

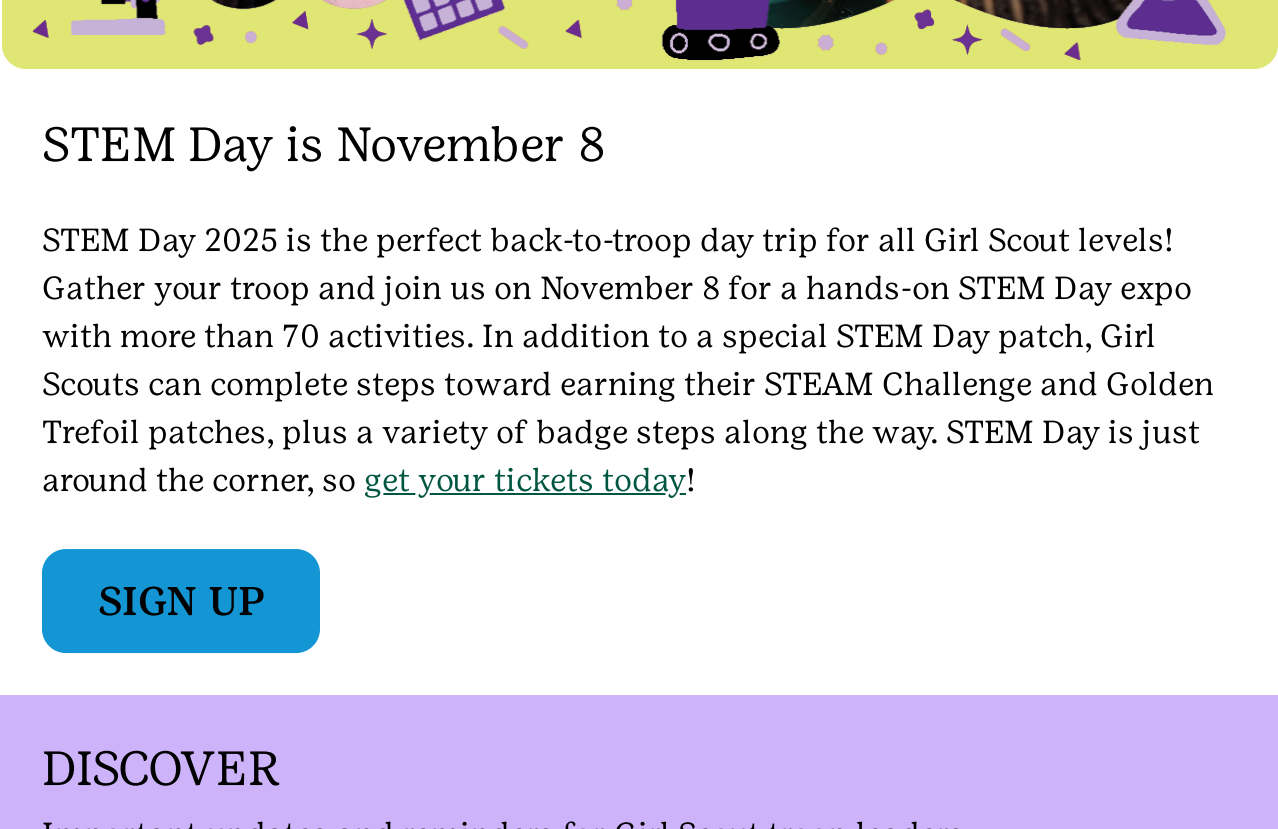


## Happy International Day of the Girl!

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



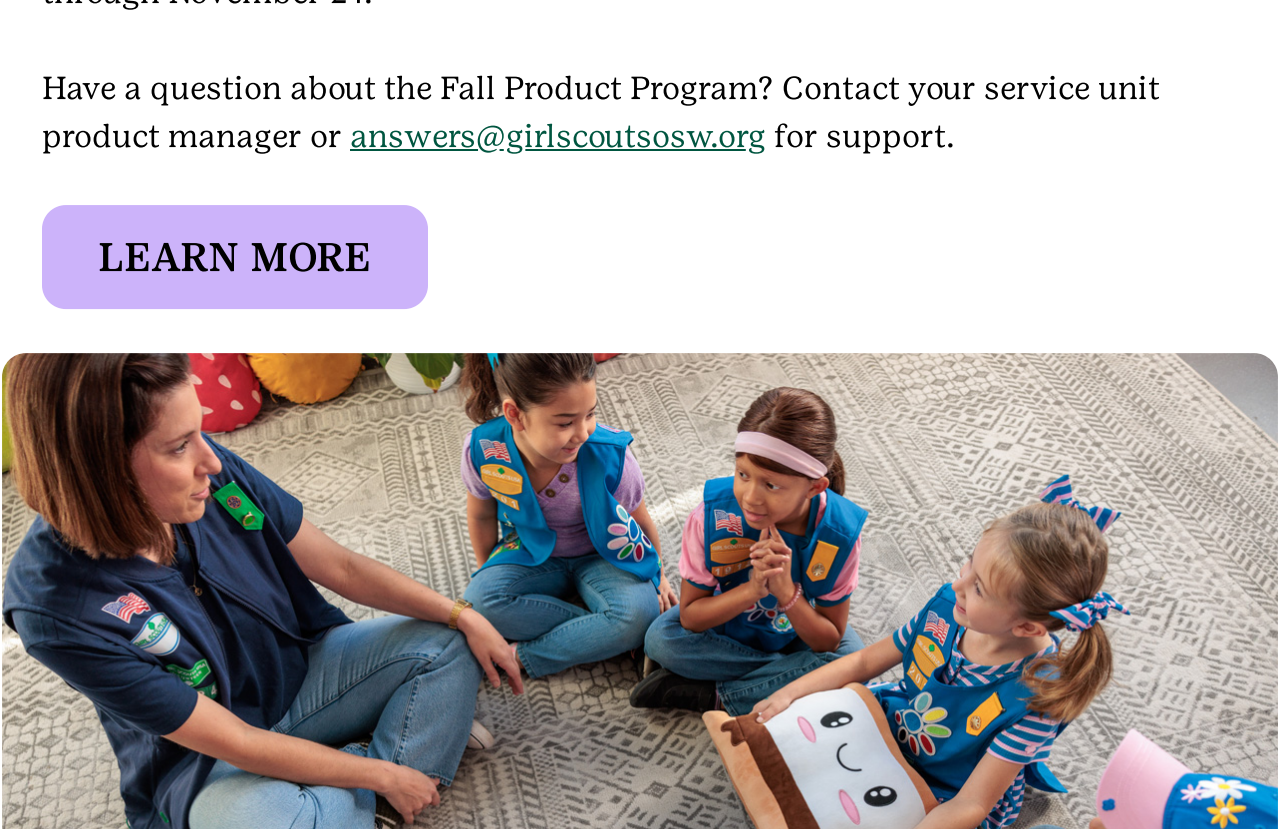
## STEM Day is November 8

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

## DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.

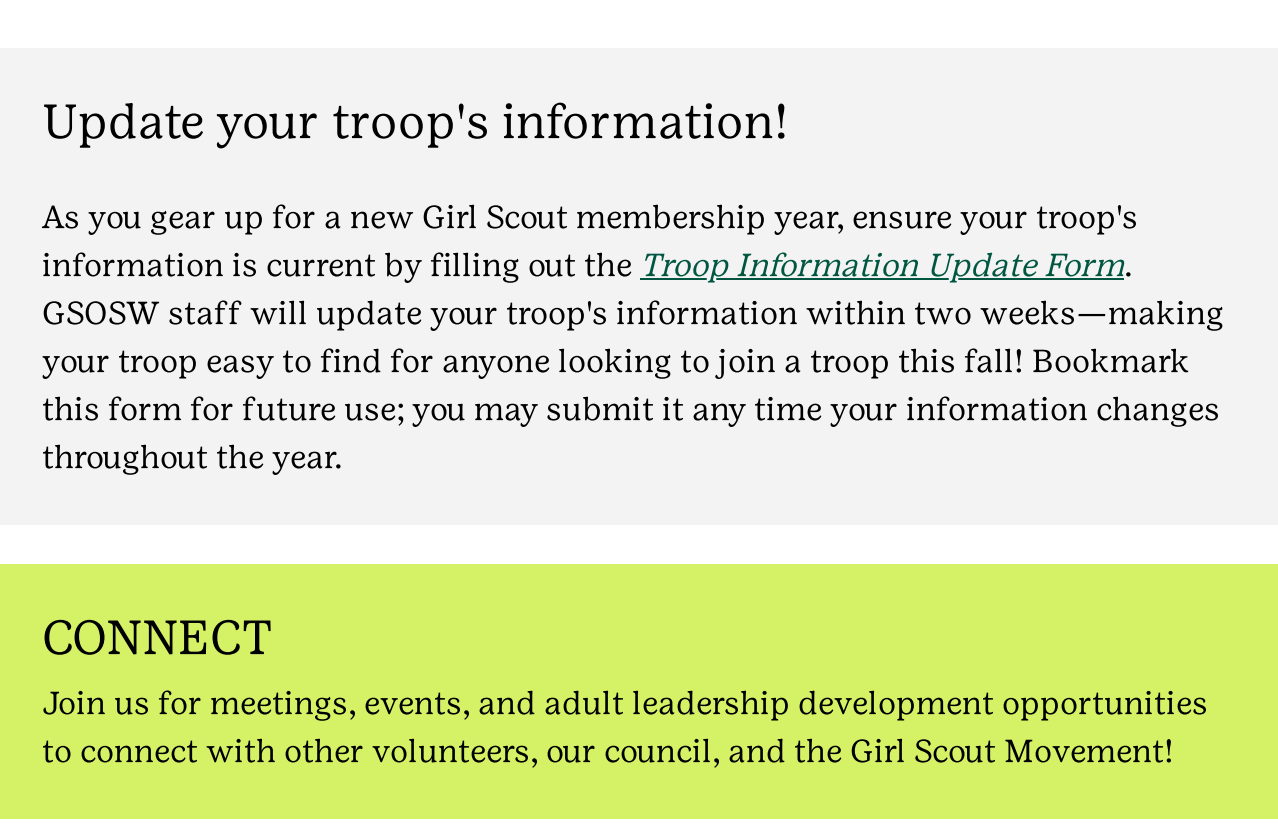


