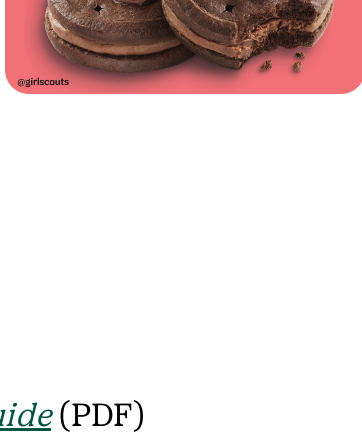


## Get ready to explore more this cookie season!

We hope your Girl Scout troop is getting excited to participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program beginning on January 6! This is such an excellent opportunity for Girl Scouts to build essential life skills while earning funds to support their activities. If you haven't already, make sure that your troop is ready for the Cookie Program by reviewing the [Troop Eligibility Checklist](#). Connect with your service unit product manager or contact [answers@girlscoutsosw.org](mailto:answers@girlscoutsosw.org) if you have any questions or need support.

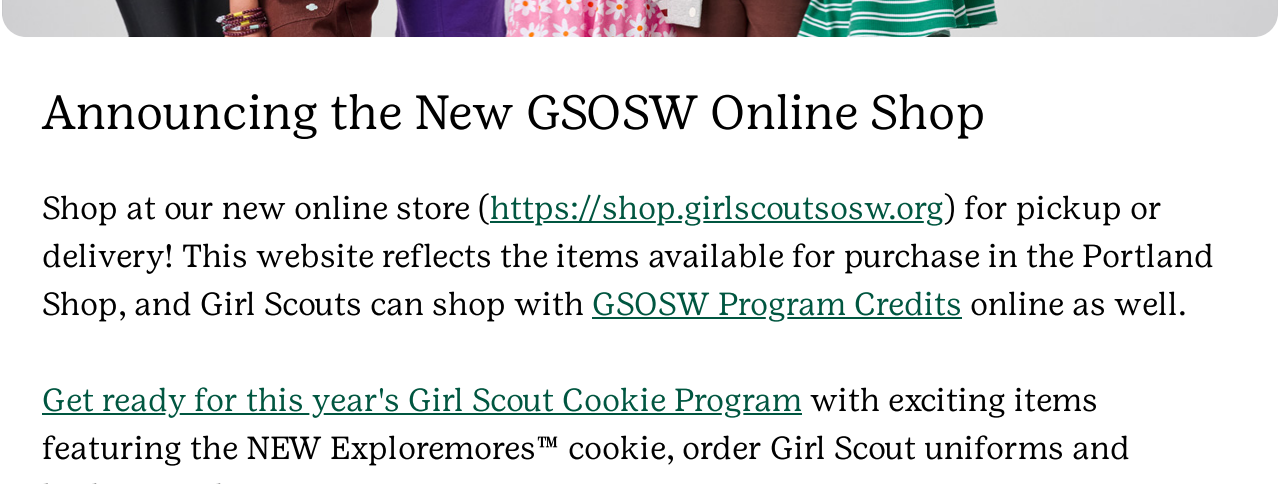


Check out the resources below to help support your troop through cookie season:

- [Cookie Program Troop Product Manager \(TPM\) Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Cookie Program Family Guide](#) (PDF)
- [Cookie Program Calendar](#) (PDF)
- [Cookie Program Girl Scout Recognitions](#) (PDF)
- ... and more [Cookie Program resources!](#)

◆◆◆◆ Get extra support from your council team during the Cookie Program by registering for the virtual [Taste of Cookies cohort](#).

LEARN MORE



## Announcing the New GSOSW Online Shop

Shop at our new online store (<https://shop.girlscoutsosw.org>) for pickup or delivery! This website reflects the items available for purchase in the Portland Shop, and Girl Scouts can shop with [GSOSW Program Credits](#) online as well.

[Get ready for this year's Girl Scout Cookie Program](#) with exciting items featuring the NEW ExploreMores™ cookie, order Girl Scout uniforms and badges, and more.

The early-bird deadline for [overnight camp registration](#) is January 20! We are offering **10% off all items pre-ordered** for camp delivery before that date.

