

Troop Scoop

October 2023



Top Stories

Happy Membership Year 2024!

It's the first month of the new Girl Scout calendar year, and we're here for it! We know many of you have already started your regular troop meetings, and some of you are close to getting started. Please take a moment to look at your rosters and make sure you're aware of new troop members, and that all your previous girls' memberships were renewed and they're still on the list for this year.

Fill Your Troop

Congratulations to the 49 troops who qualified this year! Over 700 girls will receive this year's Fill Your Troop patch and 3 troops will receive bonus incentives. We're seeing another banner year for new memberships *and* troops, largely due to your help in taking in new girls and supporting the council's recruiting efforts. Thank you!

Girl Scout Cookie Program Info

As we head toward the holidays, we wanted to be sure and share some important Girl Scout Cookie Program dates. Yes, it's early to be talking cookies, but we assure you, Council is already in cookie mode and preparing for another fantastic season of entrepreneurial success for our girls. December is a great time to hold a family meeting to lay out a plan for the cookie season, and we suggest setting that meeting date now because everyone's calendars are about to explode for the holidays.

Important Cookie Program dates in 2024:

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| January 12 | Program begins! |
| January 30 | (Troop) Initial Order due |
| Late February | Cookie shipment arrive (exact dates vary by community) |
| March 1-30 | Cookie Booth Sales |
| March 31 | Last day of Cookie Program |

Other News

Some exciting news for troop leadership this fall...we have a new annual permission slip for your use! It encompasses permissions for Product Program participation, permission to treat in medical emergencies (except for International travel), and the annual health history form. It's a two page document, with instructions, and can be found [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Don't forget there is a [calendar](#) on the Girl Scouts of Alaska website to help make sure you and your troop take advantage of all the exciting new Program events planned for the coming membership year! In the next 30 days alone there are events for archery, star gazing, our big Explore Girls Scouts event at Kincaid Park (November 4th!), and so much more! All the event registration pages are linked from the calendar, so we recommend bookmarking that page and checking in frequently.

As always, we're here for you regarding any questions pertaining to your troop. Just give a call to 907-248-2250 or email us at CustomerCare@girlscoutsalaska.org

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Reminder

Girl Scouts are not permitted to solicit money on behalf of another organization when identifying themselves as Girl Scouts by wearing a uniform, official pins, and so on. This includes Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army during the holidays. However, you and your girls can support another organization through Take Action projects. For more information, email customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org.

Spotlight: Fill Your Troop

Congratulations to our Fill Your Troop drawing winners! We want to celebrate how amazing all of you have been. Over 700 girls earned their Fill Your Troop patch this year



Troop 390 Invites You

Open to Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors. Girls will earn all 3 of the Automotive Engineering badge series with fun hands on activities.

November 24, 2023

Badge Night

Led by: Girl Scout Troop 390

NEW AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING BADGES

Design Engineering Manufacturing

Daisy Brownie Junior

With help from the **HALL OF FAME** CHARLOTTE

Boys & Girls Club
2300 W. 36th Ave.
99517

Friday, November 24
1:30pm- 4:30pm

Please make reservations early so we can ensure we have the right number of badges and supplies.

\$40/ Girl Scout
(includes program, all badges, snacks, rental fees, and supplies.)

Drop off your kids and enjoy the afternoon on your own.

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Troop Leader Office Hours

October 14

Fall troop leadership office hours with Volunteer Engagement Specialist Christy Worrell at 3pm.

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