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Recognition of Excellence




Recognizing Silver Award Girl Scouts

This week we are honoring our 2022 Girl Scout Silver Award recipients!

When Girl Scout Cadettes focus on an issue they care about, learn the facts, and take action to make a difference, Cadettes gain the confidence and skills to catapult them into lifelong success. It all adds up to the Girl Scout Silver Award—the highest honor a Cadette can achieve.

This year, more than 40 Girl Scouts earned their Silver Award by organizing incredible community projects that benefitted land protection, refugees, cats, and more.

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

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 for 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@gсутah.org.

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Volunteer Support

Getting Your Girl Scout Troop Outside: The Fall Edition

Are you feeling energized by this season's refreshingly brisk air? Or perhaps you're looking for more excitement following the back-to-school rush? If you are, then it's time to get outside!

Exploring the great outdoors—even if the “great outdoors” is a section of your local park—instills a sense of adventure in your troop. Girls are more likely to seek out new challenges when their first outdoor experience is positive. Though activities will vary by age group, our outdoorsy Volunteer Experts have some tips for kicking off your Girl Scout troop year as sweater weather gets underway. [Be inspired by these suggestions!](#)

Youth Protection Training Now Replaces Child Protection Training

Many of you may have received notice that you have been assigned to 674 Youth Protection Training. This newly updated training replaces the former Child Protection training, and according to the new policy, completion of this training is required before interacting with youth.

If you are in a volunteer position that's a part of a troop or service team, you must complete this training before your next troop meeting or Girl Scout event. The good news, all required training is found in one place on gsLearn. You will not need to complete any additional paperwork to comply, AND it is valid for three (3) years.

You will be required to register an account with Prevent Child Abuse Utah (PCAU) and complete their online training. Once complete, be sure to download the certificate from PCAU before leaving their website - you will need to upload the certificate on gsLearn to complete the training! Once you have completed Youth Protection Training, you can access all reference items until your compliance expires.

Note: Allow at least 30-45 minutes minimum to complete the training, though it may require longer.

Volunteer Toolkit Email, Here's How You Fix It

GSUSA is aware of an issue with sending troop emails from the VTK. The recommended workaround is to copy the email and send it using your personal email. Another option is to enter your personal email as an additional email, so you will know if the troop email is delivering.

Thank you for your patience as we resolve this issue.

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 Managers – Are You Registered for SU Manager Training?


Whether you are new to the role or have been in the Service Unit Manager position for a while, you will benefit from this council-wide training opportunity with your peers.

[Pre-register!](#) Confirmation emails with additional information will be sent this week, then join us on Zoom on October 26 - 6:30-8:00 p.m.

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.*

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Staff Updates

We would like to welcome and introduce the newest members of the GSU Membership Team!

Jennifer Edwards is our newest Membership Support Specialist for Alta, Four Valley, Juniper, Mt. Olympus, Millcreek, and Honeycomb Cliffs.

Jenny has a great love for Girl Scouts and is thrilled to be joining the team! She has been a part of the Girl Scouts family for over seven years, serving in various capacities with GS San Diego. Some of her previous roles in Girl Scouts include being a multi-level troop leader, heading several World Thinking Days, being a troop organizer for her service unit, and as a Girl Scout summer camp leader, among other roles.

Jenny loves spending her time outside work, hiking, biking, and spending time with her family, friends, and her dog, a Cavalier King Charles named Daby.

Kelsey Green joins us as a new Recruitment Specialist.

Kelsey has been a part of Girl Scouts for over 20 years as a girl, National Delegate, adult volunteer, and even a counselor at Camp Cloud Rim. Girl Scouts provided

her with many life skills and friendships, and it has been one of the driving factors in her life and in her career - Kelsey has always wanted to work for Girl Scouts, and now she finally gets to share her dream with future Girl Scouts.

In her free time, Kelsey enjoys spending time with her husband, kids, and Corgi. She loves trying new things and finding big adventures. Her favorite holiday is Halloween, and she loves horror movies.

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](#)
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