

S'more News

A monthly newsletter for Girls and Family



August 2023



Backpack the Uintas, September 22-24

There are few things that are quite as rewarding as backpacking in Utah's beautiful Uinta range! Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to take a step (or many) off the beaten path, and join other Girl Scouts on this weekend backpacking excursion in Northern Utah. Backpacks, sleeping bags, and other backcountry gear are available for use on a first-come, first-serve basis. While this is a beginner trip, participants **MUST** be physically able to carry all their own gear around 5 miles each day on uneven terrain.

HIT THE TRAILS



Explore STEM with hands-on activities and real STEM professionals

Girl Scouts of all ages are invited to Girl Scout STEM Exploration Day, an afternoon full of science, technology, engineering, and math! We have invited community organizations from around the valley to join us, bringing hands-on STEM activities and real STEM professionals. Thanksgiving Point, the Natural History Museum of Utah, and the Utah Avalanche Center are all excited to join us on September 23 at the Salt Lake office. Table hosts vary from year to year but may include themes such as engineering, chemistry, and environmental science.

REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 13



Goal! Exclusive Girl Scout opportunity with the Real Monarchs soccer team

Join GSU for an exclusive: a sleepover with the Real Monarchs! Come early to the game to enjoy a hot dog dinner and entertainment, followed by an exciting professional soccer game. Then you'll sleep out on the field with your Girl Scout friends. You'll leave in the morning with a light breakfast and sweet memories of a night of soccer. You won't want to miss this exciting opportunity!

REGISTER BY AUGUST 31



Highest Awards Deadline Approaching

As the end of the membership year approaches, remember to turn in your Final Reports for your Silver and Bronze Awards by **September 30**. After turning in a Final Report, you will receive an email acknowledging your submission and congratulating you on your project. Details about recognition will be sent separately in the fall.

If you are still in the same Girl Scout level as last year, you can continue to work on your project and finish it in time for next year's deadline. However, if you bridged to a new level this year (Junior to Cadette or Cadette to Senior), you must turn in your Bronze or Silver Award Final Report by the deadline. The Bronze Award Final Report can be filled out as a troop after the leader checks off the requirements on this [rubric](#). The Silver Award Final Report must be filled out by each individual Girl Scout that worked on the project after the leader checks off the requirements on this [rubric](#).

SILVER AWARD FINAL REPORT

BRONZE AWARD FINAL REPORT

JOIN OUR NEXT HIGHEST AWARDS CHAT AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN EARN A BRONZE, SILVER, OR GOLD AWARD



Celebrate International Day of the Girl on October 11

International Day of the Girl is a day for the global community to come together to celebrate the power of girls and highlight, discuss, and take action to advance the rights of and opportunities for girls everywhere. There are many ways that Girl Scouts can celebrate this annual holiday, and it's a great opportunity to incorporate some global curriculum into your regular meetings. Here are just a few suggestions to get you started, but you'll find even more great ideas in the resources below!

- Complete the 2023 WAGGGS activity pack and earn a patch.
- Watch the movie *Girl Rising* and discuss the stories afterwards.
- Incorporate the work you are already doing towards a Journey into your celebration with aMuse, MEdia, or GIRLtopia.
- Advocate for something affecting local girls in your community at a town hall meeting or at your school.

- Seniors & Ambassadors can attend GSU's Utah Day of the Girl celebration on October 6.

WAGGGS 2023 IDG ACTIVITY PACK

GSUSA'S IDG ACTIVITY GUIDE

GSUSA'S GLOBAL ACTION DAYS TOOLKIT

NEW! Hawaii Wildfires: Fundraising Ban Lifted

Our thoughts are with those in communities impacted by the wildfires in Hawaii. GSUSA knows that some Girl Scouts of Hawai'i families have been displaced, but they have no confirmed reports of serious injury to Girl Scout staff or members at this time. They're staying in close touch with the council in order to offer support and receive new information to pass on as it is released.

The GSUSA Board of Directors has approved lifting the fundraising ban for Girl Scouts of Hawai'i for a period of three months starting immediately. Many of you have asked how you can contribute to the recovery efforts for our sister Girl Scouts and their communities. We have learned that when girls experience natural disasters/emergencies like this and are surrounded by recovery efforts, participating in Girl Scouts can be one way to help them and their families feel some normalcy. That's why the fundraising restrictions were lifted to enable girls to raise money for communities impacted at Girl Scouts of Hawai'i.

To contribute to these efforts, please direct your support to one of the agencies listed.

- Maui United Way is based in Maui and in the best position to strategically place resources that best serve their own community. They are accepting donations to its Maui Fire and Disaster Relief fund at <https://mauiunitedway.org/disasterrelief>.
- The **American Red Cross** is setting up shelters in Maui and urgently needs volunteers. You can support the **Hawai'i Red Cross** by donating or volunteering [here](#).

Action needed: Stay tuned for more information about how you can support recovery efforts.



New Mental Wellness Patch Programs Available now

Girl Scouts of the USA has released three new patch programs all about mental wellness! Becoming a Girl Scout means tapping into a supportive group of people who uplift you every step of the way. When it comes to caring for your mental wellness, the new Girl Scouts Mental Wellness patch program reminds you that you're never alone in facing challenges and further invites you to dive into and understand your emotions. You can do this by participating in activities, such as making art or writing poetry, that foster resilience and help you to better understand your world. No matter the season, never doubt your ability to rise up, and remember—you've got this.

Action: Explore the program and our FREE activities for girls in grades 4–12 [here](#).

Renew for another year of Magic!

Think back to all you've accomplished throughout your Girl Scout journey. You've helped your community, faced big challenges, discovered new passions, and made forever friends. So, what's next? Anything you can dream up! There's so much more to explore with your Girl Scout crew. Now is the time to save your place and keep growing, learning, and laughing with your best friends all year long. Renew by September 30 and save \$10!!

Renew today and keep the magic of Girl Scouts going.



Join Girl Scouts of Utah Girl Advisory Board

Girl Scouts of Utah's Girl Advisory Board is accepting applications for the 23-24 membership year. Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can share their opinions and plan some of our council's biggest events. Practice your leadership skills and help make Girl Scouts even better!

JOIN THE GAB TEAM



Exclusive Opportunity for Seniors, Ambassadors, and Young Alums

Seniors, Ambassadors, and Young Alums are invited to join us October 6 to celebrate Utah Day of the Girl. This breakfast celebration of this year's Girl Champions is an opportunity to network with industry professionals in a variety of fields and ask them your questions about a future career that may interest you. Receive tips on navigating the working world, make connections, and be inspired by the women we're honoring in each of our four pillars.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AND APPLY

Checkout our can't miss events

Find our upcoming programs on our [event calendar](#). We work hard to deliver a variety of programming throughout the state including at our camps and resource centers, in collaboration with [Program Partners](#), and virtual events.

September 9



Girl Scouts Love State Parks: Dead Horse Point (Moab) and Utah Field House (Vernal)

Dead Horse Point K-12; Utah Field House 6-12

Register by August 28.

[LEARN MORE](#)

September 13



Family Science Night

All Ages

Register by September 10

[LEARN MORE](#)

September 15-16



Love Your Planet Journey

Grades 2-8

Register by August 28

[LEARN MORE](#)

Quick links

- Receive up to three [**scholarships**](#) per year to participate in Girl Scout Programming.

- [Visit](#) our offices and shops.
 - Discover all the [activities](#) you can do with Girl Scouts.
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Support Girl Scouts of Utah while you shop!

- Shop at [Smith's](#) and follow the instructions to link your Rewards Card to 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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