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**Spring Renewal**

**Cookie Booth Fast Pass Winners**

Hey Troops! These shining stars were selected to receive the Cookie Booth Fast Pass for Cookie Season 2023:

75	241	460	773	946
109	251	482	807	953
110	258	483	820	969
111	262	500	826	1010
120	272	516	828	1202
137	280	520	835	1465
141	297	534	841	1512
146	314	538	845	1536
147	347	553	850	1648
152	361	564	862	1730
159	363	568	865	1786
160	371	583	869	1799
177	391	591	871	2022
178	400	594	874	2033
212	415	684	87	2066
226	423	712	883	2112
235	424	716	912	2385
238	438	726	914	2439
239	451	741	941	2547

But don't be sad! We still have great incentives for every girl and troop to earn. Take advantage of the FREE Renewal membership TODAY before time runs out. We are so thankful for the amazing, inspiring work you do for girls and your community. That's why Girl Scouts of Utah is and will continue to be here for you through it all, cheering you on, lifting you up, and celebrating your strengths. Today, tomorrow, together - we're making things possible.

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### **Reminder: Free Membership Renewal and Kristen Bell Event**

Don't forget girls and adults can take advantage of our FREE renewal offer, available through May 31! To claim your free renewal, you'll select "Financial Aid" in myGS. Once you have completed the financial aid request, it may take up to a week to process the free renewal. Additionally, don't forget that you need to register for the Kristen Bell event separately from the renewal process. The deadline to register for the event is May 13.

**Action needed:** For a step-by-step guide, review our [flyer with screenshots](#). Once your renewal is processed, register for the [Kristen Bell event](#).

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## Volunteer Support

### United for Change Event

Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts passionate about climate change and gender equality are invited to United for Change, a United Nations-inspired program hosted by Girl Scout delegates from this year's 66th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about gender equality and climate change while understanding what it takes to be a global advocate. You will leave this event ready and motivated to take action in your communities and change the world for the better.

Join the CSW Girl Delegate Team for this exclusive and empowering opportunity where you will engage with Girl Scouts from all over the USA to discuss and create action plans for these important issues. Earn your exclusive patch by registering for this event now!

**Action needed:** Girl Scouts of Utah is co-hosting this program with three other councils, so sign up today for [United for Change](#) on June 18, and support the work of our local Girl Scouts.

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### Apply to Become a National Delegate!

GSU is seeking girls aged 14 or older and adults who are interested in serving as National Delegates. National Delegates will represent GSU at the 2023 National Council Session in Orlando, Florida.

**Action needed:** Check out the Girl Scouts of Utah [National Delegate Brochure](#) for more information and apply to be a [National Delegate](#).

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### Mental Health Awareness Patch Programs

Is mental health on your mind? Join GSU for the Mental Health Awareness patch program on May 14. We'll dive into mental health awareness as we complete the International Bipolar Foundation patch program to learn more about brain-based illnesses, how mental health affects people, and the stigma around mental illness. This program will be hands-on and will include information about coping skills and staying mentally healthy in your life. Younger Girl Scouts (PreK-5 grades) will meet in the morning, and older Girl Scouts (6-12 grades) will meet in the afternoon. Registration ends May 8, so don't delay in signing up.

**Action needed:** Register for the Mental Health Awareness Patch Program, ages [PreK-5](#) or [6-12](#) by May 8.

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### **“Save your spot” for 2023 Convention!**

Calling all innovators, problem solvers, phenoms, and doers (that's you!) True phenoms find innovative solutions to problems, do things that have never been done before, and make a difference in their communities.

Ready to show the world just how phenomenal you are? Join us for a national gathering of changemakers from across the country in July 2023 at Walt Disney World Resort. Get ready to spark new ideas, make friends, have fun, and create something incredible.

Early bird registration will open this summer, but don't wait—[fill out our interest form](#) to save your spot and stay in the loop on all the fun that awaits! There will be activities and demos in the Expo Hall, special guests, live performances, and much more. This event is open to all, including Girl Scout members, non-members, alums, and families.

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### **New Council Website Coming in 2023!**

Girl Scouts of Utah will soon migrate to a new website to align with the new national site that went live last fall. The content organization and navigation structure will change, and there will be fun colors, shapes, and more photos. The anticipated go-live date for GSU's new site is January 2023.

To prepare our members before the new site goes live, we will share how your user experience will be affected by the content reorganization. We'll show where

volunteers and caregivers can access the information relevant to them, like important forms or upcoming programs.

The goal is to ensure a smooth transition and improve the quality of our website. Toward that end, we are offering our members the chance to provide feedback on the current site so we can try to meet your needs in the new site. There are two opportunities to provide feedback:

- Website Feedback Survey
  - This survey enables you to share what you use our website for, what you like about it, and what you'd change.
  - Note: not all change requests may be implemented in the new site
  - *Open through June 30*
- Website Usability Focus Group Interest Form
  - Sign up to be part of a GSU usability study and focus group. *Remote option available for outlying participants.*
  - Select your preferred dates and times to participate in the group.
  - Selected participants will receive an email confirmation with date, time, and an agenda.
  - The focus group will be limited to eight (8) people in-person, five (5) remote, and will not exceed 90 minutes. A snack will be served. Participants will receive a gift card as a thank-you.
  - *Open until May 27*

**Action needed:** Share your feedback in the [Website Feedback Survey](#). Share your feedback and sign up for the focus group via the [Website Usability Focus Group Interest Form](#). We will select the best representation of our users, i.e., a mix of volunteers and caregivers. Remote option limited to five.

