Invite some friends and explore what's possible right outside your door.

☀️ [This month's STEAM Challenge is An Environmental Adventure!](#) Channel the energy of the sun to cook, explore a body of water, or build for the birds as you [work toward earning this fun patch](#).

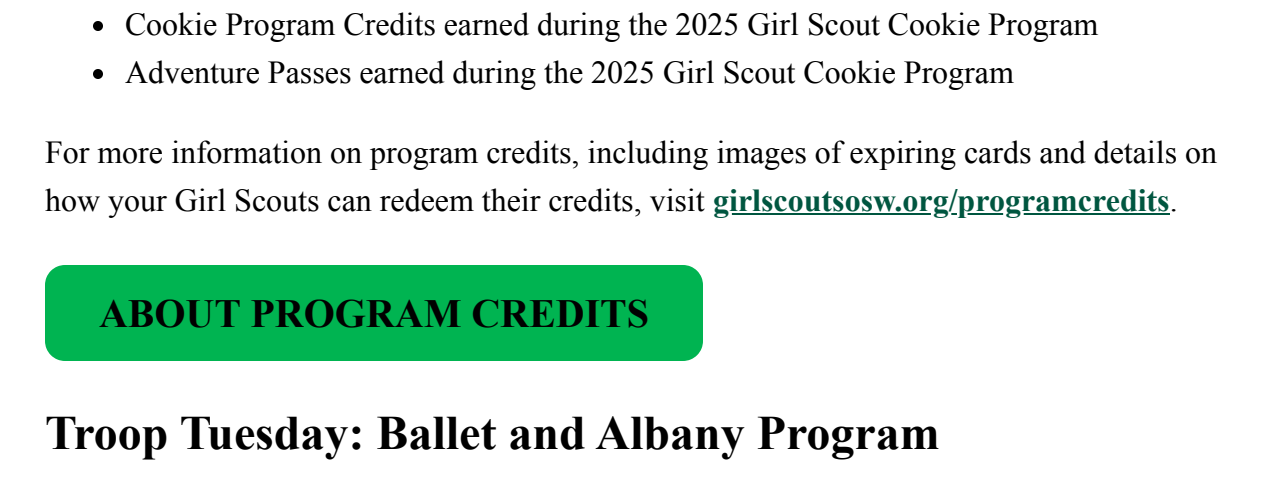
🌟 Is your troop earning their Bronze or Silver Award? Complete the [Bronze Award Notification Form](#) or [Silver Award Notification Form](#) to let us know.

📋 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 with the [Emergency Action Plan template](#).



Some Program Credits Expire September 15

Program credits earned during the 2024 Fall Product Program and/or the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program will expire on September 15, 2026. This includes:

- Fall Product Program Credits earned during the 2024 Fall Product Program
- Cookie Program Credits earned during the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program
- Adventure Passes earned during the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie Program

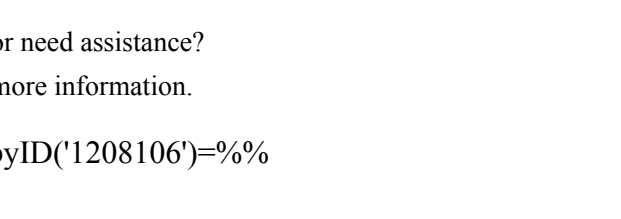
For more information on program credits, including images of expiring cards and details on how your Girl Scouts can redeem their credits, visit [girlscoutsosw.org/programcredits](#).

ABOUT PROGRAM CREDITS

Troop Tuesday: Ballet and Albany Program Center Adventure

Girl Scout Troop 41383 attended the ballet in Eugene earlier this year! The girls were so excited to dress up and go behind the scenes of the ballet before watching. Since they were an hour away, they spent the night at the Albany Program Center before heading home the next day.

Learn more about Girl Scout properties like the Albany Program Center at [girlscoutsosw.org/properties](#).



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

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[Contact us](#) for more information.

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