

# Volunteer News

October–November 2025



## Welcome, Co-Leaders

As a co-leader, you'll play a big role in shaping Girl Scout experiences. Here are three quick tips to get started:

1. **Learn as You Go:** Take it step-by-step. Support and resources are always here.
2. **Use What Works:** Lean on Girl Scout materials and adapt them for your troop.
3. **Keep it Fun:** Share new adventures and enjoy the journey with your Girl Scouts.

We've outlined your first months in our Troop Year Planner ([bit.ly/GSSNplanner](https://bit.ly/GSSNplanner)). Need help? Your Troop Support Specialist is just a call or email away!

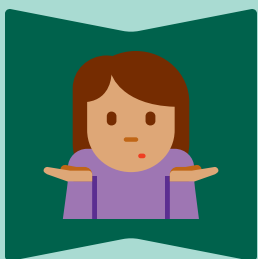


## Troop Meetings Made Easy

Daisy and Brownie Experience Boxes take the stress out of planning! Each month, new co-leaders (of four new Daisies or Brownies) get a free subscription box with:

- ✓ Step-by-step instructions
- ✓ Ready-to-go activities
- ✓ All the materials you need

Each box covers up to 16 meetings, making your troop time fun, engaging, and memorable. For more info, visit [bit.ly/GSSNbox](https://bit.ly/GSSNbox).



## Who Needs to be Registered?

For everyone's safety, **all Girl Scouts and adults participating in Girl Scouts must be registered members.** This includes any adult who transports Girl Scouts, chaperones day or overnight trips, or helps with Product Programs. Adults must also complete a background screening before working with Girl Scouts.



## Gear Up for a New Girl Scout Year at the Girl Scout Shop

Stock up on Girl Scout uniform essentials and take advantage of the free heat press (\$5 value per uniform) when purchasing a sash or vest with core items.

Celebrate a lifetime of Girl Scouting with our new adult T-shirt, "Once a Girl Scout, Always a Girl Scout," available in sizes S-3X for \$25.

And if your troop is preparing for a Bridging Ceremony, find all your bridging essentials in one place. Visit a shop or email [shop@girlscoutsnebraska.org](mailto:shop@girlscoutsnebraska.org) to grab everything your troop and family need to start the year strong!



## Celebrate Amazing Volunteers

Know a co-leader, Cookie Manager, Service Unit Manager, or community member who goes above and beyond? They could earn a Volunteer Award! Take a moment to recognize those who make Girl Scouting possible—think beyond the usual roles!

Nominate someone today! Visit [bit.ly/GSSNgratitude](https://bit.ly/GSSNgratitude) and submit nominations by Thursday, January 15, 2026. Stay tuned for details about the 2026 Volunteer Award Celebration!



## New Cookie

## 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program

Get ready to meet our new cookie: **Exploremores™**, the Rocky Road Ice Cream-inspired cookie! The 2026 Girl Scout Cookie program runs from January 23 – March 15. Complete your Product Program Intent Form at [bit.ly/GSSNintent](https://bit.ly/GSSNintent) to receive program details, Cookie Rallies, and training sessions.





## Cookie Rallies and Cookie CEO Fun

Bring your troop to a **Cookie Rally** to make a cookie business kit, learn sales tips, and enter a drawing for extra swag. For older Girl Scouts, our **Cookie CEO** program is back! Work with marketing experts to sharpen your customer service, digital marketing, and money management skills then build your brand and take your sales to the next level!

Both programs are a fun way to get inspired and prepare for your most successful cookie season yet. Register by Sunday, January 11, 2026!

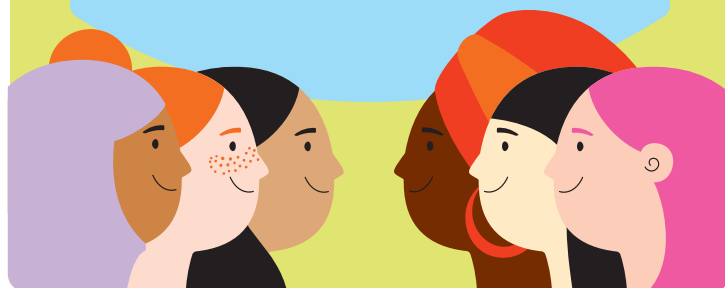


## *Celebrating 100 Years!*

Plan now for your troop to join our World Thinking Day program! Each troop will select a country to research and create a fun, interactive display to teach sister Girl Scouts about their chosen nation.

**Register by February 8.**

**NEW FOR 2026:** Volunteers and parents/caregivers can attend a **free virtual Town Hall** to learn more—sign up for the November 13 or January 8 session!



## Programs on Demand

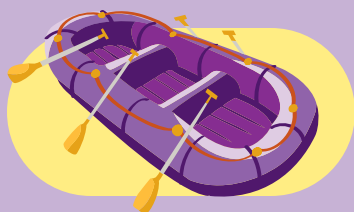
Looking for ready-to-go activities for your next troop meeting? Purchase one of our **Programs on Demand** kits, **including instructions and most supplies** for activities around a theme. Kits include a throwback to our very first one from 2012: Duct Tape 2.0! Kits are just \$10 per Girl Scout, delivered right to your door!



## Fall Product Program

The **Fall Product Program** runs September 19 – November 3 and gives Girl Scouts a chance to build financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills early in the year. Proceeds help Girl Scouts fund activities, while Girl Scouts practice goal setting and money management. Fill out the Product Program Intent Form at [bit.ly/GSSNintent](https://bit.ly/GSSNintent) to get started!

**PARTICIPANTS:** Don't miss the remaining Town Hall meetings to stay on track—October 14 for placing orders in M2OS, October 28 for order pick up and distribution—and November 4 for reward entry and financials. Find event dates and details on our Facebook page.



## Travel Opportunities

Girl Scouts are going places! Watch for registration deadlines and don't miss out on amazing adventures and visiting new places with your troop. Visit [bit.ly/GSSNtravel](https://bit.ly/GSSNtravel) for more info.



## Celebrate Girl Scout Spirit Week

Mark your calendar! Girl Scouts across Nebraska will be celebrating Spirit Week from October 27–31. Watch for this year's themes and fun activities that your troop can participate in to show their Girl Scout spirit and even earn a patch!



## Still Need to Submit Your Troop Finance Report?

If your troop still needs to submit your 2024-2025 Finance Report (found at [bit.ly/GSSNtfr](https://bit.ly/GSSNtfr)), please be sure to submit your materials ASAP. Need help with the process? Reach out to your Troop Support Specialist for assistance.