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Girl Scouts of Utah | Monthly Donor Update

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2024 Camping for Cause



We are thrilled to share the incredible success of our recent event, Camping for a Cause, which raised an impressive \$71,000+ for camperships (camp scholarships) to support girls in need in Utah. This year's event exceeded all expectations, bringing together a vibrant community of women who are united by a shared commitment to empowering young girls through the transformative experience of camp.

Highlights of the Friday evening schedule of events included an engaging speech about the impact of camperships on her own life from Girl Scouts of

Utah's Board Chair, Joelle Creager. We also debuted a [**newly produced video featuring our two iconic camps**](#) and the impact that summer camp has had on generations of women in Utah since the 1930s. The generosity of our guests during the Paddle Raise donation program that followed these touching Girl Scouts of Utah tributes was truly heartwarming with over \$31,000 raised in less than ten minutes.

Also, a successful silent auction was held on Friday night, which featured hundreds of donated goods and services from local businesses, artists, and nonprofits from all over Utah. We extend our deepest gratitude to all the organizations and people who contributed to our silent auction and made that fundraising possible.

Following their evening of unprecedented generosity, our guests woke up on Saturday morning to a picturesque mountain sunrise over Lake Brimhall, ready to enjoy their day of traditional Girl Scout activities – from hiking and kayaking, to hat making and cookie art. Our guests finished their day with a spirit full of the joy of summer camp!

Huge thank you to our sponsors and presenters who make Camping for a Cause possible with financial and in-kind support: Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, Beltex Meats, Big T Recreation, Bohemian Brewery, Chef Jean Andrews, Don Owen, Lyn Christian, Lisa Thompson, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Princesse DesRose, Ruin, Scott White, Sugarhouse Distillery, and Utah Food Services.

We would be remiss to not mention the volunteer Fund Development Committee members who gave countless hours toward the planning and execution of this event. We are grateful for your commitment to the girls more than you could ever know.

At Girl Scouts of Utah, we know that Camping for a Cause is more than just a fundraising event; it's a celebration of community, compassion, and the belief that every girl deserves the chance to thrive. Thank you to the many guests who have helped us make a difference in the lives of girls and for being a part of this extraordinary journey. We look forward to continuing our mission and seeing the incredible impact of this generosity on the lives of young girls next summer.

Support our Campership Fund!

If you could not make it to Camping for a Cause this year, you can still support our initiative that gives all girls the opportunity to attend Summer Camp regardless of their financial situation. Camperships are an integral part of our commitment to give all girls access to our programming. In 2024 alone, we spent over \$60,000 on camperships.

To donate directly to our Campership Fund, [please visit our website](#). To further your impact, consider becoming a monthly recurring donor and a member of our Daisy's Circle. Each month, your recurring campership donation will make it possible for girls to experience the transformative power of summer camp and the impact it will have on the rest of their lives.

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Donor Spotlight: Rachel Benator



While we have you engaged in the success of this year's Camping for a Cause and the importance of raising funds for camperships, we would like to put a spotlight on the person whom we honored as a Golden Camper at this year's event. The distinction of Golden Camper has only been bestowed upon this single person because she has attended EVERY Camping for a Cause since 2002 – Rachel Benator!

We honored Rachel Benator for her steadfast loyalty to raising funds for

camperships for the last 20+ years with a gift basket and an honorary Golden Camper certificate. Thank you, Rachel, for your commitment to the girls who benefit each year from the Campership Fund. We are certain that your streak of attending every Camping for a Cause will continue for many years to come.

Announcing the Girl Scout Leadership Showcase



This year's Utah Day of the Girl, happening on October 4, promises to be more inspiring than ever with the introduction of our new Girl Scout Leadership Showcase. This pre-event reception will feature tables where Girl Scouts will share insights into the various aspects of GSU programming and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. We are thrilled to have current Girl Scouts on hand to highlight the impact that our programming has had on their lives. The showcase will include booths on topics like travel, outdoor programming, STEM, and our robotics team. It's sure to be a standout feature of this annual celebration, offering a unique glimpse into the incredible opportunities Girl Scouts provides!

Tickets are on sale now, check out [our webpage](#) for more details!

Top Cookie Seller Disney Cruise



Eleven exceptional Girl Scouts from our council recently embarked on a magical Disney cruise from Florida, a well-deserved reward for their incredible achievement of selling 5,500+ boxes of cookies each! Nine of these go-getters hail from the same troop, demonstrating the power of teamwork and shared goals that Girl Scouts can teach.

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