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**Spring Renewal**

**Why Your Troop Should Consider Spring Renewal**

Girls, troops, and service units are taking advantage of the extra incentives given to those who meet the Spring Renewal goals. Get the most out of your membership. Renew today!!

1. It's FREE – with the gift of membership, girls and adults can renew at no cost to them.
2. It's easy! Go to myGS and log in to renew yourself and your entire troop at one time.
3. You'll be ready to have fun in 2023! Imagine starting the Girl Scout year prepared to explore and embark on fun new adventures. Begin thinking about and planning all of the excitement ahead.
4. Fall Product Program - you can jump right into the and start the year off right by earning funds to use toward even more fun.
5. Special GSU patch - all girls who renew between April 1 – May 31 will receive our celebratory patch they can wear proudly all year long.
6. We're offering great incentives for troops and service units that 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 [renew](#) information on our webpage.

## Volunteer Support

### Cell Phones? Cliques? Here's How Troop Leaders Deal

You're shaping future female leaders who will smash expectations and change the world—that is if they could just focus on this week's troop activity. No matter which level of Girl Scouts you lead or where you are, many

experiences like friend cliques or seeming cell phone addiction are more common than others. But at which point do you intervene? And if you're a new troop leader, you might wonder how to intervene; do you call out a problematic behavior? Let the girls sort out an issue among themselves?

Rest assured, troop leader, you're not alone in navigating these experiences. Our volunteer experts have seen it all and shared how they resolved some common challenges as troop leaders.

**Action needed:** Check out these [Tips for Troop Leaders](#)

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### **Reminder: Feedback on GSU Website & Usability Focus Group**

Girl Scouts of Utah is moving to a new website in 2023, and we need your feedback on the current site! Our members have the chance to provide feedback on the current GSU 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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### **Volunteer Toolkit Finance Tab Tutorial**

We added to gsLearn, a tutorial to help you understand how to use the Finance Tab in the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) and the steps needed to complete your end of year troop finance report. The person in your troop who manages the troop funds should complete this training before submitting your end of year Troop Financial Reports by June 30.

All troop leaders, troop supporters, and troop treasurers have been assigned this training in gsLearn. The finance tab training is 674 VTK Finance Tab Training.

Need help logging into myGS? Review the steps in this [How to log into myGS](#), gsLearn, and the Volunteer Toolkit (VKT) [Quick Reference Sheet](#)

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## **Troop Travel**

Summer is a busy travel time for our Girl Scouts! If your troop is planning an overnight, camping, or flying across the country, we want to make sure you're prepared. Currently, any trip staying somewhere one night or more needs council approval, so please consult the [Travel tab](#) on our website and click on the drop-down box for the type of trip you are planning to make sure you know what's needed for approval. The [Troop Trip/Camping Application](#) needs to be turned in at least two months in advance, and the remaining paperwork needs to be turned in at least one month in advance to allow our staff enough time to process everything. You'll also want to make sure your trainings are up-to-date for the type of trip you are taking, so consult the training schedule and get signed up today as space is limited.

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## **Astros Astronomy Club**

Do you love astronomy? Want to teach other Girl Scouts about space? Join the Astros Astronomy Club planning team! This two-year opportunity is open to Girl Scouts entering grades 8-11 in fall 2022. Girl Scouts on this team will plan and execute an astronomy club, events, and trainings. Activities include field trips, badge work, and interactive astronomy fun! It's a collaborative experience where Girl Scouts will work together for a girl-led program. Girl Scouts are to be guided by council staff and an astronomer.

**Action needed:** Apply to join the [Astros Astronomy Club planning team!](#)

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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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## New Mental Wellness Resources for Girl Scouts

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and Girl Scouts have told us\* — and [shown us](#) — that this is an issue they care about deeply. After all, the challenges of today's world don't only affect grownups. Young people, especially girls, are facing a mental health crisis of their own.

Now Girl Scouts and their families can [access new resources](#) specifically created to support mental wellbeing. With this new initiative, families can supplement traditional resources with current Girl Scouts of the USA programming. Including adult training to help identify and address potential adolescent mental health issues and workshops to help girls better understand mental wellness and hone skills to strengthen their resilience.

\*In response to the question, "In the future, should Girl Scouts focus on the topic of positive mental health and wellbeing?", 91% of Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors responded "yes." (Source: Girl Scout Research Institute Girl Scout Voices Count 2021 Survey)

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## Celebrate Diversity with the Girl Scout Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month Fun Patch

The Girl Scout Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month fun patch is designed for Girl Scouts of every level and their leaders to celebrate the cultural richness of all people in the U.S.. Whose ancestors came from the Pacific Islands or the Asian diaspora, and to acknowledge the many contributions of the AAPI community to our nation.

All girls and adults can choose from plenty of activities to earn this fun patch. Get in on the fun or share with girls in your life! Activity guides for the entire [Multicultural Community Celebrations series](#) are available in English and Spanish.

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## Upcoming Training for Volunteers

- 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

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## Service Unit Updates

### Service Unit Team Renewal & Recruitment

Having an active team is so important to the success of your service unit.

Passionate volunteers who want to work together to support the troop leaders make for a great experience for girls, volunteers and parents! Now is the time to check in with your service team, who is returning and who is not. Once you know where your openings are, it's time to recruit.

Download this [Service Unit Team Building Worksheet](#) to help you get started in planning who is going to be on your Service Unit Team next year.

Your Membership Support Specialist is here to help. The service team is a BIG part of all we do, let's make it successful and strong!

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

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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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## Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

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



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