

STEM Day 2025 is the perfect back-to-troop day trip for all Girl Scout levels! Gather your troop and join us on November 8 for a hands-on STEM Day expo with more than 70 activities. In addition to a special STEM Day patch, Girl Scouts can complete steps toward earning their STEAM Challenge and Golden Trefoil patches, plus a variety of badge steps along the way. STEM Day is just around the corner, so [get your tickets today!](#)

[SIGN UP](#)

Update your troop's information!

As you gear up for a new Girl Scout membership year, ensure your troop's information is current by filling out the [Troop Information Update Form](#). GSOSW staff will update your troop's information within two weeks—making your troop easy to find for anyone looking to join a troop this fall! Bookmark this form for future use; you may submit it any time your information changes throughout the year.



Troop Year Planning with the Volunteer Toolkit

A new Girl Scout year is here and now is a great time to plan it out together with your Girl Scouts! Inside the [Volunteer Toolkit](#), you'll find ready-to-use [Troop Year Plans](#) for single-level and multi-level troops of any grade level—customizable to your troop's ideas and interests. Badge step PDFs are also included in Troop Year Plans—just add that badge to your year plan to access the file. Your service unit's Girl Experience Mentor (GEM) is a great partner in your planning process—reach out to them to discuss your plans and qualify your troop for travel. Need help connecting with your GEM? [Let us know!](#)

[EXPLORE YEAR PLANS](#)

More Tools for Troop Leaders

♥ [Girl Scout Award and Badge Explorer](#)

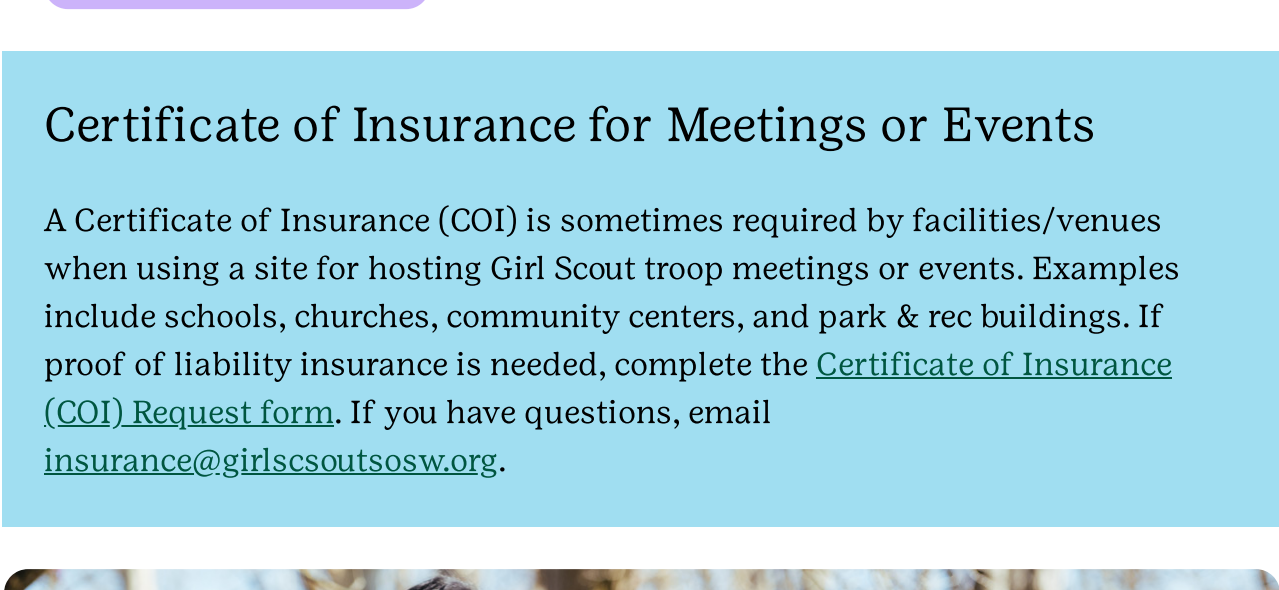
🏆 [Award Logs and Badge Charts for each grade level](#)