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## Highest Awards Tip of the Month

One of the defining factors of a Take Action project is that it's sustainable. Sustainability means that the work will continue beyond your involvement and that you have a plan in place that ensures your project makes a lasting change. Having another organization agree to carry on your work or use a curriculum you created is one great method. You could also advocate to change a rule, law or legislation and involve others in your advocacy. Educate others to inspire them to change a behavior or belief and using a measurement tool to show that change is another possibility. However, sustainability will look different for each project, so find the option that will make the most sense for the issue you are addressing.

**Action needed:** Learn more about earning your Bronze, Silver or Gold Award and the specific requirements for each on our [website](#). The video [Take Action to Higher Awards](#) also talks about making projects sustainable.

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## **Planning Ahead – Finance Reports**

Troop Finance Reports are due June 30 – Don't wait to start tracking your troop finances on the VTK Finance Tab.

The Finance Tab gives troops the opportunity to track finances online and electronically submit their annual Troop Finance Report. Start with your previous year May 31 bank account balance and begin inputting information to track income and expenses from all the various resources. The Financial Summary will automatically calculate your balances based on what you entered.

Troop Leaders can access the VTK Finance Tab by logging into their [myGS](#) account and navigating to the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) on the left menu. Once in the VTK you will click the Finances Tab and enter all of your troops information.

We have created a [Troop Finance Report Instruction Sheet](#) for you to reference, and if you still need help, don't hesitate to reach out to your awesome Membership Support Specialists at: [info@gsutah.org](mailto:info@gsutah.org)

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## **Never the Same Weekend (NTSW) Reservation Information**

Reserve your 2022-2023 NTSW overnight date on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.!

Never the Same Weekends are opportunities for Girl Scout service units to provide a 24-hour camping experience at Trefoil Ranch (located in Provo Canyon). Service units have the option to provide all their meals and programming, or they can contract with Girl Scouts of Utah's Outdoor Program Team to provide meals and/or programming for their group. Service units determine how much to charge the participants and handle their own registrations. NTSW reservations for October 2022 - September 2023 may be made online on a first-come, first-served basis starting Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.!

NEW! GSU has changed the fees for the initial registration. Instead of charging

one fee for three buildings, GSU is now charging per building per every 24-hour experience. Check out the new fee structure and details below.

- There is a \$200 minimum for every NTSW 24-hour reservation. All service units will automatically reserve the lodge at \$200.
- All other buildings can be added at the time of the reservation.
- Service units can reserve just the lodge during the initial reservation and add more buildings at a later time if those buildings are still available.
- Service units cannot cancel or subtract a building reservation at any time unless they reschedule the entire NTSW experience.
- For service units who reserve a 48-hour NTSW experience, service units can choose to reserve three buildings on the first night and only the lodge on the second night if they like.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Lodge	\$200
Upper Bunkhouse	\$50
Lower Bunkhouse	\$50
Ranch House	\$50
Circle K Cabins	\$50/ cabin
Rocking P Cabins	\$50/ cabin

#### **Actions needed:**

- Find 2022-2023 dates, and speak with your service unit team to choose a first and second choice date for your next [NTSW](#) at Trefoil Ranch!
- Find more information about [NTSW events, programming, meals, and details](#).
- Continue to check the [Current GSU Health and Safety Guidelines](#) for real-time information regarding COVID-19 variants and other CDC, GSUSA, GSU, and state and local updates.

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### **Upcoming Training for Volunteers**

- New Troop Leader Training (V) – [June 1](#)
- Camping 101 (V) – [May 10](#)
- CPR/First Aid – [May 14 in Ogden](#) & [May 24 in American Fork](#)
- Extended Overnights & National Trips (IP) – [May 19 in Salt Lake](#)
- Wilderness First Aid – [June 10 & 11 at Trefoil Ranch](#) (space is limited) (overnight at Trefoil available)

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## 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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## Service Unit Updates

### Top Service Units for Volunteer Toolkit Usage

Service unit support and buy-in of the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) are keys to troop leader utilization!

The VTK is the official source for delivering easy and fun troop meetings year-round! This fully customizable digital planning tool is accessible on any computer, tablet, or mobile device and provides you with Girl Scout program content, award requirements, and other resources.

Below are the top 10 service units for basic VTK overall utilization across troops of all grade levels:

1. 601 – Cache: 73%
2. 667 – Honeycomb Cliffs: 67%
3. 643 – Jordan: 60%
4. 644 – Oquirrh: 58%



5. 654 – Sunrise:56%
6. 623 – Nebo Shadows: 50%
7. 663 – Juniper: 44%
8. 648 – Desert Sky: 40%
9. 614 – Tooele: 40%
10. 606 – Wasatch: 36%

Need help getting started? Ask your Membership Support Specialist for a copy of the Volunteer Toolkit User Guide for Administrative Volunteers.

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## Council Connect

The April Council Connect recording and PowerPoint are now available.

- [April Recording](#)
  - Password: dP&d@Q@=
- [April Presentation](#)

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## 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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## Council News & Updates

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- Support GSU Camps - [Amazon Wish Lists](#)
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## Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

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



**Have a question? Don't be shy!**  
**Contact us for more information.**

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