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Volunteer Support

Shop with Amazon Smile

Support Girl Scouts of Utah while you shop this holiday season! When you shop on Amazon Smile, a portion of your purchase is donated to Girl Scouts of Utah at no cost to you.

Action needed: Start shopping with [Amazon Smile](#) today!

Explore Our New Program Resources!

We have two new, exciting program resources for troop leaders from our GSU Program Department! For older Girl Scouts, we have created our first STEM check out bin: Programming Robots for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors. This kit features almost everything you'll need to complete the Programming Robots badge for CSA, including a Sphero robot and tablet to use it. This kit is available for check out for troops wanting to complete the badge (badge not included) and can be reserved in UltraCamp, to be picked up and returned to the SLC office. There is a deposit and small fee to use the kit to pay for materials.

Next, we are pleased to announce that Badge in a Box is back! We are offering four different boxes at this time: two single level and two multilevel. Our single level boxes are Junior Jeweler and Cadette Trees, and our multilevel boxes are Daisy/Brownie/Junior Outdoor Art and all levels Outdoor Skills Beginner and Intermediate. These exciting boxes include almost everything that you'll need to complete the badge, including the badge itself, and can be ordered for a single Girl Scout or as a troop for a small discount per box. Boxes may be shipped or picked up in Salt Lake City. We are only doing online ordering at this time.

Action needed: Check out [Programming Robots](#) and [Badge in a Box](#).

Don't forget to complete your Youth Protection Training!

Girl Scouts of Utah has a new Youth Protection Training, and in accordance to our policy you must be completed BEFORE working with girls. The training is required for any volunteer position that interacts with girls. Those volunteer roles include troop leaders and co-leaders, troop supporters and troop product managers, and service team positions. Log into gsLearn and complete your training before the cookie season begins!

Boosting Your Confidence in Your Girls' Activities

Watching your girls discover their strengths through engaging activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM); the outdoors; and entrepreneurship might be one of the most satisfying aspects of your troop leader experience. But if you worry that you have zero experience in these any of these fields, you're not alone. For many troop leaders, covering certain program areas feels intimidating when their own skills in a subject may be lacking.

But you don't need to work in a STEM field to help your girls build a robot or be a professional artist to lead your girls in a craft. Every troop leader brings something unique to her troop, and you'll find that no matter your individual interests, you'll learn and grow alongside your girls—that's the wonderful part of the Girl Scout experience!

Maranda Oliver, a troop leader in the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland council, understands what it's like to guide girls through unfamiliar territory. She shared her confidence-building experiences, and we hope [her story](#) inspires you on your troop leader journey!

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](#).

Access the November Council Connect

November Council Connect recording and [slide deck](#) are now available on the GSU website.

- [Council Connect Recording](#)
- Passcode: 4@KaWxdt

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Council News & Updates

Upcoming Office & Shop Closures

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.

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



Have a question? Don't be shy!

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