

June 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming in June

- Juneteenth - Friday, June 19, 2026
- Father's Day - Sunday, June 21, 2026
- Resident Camp: Session 1 at Camp Mitre Peak - Sunday, June 21 - Saturday, June 27, 2026
- Resident Camp: Session 2 at Camp Mitre Peak - Sunday, June 28 - Saturday, July 4, 2026
- Early Bird Ends - Tuesday, June 30, 2026



Girl Scout Registration

Early Bird starting April 1

This Early Bird Packet is your exclusive invitation to become an Early Bird Troop or Early Bird Service Unit and unlock exciting perks. Inside, you'll find everything you need to get a jumpstart on another unforgettable Girl Scout year!

Individual Reward

- Every Girl Scout renewed by Tuesday, June 30, 2026, will receive a FREE Early Bird patch to proudly showcase her commitment to another year of adventure!
- Every individual will receive a \$5 off certificate for a \$10 minimum pretax purchase! These will be mailed to each household.

Troop Rewards – Be an Early Bird Troop!

- Fall Product Program – Earn an additional \$0.10 per nut/candy item sold!
- Cookie Program – Earn an additional \$0.05 per package sold.

Service Unit Rewards – Be an Early Bird Service Unit!

- Service Units that meet the criteria listed in the 2026 Early Bird Packet will earn a \$100 gift certificate to the council shop.



[View 2026 Early Bird Packet Here](#)

Extended Year

For the 2027 membership year (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027), Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has set the annual national membership dues at:

\$65 for girl members
\$30 for adult members

Extended Year Membership (April 1 – July 31, 2026)

New members who join during this window can opt into the Extended Year Membership, which covers both the remainder of the current year and the full following membership year.

The standard dues for this option are:

\$91 for girls
\$42 for adults



Girl Scout Movement

2026 Girl Scout Convention July 20 - 25, 2026

Are you ready to connect with 10,000+ Girl Scouts from across the globe at the 2026 Girl Scout Convention, happening July 20 - 25, 2026, at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, D.C.?

The event kicks off with the 57th National Council Session, July 20 - 22, 2026, where delegates gather to vote on important issues and elect national leaders. Then, from July 23 - 25, 2026, the full convention opens with interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and unforgettable adventures welcoming Girl Scouts, alums, families, and friends!

Hosted by Girl Scouts Nation's Capital, this once-every-three-years celebration is your chance to experience the power, purpose, and pride of being a Girl Scout.

Girls Make History.

Join us in Washington, DC!
July 23-25, 2026



Join us as we celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History. Girl Scouts have transformed—and continue to transform—our country. We planted victory gardens during World War II and marched for civil rights. We launch new businesses and advocate for the issues we care about. We dream big. We spark change. We lead the way! There's no better time and place to celebrate the incredible impact of Girl Scouts than on the 250th anniversary of the U.S. in our nation's capital.

At the **Girl Scouts Unite** event, you'll:

- experience interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and live performances
- meet girls who are taking action in their communities
- learn about trailblazers and barrier-breakers from past generations
- venture into the city for events and exhibits commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S.

Together, we'll make friends, make memories, and make a difference. It's a weekend you'll remember forever.

In the days leading up to the **Girl Scouts Unite** event (July 20-22), our 58th National Council Session will meet to discuss key issues, vote on proposals, and elect leaders. It's democracy in action, as girl delegates vote alongside adults and have a direct voice in shaping the future of Girl Scouts.

We'll see you July 23-25 with more than 10,000 Girl Scout community members and supporters. When Girl Scouts unite, anything is possible!

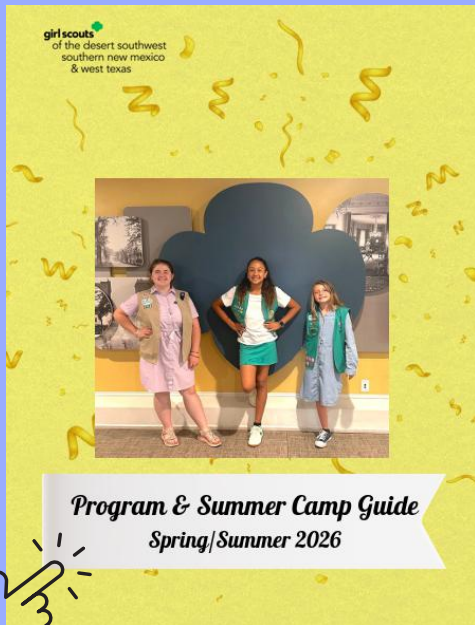
[Download PDF flyer](#)

[View Girl Scouts
Unite Website](#)

Scan the QR code to see unforgettable moments from 2023.



