



Juliette Connections



Hello Juliettes and families,
Winter is upon us, so I hope that you are staying dry and warm, wherever in Utah you are. Here at Girl Scouts of Utah (GSU), we are winding down 2023 and looking forward to 2024. This is the time to prepare for the year ahead, as we jump right into cookie season in January. I wish you all a lovely holiday season and winter break! Here is the Juliette news for December.

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Juliettes in 2023: Recap

Juliettes were busy in 2023! We ended our 2022-23 year with over 400 Juliettes in Utah. They completed badges and Journeys, earned their highest awards, and spent time at camps and events with GSU. Here's some of the 2023 highlights:

- We held a Juliette meetup after our Winter Survival Skills virtual program.
 - We had nearly 100 Juliettes sell cookies, coming from every corner of the state.
 - We held our first end of year celebration in July, complete with crafts and cake.
 - We hosted a Juliette minicamp at Trefoil Ranch in August where Girl Scouts participated in archery, made bandana bags, and spent time with their favorite adult at camp.
 - We kicked off the new membership year with our first Juliette Activity packet, including a year planner and activities from the Hispanic Heritage Month patch program.
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Winter Activity Packets

Sign Up by January 2, 2024

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It's almost time for another round of Juliette Activity Packets! This year we are sending out activity packets, developed just for Juliettes. Packets will be mailed quarterly throughout the membership year, and our next packet will be sent out in January. These packets are sure to be a blast and will include activities, ideas just for Juliettes, and fun patches. The sign-up deadline for the winter 2024 packet is January 2, 2024. If you signed up this fall, you do not need to sign up again.

ACTION: Fill out [this form](#) to sign-up for activity packets for the 2023-24 membership year.



Juliettes go for the Gold: Juliettes and Highest Awards

Did you know that there are Juliette Girl Scouts who earn their highest awards every year? The Highest awards are the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, earned through a sustainable project that addresses a root cause in the community. This year we had multiple Juliettes earn the highest award in Girl Scouting: The Girl Scout Gold Award!

Your Juliette can get started with their highest awards when they become a Junior (4th grade). Juniors can earn the Girl Scout Bronze award, Cadettes can earn the Girl Scout Silver award, and Seniors and Ambassadors can earn the Girl Scout Gold award. You'll start with a Journey, to hone your "Take Action" skills. Then you'll start a special project, working to address a root cause of a problem in your community. Your project should contain a sustainable element that can continue to help the community after your work is done!

ACTION: [Learn more!](#)



Awesome Activities: Cookie Fast Facts

This month's "Awesome Activity" can be used in many of our cookie badges, like Cookie Collaborator for Juniors. In cookie game and quiz show activities, you can use facts about our cookies to create the game. To create a quiz show, like for Cookie Collaborator, you'll want to use our talking points to come up with Fast Facts, like these:

- Six cookies are vegan: Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemonades, Adventurefuls, Caramel Chocolate Chip, and Toast-Yays.
- Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies are gluten-free and free of allergens like nuts, eggs, and soy.
- Cookies are \$5/box, except the Caramel Chocolate Chip Cookies, which are \$6/box.

Once you have your Fast Facts and have gone over them with your Juliette, quiz your Juliette to help them learn. For younger Girl Scouts, you can give them helpful hints.

ACTION: Check out the source of our [Cookie Fast Facts!](#)



Girl Scouts Give Back Day is February 10!

Girl Scouts Give Back Day is a statewide day of service sponsored by GSU. We aim to help Girl Scouts serve their community through service projects benefiting community organizations, especially those who give support to Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts Give Back Day is a fantastic opportunity for your Juliette to show their support to the community. All service projects are free, and most are open to all ages. We'd love to see Juliettes joining in at these exciting events!

Action: [Check out our service projects!](#)

Reminder: Sign up for Cookie Trainings

It's that time of year again! If your Juliette wants to sell cookies, do not forget to register for a cookie training. In addition to our virtual option, we are going to offer in-person trainings again! As a bonus, if you join us for an in-person training at one of our offices, we'll be sampling our new cookies. We will also record a virtual training, for those who are unable to attend. [Register today!](#)



Ongoing Information

We have many resources available for Juliette parents and caregivers. Check them out:

- **Volunteer Toolkit**, an online curriculum database where you can find meeting plans for badges and Journeys. Check out the Volunteer Toolkit by logging into MyGS from our website and finding it under My Account. Visit the new [Juliette webpage](#) to download the PDF guide for Juliettes.
- **Juliette Activity Packets** have ongoing sign ups. Sign up [here](#) for our next round of packets.
- The **Juliette Handbook** is now available! Visit the new [Juliette webpage](#) to download it.
- Stay **connected** with us! [Girl Scouts of Utah](#) and [Camps](#) Facebook pages and [GSU Juliettes](#). For the safety of our Juliettes, the group is private, and members must be approved. Steffi is in the group as GSU Programs.
- As a reminder, you must **remain subscribed** to the council newsletters to continue receiving this monthly newsletter.

Please let Steffi know if you have any questions about Girl Scouts. She is available by email and phone.



Have a question? Don't be shy!
[Contact us](#) for more information.

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