



The Trooper

May 2024

Summer Trip Application Reminders

As we gear up for summer adventures, don't forget to turn in your troop trip applications!

- [Trip applications](#) must be submitted at least two months prior to the trip date (earlier submissions highly recommended) to ensure ample processing time.
- All required trip paperwork must be submitted at least one month in advance for approval (early submission strongly encouraged).
- If your trip extends for two or more nights, be sure to obtain approval from the Council.

Before setting off, ensure all required training courses are completed. At least one adult on the trip must hold a CPR/First Aid certification with an in-person skills check.

Looking ahead, troops planning international trips for 2026 should consider submitting applications now to utilize activity credits. Remember, activity approvals can take time, so secure them well in advance to avoid any delays. For further details on travel safety, consult the Safety Activity Checkpoints and Volunteer Policies. Let's make this summer's adventures unforgettable for all the right reasons!

Comprehensive information on trip requirements can be found on the GSU's [travel webpage](#).

Tips for Troop Leaders

Last Week for Spring Renewal

Renewing early helps you as a volunteer by giving you a better idea of who plans to continue their Girl Scout journey next year, allowing you to prepare and plan more effectively. Additionally, it helps the Council with creating the best programs!

Reminder: \$10 renewal ends on May 31. Make sure your troop earns these incredible rewards, including extra proceeds from the 2025 cookie program.

Together, we are ready to inspire girls in their next steps in the Girl Scout program!

[Renew your troop today!](#)

Trainings for Volunteers

Now that the year is winding down, find time to work on your leader training. Check out all the training opportunities on the [GSU Event Calendar](#) and gsLearn.

- [6/8 – First Aid/CPR/AED](#)
 - [6/10 & 11 – Lifeguarding](#)
 - [6/12 – Small Craft Safety](#)
 - [6/14 & 15 - Wilderness Remote First Aid \(WRFA\)](#)
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Outdoor Program

Keep your Girl Scouts engaged during the summer with the [Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Patch Challenge](#). You don't need access to a national park or the woods to enjoy the outdoors! So put yourself out there with us and participate in our Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge.

Spending at least 120 minutes a week in nature is associated with improved mood, focus, and confidence—whether you spend that time becoming a rockstar at rock climbing or making a splash in the puddles around your neighborhood.

Download our free activity sheet with 50+ fun activities to see what's possible right outside your own front door today!

Camp Staff Reunion

Attention all Camp Staff Alumni! We're thrilled to extend a warm invitation to the 2024 Camp Staff Reunion hosted by Girl Scouts of Utah – July 26 – 28, 2024. Whether you've served at Camp Cloud Rim, Trefoil Ranch, Camp Red Cliff, or our traveling camps, this event is tailor-made for you!

Join us in reliving the magic of camp, where you can hike Mount Majestic, sip coffee while gazing at the lake, and simply soak in nostalgia. Reconnect with old friends, reminisce about camp adventures, and forge new connections. There is something for everyone, from serene canoe rides on the lake to adrenaline-pumping rock wall climbs, enjoy creative crafting sessions and soulful campfire sing-alongs.

Don't miss out on this special occasion—it only comes around every five years. We can't wait to see you there! [Register Today!](#)

Service Unit Volunteers

Leadership Summit 2024

Registration for Leadership Summit is now open! Join council staff at Trefoil Ranch Friday & Saturday, August 23 & 24 – We are planning guest speakers, workshops, and breakout sessions that you won't want to miss!

Friday afternoon we will have guided tours of the new high ropes course and service unit planning sessions. Saturday is full of hot topics that you have requested including sensitive issues, conflict resolution, and more.

We look forward to seeing each of our Service Unit Volunteers at this annual event!

[Register Here](#) (*closes 8/14/2024*)

Awards Recognition Ceremony – November 9

The GSU Recognition of Excellence event will be held on November 9, 2024 - Award categories recognized on this date include Gold Award, Silver Award, Bronze Award, Cornelia Benton Scholarship, National Gold Award Scholarship, and Adult Volunteer Awards. Registration information will be sent to award recipients in October.

If you have Girl Scouts that may be interested in earning their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award, make sure to check out the resources available on the GSU [Highest Awards](#)

[webpage.](#)

Council Connections

Summer Shop Hours start the day after Memorial Day. You can reach office staff Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - noon. GSU Retail Shops will not be open on the 2nd Saturday of the month during the summer. Beginning June 1 through Labor Day, the American Fork Shop will be open from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays only.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Customer Care at: info@gsutah.org or 801-265-8472

Quick Links

- **Join GSU's team – Now Hiring: [Summer Camp Staff](#)**
- Receive ongoing communications from GSU - [GSU's Facebook & Instagram](#)
- Stay up-to-date on trainings and events from GSU - [GSU Programs Facebook](#)
- Salt Lake City and American Fork shop info - [Retail](#)



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