Program



Click to view program

Summer Resident Camp at Camp Mitre Peak



There are nine NEW programs this coming summer for new and returning campers!

From third grade to twelfth grade, there is something for every Girl Scout!

[Register for Summer Resident Camp here!](#)



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Noodling Around June 2026

Long ago, people discovered that mixing flour and water together could create something delicious and filling. Historians believe noodles may have first been made over 4,000 years ago in China, and over time different cultures created their own versions.

In Italy, noodles became pasta. In Japan, they created ramen and soba noodles. In Germany, there are spaetzle noodles, and many cultures around the world have special noodle dishes that are part of family traditions and celebrations.

Today, noodles come in many shapes and sizes - long, short, flat, curly, stuffed, thick, and thin - and they are enjoyed all over the world!

For this Monthly Challenge you will be making your own noodles! There is a regular and gluten free recipes on the next page, if you need them. You can always search the web and find tons of different recipes you can try.

But before you make them, think about what flavor you are looking for and what do you want to put on them like a sauce or with them like vegetables or meat. Or do you want to put them in something like soup?

Maybe you want something spicy and can add chili powder or zesty and add lemon zest or savory and can add fresh herbs, or maybe something colorful and healthy like spinach! Don't forget about what shape you want!

Plan out what you what flavor and how you plan to serve them and then noodle away! Be prepared to share a photo of your noodles in your Monthly Challenge Report.

Deadline to submit your Noodling Around report: Tuesday, June 30, 2026 @ 5:00 PM MDT

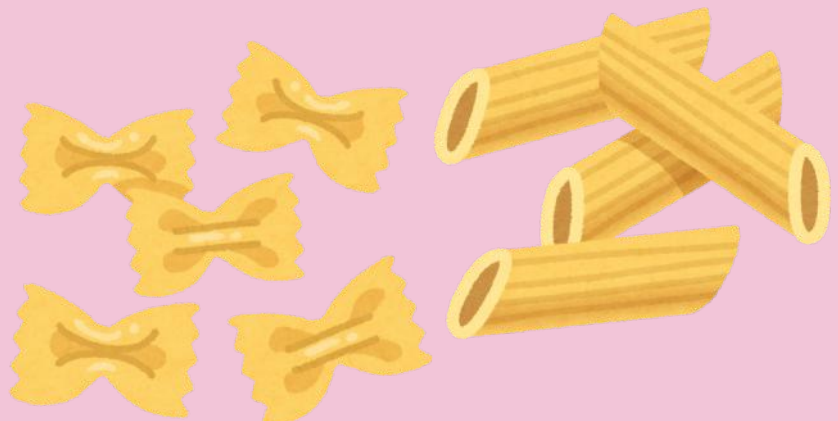
Submit report at: https://bit.ly/Noodles_June2026
You will receive your patch in 3 - 4 weeks after the end of challenge.
If you have any questions, please email info@gadsw.org.



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Monthly Challenge

The June Monthly Challenge is about Noodles!
https://bit.ly/Noodles_June2026



Program

Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest is going to Japan Summer 2028!

There will be an informational meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:30 MT.

Click here to register - bit.ly/JapanGSDSW2028

Once you register, a link to the meeting will be emailed to you.



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TRIP TO JAPAN 2028

An Unforgettable Adventure Awaits!

Join GSDSW for an unforgettable adventure in Japan!
From the vibrant energy of Tokyo to the historic temples of Kyoto, you'll explore Japanese culture, history, and traditions through experiences like visiting ancient shrines, singing karaoke, staying in a traditional ryokan, and discovering world-famous landmarks.

INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 5:30 PM MDT

Learn about where we will go, what we will do, cost, safety, and more!
Register for this webinar and automatically get a discount coupon for your trip!

<https://bit.ly/JapanGSDSW2028>



Contact Us | 915-566-9433 | info@gsdsw.org

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Pic-nic at the Park

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest as we head outdoors for a fun-filled picnic that celebrates friendship, play, and the joy of being together! All Girl Scout levels are invited to a cheerful gathering with classic outdoor games, engaging activities, and a relaxing afternoon in the fresh air. Through shared experiences, laughter, and connections, girls will strengthen their bonds while building confidence, teamwork, and lasting memories with fellow Girl Scouts.