## It's Not Too Late for the Fall Product Program

The [Fall Product Program](#) is happening now, and it's 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](#). It's not too late to get involved! Online sales run through November 24.

Have a question about the Fall Product Program? Contact your service unit product manager or [answers@girlscoutsofsw.org](mailto:answers@girlscoutsofsw.org) for support.

LEARN MORE



## 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

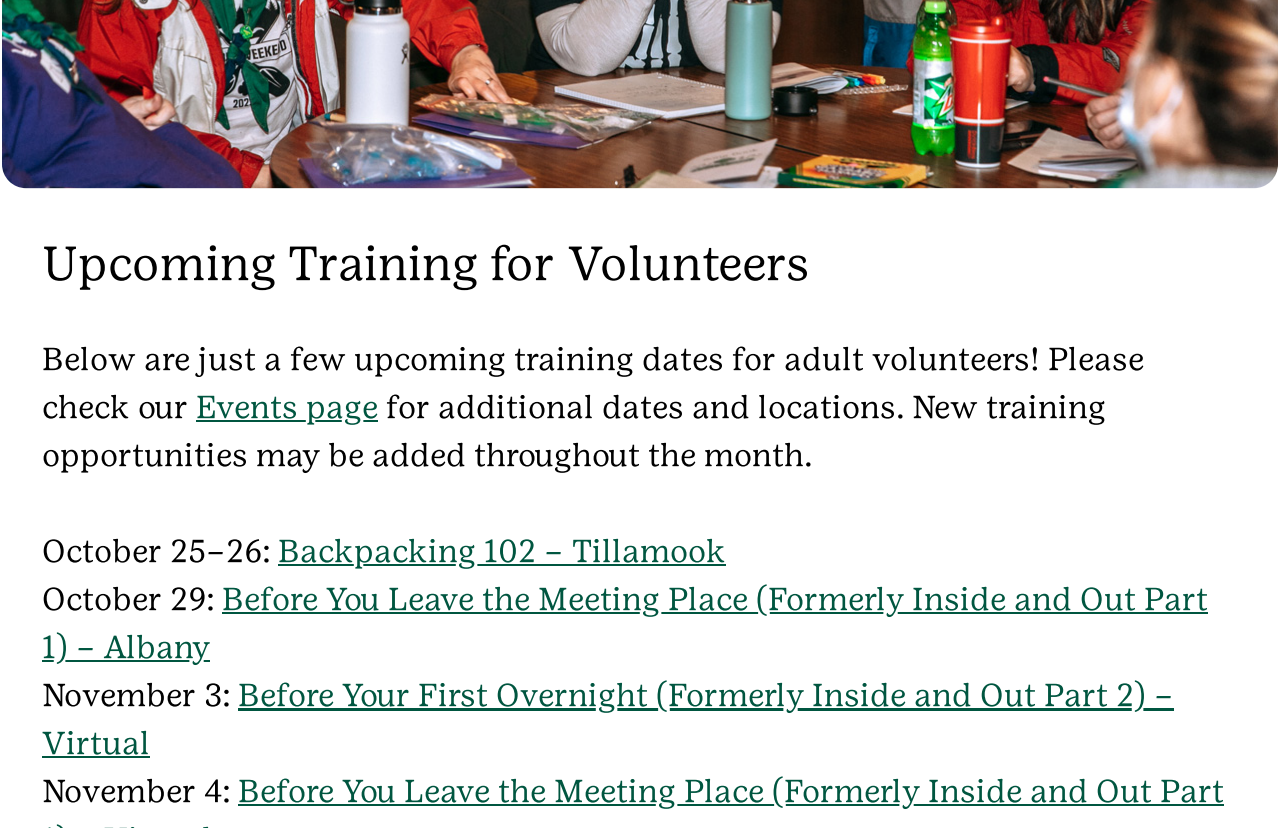
- ♥ [Girl Scout Award and Badge Explorer](#)
- 🏆 [Award Logs and Badge Charts for each grade level](#)
- 📝 [Tried-and-true tips for your first parent meeting](#)
- 🔄 [How to Renew Your Membership](#)

