# E SCOUTS OF KANSAS HEARTLAND

## June 2025 Agenda



# Girl Program



Imagination Overnight Camp: 7/8-10 DEADLINE JUNE 23



A "Wicked" Fun Camp Day Camp: 7/14-17 Overnight Camp: 7/13-17

**DEADLINE JUNE 30** 



Welcome to the Jungle

Day Camp: 7/21-24 Overnight Camp: 7/20-24

**DEADLINE JULY 7** 



Strawberry Shortcake Camp Day Camp: 7/28-7/31 DEADLINE JULY 14



Harriette Potter Prefect & Harriette Potter Camps Overnight Events: 7/10 - 7/13 DEADLINE JUNE 30



Rockin' It Old School Overnight Camp: 7/11 - 7/13 DEADLINE JUNE 30



She & Me Lock-In Overnight Event: 7/26 - 7/27 DEADLINE JULY 14

Additional Camp Fun American Girl Doll Camp WSU Nursing Boot Camp Cowtown – Daisy Day

Cowtown – A Cookie Exploration

Cowtown – Games to Pass theTime Away



## Girl Scouts Love The Outdoors Challenge

This challenge is designed to engage girls of all grade levels in outdoor activities that provide an opportunity to be active, engage with nature, and boost their mental wellness.

The variety of activities in the challenge provide a fun way for girls to enjoy being outside, regardless of where they live (rural, suburban, or urban areas) and their access to green spaces.

The Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors worksheet is available in both English and Spanish. Visit girlscouts.org and search "love the outdoors" to download your copy.

Patch is available in-store or online at <u>https://www.girlscoutshop.com/girl-</u> scouts-love-the-outdoors-challenge-2025-sew-on-patch

# Membership (Renewals & New)



## **Early Renewal TShirts Are Here!**

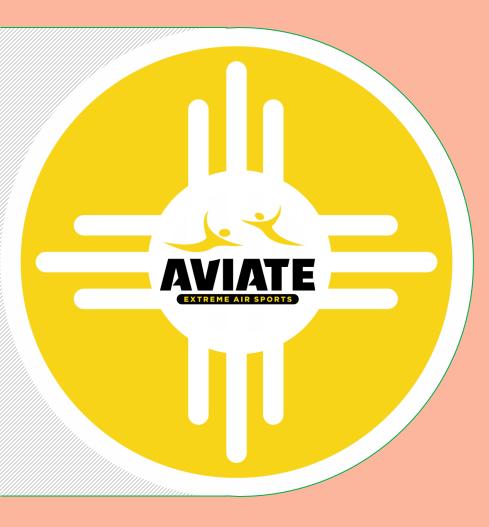
These bright pink tshirts arrived and our Membership and Troop Engagement Specialists have been working to sort and distribute to the girls.

If you are a troop leader and have not yet made arrangements for pick up or delivery of your troops' tshirts, please reach out to the council office at <u>info@gskh.org</u> NOW!

If you already have your shirts, PLEASE get them to the girls immediately! Don't let them sit in the corner and forget to get them to the girls.

These were incentives for renewing for another adventure-filled year of Girl Scouting! We want them wearing their shirts to display how proud they are to be members of our organization!

Thanks for your help in distributing the shirts!



## Midnight Madness @ WSF Aviate Extreme Air Sports

Girl Scouts who renew their membership for 2026 by July 21 will take over the Wichita Sports Forum-Aviate for another epic sleepover! For \$25 per person, girls and their families will enjoy a night filled with trampoline fun, basketball and volleyball games, yard games, arts and crafts, movies, and so much more. Adults who choose not to participate in the Aviate Trampoline Park can receive a discount of \$10. Midnight Madness at WSF Aviate is sure to be an awesome exclusive event for all our Girl Scout families who renew their annual membership by 7/21. Membership renewal opens on 4/1, don't wait renew today! Then be sure to register for this awesome event! Fun patch provided.

### DO YOU KNOW A GIRL WHO WILL BE ENTERING KDGN OR 1ST GRADE THIS FALL?

If so, please share this information!! Our "Get Ready With Girl Scouts" program has been extended to July 31 for new girls entering Kdgn or 1st grade in the fall. These girls will receive 3 books full of fun, school-readiness activities. The books also give them an introduction into the adventures they will get to experience as a Girl Scout member! INVITE THE LITTLE PEOPLE YOU KNOW **TO BECOME GIRL SCOUTS!** 



Calling all girls entering K-1 this fall!

Get Ready with Girl Scouts™

Join Girl Scouts as a new member and receive 3 fun activity books plus a surprise gift!

