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Girl Scouts of Utah | Monthly Donor Update

September 2023

Camping for a Cause 2023

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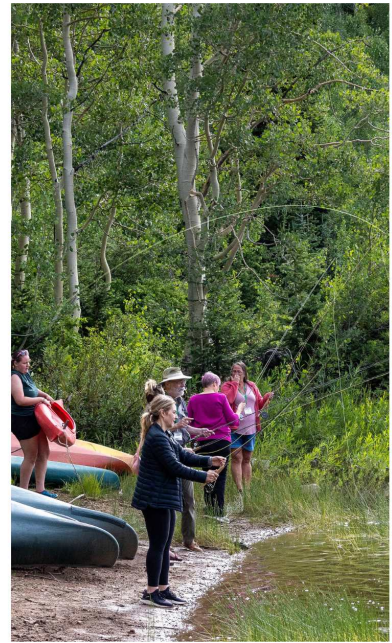


Camping for a Cause 2023 was an outstanding success, with nearly 80 enthusiastic campers and 20 dedicated staff members coming together to support the Girl Scouts of Utah. The event was once again held at Camp Cloud Rim, and the weather was perfect. We raised an impressive \$21,000 in the Paddle Raise and raised over \$57,000 in total. We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who attended and our terrific staff members who worked so hard to ensure our campers had a fun time.

Beyond being a fundraiser, Camping for a Cause 2023 emerged as a "friend-raiser". The weekend saw meaningful connections among a group of supportive

and wonderful women who came together to champion the Girl Scouts of Utah's camping programs. From exhilarating rock-climbing adventures to a delectable Indian cooking demonstration and an unforgettable dance party, the event was a vibrant celebration of community, demonstrating the enduring power of unity in support of our mission. Thank you to everyone who made this event a remarkable experience and an incredible success.

We are already thinking about Camping for a Cause 2024. Please put August 9-10 on your calendar, so that you do not miss another unforgettable experience!



Meet one of our fantastic volunteers – Jennifer Treadway



Jennifer on the left with her husband and two children.

If you asked Jennifer Treadway what she does for Girl Scouts, she would tell you “Not much,” but any Girl Scout alum, girl, parent, staff, or fellow leader will tell you she is changing girls’ lives.

Jennifer joined Girl Scouts when she was in the fourth grade. She stayed with Girl Scouts in high school, participating in beloved traditions like camping. Her fondest memories of being a Girl Scout involve camp cooking, a probable contributor to her love of the outdoors.

Jennifer could not find an available troop for her daughter, so she started one! In true Girl Scout fashion, she turned a challenge into an opportunity. Since 2014, she has volunteered as troop co-leader, troop leader, troop product manager, and service unit event coordinator.

Looking back over her nine years as a Girl Scout volunteer, Jennifer says connecting with girls is the most rewarding part. One of her favorite memories has been doing cookie booths with the young girls and watching as they come out of their shells while interacting with customers.

According to Jennifer, being a Girl Scout means continually striving to improve yourself and your community. And if you are interested in joining, she says to do it with your whole heart because the more you put in, the more you get out of it.

Jennifer is always ready and willing to tell everyone about our amazing programs. She is the true embodiment of a leader, facilitating the girl-led program and creating a safe space for girls to lead and make their own decisions. Girls are at the center of Jennifer's work as a volunteer, further cementing her position as a true ambassador for Girl Scouts.

