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Spring Renewal Patch Design Contest for Girls

Has your Girl Scout ever dreamed of creating their own patch that would be worn by thousands? Now's their chance! Girl Scouts of Utah members in grades K-12 are invited to design the 2022 Spring Renewal patch with imagery from one of our program pillars: Outdoors. This patch will be given to Girl Scouts in our council when they complete their spring registration.

Submissions are due February 8, 2023 to your nearest Girl Scout office or by

scanning and emailing to info@gsutah.org. Girls will vote on patch designs during the February 11 council World Thinking Day event, and the winner will be announced the following week.

Action needed: Download the [Patch Design flyer](#) from our website to get started.

Youth Protection Training Notifications

Notifications from gsLearn have been sent out to all volunteers who have neither started nor fully completed their Youth Protection Training.

You are required to complete this training BEFORE interacting with girls if you are a troop leader, co-leader, supporter, or product program manager, as well as other council level volunteer positions that interact with girls.

Some volunteers have been confused by how to complete all the requirements. We have the steps written out in the first module, and if you don't see a green check mark next to a module, you haven't fully completed your training. If you have questions or are having trouble, please contact us at info@gsutah.org, and we will work to get you help.

Remember: This year's training is completely new, so even if you have previously taken it, you must take it again.

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 in pdf format (Daisy and Brownie Year one and two available; all other program levels launching early 2023)
 - A Troop Year Plan page on [girlscouts.org](https://www.girlscouts.org), replacing the current Troop Leader Blueprint page (launching early 2023)
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Global Programming Highlight

Did you know that December 10 is International Human Rights Day? It's also the last day of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence" campaign. This global campaign is a fantastic way for Girl Scouts to join activists all over the world in emphasizing that violence against women is a violation of human rights.

There are many different ways to get involved, including:

- Learning about the "16 Days of Activism" campaign from sources like the [United Nations](#).
- Checking out actions taken by other Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world or completing the [WAGGGS](#) activity pack (This year's theme is #SheSurfsFreedom.)
- Doing the activities in the [Global Action Days Toolkit](#) from GSUSA and work towards earning your patch.
- Plan a [Take Action project](#) after completing your Journey on this topic, or make it the focus for your Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.

Action needed: If you are new to adding elements of global programming to your Girl Scout experience and want to learn more, stay tuned for more tips in upcoming newsletters, sign up for one of our approaching global-based programs hosted by GSU (more info available on our [Events Calendar](#)), or email [Alyssa Meredith](#) if you have further questions.

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

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

When logging into the Council Connect meetings be sure you are using the correct link and passcode. There are two links with separate passcodes included in the confirmation email, one for video and one for audio only. Check out this [quick reference info graphic](#) on how to join without running into trouble.

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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](#)
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