All Girl Scout Levels (Grades K - 12)
Friday, July 3, 2026
4:00 PM - 8:30 PM MDT
Chaparral Park
1005 S Commercial St., Lovington, NM 88260
Cost: \$10 Min./Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://dayurl.com/Event/1472026>
Registration deadline: Monday, June 22, 2026

What you will do:

- Outdoor field games — Play team-building games that get everyone moving
- Nature scavenger hunt — Explore outdoors while searching for natural clues
- Friendship bracelets — Create simple bracelets to share with friends

Invite a friend and earn a special patch!
Registered Girl Scouts who bring a guest will each receive a matching Yin Yang Friendship Patch.

United Way

Lovington, NM

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Junior Jam Session

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a lively, hands-on workshop where girls dive into the world of music and creativity. Through engaging activities, they'll explore different musical styles, experiment with making their own instruments, discover how rhythm and sound influence mood and energy, and build confidence as they work toward earning the Junior Musician Badge.

Juniors (Grades 4 - 5)
Monday, July 6, 2026
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM CDT
Odessa Girl Scout Program Center
5077 N. Dixie Blvd., Odessa, TX 79762
Cost: \$10 Min./Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://dayurl.com/JuniorJam002026>
Registration deadline: Monday, June 22, 2026

What you will do:

- Move to different music styles — Listen to piano, marching band, pop, and funk
- Play a Four Corners genre game — Explore popular styles like pop, country, hip-hop, and classical
- Create and decorate maracas — Build working maracas using craft materials

Not a Girl Scout?
No problem — scan the QR code or sign up at the event! Meet new friends, learn what Girl Scouts is about, and join the fun.
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United Way

Odessa, TX

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Colorful Creations in Nature

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a day of creativity and outdoor inspiration! Designed especially for girls who love to explore and express themselves, this hands-on experience invites participants to discover the beauty of the Rose Garden through art. Girls will enjoy engaging activities that spark imagination—like watercolor painting, nature-inspired crafts, and sensory exploration—all while connecting with friends and appreciating the world around them.

Daisies (Grades K - 1) & Brownies (Grades 2 - 3)
Saturday, July 11, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM MDT
El Paso Municipal Rose Garden
3418 Aurora Ave., El Paso, TX 79930
Cost: \$10 Min./Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://dayurl.com/ColorfulCreations08EP2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, June 22, 2026

What you will do:

- Watercolor in the Garden — Paint outdoors among the roses, inspired by the garden
- Leaf Building Art — Collect leaves and make colorful texture rubbings
- Nature Sound Explorers — Listen for nature sounds and create simple maracas or wind chimes
- Garden Walk Discovery — Take a walk to explore colors, patterns, scents, and garden beauty

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El Paso, TX

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Campfire Sisters

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for a cozy and creative workshop where girls can experience all the magic of a classic campfire—no actual flames required. Through hands-on activity stations, participants will dive into teamwork games, outdoor-inspired crafts, music, stories, and of course, S'mores. As they explore each station, girls will build memories, try new skills, and enjoy the warm, welcoming community that makes Girl Scouts special.

All Girl Scout Levels (Grades K - 12)
Saturday, July 18, 2026
6:00 PM - 7:20 PM MDT
El Paso Girl Scout Program Center
9700 Girl Scout Way, El Paso, TX 79924
Cost: \$10 Min./Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://dayurl.com/CampfireSistersEP2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026

What you will do:

- DIY S'mores Bar — Create your own S'mores with a safe outdoor setup and fun topping choices
- Campfire Scavenger Hunt — Search for themed items that encourage teamwork and curiosity
- Campfire Songs & Storytelling — Gather around a faux campfire to sing and share stories
- Glow-in-the-Dark Art — Use glow paint to decorate rocks or make night-sky-inspired creations

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You are a Star!

Join Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest for an inspiring, curiosity-filled space and science workshop, where Seniors will journey into the wonders of the Universe and discover the powerful role light plays in helping us understand it. Together, we'll explore our place among the stars, dive into the mysteries that shape our cosmic neighborhood, and engage in hands-on activities that bring big ideas to life. By the end, girls earn their Space and Science Experts Badge.

Seniors (Grades 9 - 10)
Saturday, July 18, 2026
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM MDT
Stephens Park and Lab
Stephens Park Ln., Eunice, NM 88221
Cost: \$10 Min./Max: 5/20 girls
Registration: <https://dayurl.com/YouareAStarSENV2026>
Registration deadline: Monday, July 6, 2026

What you will do:

- Starburst Self-Portrait — Make an infographic of your body's elements and their star origins
- Porkchop Space Image — Create art using porkchops to mimic a zoomed-in, telescope-style digital photo
- Citizen Science Discovery — Explore how to join global volunteers helping scientists analyze data for new findings

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United Way

Eunice, NM

Engagement

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Midland, TX

- Open House - Saturday, June 13, 2026
- Back to School Open House - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Odessa, TX

- Open House - Saturday, June 13, 2026

Hobbs, NM

- Girl Scouts Fun Day Open House - Saturday, June 20, 2026
- Animal Dance Party - Saturday, June 27, 2026

El Paso, TX

- Open House - Saturday, June 27, 2026

Contact info@gsdsw.org
for more information



Save the Date for Volunteer Conference
at Camp Mitre Peak!

Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Email info@gsdsw.org if you are interested in leading a breakout session by Monday, June 15, 2026



Important Troop Forms

- [Bank Account Request](#)
- [Emergency Procedures](#)
- [Health History](#)
- [Opportunity Fund Application](#)
- [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#)
- [Trip and High-Risk Activity Form](#)
- [Troop Disbandment Checklist](#)
- [Troop Disband Form](#)
- [Volunteer Essentials](#)

Service Unit Roundtable

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

Resource Development

Driving Change Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Topgolf Classic

Saturday, August 29, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 1:00PM
Topgolf El Paso
365 Vin Rambla Dr., El Paso, TX 79912

Sponsor Today!

Seeking Auction Item Donations for 2026 Driving Change Topgolf Classic!

Do you have an item, service, or unique experience you'd like to donate to support this year's Driving Change Topgolf Classic event? We are currently gathering contributions for our silent auction.

If you're interested in contributing or would like more information, please contact
funddevelopment@gsdsw.org



DRIVING CHANGE
Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
Topgolf Classic
August 29, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Topgolf El Paso
365 Vin Rambla Dr., El Paso, TX 79912
An elevated experience supporting the next generation of female leaders.

A premier Topgolf experience bringing together corporate partners and community leaders to invest in leadership, STEM, financial literacy, and life skills programming for girls across the Desert Southwest.

All golfers participate through Bay Sponsorships
Each bay includes 6 golfers



Secure Your Sponsorship
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Presenting
\$10,000

- 2 Topgolf Bays (12 golfers)
- Recognition as Presenting Sponsor on all event materials
- Premier logo placement at event + materials
- Verbal recognition during the event program
- Featured across social media and marketing
- Opportunity for welcome remarks
- Breakfast buffet included

Food
\$7,500

- 1 Topgolf Bay (6 golfers)
- Recognition as Official Food Sponsor
- Logo displayed at all food & buffet stations
- Recognition during event announcements
- Social media and event material recognition
- Breakfast buffet included

Event
\$5,000

- 1 Topgolf Bay (6 golfers)
- Prominent logo placement at event
- Recognition in event materials & social media
- Breakfast buffet included

Swag Bag
\$2,000

- Logo featured on all participants gift bags
- Opportunity to include a branded item
- Social media recognition
- Breakfast buffet included

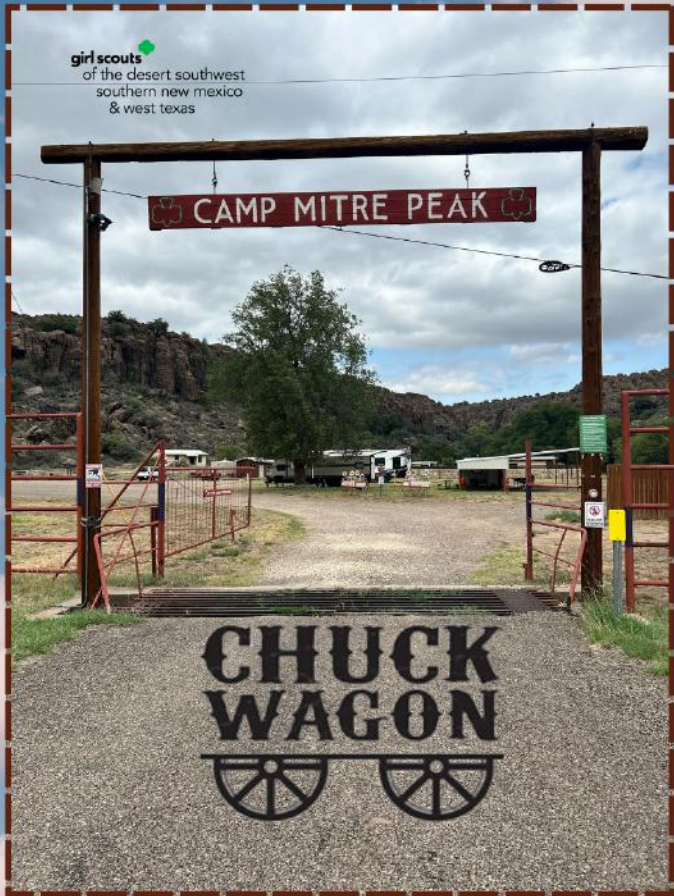
Bay
\$1,500

- 1 Topgolf Bay (6 golfers)
- Signage in player gift bags
- Social media recognition
- Breakfast buffet included

Photo Booth
\$1,500

- Logo on photo backdrop
- Branded digital photo sharing
- Social media recognition
- Breakfast buffet included

Resource Development



You are cordially invited to join us for a magical evening under the stars at

Camp Mitre Peak
Saturday, November 7, 2026
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
200 Mitre Peak Camp Rd.
Fort Davis, TX 79734
















Enjoy a delightful dinner at 7:00 PM followed by dancing under the open sky.