VISIT THE SHOP

## Portland Girl Scout Shop Holiday Closures and Year End Giving

The Portland Shop will be closed from December 24 to January 1. Online orders placed during this time will be filled in the order received, beginning on January 2.

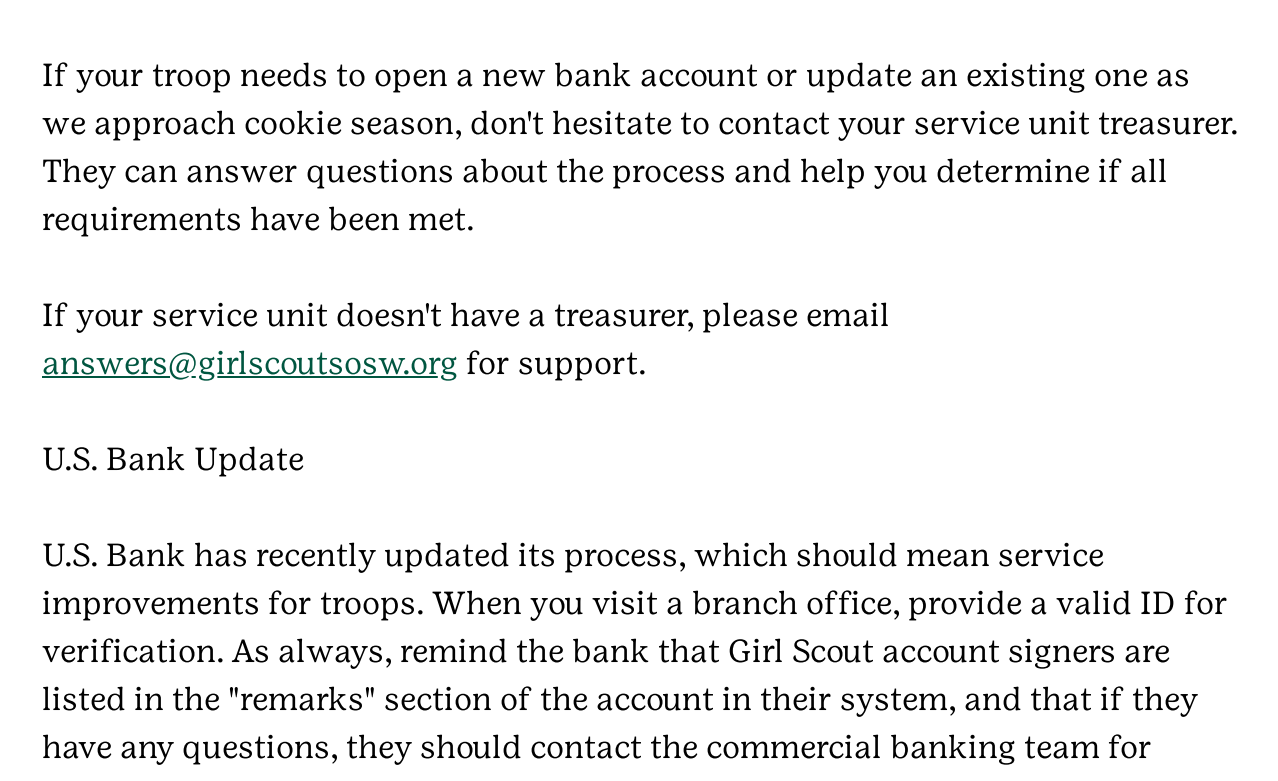
If you planned to drop by the shop to make a year-end gift, please [give online](#) or send a check (postmarked no later than December 31) to:

Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington  
9620 SW Barbur Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97219

If you have questions about giving, please contact Kim Holmes at 503-977-6843 or [kholmes@girlscoutsosw.org](mailto:kholmes@girlscoutsosw.org). Thank you for all you do for Girl Scouts and for helping to make the world a better place.

## DISCOVER

Important updates and reminders for Girl Scout troop leaders.



