



*June 2021*



### **In Memory of Betty Rider**

*We are heartbroken to announce that beloved volunteer and former board president, Betty Rider, passed away on May 15, 2021.*

Betty Rider was a Girl Scout for life. She first joined Girl Scouts in 1942 when she moved to Elko, Nevada, so she could make new friends. As a Girl Scout during World War II, she sewed fabric squares together to make lap robes for veterans as a Brownie, and as an Intermediate, she canvassed neighborhoods collecting flattened tin cans. With her Girl Scout sisters, she waved to the troops riding the trains until her arms almost fell off. Like many Girl Scouts, Betty treasured her time in the program, whether that was spent at camp or making new friends.

As an adult, Betty served in almost every volunteer position the council had to offer: Board President, Board Treasurer, Field Vice President, Council Cookie Chair, Council Trainer, and more. Most recently she served on the Girl Scouts of

Utah Heritage and Scholarship committees. Betty built many lifelong friendships while a Girl Scout volunteer, and for her, that was one of the most rewarding things about being a Girl Scout volunteer.

Betty was the first recipient of the council's Freddie Award, which recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to Girl Scouts of Utah. She treasured this award more than any other Girl Scout award she had received. She always talked about her awards with humility, as if she felt like she should be rewarding the council for all the great experiences she had enjoyed.

Betty was also GSU's biggest fan. She believed in the program and loved Girl Scouts so much that she'd been told on more than one occasion that her blood runs green. She expressed sincere feelings about having Girl Scouting influence your life, saying, "I continue to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I make new friends and keep the old."

After more than 70 years as an active Girl Scout, Betty made incredible contributions to Girl Scouting, including a lasting legacy spanning five generations of Girl Scouts that followed in her footsteps.

*It is the family's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to membership at Girl Scouts of Utah. Betty wanted every girl to have the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts.*

[Donate in Memory of Betty](#)



## **Save the Date - Summer Solstice Art Auction & Fundraiser**

**June 21, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

**One 0 Eight Bistro, Salt Lake City**

Join Girl Scouts of Utah as we celebrate the start of summer and sending girls back to camp! To kick off the summer, nine pieces of Girl Scout art will be

displayed beginning May 21 and auctioned off June 21 at One 0 Eight Bistro in Salt Lake City. The artwork is created by some of our Girl Scouts and adult volunteers. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, mocktails, and cocktails while supporting Girl Scouts of Utah's camps! Tickets are \$45 and include food and one drink.

[Get Your Tickets Today](#)

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## Girl Scout Outreach



Last month, 17 Girl Scouts of the Kearns St Ann's Troop 260 celebrated their cookie party at Classic Skating Center. Troop 260 is part of the Girl Scout Outreach Program, a longstanding initiative of Girl Scouts of Utah to provide the Girl Scout experience to hundreds of girls a year who would otherwise be unable to participate. This includes troop membership, program, uniforms, curriculum, community events, and the opportunity to attend camp. Under the training and guidance of council staff and volunteers, girls can participate in badges and service to their community.

**Support Girl Scout Outreach**  
[Donate Today](#)

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## Girl Scouts of Utah Annual Appeal

GSU's Service Unit Annual Appeal is a way for families and members to invest in girls' futures by financially supporting programs, camp improvements, financial assistance, volunteer support, and other critical services. A donation to the Annual Appeal provides Girl Scout families the opportunity to financially support Girl Scouting in Utah beyond their own family and ensure that every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout has the opportunity to do so.

Each Service Unit has an Annual Appeal goal for the year, and when Service Units reach their annual goal they receive a percentage of money raised directly back to their Service Unit. We currently have 22 Service Units involved in this year's Annual Appeal, with 5 Service Units who have already met their goal for the year. **This year's Annual Appeal has been extended to end on June 30.**

[Donate to the Annual Appeal](#)

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## **Lifetime Membership**

Girl Scouts of Utah had 47 new lifetime members enroll in 2021! Nationwide, GSU ranks ninth of all councils for lifetime member sign-ups as a percentage of adult annual memberships. Girl Scouts is a volunteer-based member organizations that thrives on sisterhood and tradition and is unified in support of the mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. A lifetime membership shows your commitment to the movement. With the support, vision, and commitment of lifetime members, girls have the opportunity to find – and become – leaders in their communities and the world. Current volunteers with ten or more years of volunteer service can purchase a discounted lifetime membership of \$200.

[Become a Lifetime Member](#)

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## **New Becoming Me Program for Girls**

Girl Scouts recently entered into a collaboration with former First Lady Michelle Obama for girls to explore how they can become their best selves. The program launched with a virtual event on May 6, which was a huge success—and the largest event in the Movement’s recent history. Not only did more than 125,000 members register to attend, but the program is just getting started!

The partnership continues with the six- to eight-week Becoming Me Program Series, which includes badgework for girls of all levels to explore their own story and find their voice. Plus, girls can participate in the new service project of the same name, encouraging girls to honor changemakers in their communities.

[Learn More About the Becoming Me Program](#)

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## **Upcoming Events - Save the Date!**

### **Camping For a Cause**

Saturday, August 14 - *Registration opens July 1!*

### **Utah Day of the Girl**

Wednesday, October 13

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