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Spring Renewal

Our gift to you: FREE Girl Scout Membership!

The past couple of years has brought us all many unique challenges and a great deal of uncertainty, and we want to ensure our girls and adult volunteers have a

safe place as we move closer to normalcy together. We are gifting a free membership to all current girl and adult Girl Scouts of Utah members. This gift is a small way to show the immense appreciation and gratitude we have for our volunteers, girls, parents, caregivers, and families. Thank you for your resilience and commitment to creating a community for all girls and adults to feel safe, even during unprecedented challenges!

We hope that you will allow GSU to cover the cost of your annual membership to thank you for your dedication. If you choose to respectfully decline this gift and use your own financial resources, you may choose to do so, and we are grateful for your gift to us!

Please note: The myGS system is experiencing some technical issues nationwide due to the excitement about renewal and the upcoming Kristen Bell event. We encourage you to wait until next week to renew your membership. This will not affect your ability to earn renewal rewards or register for the event because you have until April 30 to get your renewal incentives, May 13 to register for the Kristin Bell event, and until May 31 to claim your free renewal offer.

Thank you so much for your support, understanding, and patience!

Action needed: Learn how to [claim your free membership](#). The free membership offer is available April 1-May 31, 2022.

Kristen Bell and Girl Scouts: Paint Your World Purple

If you've ever asked how tall the world's tallest rainbow is, laughed until your sides hurt, or helped a friend speak up for themselves, guess what? You're a Purple Person! It sounds like you're a Girl Scout, too. Girl Scouts and Purple People love learning about things like space dolphins, laughing at silly jokes with Grandma, and making sure the world is full of playgrounds.

Learn how to paint your world purple and join Girl Scout alum Kristen Bell, co-author of *THE WORLD NEEDS MORE PURPLE PEOPLE*, for a fun virtual event on May 19.

Action needed: Registration is open now! Save your spot by May 13 at girlscouts.org/purple

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Cookies & Product Program

Updated Cookie Cupboard Hours

Beginning next week, April 4, Cupboard Hours are as follows:

Salt Lake City

- Mondays – Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (through April 28)
- * Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

American Fork

- Tues | Wed | Thur, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m (through April 28)
- * Saturday, April 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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- Tues, April 5, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Wed, April 6, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs, April 7, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Beginning April 8: By appointment only via email request through April 28.
Email awickel@gsutah.org to submit your request.

St. George

- Friday, April 8, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Closing April 8, then Cookies on the Go available April 11 – April 28 based on availability

Quick Links

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

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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.

Wilderness & Remote First Aid Training

WRFA training is required for any troop activity located more than a 30-minute journey away from emergency medical care. Sign up and take this training if your troop has planned a wilderness camping trip this summer.

- June 10 & 11 at Trefoil Ranch, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
 - Participants must attend both days to complete training.
 - Overnight at Trefoil Ranch is available.
 - Register online soon for [WRFA training](#), as there are limited spots available.
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Troop Updates

What level are the girls in your troop? Are you open to new girls joining the fun? Are your troop meeting date, times, and location current?

Take action now and update your troop information by [logging into myGS](#) and updating your troop information, including any girls that might not be coming back to Girl Scouts next year.

Your Membership Support Specialists can assist with other updates and answer any questions. Complete this [informational questionnaire](#), and we will be in touch.

Strategies to Grow Your Troop

Do you want to expand your girls' network and bring new voices and perspectives into their world? Consider welcoming more girls into your troop! Growing your troop is a great way to share the power of the Girl Scout experience. And in the spirit of sisterhood, you'll help your girls make new friends (and keep the old).

So if you're ready to introduce more girls to Girl Scouting, what's the best way to get the word out? Our volunteer experts share their [top ten tips](#) for letting the girls in your community know they can join in the fun with your troop!

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](#)

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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 Challenge Ideas

April is a great time to focus on volunteer support and appreciation! What is your team planning? How do the troop leaders and volunteers in your service unit prefer to be appreciated?

Action needed: Share this [appreciation language quiz](#) with the volunteers in your area, and plan accordingly.

The 5 Languages of APPRECIATION Adapted from "The 5 Languages of Appreciation in the Workplace: Empowering Organizations by Encouraging People" by Gary Chapman and Paul White

<p>1 TANGIBLE GIFTS</p> <p>Must be <i>valued</i> to show <i>value</i></p> 	<p>ACTS OF SERVICE 2</p> <p>Lend a helping hand & finish what you start</p> 
<p>3 PHYSICAL TOUCH</p> <p>Consider appropriate contact like high-fives or fist bumps</p> 	<p>QUALITY TIME 4</p> <p>Focused attention and meaningful conversation</p> 
<p>5 WORDS OF AFFIRMATION</p> <p>Positive words to motivate or show gratitude</p> 	

Council Connect

Council Connect recording and slide deck are available for your meetings.

- [March Recording](#)
- [March Presentation](#)

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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