Get Ready with Girl Scouts Join early for special benefits girlscouts.org

## Girl Scout Experience Box

Now available for Daisy, Brownie or Multi-level troops with at least 4 first year Daisy or 4 first year Brownies. This monthly subscription box arrives at the door of a troop leader and

provides materials for troop meetings!

You don't need to

have Girl Scout

experience to

become a

troop volunteer!



# Council Shop

#### • Upcoming GSUSA Retail Price Increase – Effective July 14, 2025

Impacted items:

- Most uniforms including vests, sashes, and tunics
- Uniform components including bridge to awards, brownie wings, stars, troop numbers, membership pins, world trefoil pin, insignia tabs, council ID sets, and troop crests
- Earned Award pins, i.e. safety award, my promise my faith, etc...
- Most official apparel and accessories
- Daisy Petal Sets

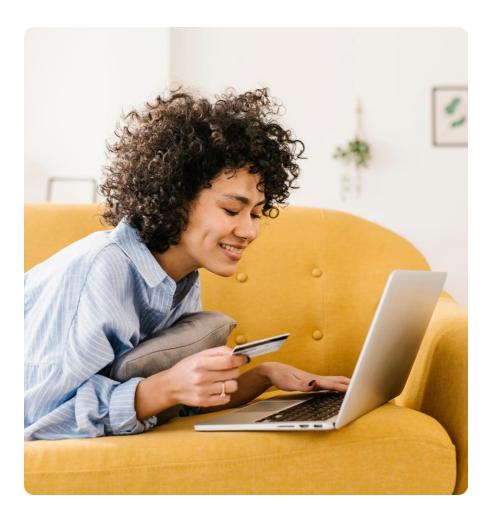
#### Purchase new uniforms and apparel now and save!

#### **Badge prices are NOT increasing!!**

- As seen across numerous organizations, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is experiencing significant external cost pressures on its merchandise. Inflation, supply chain costs, and tariffs have led to our decision to implement a price increase on July 14, 2025. GSUSA remains deeply committed to delivering high quality products to our customers while minimizing disruption, maintaining affordability, and ensuring Girl Scouts are at the center of everything we do. With this goal in mind.
- Badge prices will not increase (except for Daisy Petals because they are imported) and will remain stable to continue supporting core Girl Scout experiences. Badge prices have not changed since 2021.
- GSUSA will share the costs with councils; therefore, customers will be shielded from absorbing the full impact. Even though GSUSA saw rising costs in FY24, we did not have a price adjustment on merchandise.
- GSUSA has absorbed as much of these increased costs as possible but can no longer fully absorb the impact.
- A price increase is always a difficult decision to make, and GSUSA makes every effort to mitigate this and to provide our essential products that are affordable and available for all families. We appreciate your understanding of the current need to take these increases and thank you for your continued support. Thank you.



# Product Program



## Troop Finance Reports are PAST DUE!!

This annual report is **REQUIRED** for every troop at Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland! It is an accounting of all expenses and income received by the troop during the year.

Each troop should have completed and submitted this report already – it was due June 15th!

The Product Program team is preparing to close bank accounts for those troops that have not fulfilled this obligation! Watch your emails for information and get them submitted by the final deadline to keep your account open!

Troop Finance Reports require you to submit a copy of your May 2024, December 2024 and April 2025 bank statements. These will need to be attached to your TFR.

The TFR is located within your Volunteer Toolkit under the finances tab!

Contact <u>info@gskh.org</u> if you need assistance getting these submitted!

# Fund Development



## 5-8 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 BRICK & MORTAR EVENT VENUE 230 S. TOPEKA, WICHITA KS 67202

#### PRESENTING SPONSOR: HIGH TOUCH TECHNOLOGIES

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Embracing our past, celebrating the present and building a future for the next generation of girl leaders!

Individuals, businesses and troops are invited to help Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland continue to empower leadership skills in young girls by becoming a member of the Daisy's Circle.

We are seeking 100 new Daisy's Circle members to give in celebration of our council centennial. It's easy, quick and your consistent **monthly gift** will provide girls with opportunities to develop self-esteem, enduring friendships and life-changing leadership skills.

Join Daisy's Circle today by completing your secure donation on our GSKH website. https://www.kansasgirlscouts.org/en/support-us/donate-locally/Daisy-Circle.html.

# Other Items

# NEW gsLearn Training NOW available

This course reviews the basics of leading a successful multi-level troop and prepares new multi-level leaders to provide an exceptional Girl Scout experience for the Girl Scouts in their troop.