## 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.

## 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 going strong!

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 [girlscoutsofsw.org/townhalls](http://girlscoutsofsw.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.

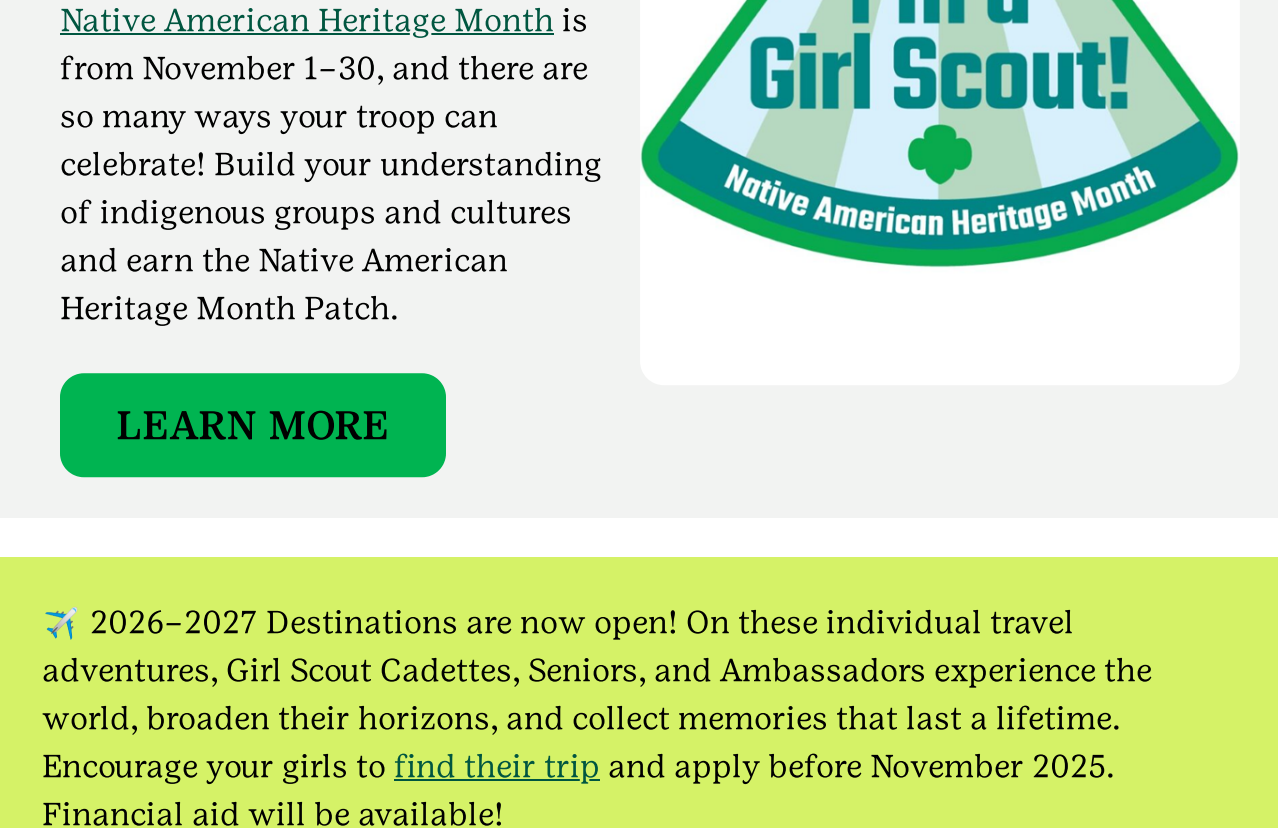
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## Celebrate GSOSW's National Volunteer Award Recipients on November 13!