## Banking and Certificate of Insurance Updates

Troop Bank Accounts

If your troop needs to open a new bank account or update an existing one as we approach cookie season, don't hesitate to contact your service unit treasurer. They can answer questions about the process and help you determine if all requirements have been met.

If your service unit doesn't have a treasurer, please email [answers@girlscoutsosw.org](mailto:answers@girlscoutsosw.org) for support.

U.S. Bank Update

U.S. Bank has recently updated its process, which should mean service improvements for troops. When you visit a branch office, provide a valid ID for verification. As always, remind the bank that Girl Scout account signers are listed in the "remarks" section of the account in their system, and that if they have any questions, they should contact the commercial banking team for support.

Some of the changes include counter checks being available again, and branch staff can support debit card holders with setting or resetting their PINs. If you know your PIN but need to reset it, you can also do this from an ATM.

Thank you for supporting the girls in your troops and providing the Girl Scout experience!

Certificate of Insurance Update

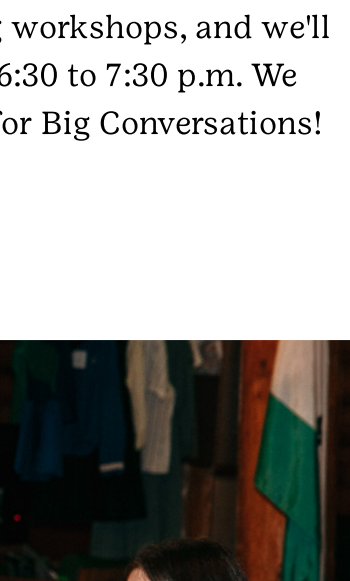
A Certificate of Insurance (COI) may be required by facilities/venues when using a site to host Girl Scout troop meetings or events. Examples include schools, churches, community centers, and parks & recreation buildings.

GSOSW's liability insurance is scheduled to renew on January 1, 2026. If your troop uses a venue for meetings, events, or cookie booths that requires proof of insurance, please complete the [Certificate of Insurance \(COI\) Request](#). This will help facilitate the timely distribution of updated certificates. If you have questions, email [insurance@girlscoutsosw.org](mailto:insurance@girlscoutsosw.org).

## We're in Give!Guide this year!

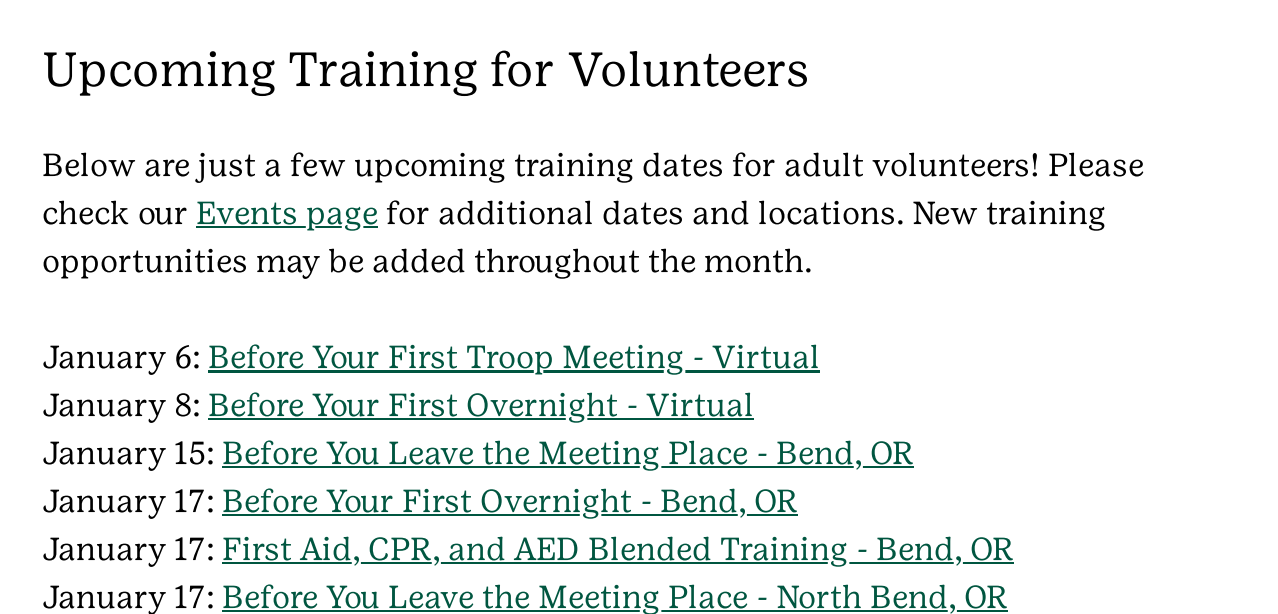
Girl Scouts of Oregon and SW Washington is excited to be featured as part of Willamette Week's Give!Guide this year. You may have already seen our posts on social media. Please help us reach our goal by sharing the posts and spreading the word with your network.