Course takes approximately 15 minutes to complete

Topics covered include:

- $\cdot$  What a multi-level troop is
- The benefits of a multi-level structure

 Strategies for planning and implementing activities

· Tips from other multi-level leaders

## Leading Multi-level Troops



Multi-level troops provide unique opportunities for Girl Scouts and their families. This course provides tips, tools, and strategies for leading a multi-level troop to provide an exceptional Girl Scout experience.

START COURSE

## NEW Field Trips and Travel Training NOW Available

Girl Scouts love getting out of the meeting space and exploring the world around them.

This course provides guidance, recommendations, and tips for planning a Girl Scout Trip. It also covers The Girl Scout Travel Progression, to understand where to start with travel and how and when to progress.

Whether your Girl Scouts want to plan a day trip or an international adventure, this course is the place to start

## Field Trips and Travel



In this course, you will learn how field trips and travel in Girl Scouts are different from traveling with family, school, or other groups, and how to get your Girl Scouts started.

START COURSE



We held our grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Heartland Activity Center on June 10th at Starwoods Girl Scout Center!

This new building will provide a great warehouse for our product program inventory and distribution as well as an extra space for camp and event activities!

Next time you are at camp, take a minute to investigate this great new facility!

# National Council Delegates Wanted for the 2026 National Council Session!

National Council delegates and alternates must:

•be a citizen of the United States of America as set out in GSUSA's Congressional Charter.

•be a registered member of the Girl Scout Movement.

•be at least 14 years of age at election, November 1, 2025.

•be able to consider a broad spectrum of the opinions of adult and older girl members from all parts of the council.

•be willing to prepare thoroughly on the issues and business that will come before the National Council.

•Complete and submit the National Council Delegate application along with two letters of reference by July 1, 2025.

https://www.kansasgirlscouts.org/en/discover/national-council-delegates.html

•Submitted applications will be reviewed by the council's Board Development Committee and a slate of nominees will be elected by Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland members on November 1, 2025 during the Annual Meeting.

•Travel to Washington D.C. for the July 20-25, 2026 NCS and National Convention. Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland will pay up to \$2,000 on expenses (approximately two-thirds of the cost) per elected delegate for NCS-related travel, registration, lodging, meals and other considerations for the 2026 NCS.

•Meeting Agenda proposals are being reviewed by council boards throughout June 2025.

•Delegate education is on-going



Join us at the Hays Girl Scout Office on Saturday, August 9 for National S'mores Day 2707 Vine Street, Ste 8 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bring your family and friends to enjoy fun activities like sling shots, gaga ball, Tetris Tumble and more! We'll have hot dogs and s'mores! Our council shop will be open and you'll spin for a discount! We're introducing new members to the fun we have in Girl Scouting! Enter to win a four-person tent! Girl Scouts across Kansas can submit entries to the Kansas State Fair using items they have created throughout the year.

There will be a Pinewood Derby on September 7 at 4 p.m.

Online entries for these exhibits open on May 1 and end on August 1.

You can find more information on the kansasstatefair.com website.

All rules, exhibit classes and information can be found under the "Competition" tab; "Competitive Exhibits", then "Scouts".

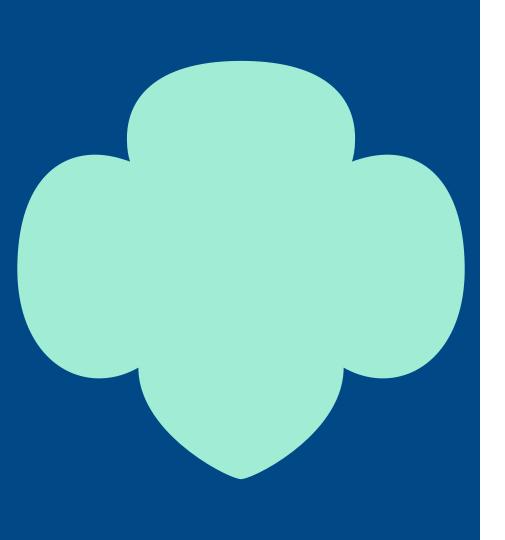
Questions should go directly to the exhibit manager, Kathy Dunn, 620-200-0442; all4dunn@hotmail.com.

# KANSAS STATE FAIR EXHIBITS

## SAVE THE DATE Annual Meeting and

Volunteer Recognition Breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 1

Volunteer Achievement Award nominations will open on August 1st and close on September 15th. Start thinking of who you'd like to nominate for one of our awards. See the available awards on our council website under the membership section then Volunteer Recognitions



Thanks for attending! Our next edition of

**The Scoop** will be Monday, July 28 at 8:00 p.m.