Join us on November 13 for a virtual ceremony to celebrate our council's [National Volunteer Award](#) recipients.

[Register on Zoom](#) to get access to the meeting link. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

REGISTER



## 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.

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

October 29: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 1\) – Albany](#)

November 3: [Before Your First Overnight \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 2\) – Virtual](#)

November 4: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 1\) – Virtual](#)

November 4: [Before Your First Overnight \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 2\) – Portland](#)

November 7: [Before Your First Overnight \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 2\) – Bend](#)

November 8: [Wilderness Hiking – Klamath Falls](#)

November 11: [Before Your First Overnight \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 2\) – Virtual](#)

November 15: [Wilderness Hiking – Portland](#)

November 15: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 1\) – Bend](#)

November 15: [First Aid, CPR, and AED Blended Training – Bend](#)

November 20: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place \(Formerly Inside and Out Part 1\) – Virtual](#)

SEE MORE

## TAKE ACTION

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



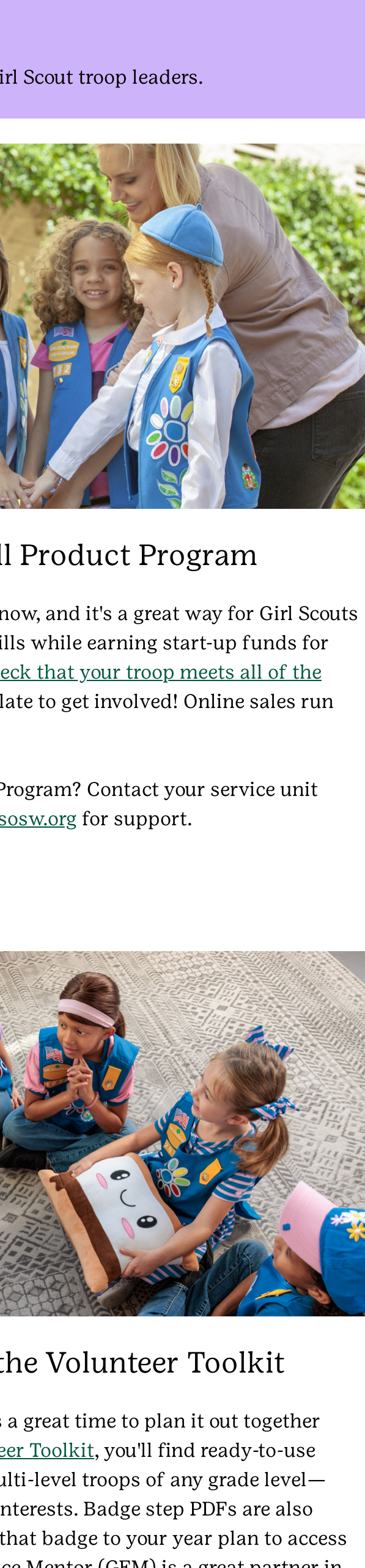
## Learn about Leadership Awards at Highest Awards Support Hours

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

## Celebrate Native American Heritage Month!

[Native American Heritage Month](#) is from November 1–30, and there are so many ways your troop can celebrate! Build your understanding of indigenous groups and cultures and earn the Native American Heritage Month Patch.



