

# Volunteer News

October–November, 2023



## Volunteer Awards

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers, Girl Scouts are standing up, standing out, and standing tall! Recognize the volunteers who mean the most to you. To nominate a volunteer, visit [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](https://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) > *Volunteer* > *Volunteer Resources*. Nominations are due January 15, 2024. Our Volunteer Award Celebration will be held at Camp Catron during our Volunteer Retreat Weekend in June 2024.



## Welcome to Troop Leadership

As a troop co-leader, you will make a direct impact on girls. Understandably, new troop co-leaders are often anxious to do things right. You can totally do this! We've got three tips to get you started:



1. **Learn as You Go** – Take small steps! Support and resources are available.
2. **Use What Works** – Use the Girl Scout program materials and tailor the activities to your troop.
3. **Keep it Fun** – Enjoy experiencing new things with your girls and being part of their growth. We've broken up your first months into simple steps. Access our handy troop co-leader map at [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](https://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) > *Volunteer Resources*.

We've updated our new troop co-leader training and handbook to make it easier for new and existing volunteers to prepare for a great year in Girl Scouting. Talk to your Troop Support Specialist to learn the details!



**OCTOBER 30**

*Make New  
Friends Monday*

**OCTOBER 31**

*Happy B-Day  
JGL Tuesday*

**NOVEMBER 1**

*Girl Scout  
Vibes Wednesday*

**NOVEMBER 2**

*Take Action  
Thursday*

**NOVEMBER 3**

*Friendship  
Circle Friday*

## Spirit Week 2023, Celebrating with Girl Scout Friends

Every year, Girl Scouts around the world honor the memory of our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, on her birthday, October 31. Join Spirit of Nebraska as we celebrate her life during Girl Scout Spirit Week, October 30 – November 3. We'll have ideas of activities to complete with your troop centered around our program theme: *Girl-Led: The Year of Friendship and Fun*. Welcome new friends to Girl Scouting at a birthday party in JGL's honor, make friendship bracelets, create a positive impact in your community, or come up with your own ideas. Check our blog for all details, including a free patch.



# Who Needs to Be a Registered GS Member?

Because Girl Scouts is committed to the safety of its members, every participating girl and adult must be a registered member. All adults who interact with girls in a troop—transporting girls, chaperoning day or overnight trips, or helping with Product Programs—must be registered and successfully complete a background screen. More information is available at [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) > *Volunteer*.



# Earn \$100 for your Service Unit!

Want to make fast cash for your Service Unit (SU) to spend? Each SU can earn an incentive for creating Daisy or Brownie troops in your area! The council can provide fliers to advertise in schools, postcards for interested girls/families to invite their friends to attend, and troop meeting plans. Each troop needs to have at least four girls join and two unrelated leaders. For more information contact us at [bhuff@girlscoutsnebraska.org](mailto:bhuff@girlscoutsnebraska.org).



# World Thinking Day

Make plans now for your troop to participate in a traditional World Thinking Day program. The global Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding sisterhood celebrate together on World Thinking Day by learning, exploring, and taking action around a common theme. Each troop will select a country to research before the event and prepare a colorful interactive display to teach sister Girl Scouts about their chosen country. Register before February 10 at [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org).



# artVenture<sup>2024</sup>

Join us as we celebrate artVenture's 20th Anniversary in 2024! artVenture is a statewide event celebrating creativity and collaboration. The program matches Girl Scouts with professional artists across Nebraska to create original artwork to be sold during a silent auction event held on April 20, 2024.

Girls across the state can choose to sign up for a council-arranged collaboration or create their own collaboration team. Girls must choose their option before December 1 to participate. Visit our website for more information.

