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**Girl Scout Week**

## Girl Scout Week is Coming!

Girl Scout Week is a week-long celebration to show off your Girl Scout pride, celebrate Girl Scouts' birthday, and lift up all that this worldwide sisterhood has given you, your community, and the world. Join us in a social media competition activity each day from Sunday, March 7, through Saturday, March 13.

- March 6 - Girl Scout Sunday
- March 7 - Make a Difference Monday
- March 8 - Troop Tuesday
- March 9 - Wonderful Volunteers
- March 10 - Throwback Thursday
- March 11 - Show Off Your Small Business
- March 12 - Girl Scout Spirit Day & Happy 110th Birthday Girl Scouts

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## Cookies & Product Program

### Bling Your Booth is Back!

Cookie booths are almost here and it's time to get creative! Have you and your troop talked about your booth design yet? Over 50% of customers would increase their purchase if they knew it supported a girl's goals and adventures, so deck your booth out and boost your sales! A fun theme for this year is "Find a New Favorite," promoting the brand-new Adventurefuls. [Check out this year's flyer](#) for ideas and info on how to enter!

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### 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

### Troop Travel

Girl Scouts love to travel—from the field trips they take as Brownies to the global adventures they experience as teens.

If your troop is planning on doing any travel activities (including camping) this summer or in the near future, it will be beneficial for you and your troop to review the following resources:

- Everything in Girl Scouts is about progression. The opportunity to travel is made available to girls as they get older and progress through Girl Scouts. All you need to know can be found on the [GSU Travel Webpage](#).
- The Volunteer Training offered by GSU prepares and equips volunteers for working with girls by providing the knowledge and confidence necessary for carrying out meaningful Girl Scout programs. Be sure you have all the required training for your troop travel plans – [GSU Volunteer Training](#).

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## 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

### International Women's Day Event

Join us at a FREE event on Thursday, March 10, as we celebrate women in science and engineering at Clark Planetarium in honor of International Women's Day. Enjoy an evening full of light refreshments, hands-on STEM activities, and a panel discussion. We will hear from women engineers about their careers, backgrounds, and tips for girls interested in pursuing a career in STEM.

**Action needed:** [Register](#) only for the number of tickets you will use. This event is free, but space is limited.

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## **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 18.

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## **Spring Renewal**

It's time to start thinking about your next year of Girl Scouting!

Girls, adults, troops, and service units can earn incentives for renewing by May 31 as part of Spring Renewal, including a patch designed by one of our Girl Scouts and an exclusive members-only event!

Troop Leaders should take time during March to review their troop rosters and update troop information. If you have any questions, reach out to your Membership Support Specialist.

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## **NEW – Avenues For Change (Delegate Patch Program)**

The [Avenues for Change patch](#) aims to provide a way for Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts to document their service to their communities while in a leadership position and give them the tools necessary to improve their service. The requirements focus on the wide range of ways Girl Scouts can serve and pursue important changes and provide insight into how organizations such as Girl Scouts operate to meet those same goals.

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## Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteer Appreciation Month is approaching, and we know Girl Scouts of Utah has the best volunteers around, and we want to celebrate their outstanding work with you! 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?

Anyone may submit an award nomination: volunteers, parents/guardians, girls, or staff. Let's show our wonderful volunteers how much we appreciate all the work they do! [Nominate volunteers](#) by Friday, March 25 – Be sure to include all the required information for the certificate or award, and the council will provide you with the certificates and pins.

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## Questions Your Service Unit Manager Wishes You'd Ask

Think your service unit meeting is just one more obligation on your jam-packed calendar this month? Think again!

Your service unit team—on-the-ground Girl Scout volunteers who work directly with your council—is your go-to for advice and extra support.

Monthly service unit meetings, whether virtual or in-person, are a collaborative space where you can meet fellow troop leaders, exchange ideas, and get answers to your most pressing questions. Something you don't want to miss!

No matter what the question, there is always another leader or service unit team member who knows the answer! In a short period, you can get answers to all those questions that are not quite listed on any guides or web pages you might have been referred to.

As most service unit volunteers have seen, some common questions inevitably pop up at certain points during the year: how to tackle troop budgeting or registration issues at the start of the membership year, how to best communicate with families in the fall, or how to manage all things cookie in the winter.

Though these troubleshooting questions are essential, don't be afraid to bring up other topics with the team. You know the ones—the questions you're almost afraid to ask because you don't want to look silly or that you don't have it all together. The truth is, you're never alone in your struggles and joys as a troop

leader, and the sisterhood you'll build with your fellow volunteers will be the support and inspiration you need to embrace your role as leader, role model, and volunteer.

Do you know when your service unit meets? If not, reach out to your Service Unit Manager or Membership Support Specialist for more information.

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## 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

### COVID-19 Guidelines

Girl Scouts of Utah's COVID task force is working on updates to our COVID-19 guidelines listed on the website. The updated guidelines will be available on the website Thursday, March 10, and we will communicate in the newsletter as well.

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

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## Council News & Updates

### Quick Links

- 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

### Prepare for Annual Meeting

- Be sure your Service Unit Delegates & Alternates have turned in their forms and have done their training.
  - [Service Unit Delegate Position Description & Agreement](#)
  - [Delegate Training Video](#) - password: GSUDelegate
- Review topics and discussion from the February 10 Town Meeting.
- [2022 Town Meeting Recording](#) – password: TownHall2022
- Make sure your service unit will have representation for Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 30, 2022

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### 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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## Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

- Shop with [AmazonSmile](#) and select Girl Scouts of Utah



Have a question? Don't be shy!  
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