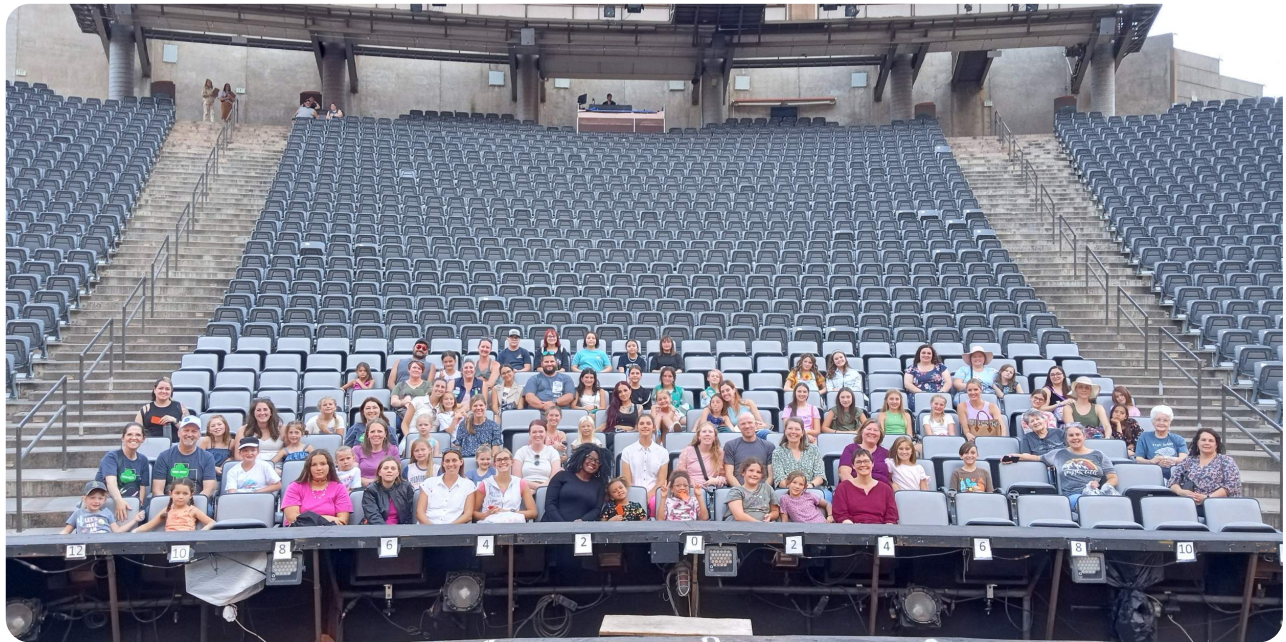
Girl Scout Engineers explore engineering with GSU



This August, our program department headed north when we held Girl Scout Engineers at our Ogden office. We hosted 12 Girl Scouts in grades 2-8 for an evening of engineering, where they earned and received their Engineering Girls GSU patch. Joined by an engineer from a local company, Girl Scouts learned about famous women in engineering, built their very own mechanical grabber using milkshake straws, and designed and created popsicle stick bridges. Finally, the evening ended with an egg drop where the girls used their resources to create a safe landing for their egg. These Girl Scouts had a wonderful time exploring the exciting world of engineering with us!

Check out our [photos.](#)

Program Community Partners expand at GSU



Girl Scouts visit Tuacahn Amphitheatre for an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour.

Program Community Partners are organizations in the community who provide activities, events, or troop support to Girl Scouts. This membership year, we made strides in expanding our program opportunities.

We added the “You Schedule It” partnership option, a flexible partnership model where organizations agree to provide certain badges, Journeys, or other activities to Girl Scouts and are listed on our program partners webpage. This option for partners allows us to better serve our busy troop leaders by giving them a handy list of field trips or enrichment activities.

This year we were able to double the number of our full partners, which are partners who provide larger events. These partners served nearly 1,600 participants around Utah. We were also able to expand offerings outside of the Salt Lake valley by 40% from the previous membership year. Notable new partners include the FBI, St George Hospital Child Life Department, the Hutchings Museum Institute, and Stokes Nature Center.

Look over our full list of partners and see who you recognize!

PROGRAM PARTNERS

Outreach Program Update



Our outreach program continues to grow and we are proud to have served over 800 girls in our fully-funded troops. We have started a partnership with Salt Lake County Youth Services in their Shelter Care program where we will lead a troop from their residential facility while girls are waiting for safe placement (either reunification with guardians or a foster placement). We are so excited about creating space for more specialized troops.

The Gift of Girl Scouts



As the new Girl Scout Membership Year approaches, Girl Scouts of Utah (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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