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## **[Volunteer Support](#)**

### **Planning Ahead – Troop Finance Reports are due June 30**

Start tracking your troop finances on the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Finance Tab, don't wait!

The Finance Tab provides troops with the opportunity to track finances online and submit their annual Troop Finance Report electronically. 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.

We have created a [Troop Finance Report Instruction Sheet](#) for you to reference, and if you still need help, reach out to your amazing Membership Support Specialists at [info@gsutah.org](mailto:info@gsutah.org).

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 begin entering all of your troop's financial information.

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## Participate in a National Service Project

Girl Scouts always step up to do what they can to improve their communities and the world. Discover how you can give back to make your community—and the world—a better place.

All across our country and our world, Girl Scouts are leaping to the aid of others by engaging in wonderful acts of service and kindness. Whether by writing letters to senior citizens, honoring first responders, participating in a citizen science project, or promoting voting and democracy, your troop can get involved in these unique Girl Scout activities.

Plus, get a Girl Scouts Give Back patch to show your participation with pride.

**Action needed:** Check the [Activity-Zone/National Service Projects](#) to find ways to participate.

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## Science Exploration Patch Program

Does your troop or family love science? Are you a multi-level troop looking to complete the Home Scientist Brownie badge? Check out the new Science Exploration Patch Program! This hands-on, interactive patch program complements the Brownie Home Scientist badge and allows Girl Scouts of all levels to earn a patch at the same time together. With fun activities like making a lava lamp, having an electrifying good time with circuits, and exploring food

science, there are all sorts of options for science fun! Check out the [patch program online](#).

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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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## Upcoming Training for Volunteers

- CPR/First Aid – [May 14 in Ogden](#) & [May 24 in American Fork](#)
  - Extended Overnights & National Trips (IP) – [May 19 in Salt Lake](#)
  - New Troop Leader Training (V) – [June 1](#)
  - Wilderness First Aid – [June 10 & 11 at Trefoil Ranch](#) (space is limited) (overnight at Trefoil available)
  - CPR/First Aid – [June 22 in Salt Lake](#)
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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](#)
- Schedule programming for your troop with local organizations – [Program Partners](#)

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## COVID Updates

### Quick Links

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

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## Service Unit Updates

### Service Unit Stretch

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

- **New Member Recruitment & Registration** – Ask current volunteers, troops, and girls to assist with recruitment activities in your area. Fun opportunities include local fairs and summer events, being in the public eye, and promoting Girl Scouting for all girls.
- **Retention & Troop Support** – promote renewal with existing members. This year GSU is offering the FREE gift of membership through May 31.
- **Volunteer Support:** Start considering volunteers for council-level award recognition. Nominations and endorsement letters for volunteer awards are due to the council by July 29, 2022.
- **Programs:** Schedule and plan a service unit activity to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). Be sure to include girls of all ages!
- **Operations:** Time to start planning who will be on the Service Unit Team next year and prepare to attend Leadership Summit in August.

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

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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

### Summer Shop and Office Hours

Beginning May 27, the Salt Lake City retail shop and office, and the American Fork retail shop, will operate on summer hours.

**SLC Summer Office & Customer Care Hours:**

Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**SLC Summer Shop Hours:**

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and holidays

**American Fork Summer Shop Hours:**

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed Friday – Tuesday

Closed July 1–15

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**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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