



Hello awesome Girl Scout Juliettes and families!

Winter is coming! Now that it's November, we're starting to wind down our calendar year and preparing for 2024 while still celebrating the current year. This year we're hosting our highest awards ceremonies in November, where we recognize Girl Scouts who accomplished a Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold award. Keep reading for more Juliette news.

Warmly,

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Become a Girl Scout Cookie Entrepreneur with GSU

It's almost time for the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program, and we hope that your Juliette(s) will join us for another fabulous year of entrepreneurship! This year's cookie program will be similar to last year's, with the same processes for much of the program. Here's what you can expect this year:

- All Juliette families are required to attend either a live training or watch the recording, then fill out the permission form. Like the past few years, we will have a digital form. See the link below to register for training the week of January 8 at our offices and virtually. If you are planning to watch the recording, please register for the virtual training so that we can send you the link.
- Juliette families will continue to receive weekly cookie season emails (January March) from Steffi, and the cookie program will be supported by Steffi, Allison, and the whole cookie team.
- We are excited to be a part of a new baker family this year! Cookie names and flavors may be a little different, but we are happy to introduce Utah to fun new cookies like the Lemonades and Toast Yays! Join us at cookie training to learn more about these updates and the new resources.

- Juliettes can sell cookies digitally starting January 16 and in person starting January 20. Initial orders will be due to Steffi on February 4.
- Other Juliette cookie activities and processes, such as Goal Getters, cookie cupboards, and cookie booths will be announced at the trainings.

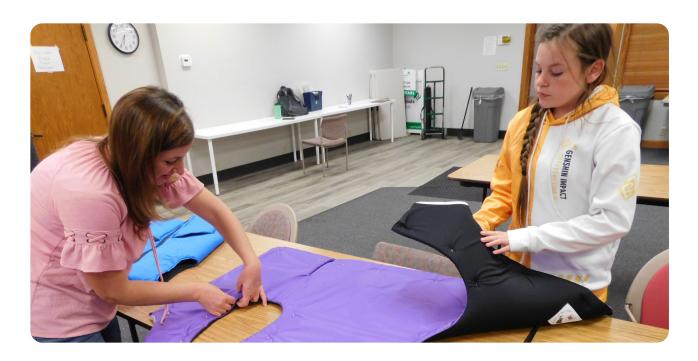
The links below will take you to the registration pages for the Juliette cookie trainings. We ask that you register both Juliettes and caregivers for an accurate headcount, especially for the in-person trainings. Check them out:

- Jan 8, 6:00 p.m., **Virtual**
- Jan 9, 6:00 p.m., **Ogden** office
- Jan 10, 7:00 p.m., American Fork office
- Jan 11, 6:00 p.m., Salt Lake City office

All trainings last approximately one hour and will have an opportunity for questions at the end. The virtual training will be recorded and will be available later that week for all Juliette families. The deadline to register is Sunday, January 7, but please let me know if you miss that deadline. We are so excited for another year of cookies with you!

*Please note that the American Fork training is at 7:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m.

ACTION: Register for cookie trainings at the above links or **see them all**. Questions? Email Steffi at **slietzke@gsutah.org**.



Juliette Families Corner: Take Action Together!

Take Action through Girl Scouts! A Take Action Project is a project to address a root cause of an issue in the community that will have a life beyond your Juliette's work. Take Action projects are the final part of all Journeys as well as an important aspect of our Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards. Some examples of Take Action projects might include:

- Creating educational videos and sharing them with schools, community groups, or other organizations to fulfill a need.
- Organizing a food, toy, or clothing drive with the help of another group and having them continue the drive for future years.
- Asking the city council to place more recycling and trash bins in the park to address the trash on the ground.

If this seems like a lot of work, don't panic! The good news is that your Juliette can get help from their entire family or community. While only the Girl Scout's service hours count towards the requirements for a highest award, there is no limit to the amount of help they can get, provided your Juliette is still leading their project. A few examples of getting family members involved could be:

- Asking siblings or cousins to place flyers around the community spaces they visit.
- Asking friends to help sort donations.
- Asking family members for suggestions on who to contact or seeing if family members have someone in their circle who could help.

Take Action projects are a great way to give back to the community.

ACTION: We'd love to see what your Juliette has done for a Take Action project in the past. Just email stories and photos to Steffi at **slietzke@gsutah.org** or tag GSU Programs on Facebook.



Awesome Activities: Animal Observer

This month's Awesome Activity comes from the new Animal Observer badge for Daisies! Animal Observer is a brand-new badge, which is part of the animal science badge series that includes Animal Habitats, Bugs, and Animal Helpers. Step three is to make scientific observations of your animal.

Go out in nature to observe an animal of your choice and write down what you see and hear. Some ideas might include grasshoppers, snakes, birds, or deer. The animals you see will be different from where you live, but you can also look for animals when you travel. Maybe you'll even see an exciting animal like a moose!

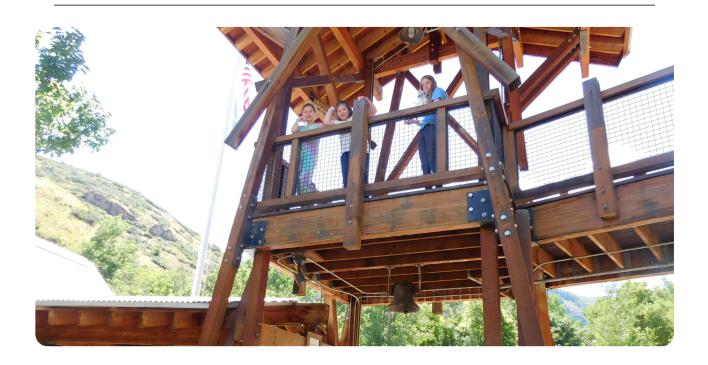
ACTION: Learn more about Animal Observer!



GSU Event Spotlight: Winter Camping

Spend the weekend exploring winter camping techniques at Camp Cloud Rim. We will meet at the Salt Lake City office, drive to the Camp Cloud Rim area, then snowshoe to the camp property. You'll spend the weekend learning about snow shelters and snow caves, practicing winter survival skills, and taking in the winter wonderland around you on snowshoes. Seniors and Ambassadors will earn their Snow Adventure Badge.

ACTION: Register now!



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. A
 new PDF guide has been released; Steffi at slietzke@gsutah.org for a
 copy.
- **Juliette Activity Packets** have ongoing sign ups. Sign up **here** for our next round of packets.
- The **Juliette Handbook** is now available! Email Steffi at **slietzke@gsutah.org** for your copy.
- Stay **connected** with us! <u>Girl Scouts of Utah</u> and <u>Camps</u> Facebook pages and <u>GSU Juliettes</u>. 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.