LEARN MORE



## CONNECT

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



## Join the first GROW session on December 17!

Girl Scout staff from the Volunteer Support and Volunteer Learning Services team are excited to introduce a new opportunity for Girl Scout volunteers! Strengthen your leadership, connect with other volunteers from across the council, and build your confidence by sharing best practices and experiences.

GROW (*Guiding with Purpose, Resilience in Leadership, Opportunities to Connect, Wisdom to Share*) is a series of short, engaging workshops, and we'll be starting the series on Wednesday, December 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. We hope you'll join us for the first session: Bite-Sized Tools for Big Conversations!

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.

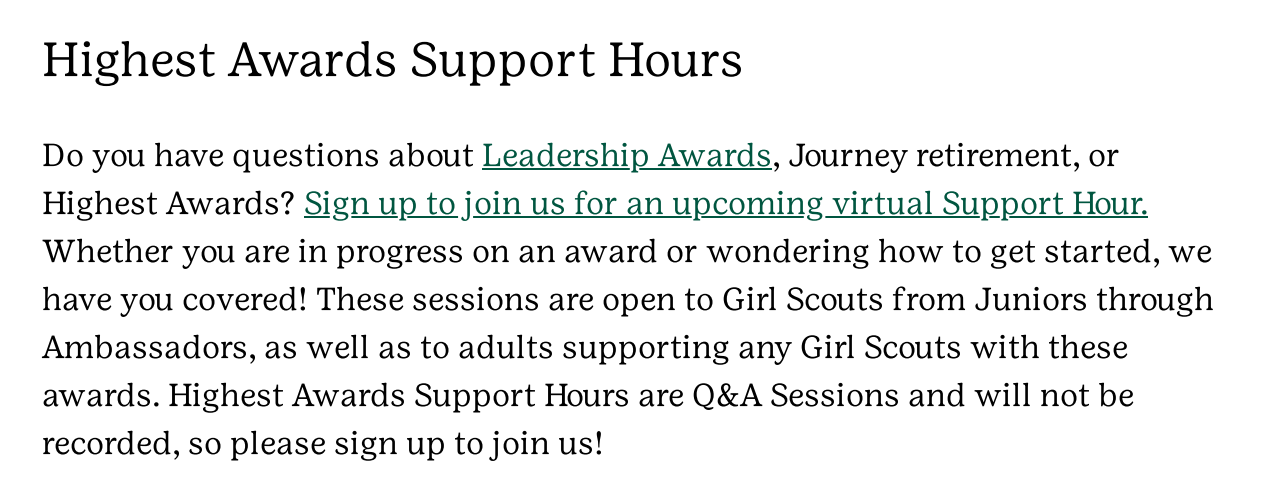
January 6: [Before Your First Troop Meeting - Virtual](#)  
January 8: [Before Your First Overnight - Virtual](#)  
January 15: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - Bend, OR](#)  
January 17: [Before Your First Overnight - Bend, OR](#)  
January 17: [First Aid, CPR, and AED Blended Training - Bend, OR](#)  
January 17: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - North Bend, OR](#)  
January 20: [Before Your First Overnight - Albany, OR](#)  
January 20: [Before Your First Overnight - Virtual](#)  
January 24: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - Portland, OR](#)  
January 28: [Before You Leave the Meeting Place - Eugene, OR](#)

SEE MORE

NEW! Request a training in your area with our [GSOSW Volunteer Training Interest Form](#).

