

Troop Scoop April 2024



Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

volunteers.

Girl Scout councils don't run themselves, and they don't run at all without

girls, and the Girl Scout movement. It is our privilege to support such a dedicated group of volunteers and continue to be inspired by your efforts to help our girls build courage, confidence, and character. As a token of our appreciation, we will be presenting our Service Unit

We want to thank each of you for your hard work and commitment to Alaska's

Managers, Troop Leaders, and Troop Cookie Managers with official Girl Scouts of Alaska volunteer name tags. They are currently on order, and we anticipate them arriving in the next few weeks. We will then mail them to the established Service Unit Managers for distribution. If your area does not have an active Service Unit Manager, you can expect to receive yours by mail. We hope that each time you wear your name tag, you will feel the council's

Cookie Season Wrap Up

gratitude and confidence in your efforts. It is an honor to be a part of your

is wrapping up! It's been so exciting to see the girls at their cookie booths. We've got some hard-working entrepreneurs out there!

those final sales opportunities.

journey in your Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

There is one more weekend of booth sales ahead of us. New booth slots have been added to eBudde so be sure to sign up! Troops who secure their own booths will need to enter them as a troop booth in eBudde. The council cookie

cupboard will be open Saturday, April 6th and Sunday, April 7th to stock up for

It's hard to believe it's the first week of April and our (extended) cookie season

While the deadline to edit eBudde has been extended to April 9th, we would sincerely appreciate it if you would allocate cookie inventory. Your efforts to allocate packages to cover any negative numbers on the Girl Orders tab will help ensure accurate reporting.

The Girl Orders tab in eBudde is the source of record for rewards and GEMS. Any Girl Scout with a negative balance needs more cookies assigned to her. See

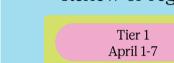
this training, page 25 in the Troop Cookie Manual, or contact council if you need assistance at 907-248-2250 or customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org.

Early Bird and MY25 Troop Participation Survey

From this week's Mid Week Cookie Break:

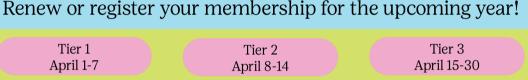
Early Bird registration has begun! We are reaching out to all troops this week to review the Early Bird membership drive incentives available only in the first week. Renew your memberships this week, and you will be entered into a drawing for one of two Nintendo Switches (girls) or one of two spots at our Troop Leader Training Weekend at Camp Togowoods in August (leaders/coleaders)! Remember, these incentives are exclusive to this first week of Early

Bird, April 1-7!



April 1-30

Early Bird



Troop Reward Requirement

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Tier 2 Tier 3 Tier 1 Troops must renew at least 75% of their girls and have

Tier 2

April 8-14

See what incentives girls and troops can earn at each tier below.



Don't forget to complete the 2025 Troop Participation Survey, conveniently located in your gsLearn account. This survey helps us gather the most up-todate information about your troop's plans for the new membership year and helps keep our membership database squeaky clean!

Don't miss out on our exciting NEW Troop Leader Training Weekend at Camp Togowoods this summer. Elevate your leadership skills, connect with fellow leaders, and get ready for an unforgettable adventure. Register now for an

Early Bird is essential to planning for the coming membership year, and let's face it, it's one less thing to juggle at the beginning of the school year! Please reach out to your troop's families or register the troop yourself in your "My

Troops" tab in your membership portal at mygs.girlscouts.org. If you need help registering, contact us at 907-248-2250 or customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org

Leader Training

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

· Girl Scout Traditions and Ceremonies

Working with Multi-Level Troops

Program Level Specifics (ex: Daisy Level

Those attending Saturday only will be provided

Date

August 10

August 10-11

 Safety Activity Checkpoints · Working with Parents

Girl Behavior Management

Troop Participation Survey!

Leader Camp in August

empowering weekend of learning and fun!

Saturday 10am-4:30pm Saturday + Overnight Stay Training will focus on Girl Scout specific topics Volunteers can also choose to stay overnight at and will be designed with your input. Potential Camp Togowoods! topics include: Girl Scout basics After dinner there will be time for fun camp

 Highest Awards (Bronze, Silver, Gold Awards) Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Based on your feedback we'll refine the training

Troop Finances

Training)

Outdoor Skills

lunch and snacks.

Program

Day

Overnight

topics being offered.

First Aid and CPR August 11 REGISTER

AED certification. All course materials will be provided. You'll have the option of attending (1:00pm to 5:00pm) session.

Sign up for First Aid/CPR with AED training.

Participants who successfully complete this

course will receive basic First Aid/CPR with

activities such as canoeing, a campfire (with

(wooden platforms, canvas sided tents, cots

with mattresses and mosquito netting). Plat-

Volunteers attending Saturday and staying over-

night will be provided snacks, Saturday lunch/

Accommodations include platform tents

form tents do not have heat or electricity.

Sunday Morning or Afternoon

s'mores!) and Girl Scout songs.

dinner, Sunday breakfast.

Price

\$75

\$125

\$110

the morning (8:30am to 12:30pm) or afternoon

Save the Date! Highest Awards Ceremony on YouTube April 10
Plan a troop watch party and break out the popcorn. Join us on April 10 to celebrate our Highest Award Earners. The premiere of our Highest Award
Ceremony will go live on YouTube. Find the link to the premiere <u>here</u> . As we
take the time to recognize the Girl Scouts making a difference in their
communities, we encourage girls and troops to take some time to reflect on

Troop Spotlight: Troop 20051 Brownies and Juniors from JBER Troop 20051 worked on their Girl Scout Way badges by crafting the traditional Girl Scout sit-upon. The girls plan to donate them to the Girl Scout camp for others to use while enjoying their camp experience. The sit-upons are made from vinyl tablecloths, quilting batting for padding, cut up cookie cases for stability and duct tape to seal the edges.

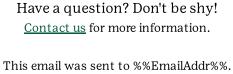
what issues their community faces and how they might go about addressing them. Get more information on how to start your Gold, Silver, or Bronze Award.

Shop Hours in April 2024 **April Shop Hours** The council shop will be closed on Wednesdays in April, though we will be available via phone and email to take orders for pick up or mailing. Contact us at 907-248-2250 or





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