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Cookie Bites: Digital Cookie Troop Links and Rallying Troop Families for Cookie Booths

Digital Cookie Troop Links

Troop links go live on the national Cookie Finder tomorrow, February 18! Once your troop sets up their troop link site, you will be included in the GSUSA Cookie Finder when customers search their zip code. These orders are for ship only and enable troops to get additional sales just by setting up their site! The Troop Ship Only link is also another safe option for girls and troops to safely connect with cookie customers.

Action needed: Get your troop site set up. Learn more about [Digital Cookie Troop Links](#).

Cookie Goals: Rallying Troop Families for Cookie Booths

Cookie season is here, and you are feeling proud of your Girl Scout troop for rocking their goal setting conversation and committing to a cookie goal that'll power their weekend camping trip this summer. But before your girls break out their order forms, there's another group you need to rally: your troop's parents and caregivers.

That doesn't sound difficult—after all, most troop families want to be supportive—but what happens when you have parents who see the cookie program as just another task on their lengthy to-do list rather than an entrepreneurial experience for their cookie boss?

The cookie program is a team effort, and adult support plays a major part. If you're looking for ways to motivate any apprehensive parents in your troop, our [Volunteer Experts](#) have the strategies you need to outline the importance of the experience.

Quick Links

- [Cookie Booth Resources](#) – conduct contracts, safety tips, and more
- [Social Media Toolkit](#) – social posts, contests, guidelines, and more

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Outdoor Program

Intent to Run a Day Camp

Are you planning to hold a Day Camp? If you are planning to run a day camp virtually or in person in 2022, two important deadlines are coming up!

Day Camps are hosted by Girl Scout volunteers and are typically held over three days in various locations across the state, including parks, churches, and community centers, and a few day camps may be offered virtually!

Action needed: Make sure you submit your [Intent to Run a Day Camp Form](#) before March 7. (It only takes less than 10 minutes to fill out this form.) Then, submit your [Council-Sponsored Event Form](#) by April 15. (It takes about 30 minutes to fill out this form if you know all the details about your day camp.)

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Volunteer Support

Upcoming Trainings:

New Troop Leader

March 2, 2022 | Virtual

The New Troop Leader training held virtually on March 2 is required for all new troop leaders and co-leaders; troop supporters are encouraged to attend. This training will cover the basics of leading a troop and how to get your troop started. We will discuss what Girl Scouts is all about, how to keep your troop safe, managing troop finances, working with parents and girls, and supporting girls as they gain courage, confidence, and character.

CPR/First Aid/AED

March 9, 2022 | Salt Lake City

CPR/First Aid training held in person at the Salt Lake City location on March 9 is required for at least one troop volunteer any time a troop leaves its regular meeting time and place. This course teaches the basics of First Aid, CPR, and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

This training is a blended course with an online component that you must complete before attending the practical skills session in person. There are physical components of the in-person skills portion of this training. Participants must get

down on their knees to perform chest compressions, practice breathing exercises, and use the AED trainer device.

Camping 101

March 24, 2022 | Salt Lake City

Camping 101 training held in person at the Salt Lake City location on March 24 is required for at least one volunteer on any troop camping trip. Practical outdoor skills AND camping with Girl Scouts (safety and policies); camping and travel progression. Recommended at least six weeks before the scheduled camping trip, required every 2-years.

Action needed: Register for these and other upcoming [training classes](#).



Introducing Travel Experiences for Girl Scout Alums and Supporters!

Looking for new ways to stay in touch with your Girl Scout sisters? Girl Scouts is partnering with Club Adventures, a AAA-owned adventure tour operator, to design small-group vacation packages for alums and supporters. We've baked the Girl Scout experiences right in, from friendship circles to s'mores. With trips to the Galápagos Islands, Italy and Switzerland, Morocco, and Charleston and Savannah, our new tours, available this fall, are ideal for solo travelers as well as those who want to bring along friends.

Action needed: Learn more about unleashing your adventurous side on a [Girl Scout Club Adventures Trip](#).

Apply to be a Youth Representative to the GSU Board of Directors!

Experience the council's governance processes firsthand! As a Youth Representative, you'll participate in all Board functions as a non-voting member, provide perspective on various issues presented by the Board, and present on different Girl Scouting topics and how each impacts you as a Girl Scout. Review the [full position description](#).

Action needed: Girl Scouts ages 16 and older are eligible to apply. Youth Representatives serve a one-year term beginning on April 30, 2022. [Complete your application](#) by March 4.

Quick Links

- Volunteer trainings and girl programs - [GSU Event Calendar](#)
- Reserve meeting rooms at the NUSC, CRC, and CUSC - [Meetings on Council Premises](#)
- Customizable flyers for troops, social media toolkit for volunteers, VTK, and troop leader blueprint - [Online Support for Volunteers](#)
- Guidelines for in-person activities and troop meeting space at council service centers - [GSU's COVID-19 guidelines](#)

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COVID Updates

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- COVID guidelines: [GSU's COVID site](#)
- COVID form - [COVID Symptom Check form](#)

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- Join the GSU team - [View job openings and apply](#)
- Support GSU Camps - [Amazon Wish Lists](#)
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info - [Retail](#)

- Receive ongoing communications from GSU - [COVID-19 Updates](#) & [GSU's Facebook page](#)

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Service Unit Updates

Council-Sponsored Events/Event Rep Training

Required for any Events Representatives running a Council-Sponsored Event and all Day Camp Directors, this training provides participants with an understanding of what makes an event council-sponsored and illustrates why we have events and incentives for running a council sponsored event. You will be provided technical information and skills on how to run a council sponsored event and support your service unit in the initial stages of planning a council sponsored event.

Action needed: Register for the [training](#) that will be held virtually via Zoom on March 5, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Years of Membership & Service Pins

Every year service units have the opportunity to thank volunteers for their amazing service, which includes recognizing their years of volunteer service and total years of membership (including time spent as a Girl Scout growing up).

To ensure your service unit requests the accurate number of pins, please submit your request no later than Friday, March 25.

Action needed: [Submit your request today!](#)

Service Unit Award Nomination

Let's show our wonderful volunteers how much we appreciate all they do! Do you know a Noteworthy New Leader or an Outstanding Volunteer? What about a Special Supporter of Girl Scouts in the community? Is there a Girl Scout family that goes above and beyond? Submit your nominations today!

Action Needed: Don't forget to [submit your nominations](#). All nominations for Service Unit Awards are due by the last Friday in March.

Quick Links

- Council-Provided Resources - [Online Support for Volunteers webpage](#)
- Council Connect recordings, PPTs, and registrations - [Service Unit Team Resources webpage](#)

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