## TAKE ACTION

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



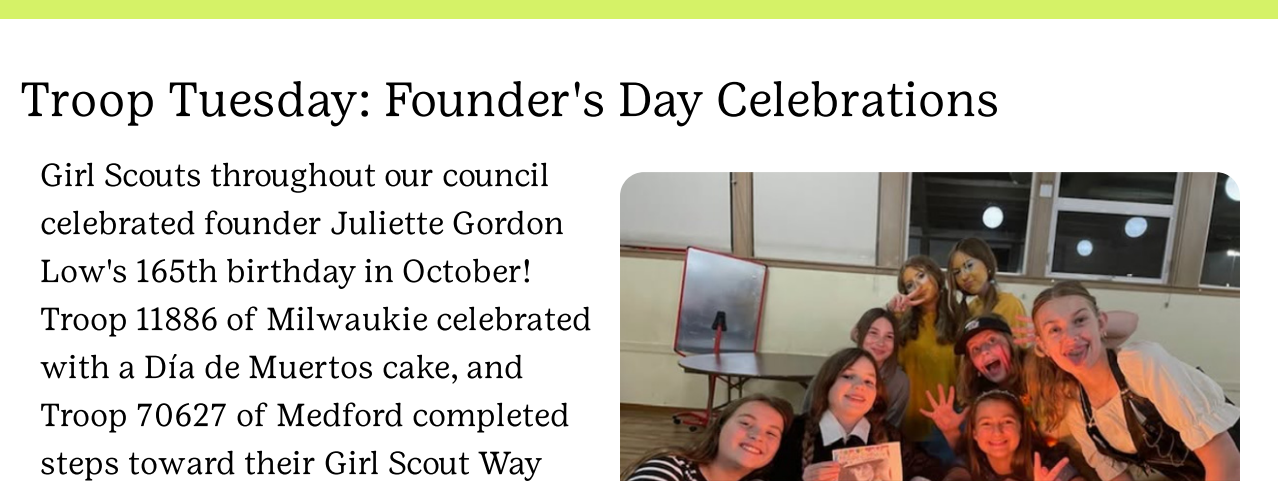
## Outdoor Day is on May 2: New Opportunity for CSA Girl Scouts

Join Girl Scouts friends and families for Outdoor Day on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Spend time in nature and explore Camp Mountindale in North Plains, OR.

Discover how to identify plants, track animals, practice archery, and more! Outdoor Day registration is \$16 per person and opens on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

★ Do you know Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scouts who are curious about unique careers in the outdoors or STEM? They'll be able to apply to be an [Outdoor Day Program Partner Assistant](#) beginning on January 12!

LEARN MORE



## Highest Awards Support Hours

Do you have questions about [Leadership Awards](#), Journey retirement, or Highest Awards? [Sign up to join us for an upcoming virtual Support Hour](#). Whether you are in progress on an award or wondering how to get started, we have you covered! These sessions are open to Girl Scouts from Juniors through Ambassadors, as well as to adults supporting any Girl Scouts with these awards. Highest Awards Support Hours are Q&A Sessions and will not be recorded, so please sign up to join us!

SIGN UP

🌨 This month's STEAM Challenge is the Science of Snow! Explore freezing temperatures by making homemade ice cream, studying snowflake symmetry, or building a snow sculpture as you [earn this fun patch](#).

🦉 This month's Great Outdoors Challenge is the Night Owl! Learn how to read a star chart, discover nocturnal animals, or illustrate a chalk model of the solar system 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](#).

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

## Troop Tuesday: Founder's Day Celebrations

Girl Scouts throughout our council celebrated founder Juliette Gordon Low's 165th birthday in October! Troop 11886 of Milwaukie celebrated with a Día de Muertos cake, and Troop 70627 of Medford completed steps toward their Girl Scout Way badge, had some Halloween-themed fun, and closed out their meeting with a candle lighting rededication ceremony in honor of Juliette.



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

We look forward to seeing what you share!

SHARE YOUR TROOP'S STORY