

Girl Scouts celebrate the importance of getting outdoors every month, but the month of June is extra special because it's [National Great Outdoors Month](#), and it marks the beginning of summer and the activities that come along with it. Since the founding of Girl Scouts in 1912, outdoor experiences have played a pivotal role in programming, and founder Juliette Gordon Low led the first Girl Scout troop in activities like hiking, camping, swimming, and even telling time by the stars. Today, the value that Girl Scouts places in the outdoors is stronger than ever, and connecting with nature in a girl-led setting is a large benefit of belonging to Girl Scouts.

This month's Volunteer Scoop contains news about [Summer Planning](#), [Event Registrations](#), and a few reminders for [Service Units](#) and our new [Facebook Members Connect group](#)!

If you have any questions please reach out to Member Services at 1-800-666-2141 or help@gsdakotahorizons.org. We are here for you!

NEWS AND UPDATES

GSDH Health Updates: Summer Events

New resources have been added to the GSDH Health Updates page of our website within the About Summer Camp & Events section.

As Girl Scouts return to more in-person events and camps, we have provided:

- [Communicable Disease Plan for COVID-19](#) (CDP) - The CDP outlines health and safety protocols that should be followed when hosting in-person day and overnight camps. Volunteers who are hosting camps should review and implement procedures to mitigate risks related to COVID-19 in their camp operations.
- [In-person Event and Camp FAQ](#) - Review the FAQ for answers to common question about in-person camps and events this summer. Share this information with local members who are considering attending in-person events and camps this summer. Come back often for updates.

Troop Camp Registration

Troop Co-Leaders are able to register their family and troop members in eBiz online event registration system. If the event requires a deposit:

- Registration by Troop Co-Leaders is not available online.
 - The household primary contact can complete online registration for members of their household.
- A paper event registration form with payment (deposit or full amount) can be used to register the troop.

Amplify Your Adventure

Bring your family and friends to explore interactive activities that are right in your backyard! Kick off summer at this free family event as you learn outdoor skills, explore summer STEM activities, try a new sport and more. Open your eyes to a life of adventure-get outdoors and test your limits – [find an Amplify Your Adventure near you!](#)

If your Cadette, Senior or Ambassador troop is ready to flex their leadership muscle check out our [Event Listing](#) for the PA/CIT Opportunities that are available for several Amplify Your Adventure events.

Mobile STEM Center

The [Mobile STEM Center](#) is ready to hit the road! We're excited for our new STEM Center to visit girls across the council. The Service Units who won the Spring Renewal 2021 Mobile STEM Experience are getting first choice on the calendar. We will be sharing details soon with Service Unit Volunteers on how to request a visit starting Fall 2021!

Honoring Excellence

Join us in Fargo, ND on June 12 at [Honoring Excellence](#) to hear from Girl Scouts who have demonstrated their leadership by earning their Silver and Gold Awards in this past year. We will also be honoring adult members who have made a significant impact and earned a Council or GSUSA Award.

Becoming Me Program Series

Girl Scouts of the USA launched the Becoming Me Program Series on May 6. Volunteers may facilitate this six to eight session program where girls earn 3 specially selected badges and a patch! Find more information in the [Troop Leader Blueprint](#). For a limited time, a [free digital download](#) of the instructions and badge booklets are available. Additional opportunities to participate in the Becoming Me Program Series will be available starting later this year.

gsEvents is on the way!

A new event registration system is on the way! On June 1, we will begin transitioning to a new registration system called gsEvents which is linked to your [myGS](#) account.

- Registration for events held now through August will remain in eBiz.
- Events held in September and beyond will utilize gsEvents.

We've created this [Event Search Guide](#) to help you find events on our website or, through your myGS account. Should you have questions or challenges completing registration, contact Member Services at help@gsdakotahorizons.org or 1-800-666-2141.

Over the next several months, we will provide more information to all members on how to utilize gsEvents.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Spring Troop Wrap Up

It's time to reflect on the troop's accomplishments from the year and start planning for the next year. Use the [Spring Troop Wrap Up Guide Checklist](#) to ensure your troop's Girl Scout year is wrapped up and full of adventure this summer!

Annual Finance Report – Chance to Win!

As soon as your troop receives the May dated bank statement submit the Annual Troop Finance Report through the Volunteer Toolkit Finance Tab and check this off your [Spring Troop Wrap-Up Checklist!](#)

Find step by step instructions for completing the report in the [Just in Time Guide: Annual Finance Reports](#).

Troops who submit the finance report by June 15 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of four \$50.00 incentives for the troop! Service Units who submit the finance report by June 15 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$50.00 incentive for the service unit

Service Unit Reminders

- **Recognition Events:** Once the service unit has decided on a date for your Recognition Event please be sure to submit your [Service Unit Recognition Event Summary Form](#) to let us know where to send the council provided pins and certificates. Find more information in the [Service Unit Recognition Event Planning Guide](#).
- **Service Unit Annual Finance Report:** Annual Service Unit Finance Reports are due June 15. Service units submit the finance report using the Annual Service Unit Finance Report online form found on our website under [Service Unit Finances](#).
- **Service Unit Elections:** Now is the time to hold Service Unit Elections to determine the service unit team for the 2021-22 membership year. Please refer to the [Service Unit Election Guidelines](#) for details and be sure to submit the [Service Unit Election Results](#) form by June 15. *Note: Service Unit Leadership roles are added by council staff based on these election results forms.*
- **Service Unit Plan for Success Guide:** Last fall we shared the new Service Unit Plan for Success Guide with each service unit team. This summer we will have a new updated version to support your service unit team's annual planning for the 2021-22 year. Watch for more information to come from your Member Support Specialist later this summer!



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Connect with us through Facebook

In addition to the operational information we're sharing in the [Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Member Connect Group on Facebook](#), we're excited to see the ways our volunteers are supporting each other and sharing ideas! If you're not in the group, [send a request to join](#) this private group as an opportunity to receive council information, connect and share ideas and Girl Scout knowledge, and more.