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Recognition of Excellence




Recognizing Bronze Award Girl Scouts

This week we are honoring our 2022 Girl Scout Bronze Award recipients. Bronze Award Girl Scouts are Juniors who complete a Take Action Project following the Bronze Award rubric and have their projects approved by GSU.

Take Action Projects differ from community service because they are long-lasting, help fix the root of an issue, create change that is sustainable, inspire and educate others, and are measurable. These projects encourage leadership skills, community connection, being a role model to younger Girl Scouts, making the world a better place, and following the Girl Scout Law.

This year, nearly 70 Girl Scouts earned their Bronze Award by organizing incredible community projects that benefited children, community health, pets, and more!

 **Action needed:** Check out all [2022 Bronze Award projects](#).

Highest Award Recognition

All Service Unit Managers and Recognition Representatives received an email this week with information about any Girl Scouts in their service unit that earned a Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award this year.

Silver and Gold Award Girl Scouts have received information for registering for our Recognition of Excellence ceremony in November, where they will be receiving their award and certificate. Bronze Award Girl Scouts are recognized at the service unit level and information about this was included in the email with the Girl Scouts' names.

Action needed: If anyone believes there were any errors in the information they received or didn't receive an email, but thinks they should have, please contact Alyssa Meredith at ameredith@gsutah.org.

Highest Award Yard Signs

It's almost time for Girl Scouts of Utah's annual awards ceremony, Recognition of Excellence. And to help celebrate your highest award Girl Scout, limited quantities of Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award yard signs are available to purchase at the GSU shop. Signs are \$10, available while supplies last! Contact the Salt Lake City shop for availability: 801-716-5141 or girlscoutshop@gsutah.org.

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Volunteer Support

Updated Volunteer Policies

We highly encourage our volunteers to review the Volunteer Policies at the beginning of every Girl Scout year. Each year our council takes time to review the volunteer policies to make any necessary changes relevant to the work of Girl Scouts in Utah and ensure you, Girl Scout volunteers, have up-to-date information.

 **Action needed:** Review the updated [Volunteer Essentials](#), [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#), and [GSU Volunteer Policies](#) and take the training on gsLearn.

Youth Protection Training is now Live!

If you received a training notification, please go into gsLearn and check your assignments. If you still cannot find it, or have any questions, please let our Training Specialist [Ruth Strawser](#) know, and she can help.

One important training is the Child Protection Training, which is presented with a new module. (The old one is now deactivated.) According to the Child

Protection Policy, all volunteers must complete the new training before interacting with youth.

Important details:

- You must complete this training BEFORE October 31, or before your next outing, event, or Girl Scout function that will involve girls.
 - The training takes at least 30 minutes, so please set aside enough time.
 - You will need to register with PCAU (Prevent Child Abuse Utah) to complete the first two steps of the training. You will receive a prompt at the appropriate time.
 - You will need to complete Youth Protection Training even if you recently completed it or if you are currently compliant with Child Protection Training. This is because the new training is for the new Girl Scout year and for the new policy.
 - After you complete all the assigned training, you will be considered compliant for three years.
 - If you would like to review documents in the additional references, re-open the training under your completed training or via the content library. When clicking on the training to review, it will ask you if you want to review or retake this training, be sure to always select "review" until it's time to retake the training. You can access anything in the training once you have completed it until it is due for renewal.
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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. The choice is yours, combine pre-selected tracks or add individual meetings! If you need to delete your plan and start over, the "Delete" button is on the "Year Plan" tab.

What else is new?

- Even more information about the Girl Scouts in a troop all in one place, grade, communication preferences, and secondary caregiver information is 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 to get started.

Volunteer Tool Kit Emails Not Received

GSUSA is aware of an issue with sending troop emails from the Volunteer Tool Kit. The recommended work around is to copy the email and send it using your personal email. Another option is to enter your personal email as an additional email, this way you will know if the troop email is being received.

Thank you for your patience as this issue is being resolved.

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

Service Unit Delegates

It is time for all Service Units to make sure their Delegates* and Alternate Delegates are in place. Service Unit Delegates are the “Voice of the Members,” bringing the concerns of the membership to the attention of the GSU Board of Directors and leadership staff. Delegates provide guidance and input to the board

of directors on governance issues and policies affecting the future of the council and communicate this information to service unit members.

Action needed: Appoint your SU Delegates & Alternates by October 31 and return the [SU Delegate Position Agreement](#) to the council by November 5, 2022. Delegate training will be coming mid-November – early December, be sure to read the weekly volunteer newsletter for more information.

**Members, 14 years of age and older, may serve as Service Unit Delegates and participate in the democratic process.*

Service Unit Planning Packet & Stretch Challenge

[Service Unit Planning Packet & Stretch Challenge](#) is available online.

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