

Girl Scouts of Utah Leadership Summit FAQ 2024

General Questions

Q: Can the format, date, and timing of Leadership Summit change?

A: We are reviewing and will create a comprehensive format that will benefit all volunteers.

Keynote Speaker – Jess Burns from SafeZone Utah

Q: Can materials from the SafeZone presentation be shared?

A: After piloting the SafeZone curriculum at Leadership Summit, GSU will be creating volunteer training using the SafeZone model to deliver council wide.

CEO & Board Chair Listening Session

Q: Volunteers would like campfire chats on different days of the month.

A: Campfire Chats have been discontinued and are being replaced by virtual open office hours for troop volunteers. Wisdom Wednesdays will be held the first, second, & third Wednesday each month at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom with a specific topic for discussion and allowing time for Q&A.

Q: Can you include co-leaders and troop supporters more with communications?

A: We are in the planning phases on implementation for Rallyhood and we will have an early phase rolled out in November 2024. Be on the lookout for your invitation.

Q: Can we find a way to do Youth Protection Training in person within a group?

A: In alignment with GSUSA's new resource, GSU is evaluating the Youth Protection Training and is working to simplify this in the future.

Q: Can we please make an Annual Release form for the SU that mirrors the one for the troops?

A: Please ask troops to make 2 copies of their forms moving forward; save 1 for field trips and 1 to be turned in and collected after each council sponsored event. Please note that some council events include a Risk High form as well and, in those instances, both will need to be completed. We are looking to simplify this moving forward.

Q: Can GSU look into sponsoring flyers/announcements through online Peach Jar for school districts that do not allow tabling or flyer distribution?

A: We are looking into the option of using Peach Jar in a limited capacity for Member year 2025. GSU will be piloting the use of Peach Jar within two districts this year and will evaluate the possibility of expanding.

Q: Interested in having the Board Chair and CEO attend your events?

A: Please reach out to Sonya Gilbert at sgilbert@gsutah.org to schedule.

Q: Volunteers would like a virtual streaming platform for meetings or the renewal of the paid-for Zoom option.

A: Zoom licenses are available for service units at the cost of \$99 a year. Alternatively, service units can coordinate with your MSS to host a Zoom or Go To Meeting on behalf of your service unit.

Q: Can we redo the council sponsored events incentive by allowing an SU to host one Day Camp or two events?

A: Yes, Day Camp can be counted as two events. As a reminder, all Council Sponsored events must tie back to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

Q: What is happening with the recent changes regarding background checks?

A: Girl Scouts requires that whenever youth members meet, whether in person or virtually, there are to be *at least* two unrelated, registered, and Girl Scout-approved adults who have been background checked, and one of whom is female, supervising Girl Scout members. A registered and Girl Scout-approved adult volunteer is someone who has passed a background check and has been through the council's volunteer onboarding and training process. The two adult volunteers must not be related to each other (for example, not a sibling, spouse, domestic partner, parent, child, or anyone who would be considered a family member) and may not live in the same residence.

This requirement applies to every Girl Scout gathering, including troop meetings (in person and virtual), day trips, camp, sleep-away travel, special events, activities, and projects. Members should be advised of this policy so that they can report to the council if there is a violation.

Troop leaders must always be adults. Youths or youth members are not permitted to substitute for adult supervision. This rule applies to every Girl Scout gathering, including troop meetings (in person and virtual), day trips, camp, sleep-away travel, events, activities, and projects. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Q: When will SU see an increase in SU cookie proceeds? Can there be a 1 cent increase in cookie proceeds for SU that is only allowed to be used for recruitment?

A: The Board will be looking at these questions in 2025.

Q: Would like to see an a-la-carte option for new ropes course for Never the Same Weekends

A: The Outdoor Program team is actively evaluating program options for the new ropes course and will launch those in MY25. For Fall MY25 Never the Same Weekend's, the ropes course

programming is available as part of the *Basic Support Package*. Should some participants not meet the requirement to participate in the Ropes Course, alternative and comparable programming will be provided for those participants.

Money-Earning/Fundraising Presentation

Q: When troops participate in a money-earning project for a troop trip or travel and not all girls participate, how is the money earned to be distributed toward the cost of the trip?

A: GSU Finance policies specifically state the funds in the troop bank account do not belong to one individual in the troop. This includes any monies raised by fundraisers for troop specific activities such as travel and trips. (Troop Funds)

Troop money-earning projects may not be conducted solely for the benefit of individual girls or individual adults, and money earned may not be directly donated to individual girls or individual adults. (Troop Money-Earning Requirements)

GSU is looking into this information and will review and evaluate the practices, more information will be shared as soon as possible.