

Troop Scoop

September 2023



Top Stories

Girl Scouts’ 2023 membership year is coming to an end. We had a fun and successful year, and it was great to see all the girls gather and grow! Thank you for your time and energy supporting the girls, we appreciate you!

Fill Your Troop is happening NOW! We are in the process of reaching out to each of you individually and would really love the opportunity to chat with you. If you have questions, and we haven’t reached you yet, please send an email to customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org or give us a call and we’ll be happy to help. Many troops have already met the basic Fill Your Troop requirements and the race is on to make sure you have a Troop Cookie Manager and Treasurer assigned to qualify for the bonus incentives by September 30.

NEW Annual Permission Form

We have simplified and combined several forms into one, easy to use, Annual Permission Form! This document should be completed girls and volunteers at your first troop meeting of the year. This form replaces the single/multi-use permission form, product program permission form, permission to treat form (except for international travel), and health history form. Parents/Guardians must complete both sides for their Girl Scout. Volunteers must complete only the health history portion. All forms should be kept with the troop leader and taken on any field trips or overnights. Check it out [here](#).

Insurance Changes

Starting October 1, you will no longer need to purchase additional insurance for domestic overnights or Girl Scout activities that include non-members (day or overnight). Optional additional insurance that includes sickness coverage ([Plan 3P](#)), is available for \$0.70/person/day. International travelers will still be required to purchase additional insurance ([Plan 3PI](#)).

NEW Troop Mailing Addresses

We’re excited to share that we have a new feature in our membership database which allows us to designate a troop mailing address. This will make it possible for you to indicate which person in troop leadership is the best choice for receiving mail and packages from Council. Please take a quick moment and email us your preferred troop address to customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org and we will update your account.

Reminders

Fall Product Program is here to get the new membership year going and troop funds flowing! The products and swag are top-notch, as always. As is the earning potential for the girls (and troop). We have lots of support and training to help your troop succeed! If you are interested in selling Fall Product, but haven’t yet registered and received your start up packet, please fill out this [form](#), which will go directly to Abigail, who makes it all happen!

If you have not completed your troop’s annual finance report, please complete it as soon as possible. To complete your troop report, you will need to log in to your [myGS](#) account and click the Volunteer Toolkit link. Once there, click the finance tab. If it does not allow you to submit it, please save it and email it to customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org.

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Don't forget that we have our September Troop Leader Office Hours on September 23rd at 3pm.

JOIN US

Spotlight: Troop 625, Mirror Lake Trail Restoration

Troop 625 worked with Anchorage Parks and Recreation and the Chugach Mountain Bike Riders to restore the Mirror Lake Single Track Mountain Bike Blue Bog Trail as they worked towards earning their Silver Award. Due to poor conditions the Single Track Mountain Bike Blue Bog Trail was infrequently used. To compensate for the muddy/boggy atmosphere the girls dug trenches to reroute water and brought in and spread 10 tons of gravel to address the issue. In addition to trail maintenance the troop built two technical trail challenges to enhance the trail and users experience. The first trail challenge is single width, 16'-0" long. The second challenge is double wide, 24'-0" long.



Welcome New Troops

Bella and Trinity
Troop 23081
Bowman Elementary

Aimee and Alicia
Troop 23082
Bear Valley Elementary

Beth and Allie
Troop 23091
Inlet View Elementary

Amanda and Amalyn
Troop 23093
Camp Mueller

Jennifer and Trina
Troop 23094
Rogers Park Elementary

Rebekah and Angelica
Troop 23095
Government Hill Elementary

Since Back to School we added the following NEW troops! Please join us in welcoming our new leaders!

Keep your eyes peeled

More information on Fill Your Troop, Fall Product Program, and the Volunteer Toolkit and yearly meeting plans coming soon!

Need to geta hold of us? Contact us at customercare@girlscoutsalaska.org

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