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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.

Updated Cookie Cupboard Hours

Effective this Saturday, March 19, the cupboard hours have been changed. Hours will be as follows:

Salt Lake City

- Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Closed Sundays
- Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ogden and American Fork

- Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Closed Sundays and Mondays
- Tuesday to Friday 12:00– 6:00 p.m.

St. George

- No change
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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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Volunteer Support

Build Up Our Girl Advisory Board

Girl Scouts of Utah is looking to build up our Girl Advisory Board, and we need your help identifying Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors who would make a great fit! Our GAB girls meet virtually every month to share their opinions on how to make Girl Scouts even better and to help plan some of our signature events, such as Cookie Rally or Girl Empowered. These girls will also be our first call to find emcees and helpers for events. Girls who have earned or are working on the Program Aide award, girls in leadership programs, girls who are on their Service Unit GAB, and anyone who wants another chance to be involved would all make great candidates. Encourage your older Girl Scouts to get involved!

Action needed: We're accepting new members on a rolling basis. Anyone interested in joining GSU's Girl Advisory Board should email Alyssa Meredith at ameredith@gsutah.org for more information.

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 is Coming Soon

Spring is in the air, and it is the time to look to what comes next.

The first step is to see where we are and what we need to keep going. Troop leaders should review their troop roster before March 31 by logging into their myGS account and marking any girls that are not returning to their troop next year. For help, reference ["how to update meeting details."](#)

You can also easily update your troop information by filling out this [online survey](#).

We are looking forward to another fantastic year!

Southern Utah Volunteer Training in April

Council Trainers will be down in Hurricane on Saturday, April 30, to provide training for volunteers. Register in advance for these [training classes](#).

CPR/First Aid/AED – April 30 (St. George)

CPR/First Aid training is required for at least one troop volunteer any time a troop leaves its regular meeting time and place. This blended learning course teaches the basics of First Aid, CPR, and the use of the AED. (Both online and skills assessment required.)

Camping 101 – April 30 (St. George)

This training is required for at least one volunteer on any troop camping trip. Learn practical outdoor skills and camping with Girl Scouts (safety and policies),

as well as camping and travel progression for girls. Recommended at least six weeks before a camping trip, required every two years.

Upcoming Volunteer Training

Extended Overnights/National Trips - April 9 (Virtual)

This training is for Troop leaders who have or will plan a trip lasting three or more nights. Troops traveling outside of the region should also complete this training. Troops may also attend this training together.

CPR/First Aid/AED – April 12 (Ogden)

CPR/First Aid training is required for at least one troop volunteer any time a troop leaves its regular meeting time and place. This blended learning course teaches the basics of First Aid, CPR, and the use of the AED. (Both online and skills assessment required.)

Camping 101 – April 21 (Salt Lake City)

Required for at least one volunteer on any troop camping trip. Learn practical outdoor skills and camping with Girl Scouts (safety and policies), as well as camping and travel progression for girls. Recommended at least six weeks before a camping trip, required every two years.

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

Program Aide Training (Cadette Girls)

This training is the second part of the three requirements for Cadette girls who wish to earn their Program Aide award.

Cadettes can receive their Program Aide award by earning one LiA award, completing council-designed leadership course training, and working directly with younger girls in a group or troop setting.

PA Training Details:

- American Fork: Friday, April 29 & Saturday, April 30
- Girls need to have completed their LiA before taking this training.
- Must attend both days to complete PA training.

- Council will provide earned PA pin once service hours are completed.

Action needed: Register by April 22, for the [Program Aide Training](#).

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

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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

Service Unit Stretch

Here are some suggested focus areas for April – June that can help you achieve your goals and earn points in the GSU stretch challenge:

- **Membership:** Order recruitment supplies and materials from council and participate in spring kindergarten registration events.
- **Volunteer Support:** Submit nominations for volunteer appreciation awards by March 25.
- **Programs:** Distribute rewards earned by girls during the Cookie Program.
- **Operations:** Have representation at council Annual Meeting on April 30.

Visit the [Service Unit Resources](#) page for more ideas and information on the Service Unit Stretch.

Service Unit Award Nomination

Let's show our wonderful volunteers how much we appreciate all the work 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 wait to [submit your nominations for Service Unit Awards](#) by Friday, March 25.

Years of Membership & Service Pins

Every year service units have the opportunity to thank volunteers for their amazing service, including 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!](#)

Council Connect

Reminder to all Service Unit Team members to join us for Council Connect at

6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30 – We will be talking in detail about the Spring Renewal incentives.

If you haven't already, be sure to register in advance for [Council Connect](#).

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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