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On-Time Renewal Drawing Winner

It's time to announce this week's winner of our \$50 program activity certificate drawing.

CONGRATULATIONS to Delsy S. with Troop 120!

We hope your Girl Scout year is full of new adventures, friends and memories!

<u>Renew now!</u> Each week, we will have a new drawing winner for another program activity certificate.

New Cookie Announced - Raspberry Rally

On Tuesday, August 16, GSUSA shared the newest addition to the Girl Scout Cookie lineup: Raspberry Rally, a thin, crispy cookie infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in a delicious chocolaty coating.

The new cookie will be available for Utah customers beginning January 10 for direct shipping only, no girl delivery or booth availability. This is the first time a new cookie has been launched exclusively for the online platforms. News of the new cookie was under embargo (restricted by GSUSA) until early Tuesday morning. Raspberry Rally was developed by GSUSA and both bakers, and the decision to make it available for direct shipping only was made at the national level. Cookie Customers will still be able to purchase all their favorite flavors, as the new cookie is not replacing any others.

The direct ship option is an additional way for girls to learn and strengthen their e-commerce and digital marketing skills. There is no intent for the Cookie Program to move entirely online. Girl Scouts will continue to sell cookies via their order cards, at cookie booths, as well as online.

Action needed: For more information, review the <u>Raspberry Rally Cookie</u> <u>FAQ</u>

GSU Fall Office Hours

Beginning September 6, Girl Scouts of Utah's offices will operate on fall hours. We will be open 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. on Fridays. In addition, our offices will be closed on Wednesday, September 28, for a staff in-service day. Please check the website for <u>shop hours</u>.

Newly updated Pets Badge

Woof! Meow! Tweet! Whether pets have fluffy fur or scales, Girl Scouts are friends to all creatures, big and small. Our beloved Pets badge covers all the basics of pet care: feeding, health, and safety. Brownie Leaders: <u>purchase and download</u> the new badge requirements booklet today. Made possible by the Elliott Wildlife Values Project.

Volunteer Toolkit – What's New for 2022-2023

For Troop Leaders

Explore all-year-long without starting over! Now the Explore Tab adds-on to your meeting instead of resetting it. Combine pre-selected tracks or add individual meetings; the choice is yours! If you need to delete your plan and start over, the Delete button is on the Year Plan tab.

What else is new?

- Information about Girl Scouts in a troop is now all in one place. Their grade, communication preferences, and secondary caregiver information are now on the My Troop Tab.
- Are you looking for all the new content in one place? Use the New for 2022-2023 filter when searching for meetings (Explore Meetings or when you Add Badge/Journey) to find everything new in one easy place.
- New Speaker Template! Invite topic experts to share their knowledge and passion with your troop. Use the Speaker invite under Manage Communication on the meeting plan and get started.

Action needed: Check out all the new VTK resources by logging into your account today.

Mentorship Opportunity for Older Girls and Young Alums

Girl Scouts of Utah's signature luncheon celebration is back for 2022! Utah Day of the Girl is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Salt Lake City Marriott.

Seniors, Ambassadors, and young alums are invited to join us for this opportunity to meet and network with business leaders in a professional lunch setting. Thanks to generous donors, girls attend for free!

During the luncheon, we will highlight the impact of Girl Scouts and honor our 2022 Girl Champions, leaders in each of our four pillars – Dr. Tami Goetz (STEM), Lavanya Mahate (Entrepreneurship), and Dr. Tiana Rogers for (Life Skills), and Wendy Fisher for (Outdoors). Learn more about the <u>2022 Girl Champions</u>.

Action needed: Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (grades 9-12) and young alums (ages 18-24) are invited to apply. Encourage your Girl Scouts to <u>apply to be</u> a part of Utah Day of the Girl and submit name, age, contact information, and areas of interest by September 1.

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>
- Schedule programming for your troop with local organizations <u>Program</u> <u>Partners</u>

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Outdoor Programs

Minicamp Programs – Registration Open through 2023

Girl Scouts of Utah provides camp programs all year – not just during the summer! Girl Scouts can join paddleboarding adventures in Moab, celebrate the winter holidays, snowshoe the camp properties, and experience all their favorite

program areas.

Minicamps are a great chance for families to experience camp for a few hours to a few nights before a longer summer adventure. Registration is now open for all programs through September 2023.

Action needed: <u>Review all upcoming minicamps and register</u> for you next adventure!

Girl Scouts Love State Parks

Are you new to Girl Scouts and ready to tackle an adventure? Are you a Juliette and want to take a day trip with other Girl Scouts? Is your troop working on their travel progression so you can go on longer overnight trips? Join us at Utah Field House of Natural History State Park Museum on September 10 to celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks and go on a day trip to Vernal to learn about dinosaurs! GSU is offering transportation from our Salt Lake City office to and from the state park as an option to participate in this program. Sign up today!

Action needed: Register for <u>Utah Field House of Natural History State Park</u> <u>Museum</u> or check out our other Girl Scouts Love State Parks programs on our <u>Events Calendar</u>!

Service Unit Updates

Now Available on gsLearn

- Service Unit Fall Product Program Training
- Service Unit Communications Rep Training
- Service Unit Finance Rep Training

Girl Scout Astronomy Club Training*

You are about to embark on a truly out-of-this-world mission: starting an astronomy club!

This training will give you a solid foundation to plan and manage your astronomy club. You'll discover how to build your development plan and curriculum and lead activities for Girl Scouts of all ages, as well as learn best practices in several important areas: outreach, communication, engagement, and running meetings and events (whether they're in person, virtual, or a combination of both!).

This girl and adult training is part of the larger "Reaching for the Stars: NASA Science for Girl Scouts" program, led by the SETI Institute and supported by NASA Science under cooperative agreement No. NNX16AB90A.

Action needed: Contact Steffi Lietzke, <u>info@gsutah.org</u>, to schedule training and to implement a GS Astronomy Club in your service unit.

*This training is for volunteers & older girls who are interested in starting their own Girl Scout Astronomy Club.

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- 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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- 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>
- GSU Health & Safety Guidelines

Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

• Shop with <u>AmazonSmile</u> and select Girl Scouts of Utah



Have a question? Don't be shy! <u>Contact us</u> for more information.

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