



# BUILDING A BETTER UTAH

## *Council Patch Program*

### **Why are we “Building a Better Utah?”**

From the very beginning, Girl Scouts has ignited the power of G.I.R.L.s (Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers, Leaders) everywhere. Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, took action to provide support to those in her community when they needed it most. In her honor, Girl Scouts of Utah has created the Building a Better Utah Council Patch Program to give back to our community.

### **Who can participate in this program?**

All Girl Scouts are welcome to participate. Service projects can be organized by Girl Scout Service Units, troops, or Girl Scout families. Upon completion, all Girl Scout participants are eligible to purchase the Building a Better Utah patch.

### **When can we complete this program?**

The patch program is year-round, ongoing, with no deadline for completion.

### **Where can our project take place?**

Service projects may take place anywhere within our Girl Scout Council (the state of Utah).

### **What does a project look like?**

Projects should be planned with girl and adult input. While it may take several weeks to identify and plan, the project itself should take a total of six to eight hours to complete.

Service Project Ideas:

- Collect books and other reading materials and deliver them to shelters and schools.
- Build buddy benches and install them at schools.
- Clean up one of your favorite hiking trails.
- Rake leaves or paint a house for an elderly neighbor.
- Create activity kits for children in hospitals.
- Serve meals at a local women’s shelter.

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### How can we complete our Building a Better Utah Project?

Always follow [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) and [Girl Scouts of Utah Policies](#).

Everything we do in Girl Scouts should incorporate the **3 Girl Scout Processes** (Girl-led, Learning by Doing, and Cooperative Learning) and **the 3 Keys to Leadership** (Discover, Connect, Take Action). The list below outlines some suggestions of ways to make your Building a Better Utah project robust and meaningful by implementing the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This is not a checklist of items that you must do, but it is a list of possible ways to tap into the power of G.I.R.L.S.

#### Girl-led

- Make sure girls are involved at every stage of the planning and execution. Even the youngest Girl Scouts can help make decisions with guidance and when given a variety of options.

#### Learning by Doing

- Don't be afraid of making mistakes. That's how we learn and improve.

#### Cooperative Learning

- Girl Scouts is a group experience.
- Inspire girls to discover their talents and passions in a safe and supportive all-girl setting.
- Join with other Girl Scouts and people in the community—and *together*, take action to change the world.

#### Discover

- Help girls learn more about who they are, what they care about, and what their talents are.
- Brainstorm issues in your community that girls would like to address.
- Identify community resources that might help you with your Building a Better Utah project.
- Determine the focus and scope of your project.
- Throughout the process, discuss what you are learning about yourself and your community.

#### Connect

- Collaborate with other people to learn from others and expand horizons.
- Take a field trip to visit community resources that might help with your project.
- Invite other Girl Scout Service Units, troops, and/or families to participate in your Building a Better Utah project.
- Invite Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to take the lead on portions of the project.

#### Take Action

- Put your planning into action to Build a Better Utah!
- Complete the Council Patch Program form once you are ready to claim your patch!

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