



# Council Connect

September 28, 2022

# Agenda

1. GSU Volunteer Policy Updates
2. Mandatory Training
3. Programs Update
4. Plan for Success
5. Membership Goals
6. Important Info & Reminders



# GSU Volunteer Policy Updates

- Update Overview
- Service Unit Specific Changes
  - Trips & Travel
- NEW Youth Protection Policy
- Mandatory Training

# Overall Updates

- Current practices updated
- Content organization, readability
- Language:
  - Grammar & punctuation
  - Current terminology
- New policy added

# Finance Policies

- **Troop Finances**
  - Updated:
    - Troop Finance Report Platform
    - References
  - Added:
    - Electronic Payment Platforms info
- **Service Unit Finances**
  - Updated:
    - Report Due Date
    - References

# GSU Trip/Travel Application and Approval Process

- **1 Night Trips**
  - Updated:
    - Application submission oversight.
- **2+ Night Trips**
  - Updated:
    - Minimum time frame to submit application.

# Transporting Girls

- **Updated:**
  - Use of 12 and 15+ passenger vans

# Child Abuse & Youth Protection

- **Updated:**
  - Direction and expectations
- **Added:**
  - Youth Protection Addendum – detailed information & processes
  - Training requirements



# Service Unit Specific Policy Changes

## Application & Approval

- 1-night Trips
  - Submit to service unit
  - 2 weeks prior to trip
- 2+ night Trips
  - Submit application 8 weeks prior to departure

## Transporting Girls

- 12 passenger vans are acceptable (no change)
- 15 passenger vans are prohibited, unless professionally operated commercial vans (airport shuttles or similar)



# Youth Protection Policies

- Zero tolerance for abuse of all types
- Clear guidelines for screening, training, supervision, and evaluation of volunteers and staff
- Appropriate supervision of youth
- Appropriate interactions with youth
- Understanding and reporting child abuse



## Youth Protection Training for all GSU staff and volunteers, effective 10/1/2022

Training will be available on gsLearn

- Assigned to all staff and volunteers
- 674 Youth Protection Training

To complete the course, there are five parts:

1. A video with Prevent Child Abuse Utah (PCAU) (mandatory)
2. Uploading the PACU certificate (mandatory)
3. A knowledge check of the GSU Policies Addendum (an optional video or PDF of the policies are available for reviewing)
4. A knowledge check of the Resources (a PDF of the resources is available for viewing)
5. "eSign" the agreement (required to complete the course)



## Program Update

- Community Partners
- Activity Approvals

# You Schedule It Program Community Partners

New  
Resource



## You-Schedule-It Program Partners

- Community Organizations with agreement with GSU who have agreed to do troop activities
- Throughout the state, virtual too!
- Multiple areas, from ocean science with SeaQuest in Layton to rafting overnights with Canyon Country Discovery Center to the Book Artist badge with Clever Octopus
- Visit our webpage for more
- Contact [programs@gsutah.org](mailto:programs@gsutah.org) with questions



## Activity Approval Updates

- High Adventure Approvals are now Activity Approvals
- Updated Safety Activity Checkpoints is being released for the new member year

Common activities that need council approval:

Climbing/Adventure  
Activities  
Hayrides  
Horseback Riding

Snow Sports  
Swimming\*  
Target Sports  
Water Activities

\*Swimming approvals are only required if the facility does not staff lifeguards (i.e. hotel pools, lakes)



## Plan for Success

What are you planning?

# What are you planning?

## Celebrations

JGL's  
birthday /  
Founders  
Day  
World  
Thinking  
Day  
Girl Scouts'  
birthday  
Girl Scout  
Week

## GSLE Programs

Badge  
Workshops  
Journey in a  
Day  
Girl Scouts'  
Own  
GSU Patch  
Programs

## Getting Outdoors

NTSW  
Day Camp  
GS ♥ State  
Parks

## Service Projects

GS Tree  
Promise  
Fight Hunger  
Promote the  
Vote  
Letter or  
Card Writing  
Citizen  
Science

## Ceremonies

Investiture /  
Rededication  
Bronze  
Award  
Presentation  
Volunteer  
Appreciation  
Dinner  
Bridging





# Service Unit Cookie Rallies...

Yes!  
We are having a  
Cookie Rally.

Not Sure?  
We haven't talked  
about it.

No, we are not  
planning to  
have a Cookie  
Rally this year.



# Recruitment & Membership Update

Where are we?

As of today...

# MY22 Membership Update

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# MY 23 Membership Update

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total members



New girls & adults

Renewed girls & adults



# Service Unit Membership Update

## Girls to Goal (New or Renewed)

GSC601	GSC604	GSC606	GSC607	GSC608	GSC609	GSC610	GSC614	GSC622	GSC623	GSC624
Cache	Alta	Wasatch	Crystal View	Suncrest	Lakeview	South Davis	Tooele	Four Valley	Nebo Shadows	Fish Lake
17	49	17	27	33	3	14	14	5	16	4

GSC625	GSC635	GSC637	GSC639	GSC640	GSC643	GSC644	GSC648	GSC649	GSC653
Uintah Basin	Timpanogos	Navajo Lake	Red Rocks	Carbon	Jordan	Oquirrh	Desert Sky	Copper Meadows	Sanpete
17	44	8	4	-1	22	44	54	18	8

GSC654	GSC659	GSC661	GSC662	GSC663	GSC664	GSC665	GSC667	GSC668
Sunrise	Hunter Valley	Francis Peak	Frontier	Juniper	Mt Olympus	Millcreek	Honeycomb Cliffs	Sunnyside
52	16	18	34	41	56	9	32	36

# Recruitment Efforts



## GSU Fall Recruitment Focus & Success

- Partner with Schools & Churches:
  - Back to School Nights
  - Parent Information Nights
  - Explore GS Nights
- Starter Troop Initiative:
  - 4-6 week facilitated transition to volunteer led
  - 2 volunteers & 8 girls



## MY23 Daisy Launch Jan – Mar

Focus on recruiting new Pre-K  
(rising Kinder) and  
current Kinder families who  
didn't join in the fall.



# Important Info & Reminders

Don't miss this!



# Utah Day of the Girl Luncheon

## October 7



Save the Date

**Recognition of Excellence**

November 5

# Volunteer Training

## **New Troop Leader Training**

- Offered two sessions in September
- Two sessions are being offered in October
- Back to one on the first Wednesday in November

## **New (and Experienced) Leader Training Extravaganza**

- October 22, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Registration to open this week

## **Service Unit Manager Training**

- October 26, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

## **Service Unit Position Training (gsLearn)**

- Finance
- Communications
- SUPPR
- Events - Council Sponsored Events

New Trainings being added all the time,  
watch for new opportunities and  
encourage your leaders to do the same!

Now Accepting Council Trainer Applications

# Save the Date

Outdoor Education Conference | April 14 – 15

CAMPOREE | June 15 - 17

# Thank you!

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