📅 [Tried-and-true tips for your first parent meeting](#)

🔄 [How to Renew Your Membership](#)

DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



It's Not Too Late for the Fall Product Program

The [Fall Product Program](#) officially began on September 10, but it's not too late for your troop to participate! The Fall Product Program is a great way for Girl Scouts to learn and practice entrepreneurial skills while earning start-up funds for your troop's activities. To get started, [check that your troop meets all of the requirements to participate](#).

Have a question about the Fall Product Program? Contact your service unit product manager or answers@girlscoutsw.org for support.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Certificate of Insurance for Meetings or Events

A Certificate of Insurance (COI) is sometimes required by facilities/venues when using a site for hosting Girl Scout troop meetings or events. Examples include schools, churches, community centers, and park & rec buildings. If proof of liability insurance is needed, complete the [Certificate of Insurance \(COI\) Request form](#). If you have questions, email insurance@girlscoutsw.org.



Renew Your Girl Scout Membership by September 30!

Whether they're hiking a new nature trail or launching a rocket into the sky, your Girl Scouts need you by their side as they lead the way. Thanks to you, they are gaining the confidence to try new things, finding the courage to speak up for what they believe in, and having fun just being themselves.

Get ready to grow and make amazing memories with your Girl Scout crew! If you haven't already, be sure to [renew your Girl Scout membership](#) by September 30.

[RENEW NOW](#)

CONNECT

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



Town Halls are back, and better than ever!

You're invited to join our upcoming 2025 Town Hall Meetings! These gatherings are a great way to hear updates and, most importantly, to share your ideas as we begin the second year of the [2025–2030 Strategic Plan \(PDF\)](#).

🍪 Be among the first to taste the [NEW Girl Scout Cookie, Exploremores!](#) Every troop will get to try this exciting new cookie before the Cookie Program starts in January, but we'll have some on hand at each in-person Town Hall meeting, too (supplies limited).

📅 Get ready for back-to-troop. Every in-person Town Hall meeting will have an opportunity to get what you need from our council's Girl Scout Shop. Visit girlscoutsw.org/townhalls for details.

🗓 Can't make it in person? We want to hear from you! Please join us for our virtual Town Hall on November 3.

[SIGN UP](#)

Celebrate GSOSW's National Volunteer Award Recipients on November 13!

Save the date and join us on November 13 for a virtual ceremony to celebrate our council's [National Volunteer Award](#) recipients. Stay tuned for more information!



Upcoming Training for Volunteers

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

September 23: [Girl Scouts Inside & Out Training \(Part 1\) – Medford, OR](#)

September 27: [Girl Scouts Inside & Out Training \(Part 2\) – Portland, OR](#)

October 1: [Before Your First Troop Meeting – Virtual](#)

October 7: [Before Your First Troop Meeting – Virtual](#)

October 11: [Backpacking 101 – North Plains, OR](#)

October 14: [Before Your First Troop Meeting – Virtual](#)

October 25–26: [Backpacking 102, Tillamook, OR](#)

November 4: [Girl Scouts Inside & Out Training \(Part 2\) – Medford, OR](#)

[SEE MORE](#)

Build your skills at the Camp Mountaineale Training Palooza

Are you looking for a way to enhance your skills and get the training you need to take your Girl Scouts outdoors, lead STEM activities with confidence, and more?

Check out our upcoming [Training Palooza](#) at Camp Mountaineale, where a variety of courses will be offered over a single weekend from September 20–21. Space is still available in some trainings, but act quickly—registration closes this weekend!