LEARN MORE

## 2026–2027 Destinations are 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!

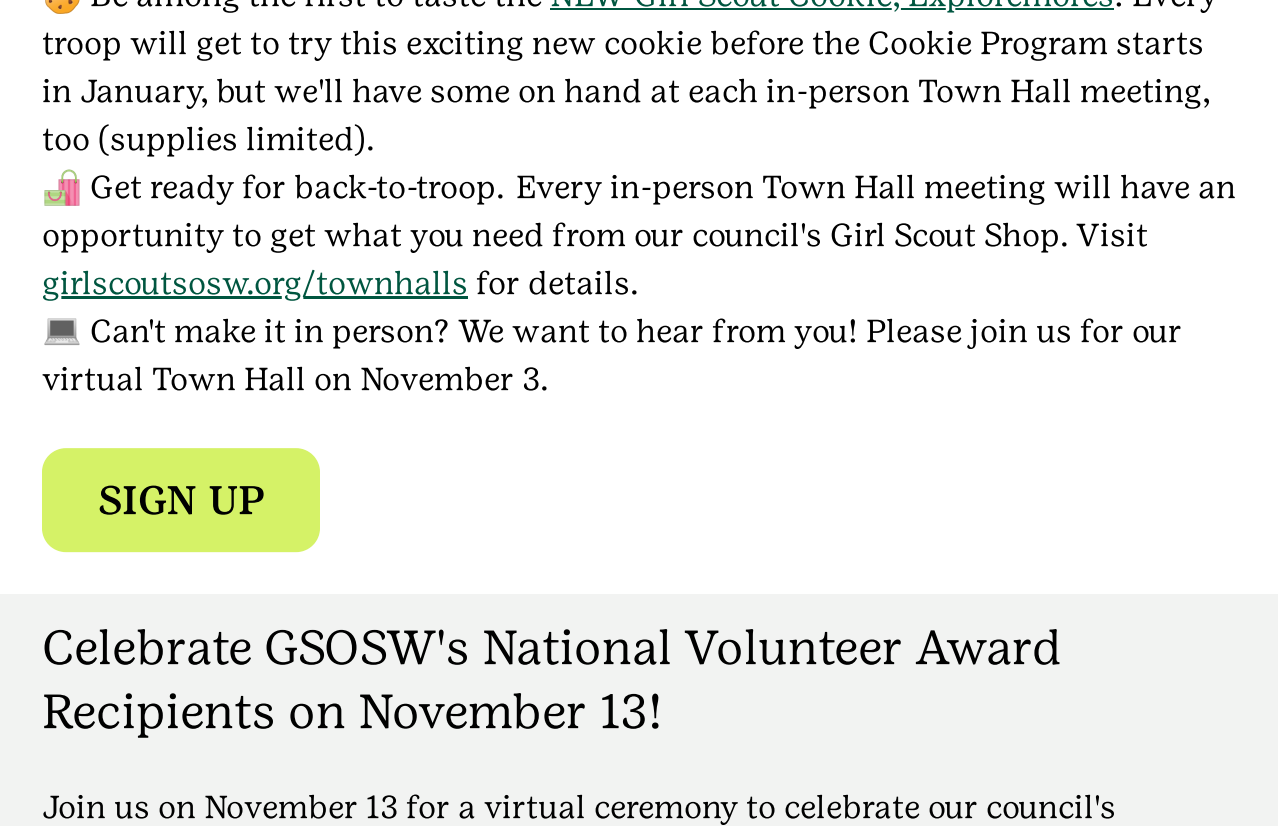
Want to learn more about GSUSA Destinations? Join us for a free, virtual [Destinations Info Workshop](#) on Thursday, October 22, from 6–7 p.m.!

🍬 This month's STEAM Challenge is Sugar Sweet Experiments! Grow your own rock candy, learn to make caramel, or build a model of a cell out of candy as you [work toward earning this fun patch](#).

🦋 This month's Great Outdoors Challenge is The Detective! Learn about geocaching or tracking wild animals, or make a nature scavenger hunt 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 more activity ideas in the [Schedule Your Own Adventure Center](#).



