# Girl Talk

January 2025 GSGST Newsletter

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### **Girl Scout Mission**

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

#### **Girl Scout Promise**

On my honor, I will try To serve God\* and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law

### **Girl Scout Law**

I will do my best to be honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, and to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

# Membership

Don't let your friends miss out on the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program! Join cookie season together!

### Countdown to Cookies: Is Your Membership Ready?

- Renew Your Membership: Active membership is required to sell cookies.
- Invite a Friend: Cookie season is even better with friends! Share the Girl Scout experience and grow your troop!
- Complete Troop Requirements: Confirm your troop has met all necessary requirements to participate in cookie sales.



If you are interested in growing your troop please reach out to your local membership team! Happy New Year Girl Scouts!

2025 is going to be an adventurous and exciting year filled with:

**Amazing Adventures!** 

Making a Difference!

### New Friends!

Mark Your Calendars for:

- World Thinking Day Feburary 22, 2025
- Girl Scout Birthday March 12, 2025

" The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers." - Juliette Gordon Low

### **Upcoming Training**



Discover the volunteer training opportunities that will empower your troop and set them up for success!

click the icon for more information

#### **New Year, New Plan!**

Click the fireworks to access and customize troop year plans for all levels!



# Leader's Corner

### Volunteer Shoutout!



Thank you girls and parents of troop #1054 for your donations to the Humanitarian Respite center.

# Program 🕇 Patch Program

# **Event Recap** girl scouts of greater south texas **Cookie Kickoff**

Girl Scouts kicked off the 2025 Cookie Season with a Financial Empowerment event, where they learned smart money skills and earned badges.

of the Month:

This challenge is filled with positive messages and confidence building activities that you can do with your troop or on your own!



click the image for more information!

more information

Check our event calendar on the website for updates on council events & details!



## Mac's Messages

Dear Girl Scouts and Families. I am beyond excited to be your 2025 Bayview and Greenhill Camp Director! Some of my fondest childhood memories are of gathering in a friendship circle around a glowing campfire, kayaking, paddleboard yoga, and singing Girl Scout songs until my throat was sore. This will be my 6th summer at Girl Scout camp, though Bayview and Greenhill are an entirely new adventure that I'm thrilled to embark on with both new and seasoned campers. Click the macaroni noodle for more details on all the amazing camps and outdoor activities we have planned! And don't forget- camp registration opens at 9am on January 1st 2025!

Love, Mac Anchies

# Camp & Outdoors

### Financial Aid

Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas is committed to making Girl Scout camp accessible to all. Please use this financial aid application to apply for assistance and ensure that your camper can participate in an unforgettable camp experience. *click the camp sign icon to apply* 

#### Upcoming Events/Trainings

#### Fireside Chat

January 9th - 6:00pm-7:30pm Join program staff for an informative Q&A session about GSGST's new outdoor committee, volunteering, camp registration, and other camp or outdoor-related topics! Click the tent icon to register

### **Campfire Corner**

#### Lulu Dip and Apples

This no-cook appetizer is perfect for your next campout! Prepare the Lulu dip in advance by whipping all the ingredients together, then store it in a Ziploc bag in the cooler. Once you're by the campfire, slice your apples and enjoy the sweet, creamy dip with your juicy, tart apple slices!

#### Ingredients *Lulu Dip:*

8 oz Block of Cream Cheese 1/2 cup Brown Sugar Dash of Vanilla Extract Other Ingredients/Supplies Apples (Green are the best!) Apple Cutter Cutting Board Serving Spoon

# Cookie Program

# Why Participate?

When you sell Girl Scout Cookies, you're doing more than helping your customers stock up on delicious treats (and having lots of fun).

You have a goal in mind: to power lifechanging programs, experiences, and learning for yourself and your troop all year long.

Because no matter what obstacles pop up, we know that you'll face them with resiliency and creativity—it's the Girl Scout way.

### Important Deadlines: January

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Cookie Program Begins Jan. 1st

Parent Digital Cookie Launch Email: Jan. 1st

Mass Troop Cookie Delivery Week: Week of Jan. 6th

Cookie Cupboards Open/ Cookie Promo Sale: Jan. 11th- 9AM-12PM@ all Service Centers

It's not too late! Your troop can still be part of an amazing Girl-led Program!

How can you troop participate in the upcoming Cookie Program? Step 1. Watch Training video & submit Knowledge Check. (Website)

Step 2. Ensure your Troop has submitted their Troop Product

Program Agreement Form. (Troops must have or be in the process of obtaining an active Troop Bank Account to Submit this form successfully.)

Step 3. Await your Smart Cookie/ Digital Cookie launch emails.

If you have any questions feel free to email productprogram@gsgst.org.





#### **Council Service Centers:**

Harlingen Service Center 202 E Madison Ave. Harlingen, TX 78550

**McAllen Service Center** 5317 N. McColl McAllen, TX 78501

**Corpus Christi Service Center** 2410 Bevecrest Corpus Christi, TX 78415

> **Victoria Service Center** 104 W. River Victoria, TX 77901

Laredo Service Center 701 N. Stone Ave. Laredo, TX 78040



**Contact Us!** Phone: 956.425.2388 Email: info@gsgst.org



### Song Break

Chocolate Chips Cookies The perfect song for cookie season

(chorus) Chocolate chip cookies, you gotta have more You can bake them in the oven or buy them at the store And whatever you do have em waiting at my door And I'll love you til I die Ba-da-ba-daba-dom Made with sugar, butter and flour Ya put em in the oven for about a guarter hour And the things that give them their magical power Is the chocolate chips inside Ba-da-ba-da-ba-dom (chorus) Can't have one, can't have two Once you start chewin there's nothing you can do Except to eat them all and then lick the plate too And then go an get some more Ba-da-ba-da-ba-dom (chorus) When I die, I don't want wings A broken halo or a harp that sings I want a book, a fire, and someone to bring me Chocolate chip cookies all day Ba-daba-da-ba-dom Can't have one, can't have two Once you start chewin there's nothing you can d *Except to eat them all and then lick the plate too* And then go an get some more Ba-da-ba-da-badom (chorus)



