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GSU Volunteer Weekly Update

April 7, 2022

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month! Girl Scout volunteers, you're the real MVPs! You lead with courage, empower girls to dream big, and you share your time and talent. Thank you for your dedication to the Movement!

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Spring Renewal

Free Membership Renewal Update

Thank you for your patience in the first week of renewal as we dealt with national technical difficulties. While we are confident the issues have been resolved, if you experience any further issues, please reach out to Customer Care at 801-265-8472.

Due to the issues in completing free renewal, we have extended the deadline for troops to be eligible for the Troop Watch Party Box drawing to April 15! Troops that reach 100% renewal and meet adult to girl safety ratios are eligible for the drawing.

NEW - How to renew your troop

To ensure your troop has the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts of Utah's April 1-May 31, 2022, Spring Renewal Campaign (free girl and adult memberships), we are happy to help your troop renew its membership. Unfortunately, the myGS system does not allow troop leaders to renew their entire troop with this free membership offer. Please complete our troop renewal form. Free renewal is available through May 31.

Cookies & Product Program

Cookie Cupboard Hours

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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- 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

- <u>Cookie Booth Resources</u> conduct contracts, safety tips, and more
- Social Media Toolkit social posts, contests, guidelines, and more

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Volunteer Support

Girl Scouts Voices Count Survey Open

Calling all Girl Scouts, parents, caregivers, and troop leaders: we want to hear from you! Our Girl Scout Voices Count survey is open! We want to hear from you. Your feedback helps us make Girl Scouts better for everyone. Everyone who completes the survey will have a chance to win one of 20 \$50 gift cards! Check your email for your invitation from GSUSA to participate and make your voice heard!

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 <u>WRFA training</u>, as there are limited spots available.

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 <u>logging into myGS</u> 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 <u>informational questionnaire</u>, and we will be in touch.

Quick Links

- Volunteer trainings and girl programs GSU Event Calendar
- Reserve meeting rooms at the NUSC, CRC, and CUSC <u>Meetings on</u> <u>Council Premises</u>
- Customizable flyers for troops, social media toolkit for volunteers, VTK, and troop leader blueprint <u>Online Support for Volunteers</u>
- Guidelines for in-person activities and troop meeting space at council service centers <u>GSU's COVID-19 guidelines</u>

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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 <u>View job openings and apply</u>
- Support GSU Camps Amazon Wish Lists
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info Retail
- Receive ongoing communications from GSU <u>COVID-19 Updates</u> & <u>GSU's</u> <u>Facebook page</u>

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 <u>appreciation</u> <u>language quiz</u> with the volunteers in your area, and plan accordingly.



Quick Links

- Council-Provided Resources <u>Online Support for Volunteers webpage</u>
- Council Connect recordings, PPTs, and registrations <u>Service Unit Team</u>
 <u>Resources webpage</u>

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