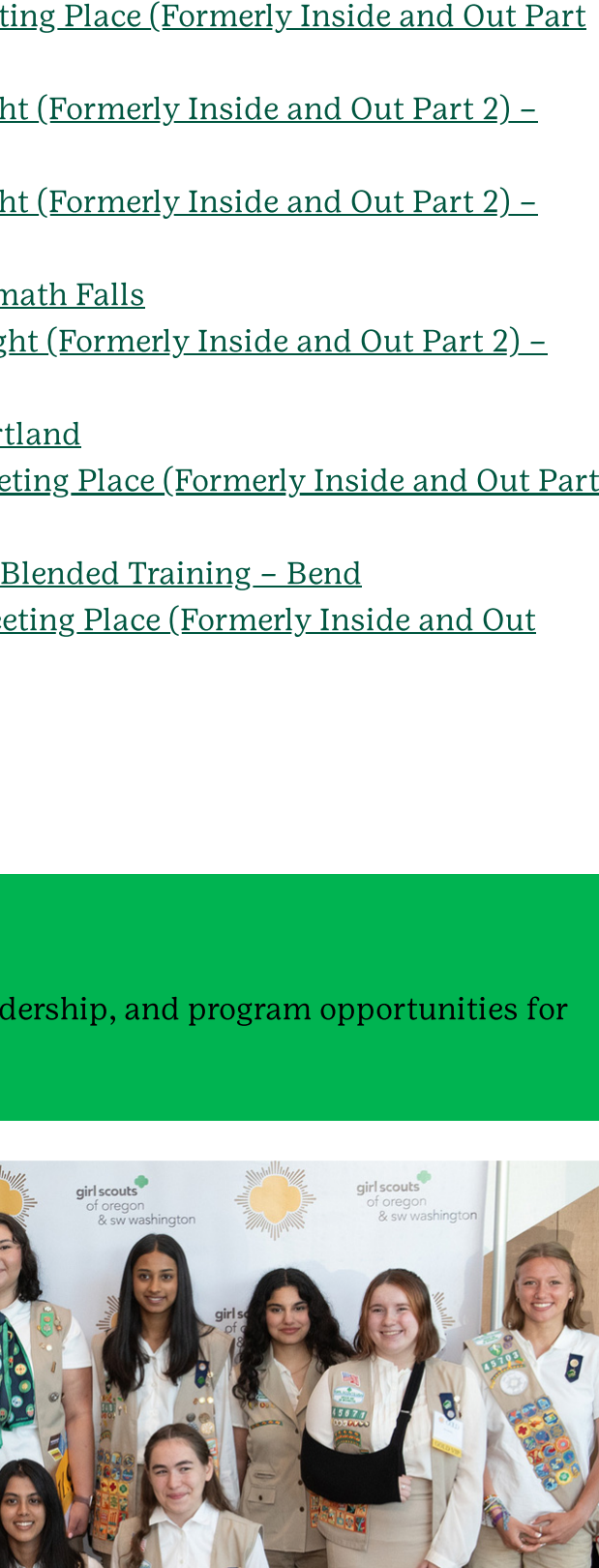
## Girl Scout Day at the Portland Thorns is November 2!

Bring your troop, friends, and family, and join fellow Girl Scouts to cheer on the Portland Thorns for Fan Appreciation Night! Join the world's largest women's sports crowd at Providence Park on November 2, 2025. Girl Scout attendees will receive a one-of-a-kind 2025 Portland Thorns FC Girl Scout Match fun patch. Open to Girl Scouts of all ages, families, and friends.

GET TICKETS

## Troop Tuesday: Newport Adventures with Troop 77710

Girl Scout Daisy Troop 77710 just wrapped up their first overnight trip! They stayed at the Newport Program Center and went to the Newport Aquarium where they got to touch sea creatures and learn about keeping our water clean. The next day they went to the Newport Discovery Zoo where they held baby kangaroos and alligators, met a sloth and fed many more animals! The troop had a blast! [#trooptuesday](#)



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@girlscoutsofsw.org](mailto:communications@girlscoutsofsw.org).

We look forward to seeing what you share!

SHARE YOUR TROOP'S STORY