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## [Tips for Troop Leaders](#)

### **Trips & Travel Reminders**

Did you know there are specific requirements and training for each step in the travel progression? Troop Leaders need to confirm they have all the required leader training and certifications before planning a troop trip.

Review your training checklist and see if you need to complete or renew any of the required training:

- CPR/First Aid Certification

- Planning Trips with Girl Scouts
- Camping 101 (only if camping)
- Extended Overnight & National Trips
- International Trips
- Wilderness and Remote First Aid Certification is required if more than 30 minutes from emergency services

If you haven't completed or renewed your training, register for the next available training right away. All training events are on the [GSU activity/event calendar](#). Travel progression information is available in [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#).

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## Travel Applications

Summer is right around the corner, and troops are anxious to get out and travel. If you are planning an overnight trip of two or more nights, you'll need to have your trip approved by GSU. Applications are due at least two months before your trip dates, but can be turned in sooner to get the process started.

Once you turn in an application, a GSU staff member will be in touch with you about additional paperwork that will be needed for approval. All additional paperwork will be due one month before the trip dates.

Make sure you are also reviewing [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) for any planned activities that require additional council approval, and turn in the [Activity Approval form](#) if it's required.

**Action needed:** Turn in your [trip application](#) at least two months before your trip dates and check the [Events Calendar](#) for any upcoming travel trainings you need to complete for your troop trip. Brush up on any other requirements needed for your trip on the [Travel section](#) of our website

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## Program Aid

Cadette Leaders – Are your girls ready to share their experiences and lead younger girls in adventure? We have the program and steps all lined up.

FIRST, register to attend PA training. We have some opportunities coming up, and if those options are outside your reach, let us know, and let's see what we can do.

THEN, following the Program Aid(PA) training, your girls can step into leading a new troop in troop meetings, allowing the experience of leadership and getting new girls excited about their growth in Girl Scouts.

That is a triple win!

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## Outdoor Education Conference

If your troop's attending Camporee, don't miss this training opportunity! Your one-stop to get all the training you need to complete before we all pitch our tents at Trefoil Ranch.

[Register now](#) and watch for a survey in your official Outdoor Education Conference confirmation.

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## Get your photo featured on the new GSU website

Girl Scouts of Utah members have a chance to have their photos featured on our website. We're moving to a new website this year and would like to highlight our local Girl Scouts.

Before you share your photo and optional story, please keep the following items in mind:

- You must have permission from the adults and caregivers of the minors pictured.
- Submission of a photo does not guarantee use on the website.
- If possible, please avoid blurry, low-quality images.

**Action needed:** Submit your [Girl Scout photos](#) by March 31.

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## Quick links

- Volunteer training 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](#)

- Schedule programming for your troop with local organizations – [Program Partners](#)

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## Service Unit Information

### Service Unit suggestions

**SUPPRs:** Now that cookies are distributed, check in with your new troops/first year cookie sellers over the next couple of weeks with a personal text or phone call to let them know you are there to support them and have their backs during cookie booths. This small effort can make or break a new leader's first-year experience with Girl Scouts and in the Cookie Program.

**Service Unit Managers:** Remind your troops to let you know when they are planning day trips or one-night travel plans. As a best practice, we want leaders to keep you informed of their plans.

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## Council News & Updates

### Quick links

- Join the GSU team - [View job openings and apply](#)
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info - [Retail](#)
- Receive ongoing communications from GSU - [GSU's Facebook page](#)
- [GSU Health & Safety Guidelines](#)

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- Shop with [Walmart online](#) and round up your change to donate.



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