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Girl Scouts of Utah | Monthly Donor Update

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A leader in the making

The Girl Scout Outreach Program at Girl Scouts of Utah has had a profound impact on the lives of the girls in our community. Through partnerships with 30 community organizations, we have been able to provide Girl Scout programming to girls in various settings, including after school programs, family shelters, refugee communities, and domestic violence shelters. Currently, we serve over 700 girls, and the feedback we have received from our partner sites and girls has been overwhelmingly positive.

In the last 6-8 months, we have witnessed a significant shift in the girls' engagement and enthusiasm. They eagerly wear their Girl Scout uniforms on non-Girl Scout days and express disappointment when it is not a Girl Scout Day.

It has been exciting and heartwarming to watch this program grow.

We want to share a special story about a girl in one of our staff-led troops. Our Outreach Program Manager, Bonnie Billings, has led this troop for over a year.

This girl was uncertain about selling cookies at the cookie booth. After a few positive interactions with customers, she turned into a model salesperson! She approached customers with confidence, efficiently filled their orders (and upselling at every opportunity!), and accurately handled the money. Because it was a new experience, she continued to seek reassurance; each time, we assured her that she was doing exceptionally well, and with every check-in, we could see her pride and confidence grow.

When it was time to drop the girls back home, Bonnie took a minute to express her gratitude for how helpful the girl had been to the other girls. Her smile was pure joy, brighter than ever before.

This story exemplifies the transformative power of our Girl Scout Outreach Program. By providing support, trust, and belief in these girls, we witness growth and self-assurance. Your support of Girl Scouts helps us to continue making a difference in the lives of these incredible young women. Together, we can provide them with the opportunities they deserve and empower them to reach their full potential.

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Reminiscing about Camporee

Three days, 500 campers, one mission! Camporee '23 (themed “Camporee Survivor”) was held at legendary Trefoil Ranch. Over the course of three days, the Camporee campers experienced Girl Scout traditions, engaged with each other and with the natural environment, and all emerged as Camporee Survivors.

Television Survivors are tasked to “Outwit, Outplay, and Outlast.” The Camporee challenge was to build girls of Courage, Confidence, and Character. Instead of eliminating players, we all finished camp stronger together. We had 500 campers all from different walks of life, working together to build courage, confidence, and character.

Camporee highlights included a massive SWAP exchange*, a “tent city” in our camp meadow, “Idol Chase” scavenger hunt, outdoor skills activities, a campfire complete with s’mores, and an epic dance party.

Camporee is an important step in camping progression, increasing outdoor competence, confidence, and interest, all while teaching environmental stewardship to girls. Camporee facilitates a sense of belonging for Girl Scouts within our statewide sisterhood.

SWAPS stands for “Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere.” They are small tokens of friendship that Girl Scouts exchange with one another, and each SWAP uniquely reflects a

fellow Girl Scout, their troop, or a memory of a special event. They're a great way to share stories and get to know Girl Scouts from across the country and the world.



Summer Camp is in full swing!

This summer Trefoil Ranch will deliver outdoor programming to almost 2,000 participants. Girl Scouts have been busy singing songs around the campfire, making new friendships, challenging themselves with new activities, and falling in love with the outdoors. Programming is delivered by our team of 60 camp staff originating from 8 countries worldwide. Follow all the fun on our [Facebook page](#).

Phenom, here we come!

On July 19-24, GSU is traveling to Florida with two groups of Girl Scouts to attend Phenom by Girl Scouts. The first group celebrates our council's top cookie sellers as a reward for those that sold over 5,500 boxes; the second group is a travel opportunity for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors to see another part of the country, meet Girl Scouts from around the nation, and enjoy time at Disney World.

This can't-miss experience will have something for everyone, including awesome celebrations of Girl Scout achievements during the National Bridging

Ceremony and Gold Award Girl Scout Celebration. Girls will get to explore the Hall of Experiences, hear from inspiring mentors, share their vision for Girl Scouting, participate in a collaborative art project, and collaborate with their peers in Girl Scout-led talks. We'll also be attending an education day at EPCOT to learn about career opportunities through Disney's Imagineers



GSU News: AmeriCorps

For the past six weeks, AmeriCorps NCCC members have been lending their helping hands and making a lasting impact at Trefoil Ranch and Camp Cloud Rim. From setting up tents to repairing platforms, the team has been instrumental in getting Trefoil Ranch ready for the summer. They were recently able to get into Camp Cloud Rim and helped remove dead trees left from the harsh winter. Their hard work will make a huge difference in maintaining the camp's beauty and safety.

AmeriCorps is the federal agency connecting individuals and organizations through service and volunteering to tackle the nation's most pressing challenges. AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a full-time, team-based residential service program for 18–26-year-olds. Team members work for nine months out of the year, responding to different community needs.

Glamp with Us! Camping for a Cause

August 18-19 | Camp Cloud Rim, Park City



Register for Camping for a Cause

Have you registered for Camping for a Cause? We still have a few spots available for our annual 'glamping' event. Enjoy a weekend of fun activities at GSU's renowned Camp Cloud Rim. All proceeds support GSU camp programs, where girls develop crucial leadership and life skills.

Friday night begins with a cocktail reception, followed by dinner and a silent auction. We will end the evening with a movie under the stars and a dance party with a DJ. Wake up Saturday morning with morning yoga followed by your choice of camp activity.

Early bird pricing lasts until July 28; tickets start at \$250. This event is for women 21 and older.



The Gift of Girl Scouts

As the new Girl Scout Membership Year approaches, GSU wants to ensure all girls have the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts. With the help of generous donors like you, GSU is able to offer free membership to girls and adult members for the upcoming membership year. This gift is a small way to show the immense appreciation and gratitude we have for our Girl Scout community.

If you'd like to help us continue giving the gift of Girl Scouts, consider making a donation towards membership. Annual membership is \$25 per girl. As you complete your donation on our website, change the designation to "Membership" to support our incredible members.

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