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Girl Scout Week

Happy Girl Scout Week!

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 an activity each day from Sunday, March 6, through Saturday, March 12. And don't forget to share our social posts!

- 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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COVID Updates

COVID Guidelines Update

The GSU COVID Task Force has been meeting regularly to review [our council's COVID guidelines](#) for the council and our members. The new guidelines have been streamlined, condensed, and updated to reflect the changes from the CDC and state guidance. We encourage volunteers, girls, and families to review these new updates to masking, social distancing, meetings and activities, and much more.

Quick Links

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

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Cookies & Product Program

Cookie Delay Update

Thank you for your patience, support, and understanding as we navigate this challenging cookie season. Today we updated our [cookie delay FAQs on our website](#),

including the most current information from our baker as well as cookie booths, Digital Cookie, cookie cupboards, girl deliveries, customer communications, and more.

Tax Law Changes

Effective January 1, 2022, payments received into your account for product sales or other parental payments (dues, events, etc.) from a third party payment organization such as Square, Venmo, Paypal, etc. may result in a 1099 form issued by the IRS at the end of the calendar year. Girl Scouts of Utah highly recommends that you refrain from using all personal accounts for payments. As a reminder, Girl Scouts of Utah policy does not allow the use of Venmo for any troop accounts.

If you have any questions regarding this tax law change, GSUSA recommends that you consult your local tax advisor when preparing your tax return.

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!

Quick Links

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

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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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Volunteer Support

Self-Care Can Help Troop Leaders Be Their Best Right Now

Self-care is more than just a buzzword associated with spa days or eating an entire sleeve of Thin Mints in one sitting (though we're not judging). It's about paying attention to your needs and taking care of yourself mentally, emotionally, and physically. And in challenging times, like the COVID-19 pandemic we're living through, self-care—whatever it looks like for you right now—has become more crucial than ever.

It's easier said than done, of course, but if we don't take care of ourselves, how can we best care for our families, troops, and the other people and things we hold close to our hearts? In practicing self-care, you also demonstrate for your girls what it means to listen to your gut and be your best self.

Just remember, troop leaders, you are enough! If your best isn't what it typically is right now, be forgiving and show yourself a little love. Borrow a few tips from our [Volunteer Experts](#), who offer advice for rolling with the changes like a Girl Scout. Covering topics like what to do at home and ideas of what to do with your troop.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Council News & Updates

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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

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

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



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