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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 Sophia C. of Troop 1607 in Millcreek Service Unit!

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

[Renew now!](#) Each week, we will have a new drawing winner for another program activity certificate.

Ready, Set, Troop Meeting!

You're feeling good about checking items off your troop leader's to-do list: you've taken your volunteer trainings, opened a troop bank account, and explored the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK).

But one more important task needs addressing ahead of your first troop meeting: figuring out how you're going to conduct the meeting. What should you say? What should you do first? And, for that matter, what will you have time to accomplish?

Though you might have already found suggested meeting agendas and activities in the VTK, you'll want to reference these [tried-and-true tips from our volunteer experts](#) to make your first meeting a success!

Application now open for the GSU Phenom 2023 Older Girl Trip!

Join other Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors from Utah on a trip to GSUSA's Phenom! This trip costs \$1,575 per Girl Scout and includes airfare, hotel, meals, all Phenom activities, and a day at Walt Disney World.

The trip is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19 – Monday, July 24, 2023. Sixteen (16) Girl Scouts will be accepted for this trip, and two GSU staff members will supervise. Girl Scouts wishing to join this trip [must apply](#) and be selected. Girl Scouts can also travel to Phenom as a troop, as a family, or by selling 5,500+ packages of cookies.

Visit [our website](#), learn more about [GSUSA Phenom](#), and complete the [GSU Phenom Application](#) by October 2.

Recognition of Excellence Ceremony Save the Date

Awards season is right around the corner for Girl Scouts of Utah and we're excited to start honoring our amazing Girl Scouts and adult volunteers! Save the date for Saturday, November 5 for this year's Recognition of Excellence Ceremony. The ceremony will take place in the afternoon at the Thanksgiving Point Megaplex for our Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts and this year's adult award honorees. Invitations with further information and registration instructions will be sent to award recipients soon.


Don't Forget to Renew!

We are officially in the last month of our membership year. We hope that this year has been full of new adventures! In Girl Scouts, you build friendships, take on challenges, and learn to use your voice to make a difference.

 **Action needed:** [Renew today](#) to keep that experience going!

Girl Advisory Board Kickoff Party

Do you have ideas about how to make Girl Scouts even better? Do you want to help plan some of our council's biggest events? This is your chance to share your opinions, collaborate with Girl Scouts from across the state, and help shape the programs offered by GSU. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to join our Girl Advisory Board for the new membership year. We'll be kicking off the new year with a get-to-know-you party on September 30, so join in the fun and let your voice be heard!

 **Action needed:** Register for the [kickoff party](#), but even if you can't join us on September 30, you can still be a part of our Girl Advisory Board by filling out this

[form](#).

Fall Product Participation Enrollment Deadline Extended to Sept. 9


We are pleased to announce that more than 100 troops have already signed up to participate in Fall Product sales. The benefit of Fall Product sales (which offers candies and nuts for families and friends to purchase) is that the money benefits the individual troop directly, helping to fund activities for the upcoming year. To help newly formed troops and to give a bit more time for existing troops to get started, we are extending the sign-up deadline to Friday, September 9. [Sign up today](#) or contact Allison Wickel.

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 Venue 6SIX9 (new venue).

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 [2022 Girl Champions](#).

 **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 [apply to be a part of Utah Day of the Girl](#) and submit name, age, contact information, and areas of interest by September 1.

STEM Events in September

We have two exciting STEM events coming up in September and even more this fall! First, we invite Daisies to join us for STEM Fun for Daisies on September 17,

where we will be earning the new STEM Careers badge. This event includes a hands-on STEM scavenger hunt, hearing from our local NASA Solar System Ambassador, and making their very own vision frame!

Not a Daisy? Be sure to check out the STEM Exploration Day on September 24! This family-friendly, all-ages event is perfect to jump-start your troop's year in science, engineering, and more. We'll be joined by organizations from around Utah to bring you women in STEM role models and hands-on experiments and activities. Booths include the Society of Women Engineers, Little Beakers, Thanksgiving Point, and more!

These exciting events are perfect for your troop or family to experience STEM with Girl Scouts!

 **Action needed:** Register for [STEM Fun for Daisies](#) by September 7 and [STEM Exploration Day](#) by September 13.

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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Outdoor Programs

Girl Scouts Love State Parks Registration Deadline

Summer may be drawing to a close, but Girl Scouts still offers plenty of ways to get outdoors. Head outside on September 10 to celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks weekend! There is still some space for you to join, but make sure to register soon as the deadline is approaching! Explore prehistoric life at Utah Field House

State Park Museum or watch the full moose rise while hiking at Dead Horse Point State Park.

 Action needed: Register for activities at the [Utah Field House State Park Museum](#) or [Dead Horse Point State Park](#) by Labor Day!

Service Unit Updates

Trunk or Treat/Trick or Treat Food Drive Postcards

As service units are planning fall recruitment and service events, we wanted to share some good news! Girl Scouts of Utah will once again provide custom postcards for your service unit's trick or treat food drive or trunk or treat event!

The request process remains largely the same as last year. Once you know the details of your event, simply complete our request form, and our Marketing Team will prepare your postcard. Plus, if you submit your request by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14, Girl Scouts of Utah will cover the cost of printing! For any submissions after the deadline, GSU will still customize the postcard, as well as assist in finding the best printing price.

 **Action needed:** [Complete the request form](#). A sample postcard is linked in the survey. Please reach out to your MSS if you have any questions or issues with the form!

Leadership Summit 2023 – Ready. Set. Rally!


Thank you to all that were able to RALLY together at Leadership Summit!

We enjoyed seeing and interacting with each of you. We hope you found the Friday and Saturday workshops rejuvenating and energizing in preparing for the new Girl Scout year. Information from Leadership Summit will be posted on the [Service Unit Team Resources webpage](#) within the next couple of weeks.

We would like your feedback on Leadership Summit – [Participate in our survey](#) by September 5th and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 GSU Shop Certificate.

Council Connect is Back!

Council Connect meetings will resume in September. This year the meetings will be full of vital information specifically geared toward service units and designed to support your membership plan, guide troop volunteers, and help you overcome any obstacles.

 **Action needed:** [Pre-register](#) to join the council for this hour-packed six meeting series on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Required Troop Forms Update

Be sure you have the current forms and information for your troop kickoff meeting! Every girl should have a Girl Scout Year Parental Permission Form, which includes health history, medical information, and risk of COVID-19 statement.

This form should be kept on record with the troop for the entire Girl Scout year. Troop Leaders should bring a copy of this form to any Girl Scout activity held outside the regular troop meeting location.

This is the ONLY form troop and service units need to gather for activities and events. GSU has retired using the COVID Symptom Checker and Council COVID Assumption of Risk, Release & Waiver.

Questions? Contact Customer Care at info@gsutah.org or 801-265-8472

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Council News & Updates

Upcoming Holiday

As a reminder, Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 5, and all offices and shops will be closed for the holiday.

GSU Fall Hours

Office Hours

Beginning September 6, our 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. Our offices will be closed on Wednesday, September 28, for a staff in-service day.

Shop Hours

Fall shop hours for our Salt Lake City location will be Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and every second Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The shop will close September 28-29 for inventory. Fall shop hours for our American Fork location will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m., and every second Saturday of the month, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., closed Mondays, Fridays, and holidays.

Start shopping today with the [Girl Scouts Essentials Guide!](#)

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

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