Learn more and get involved
(our sources)

- Stay up to date on the latest news and events regarding the GSL with Friends of Great Salt Lake at fogsl.org
- Get involved and learn about our local watershed with the Ogden Valley Watershed Action Group @ ovwag.com
- Youth Coalition for Great Salt Lake is a group of High school and college-aged students focused on public education, community collaboration and legislative advocacy, follow on Instagram
- Learn how you can conserve water at slowtheflow.org and take action @ growtheflowutah.org
- Do your part to preserve and protect the Great Salt Lake ecosystem by contacting your representatives regarding legislation relevant to the health of the Great Salt Lake. Scan the QR code to find your Local representatives

Take Action

I Promise to :

- [ ] **Reduce my water use every day**
- [ ] **Reduce* Reuse* Recycle***
- [ ] **Pick up trash when I visit parks, lakes and trails**
- [ ] **Plant native plants and trees,**
- [ ] **Teach my friends and family why the Great Salt Lake is Important**

Sign Here

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Girl Scout Troop 773
Bronze Project

Together we can help save the GREAT SALT LAKE

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The Great Salt Lake

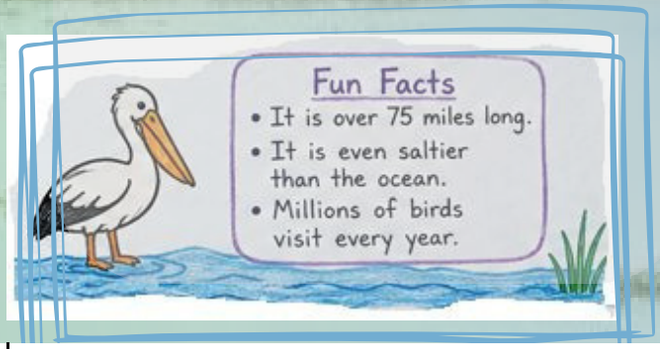
Why is the GSL important?

The Great Salt Lake is the biggest saltwater lake in the United Sates. It is one of the most special places in Utah.

The lake is very salty, so fish cannot live there. Tiny animals called brine shrimp live in the lake instead. Many birds eat brine shrimp when they stop at the lake during migration.

The Great Salt Lake provides habitats for wildlife throughout Northern Utah and 12 million migrating birds each year. It is an essential refueling and resting stop along the Pacific Flyway.

It also supports our local economy; contributing $1.9 billion and over 7,700 jobs in Utah; mostly from heavy mineral and chemical extraction (like magnesium and fertilizers), a global aquaculture industry driven by brine shrimp eggs, and local tourism and outdoor recreation.



What if the GSL dries up?

The Great Salt Lake is currently at risk of drying up, due to humans taking a majority of water from the rivers that fill the lake before they can even reach the lake. This has caused the lake's water level to drop, and it is now at risk of drying up.



If the Great Salt Lake dries up it will result in serious problems such as Pollution- Historic low water levels have exposed hundreds of square miles of lake bed. When high winds blow across the dry lake bed they carry toxic dust containing heavy metals like arsenic, mercury and lead into communities along the Wasatch Front causing health risks.

Lower water levels means the lake becomes saltier affecting brine shrimp populations and a decrease of wildlife habitats. This means less food for local animal populations and millions of birds that rely on the nutrient dense habitat to build fat reserves to make their long journeys.

How can you help?

You can help prevent The Great Salt Lake from drying up by

- reducing your local water footprint by minimizing indoor and outdoor water usage. Plant native drought resistant plants and trees. Lawns require a lot of water, so consider replacing grassy areas with ground covers, decorative rocks, or mulch
- contact your state representatives to help convince them to fund water trusts, support agricultural water optimization and establish baseline streamflow requirements for the lake.
- Clean up after yourself and others when visiting parks, trails, and lakes.
- Participate in community events to educate, advocate and clean up our environment
- REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