Music by Hall's Last Call Band

To sponsor or buy tickets:
<https://bit.ly/2026ChuckWagon>

For questions, contact us at
funddevelopment@gsdsw.org or
 (915) 566-9433 Ext.2221

Sponsorships

Sponsorship Levels	Seating	Logo/Name on Website & Social Media	Logo/Name on Event Banner	Verbal Recognition	Listing in Annual Report
Kiva - \$5,000	Premium 8 Seats				
Kick-a-Poo - \$2,500	6 Seats				
Seminole - \$1,500	4 Seats				
Apache - \$750	2 Seats				
Banner Advertisement - \$200	No Seats				

Council Properties

Council Property Building Rental / Usage

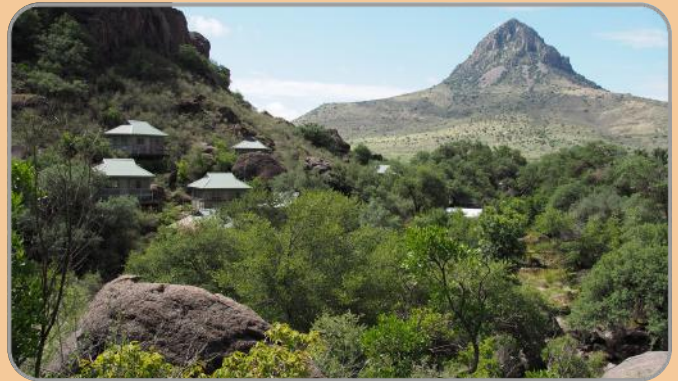
Reminder: Council Property Use Form Required

Planning to use a council property or building for troop meetings, programs, trainings, service unit meetings, or other gatherings? You must submit the Troop/SU Meeting Property Rental Application each program year, even if you submitted one last year.

If your previous form included dates that have already passed, a new request is required for any upcoming use. This helps us keep accurate, up-to-date scheduling and ensures proper support for all users.

Want to use or rent Camp Mitre Peak or any of our program centers for troop or service unit meetings, or special events? Submit your request here:

- [Camp Mitre Peak Rental Application](#)
- [Troop/SU Meeting Property Rental Application](#)
- [GSDSW Members and Troop Mitre Council Property Rental Application](#)



Camp Mitre Peak, Fort Davis, TX
Carlsbad, NM
Deming, NM
El Paso, TX
Fort Stockton, TX
Hobbs, NM

Las Cruces, NM
Midland, TX
Odessa, TX
Roswell, NM
Silver City, NM
White Spur Hut, El Paso, TX

Around the Council

Retail Shops

Council Shop Hours*

El Paso

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM MT
(Closed for lunch 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM)
1st Saturday of each month
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM MT

Las Cruces

At the monthly Service Unit event
Pre-orders will also be delivered.

Midland

Tuesdays 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM & 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
CT
1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT

Odessa

2nd & 4th Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM CT

For locations, [click here](#).

Shop orders will be placed on the second Thursday of each month for special orders and items not in stock.

*Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

GSDSW Retail Raffle

Shop with us this month in June for a chance to win a Girl Scout tote bag!

Customers who make a qualifying purchase at our El Paso or Midland shop locations between Monday, June 1, and Tuesday, June 30, 2026, will be entered into a raffle. One winner will be selected from each shop location during the first week of July and contacted using the phone number provided at the time of purchase. Winners will be announced on the GSDSW Facebook page.

- Raffle runs June 1 - 30.
- Spend \$10 or more on merchandise to receive an entry.
- Limited to one qualifying transaction per day, per customer.



Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest Career Opportunities

Engagement Specialist

- Las Cruces
- Roswell
- Silver City

*Interested candidates
should email
careers@gdsdw.org with
resumes and a cover letter.*

Resource Development Specialist

- El Paso
- Midland

If your service unit is organizing an event and you would like to have the GSDSW Mobile Store present, please complete and submit [this request form](#) at least one month before the event.