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## **Product Program**

### **Fall Product is Coming to a Close**

Reminder for your Girl Scouts participating in Fall Product, the last day of this program is November 22, 2022. There is still time for them to reach their next

goal.

Encourage your Girl Scouts to send reminder emails to their customers that have not purchased from them yet. Emails can get lost, and people appreciate the reminder to help support them. Thanks for making this an amazing Fall Product season!

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## Volunteer Support

### Have You “Completely” Completed Youth Protection Training?

The new Youth Protection Training is a little different than the previous training for this subject. Not only did the title change, but there are five parts to this training. You need to complete all five-parts to be compliant.

1. Watch the video provided by Prevent Child Abuse Utah (PCAU).
2. Upload your certificate from PCAU to gsLearn Youth Protection Training.
3. Review the policies. You can do this by watching the provided video or reviewing the PDF, found in the additional references. Then complete the Knowledge Check for policies.
4. Review the resources guide. Found in the additional references as well. Then complete the Knowledge Check for the resource guide.
5. Finally, you must “sign” the agreement at the end of the Youth Protection Training module.

You will receive two emails from gsLearn. The first will confirm that you have completed the PCAU video, and the second confirms your completion of the training and are compliant. Also, you can confirm your completion under your achievements tab, and it will show how long you are compliant.

This updated training was created as a suggestion by our insurance provider to ensure that our program is taking the appropriate care of our youth. All troop leaders, co-leaders, and troop supporters must complete this training BEFORE they interact with girls.

For any questions, please send an email to [info@gsutah.org](mailto:info@gsutah.org) or contact the main customer service line at 801-265-8472.

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## Update Troop Roster

Do you have girls that have decided not to return to Girl Scouting? Do you have inactive troop members? Are you inviting girls to your troop?

Let us know if you need help cleaning up your troop roster by filling out our [Troop Information Survey](#).

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## How Troop Leaders Put the “Skills” in People Skill

Being a troop leader means being a team player, a negotiator, and a master communicator, among many other roles. And you’ll hone those skills as you work with girls and families whose communication styles are very different from yours. You’re bound to encounter an occasional misunderstanding, but how you approach a resolution is totally within your control and sets the tone for future interactions.

So how do you get what you need for yourself and your troop while maintaining strong and cordial relationships with the troop’s extended members? Borrow our Volunteer Experts’ favorite [communication and negotiation tactics](#) to get your point across effectively and move troop business forward!

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## NEW! Introducing Troop Year Plans

GSUSA is excited to announce a new program tool to support troop leaders— Troop Year Plans. These pre-defined, balanced plans give troop leaders programmatic guidance and tie in with resources currently available in the year plans available in the Volunteer Toolkit. They can be used by councils as a recruitment and training resource for new leaders, helping them plan the perfect Girl Scout year for their troop.

This new resource includes:

- [Troop Year Plans](#) (accessible in myGS) in PDF format (Daisy and Brownie Year 1 and 2 available; all other program levels launching early 2023)
- A Troop Year Plan page on girlscouts.org (launching early 2023), replacing the current Troop Leader Blueprint page

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## New Troop Leader Training Extravaganza Rescheduled!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 18! This event is focused on training for new leaders, but all leaders may attend. You may attend one session or multiple sessions. Registration will open before the winter break. Watch the Activities Calendar and your volunteer weekly update for more information.

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## Astros Astronomy Club

Does your Junior or Cadette love space? Join us as we explore the sun, moon, and stars through hands-on, girl-led fun! The [Astros Astronomy Club](#) is a club run by a team of older Girl Scouts and focuses on being a girl-led, engaging experience for participants. Club activities may vary, but have previously included planet exploration activities, space puzzles and challenges, and a trip to Clark Planetarium.

The club meets monthly from December to May, with the exception of March.

Do you have a Senior or Ambassador interested in participating? They are welcome to join our planning team! [Email Steffi Lietzke](#) for more information.

**Action needed:** Register for the December 15 [Astros Astronomy Club](#) meeting by December 5.

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## 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

### Submit applications for Service Unit Cookie Rallies

A reminder to service unit teams: if you plan to host a Cookie Rally as a Council-Sponsored Event in January, please turn in your [applications](#) and communicate with the GSU Program Team about your event as soon as possible.

Our offices are closed from December 23 - January 2, and, as we tend to get multiple requests for cookie rallies, it would be helpful to have the applications in earlier. Applications for Council-Sponsored Events should be submitted a minimum of six weeks in advance.

**Action needed:** Service Unit Teams, turn in your [applications for cookie rallies](#) if you plan to host them as Council-Sponsored Events. Check out resources for planning [Council-Sponsored Events](#).

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## Council News & Updates

### Upcoming Office & Shop Closures

GSU offices and shops will be closed next week from Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition, the American Fork Shop will be closed December 7 and the Salt Lake City Shop will be closed December 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a staff meeting.

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### 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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## Support Girl Scouts of Utah While You Shop!

- Shop with [AmazonSmile](#) and select Girl Scouts of Utah
- Shop with [Walmart online](#) and round up your change to donate.



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