



The Trooper

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Tips for Troop Leaders

Keep the fun going all year long with FREE renewal

As an additional incentive to renew memberships (for FREE), we are adding another incentive for this year only. When troop leaders renew 100 percent of their troop members by May 31, they secure the chance to earn an additional **five cents per cookie box sold** in the upcoming 2024 Cookie Season.

We hope free renewal and the opportunity to earn more troop money will help you:

1. Include all current Girl Scouts again, giving them another incredible year of growth, laughter, and learning; and
2. Boost financial resources for your troop.

Action needed: Renew 100 percent of your troop by May 31 to earn an additional five cents per package next year.

RENEW YOUR TROOP TODAY

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It's time to get ready to submit your annual financial reports. These are due by June 30, and reports must be submitted through the Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) Finance Tab.

If you haven't used the VTK Finance Tab or would like to refresh your memory on how to submit your troop finance report, [register](#) for the live training session set for **Wednesday, May 24**. This training focuses on the practical application of the VTK Finance Tab feature, and it gives you easy tips for managing your troop finances.

Note: The 674 VTK Finance Tab Training is also available on gsLearn. It is assigned to all Troop Leaders, Co-Leaders, Troop Supporters, and Troop Treasures.

Action items

- Register for the Live Training Session on May 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- For refresher information, find the 674 VTK Finance Tab information on gsLearn. The training is assigned to all Troop Leaders, Co-Leaders, Troop Supporters, and Troop Treasures.
- Make sure to submit your annual Troop Finance Report by June 30.

REGISTER FOR TRAINING

Thank you for all your volunteer work

We have great volunteers, and we hope you know that your efforts do not go unnoticed!

To say thank you, we are sending out small tokens of appreciation. If you haven't received your appreciation gift yet, please contact your MSS.

Service Unit Shenanigans

Please join us for our final membership year Council Connect

Our last Council Connect of this membership year will be held on May 31. Please make sure to join us for important information about the summer, Leadership Summit, and additional planning and training tips.

Service Unit Finance Reports are due June 30

All Service Unit Finance Reports are due to the council by June 30. This new submission date change went into effect last year, so make sure to take note of the new date.

An important note: the Service Unit Finance Report resource platform has changed. Instead of completing a fillable PDF, you must submit reports using a locked Excel spreadsheet. You can find this document in [Forms & Documents](#) under For Service Unit Volunteers.

July 28 is the deadline for submitting council recognition award nominations

We all know those overachieving, enthusiastic volunteers who make a difference every day. Please help us recognize their efforts by nominating them for a service award. The deadline for nomination submissions is Friday, July 28.

Check out this link on how to [write a strong nomination](#). Don't forget to include your name, the complete nominee's name, the intended award, and a brief description of why this person deserves to be recognized.

Please note that some awards also require letters of endorsement; see the [awards descriptions and criteria](#).

Awardees will have their awards presented at Recognition of Excellence.

Mark your calendars for our Annual Leadership Summit in August

Every year in August, we hold our signature event for Service Unit volunteers to help volunteers plan, prepare and get excited for another successful year. This year's event will on August 25 and 26 at Trefoil Ranch.

We are working to reimagine this event and provide your team with unique opportunities you won't want to miss. Registration goes live on June 7. Stay tuned for information.

Never the Same Weekend Registration is now open

Never the Same Weekends are opportunities for Service Units to provide a 24-hour camping experience at Trefoil Ranch in Provo Canyon.

Service Units can plan their own meals and programming, or they can contract with GSU's program team to provide food and activities.

Registration information is located on the [NTSW webpage](#). Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, so please select a few dates with Service Units before registration.

Action needed: Register for a [Never the Same Weekend](#) today.

Quick Links

- Join GSU's team - [find and apply to job openings](#).
- Receive ongoing communications from GSU - [GSU's Facebook](#)
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info - [Retail](#)



Have a question? Don't be shy!
[Contact us](#) for more information.