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Cookies & Product Program

Samoas are here!

The Samoas have finally arrived! They will be distributed to service units starting today and continuing into next week. Talk to your troop leader about when you can get your cookies so you can fulfill your remaining customer orders.

Girl Scouts is More Than Cookies

Girl Scout life isn't all about cookies, and we know that our girls and leaders are becoming excellent entrepreneurs. To round out your Girl Scout experience, take advantage of all of the wonderful outdoor, STEM, and life skill badges. Check out new badge activities online at the [Girl Scout Activity Zone](#) or visit the [Award and Badge Explorer](#) for details on every badge a Girl Scout can earn.

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

Summer Troop Plans

What are your plans for Summer? Are you considering camp or a trip with your troop?

Don't forget to check ahead of time which trainings you need for the type of activity you are planning with your troop. Check out our training calendar for upcoming training classes and sign up for what training(s).

Action needed: Visit the [Volunteer Training](#) page to see which trainings you might need. Then register for upcoming training classes on GSU's [event calendar](#).

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

Spring Renewal

Let's keep the fun going! We know being a Girl Scout is about connection and building a sisterhood that encourages us to boost our skills and have a blast doing it. Troop renewal is a great way to keep your troop moving forward and watch the girls expand on their ideas together.

Why should your troop consider Spring Renewal?

1. It's easy with online renewal. Go to myGS, accessible from any page at www.gsutah.org, and log in to renew yourself and your entire troop at one time.
2. Cookie proceeds cover the cost. Using the proceeds from the Girl Scout Cookie Program to renew all the girls in your troop gives them the satisfaction of being self-sufficient; they worked hard to earn that money, this is an immediate result.
3. You can jump right into the Fall Product Program. Start your year off right by earning funds for girls to use toward even more fun.
4. Be prepared to have fun in 2023! Imagine starting the Girl Scout year ready to explore and embark on fun new adventures. Begin thinking about and planning all of the excitement ahead.

5. Get your special patch. All girls who renew as part of a troop or an individual girl between April 1 –May 31 will receive our celebratory patch they can wear proudly all year long.
6. As a bonus, we're offering fantastic incentives! You'll help your troop and service unit reach their goals.

Spring Renewal Incentives 2022-2023

Members	April 1 - April 30	May 1 - May 31
Exclusive Member Event*	● ●	
Girl Scout-Designed Life Skills Patch	●	●
GSU Sticker Pack	●	●
<i>*Details about the exclusive member event coming soon!</i>		
Troop 100% Renewal**	April 1 - April 30	May 1 - May 31
Cookie Booth Fast Pass	●	
Additional \$0.05/Package	●	●
<i>**Troops must meet adult to girl safety ratios. Troop 100% renewal numbers will be determined by the number of girls actively registered in the troop as of March 31, 2022. Incentives available for 2023 Cookie Program.</i>		
Service Unit 73% Renewal	April 1 - May 31	
S'mores and Songs Event	●	

Troop Watch Party Box
10 troops will be drawn the first week of April for a box of goodies to enjoy during the exclusive member event!

● Girls ● Adults ● Troops ● Service Units

Action needed: Review the Spring Renewal [incentive flyer](#).

Program Partners Webpage

You know that GSU partners with organizations in the community to bring fun and exciting programs to Girl Scouts in Utah, but have you seen our new webpage all about our fabulous program community partners? A new feature is our you-schedule-it opportunities, where troops can contact different organizations to hold specific activities for just your troop. From Tracy Aviary's outdoor science workshops to a virtual STEM Journey, there are all sorts of Girl Scouts activities to be had!

Action needed: Check out the [webpage](#)! Do you know an organization that would like to provide Girl Scout programs or have a suggestion? Email us at programs@gsutah.org.

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.

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 Updates

Quick Links

- 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

Last Call for Service Unit Award Nomination

Girl Scouts of Utah has the best volunteers around and we want to celebrate their outstanding work with you! Submit your nominations today!

Action needed: Don't wait to [submit your nominations for Service Unit Awards](#) by Friday, March 25.

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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