



Juliette Connections



Dear Juliettes and families,

This time of year is so wonderful with the promise of fall in the air. September is one of our busiest months at Girl Scouts of Utah (GSU), and not just because it's the last month of our membership year. This September, we are holding six camps at Camp Cloud Rim, participating in our fifth annual Girl Scouts Love State Parks, and preparing for a new year. Please read further to check all the exciting ways you and your family can participate.

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Juliette Minicamp Recap

This August, Juliettes and their adults joined us for a spectacular minicamp at Trefoil Ranch! We continued with our “Choose your own Adventure” style, where Juliette families got to choose their activities instead of doing the same rotations. Some of our most popular activities were woodworking, bandana tie bags, and our egg drop. We also spent time on the archery range, made salt dough nature prints, and roasted s’mores on a beautiful campfire. It was so great to see everyone who came!

Action: Would you like to join us next year? Sign up to sell cookies starting next month. Juliettes earn the free Juliette minicamp by selling cookies! Check out our photos on [Flicker](#)!



New Juliette Activity Packets!

Girl Scouts love to try new things, so this year we're doing something a little different for our Juliette families. We will be mailing four activity packets to all Juliettes in our council this membership year. Packets will be mailed approximately quarterly throughout the membership year. These packets are sure to be a blast and will include activities, ideas just for Juliettes, and fun patches.

Action needed: Fill out [this form](#) to sign-up for activity packets for the 2023-24 membership year. The sign-up deadline for the Fall 2023 packet is September 17.

Membership Year 2024 At A Glance

We're excited for a new year at GSU starting October 1! This year will look at little different, but here's what you can expect at a glance:

Fall 2023	Cookie Sign Ups
October 2023	Girl Scout Eclipse Adventure
November 2023	Recognition of Excellence and Bronze Award Celebration

January 2024	Cookie Trainings, Cookie Program begins
February 2024	Girl Scouts Give Back Day
March 2024	Cookie booths, Cookie Program ends
May 2024	Cadette Day
June 2024	Travel Event TBA
Summer 2024 TBA	Juliette meetup in Spanish Fork
August 2024	Juliette minicamp

Also happening all year round are our exciting events, fun social media challenges, and opportunities to learn new things and meet new friends!

Action: Just a reminder that Juliettes are able to attend all council events that aren't troop only so be sure to check our [events calendar](#) for cool activities coming up!



Juliette Families Corner: Using the Volunteer Toolkit

The Volunteer Toolkit is a great online tool that Juliette families can use to save time on planning activities. The toolkit also has meeting plans for most badges, from Outdoor Art to Robotics. In the Volunteer Toolkit, you'll be able to create a year plan, selecting when you'd like to do certain badges or activities. Each

badge is formatted at 2-3 meetings, and Journeys are six meetings. Each meeting includes activities to get started, a welcome ceremony, badge or Journey activities, and a closing ceremony. There is additional support for the meetings, such as notes to help caregivers prepare for the badge or Journey and printable supplemental materials. You can even track achievements for your Juliette(s).

Action: Email Steffi at slietzke@gsutah.org for a copy of the Volunteer Toolkit Guide for Juliette families.



Awesome Activities: Finding Your Voice

New mental wellness patches were released from Girl Scouts of the USA this August, and they're a great way to explore mental health with your Juliette. Patches are available for Juniors, Cadettes, and Senior/Ambassador. In the Cadette **Finding My Voice** patch, discussions happen on stigma and how we talk about mental health and illness. Girl Scouts take the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Stigma Free quiz and discuss the answers. A beneficial way to do this with your Juliette is to discuss it as a family since she does not have a troop to do this with.

Action: Take the Stigma Free Quiz [here](#). Download the patch program [here](#).



GSU Event Spotlight: Girl Scout Eclipse Adventure

This October, join us to celebrate the annular solar eclipse! Trefoil Ranch will be in 87% totality during the October eclipse, perfect for solar observing and activities. Choose from an overnight option starting Friday, October 13 with a special campfire and night activities or come just for the day on Saturday, October 14 for a full day of eclipse fun. This fun-filled event will include hands-on science experiments, eclipse-themed crafts and creations, and tons of eclipse viewing. You won't want to miss this unique opportunity!

Action needed: Register for the [overnight](#) or [day-only](#) program by October 4 (or when the event is full).

Membership Year Ends September 30

The Girl Scout membership year ends annually on September 30, meaning all Girl Scout youth and adults must renew their membership by October 1 to stay current members. Financial Assistance is available to all members to cover the cost of membership. The benefits of membership include participation in Juliette programs, discounts at other council programs, and access to the Volunteer Toolkit.

Action: Be sure to renew by October 1 if you haven't already.



Welcome to our new Badges!

Retired, Updated, and New Badges

This year, Girl Scouts of the USA has released new badges for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors, and retired several others. The new badges released are **Animal Observer** for Daisies, **Craft and Tinker**, **Art and Design**, and **Create and Innovate** for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors. **Animal Habitats** and **Animal Helpers** were also updated. The following badges were retired: **Painter**, **Potter**, **Inventor**, **Jeweler**, **Drawing**, **Product Designer**, **Entrepreneur**, and **Social Innovator**.

Cookie Training Registration Opens October 5

Registration for the 2024 Juliette Cookie Trainings will open on October 5. Trainings will be the week of January 8 and will be offered virtually and at all three office locations. More information will be available in our October newsletter.

Action: Watch the October newsletter for information on days, times, and registration for the training.



Ongoing information

We have many resources available for Juliette parents and caregivers. Check them out:

- Parent/caregiver [info session](#). Use the passcode **Juliettes** to watch.
- Volunteer Toolkit, an online curriculum database where you can find meeting plans for badges and Journeys. Check out the Volunteer Toolkit by logging into MyGS from our website and finding it under My Account. A new PDF guide has been released and you can email Steffi at slietzke@gsutah.org for a copy.
- Stay connected with us! [Girl Scouts of Utah](#) and [Camps](#) Facebook pages and [GSU Juliettes](#). For the safety of our Juliettes, the group is private, and members must be approved. Steffi is in the group as GSU Programs.
- As a reminder, you must remain subscribed to the council newsletters to continue receiving this monthly newsletter.

Please let Steffi know if you have any questions about Girl Scouts. She is available by email and phone.



Have a question? Don't be shy!

[Contact us](#) for more information.

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