**Auction Details**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**UNO Mammel Hall**  
**6708 Pine Street, Omaha**



# 2024 Cookie Program!

We invite you to “Own Your Magic” while building entrepreneurial skills by participating in the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Product Programs are a great way for Girl Scouts to learn valuable life skills and earn funds for Girl Scout experiences. We offer flexible participation options including “online sales only” that involve no physical money collection or in-person contact. Participants can create an online account in our secure Product Program databases and share their Girl Scout Cookie selling links via social media, text, or email. Customers have the option to order and pay online and have their products directly shipped or have them girl delivered. To participate, fill out the Product Program Intent Form at [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) > *Cookies & Nuts*.

## KEY 2024 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE DATES:

- 1/26/2024 – 2/9/2024 – NEW THIS YEAR! Girl Scouts can get a 2-week head start with their cookie business by offering online Direct Ship sales prior to In-Person, Door to Door sale dates.
- 2/9/2024 – 3/17/2024 – Door-to-Door & Girl Delivery sales BEGIN AND Direct Ship continues.
- 2/16/2024 – 3/17/2024 – Booth Sales Open



## ACH WITHDRAWAL DATES:

- March 11, 2024 – 1st 50% of initial order
- March 29, 2024 – 2nd 50% of initial order
- April 12, 2024 – ACH for all cupboard cookies



# 2023 Fall Product Remaining Dates

- In-person order card sales continue through October 16
- Online girl delivery sales continue through October 23
- Online direct ship sales continue through November 6
- Product Distribution begins November 8
- Money due to the troop by December 1
- ACH Withdrawal December 13
- Recognition Distribution begins December 18



# Cookie Kick-Off Rallies

Want to inspire your troop and prepare for the most successful cookie sale yet? Bring them to a Cookie Rally to enjoy creative cookie activities, play Girl Scout games, and prepare to join the ranks of Girl Scouts who have participated in cookie sales since 1917. Register by January 14. To find the Cookie Rally in your area, visit [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) > *Programs* > *Program List* > *Search “Cookie Rally”*.





## Free Bracelets for Current Girl Members

Who doesn't love free stuff? Current Girl Scouts can earn a free bracelet by referring a friend to Girl Scouts. Just complete a form to let us know! When the friend registers, we'll confirm that the referral is complete, and a super cool bracelet will be mailed to you. For more information, check out our blog on our website.

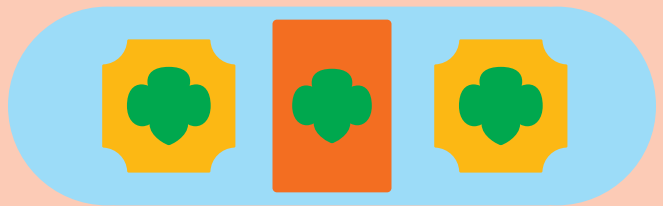


## Juliette's Boutique

### Super Saturday

Stop by to peruse, shop, and buy. Questions? Large orders? Please email us at [shop@girlscoutsnebraska.org](mailto:shop@girlscoutsnebraska.org).

**October 14, 2023**  
**10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Omaha, Lincoln and Kearney**



## New Incentive for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts

Uniforms are a tradition dating back to the very first homemade ones worn by the first Girl Scouts in Savannah, GA over a hundred years ago. Since then, the uniform has evolved through the years, but it continues to remain an important part of the Girl Scout experience. To encourage our high school Girl Scouts to keep earning badges and displaying them on their uniform, we will be giving away our current stock of Senior and Ambassador badges to registered scouts who earn them. Just complete a short application for your request, which can be found on our blog at [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org).



## Financial Aid Makes Girl Scouts Possible

Cost should never be the reason a child doesn't join Girl Scouts. To ensure that Girl Scouts is possible for all, there are several Financial Aid options. Council assistance is available toward the coverage of membership fees, uniforms or books, and up to 50% of a program or camp fee. Financial aid is also available for troop co-leaders and new troops. Visit [GirlScoutsNebraska.org](http://GirlScoutsNebraska.org) Search > What Girl Scouts Do > Join or contact Member Support at 402.558.8189.

