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Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum

Celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum this year! Journey back in time and imagine what the world looked like when dinosaurs roamed the earth at the Utah Field House of Natural History Museum State Park!

Take on the role of a paleontologist as you reconstruct the life of a prehistoric creature. Create a model of a sauropod neck to experiment with how they moved, calculate the measurements of your wingspan if you were a dinosaur, and examine fossils to create a drawing of what the creature might have looked like when it was alive. You won't want to miss this prehistoric party!

● **Action needed:** [Register for this program](#) early and start planning your visit to eastern Utah today! Or check out our other [two partner programs](#) at the State Parks on September 10.

Summer Reminders for Troop Leaders

- Send your Troop Finance Report to the GSU Finance Dept. ASAP (original due date June 30)
 - Renew for the new Girl Scout year that begins October 1, 2022
 - Make sure your troop meets adult / girl ratios – if you need help contact your Membership Support Specialist: info@gsutah.org or 801-265-8472
 - Prepare for Fall Product Program – be sure you have your TPM assigned, [agreement & ACH authorization](#) sent to council by August 15
 - [Fall Product Program](#) Information
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Join the Heritage Committee!

Are You Interested in Girl Scout History? Then the Heritage Committee is the place for you! Members of this special committee focus on promoting and preserving Girl Scout history and heritage. Volunteers catalog and preserve items unique to Girl Scouting, help create high-quality displays of books, uniforms, and photographs and provide historic program activities for troops and girls.

Meetings take place every second and fourth Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the GSU Salt Lake City office.

● **Action needed:** For more information, please contact Barb Schmidt at (801) 558-8933 or btombo@hotmail.com.

Volunteer Recognition

Adult Achievement Awards highlight outstanding volunteers and staff whose contributions to the council enhance the experience of Girl Scouts across our council. Girl Scouts of Utah wants to recognize your exceptional work with you! The GSU Legacy of Service Award recognizes outstanding contributions made by two or more family members who continue the tradition of service for two or more generations.

- The **Appreciation Pin** recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) with an impact on one geographic area, service unit, or program delivery audience.
- The **Volunteer of Excellence Award** recognizes volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) through the use of the National Program Portfolio or in support of the Council's mission delivery to girls and adult members.
- The **GSU Freddie Award** recognizes an adult volunteer who has delivered outstanding service to Girl Scouts of Utah through working with girls and adults in the areas of program and training and has made a significant contribution to other community organizations (church, school, civic, cultural) through holding a leadership position and/or providing long-term service to that organization.
- The **Honor Pin recognizes** an adult volunteer who has provided outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences in a way that furthers the council's goals and provides service that goes beyond the expectations of the position requirements.
- The **Thanks Badge** recognizes a currently registered Girl Scout adult volunteer or staff member who provides outstanding service that benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout Movement and provides service that is so significantly beyond expectation that no other award is appropriate.

 **Action needed:** Submit [nominations](#) by July 29.

Summer Training Opportunities for Troop Leaders

- [New Troop Leader Training](#) (virtual/live) – August 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

- [CPR/First Aid/AED](#) (in-person) - American Fork – August 6, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Training Available on gsLearn

- Child Protection Training (required to renew annually)
- GSUSA Volunteer Toolkit – Troop Leader View
- Hosting Troop Meetings in Your Home
- Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Including Girls of All Abilities
- and many more...

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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Service Unit Updates

Important Reminders

- Service Unit Finance Reports are due to the GSU Finance Dept. ASAP (original due date June 30)
- Service Unit Finance Rep Training now available on gsLearn

Leadership Summit 2022 – Ready. Set. Rally!

Is your team ready for a new year of girl scouts? Are they set with knowledge to help them lead the way? Let's rally together at Leadership Summit!! This year your team can participate in a variety of workshops that will revitalize your

passion for the mission and Movement. You can also schedule time with your team to begin planning your year, connect with council staff, and much more! Join us for Leadership Summit 2022 - August 26 & 27 at Trefoil Ranch in beautiful Provo Canyon.

● **Action needed:** [Register for Leadership Summit](#) ; registration closes Sunday, August 15. Friday night is optional. To register your entire team, contact Customer Care at info@gsutah.org or 801-265-8472 with the list of people you would like to register.

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

Council Staff Update

Last week we celebrated Gloria Bircher who, after 17 years as a staff member, retired from Girl Scouts of Utah as she and her husband Henry are moving out of state. Gloria has filled numerous roles with Girl Scouts and has been a key component of our council staff.

Gloria's involvement in Girl Scouts spans two councils and 27 years. As an active volunteer for 10 years, Gloria served as a Troop Leader, Troop Cookie Manager, Service Unit Event Rep, Service Unit Cookie Manager, and Council Trainer with Tierra Del Oro Girl Scout Council (now Girl Scouts of the Heart of Central CA near Sacramento). On staff with TDOGS, Gloria managed Retail, Product Programs, and Fund Development. She was instrumental in developing eCookie, a precursor to eCouncil, a membership database system. Prior to these programs, everything was done by hand on paper.

In 2005, Gloria joined Girl Scouts of Utah (GSU) and helped implement the first GSU eCookie sale. Gloria impacted our membership in many ways, as Volunteer Support Specialist for Ogden, as the council Training Coordinator, in the Program

Department approving troop trip applications, in Risk Management creating volunteer policies, and as the Volunteer Award Coordinator. Gloria dedicated 7 years as the Cookie Program Coordinator, and most recently she was the Membership Support Specialist for Northern Utah. Gloria also helped organize Camporee in 2012 and was boots on the ground at the 2014 National Convention held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

We wish Gloria and Henry well as they embark on their next chapter.

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](#)
- [GSU Health & Safety Guidelines](#)

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