[SEE TRAININGS](#)

TAKE ACTION

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



October 11 is International Day of the Girl

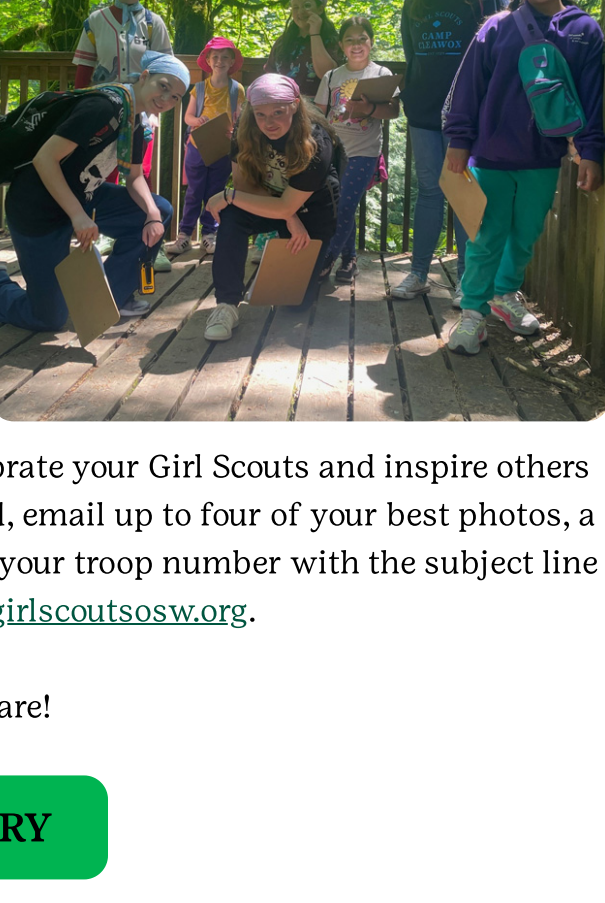
Every year on October 11—International Day of the Girl (IDG)—the global community comes together to celebrate the power of girls and highlight, discuss, and take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere.

Your troop can join in the celebration and unlock a special patch with [Girl Scouts of the USA's IDG Activity Guide!](#) Explore this year's theme, "The girl I am, the change I lead," as we work together toward a brighter and more equitable future for girls everywhere.

[GET THE GUIDE](#)

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

We honor Hispanic Heritage Month September 15–October 15, and there are so many ways your troop can celebrate! [Meet some amazing Hispanic Girl Scouts](#) who are turning their passions into positive change, and earn the [Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration "¡Yo soy una Girl Scout!" Fun Patch](#).



[LEARN MORE](#)

Learn about Leadership Awards Changes at Highest Awards Support Hours

Do you have questions about [Leadership Awards](#), Journey retirement, or Highest Awards? [Sign up to join us for a virtual support hour on October 21](#). Whether you are in progress on an award or wondering how to get started, we have you covered! These sessions are open to Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors and to adults who are supporting any Girl Scouts with these awards. These sessions are Q&As and will not be recorded, so sign up to join us!

[SIGN UP](#)

🌍 2026–2027 Destinations now open! On these individual travel adventures, Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors experience the world, broaden their horizons, and collect memories that last a lifetime. Encourage your girls to [find their trip](#) and apply before November 2025. Financial aid will be available!

Want to learn more about GSUSA Destinations? Join us for a free, virtual [Destinations Info Workshop](#) on Thursday, October 22, from 6–7 p.m.!

◆ It's Girl Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! [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 The Changing Seasons! Observe seasonal changes in your neighborhood, learn how different animals survive colder seasons, and make your own fall-themed art 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! Some program credits expire September 15. [Learn more about program credits](#).

◆ Find more activity ideas in the [Schedule Your Own Adventure Center](#).

Troop Tuesday: Camping Under the Stars with Troop 42566

Girl Scout Troop 42566 took a camping trip to Paradise Point! They learned skills like how to cook over a fire, went hiking, worked on outdoor badges, and slept in tents under the stars. For many of the girls, this was their first camping experience, and volunteer Brianna says, "everyone wants to go back!" Way to go Troop 42566!

Do you have troop news to share? 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](#)