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Gratitude to our donors



In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we pause to express our deepest appreciation for your support. Your commitment to our cause is the driving force behind the history we are making today. Together, we are shaping a better world for girls and leaving a lasting impact. Thank you for being a crucial part of our mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts of Utah

Why I Give – Curly Klebba



My story begins over 50 years ago. When my older sister was in Girl Scouts, and my mother was her leader, I was a tag-along, so my Girl Scout journey started early. I became a Girl Scout Brownie as soon as I could at age six. And I've been a Girl Scout ever since.

As cliché as it sounds, Girl Scouts literally saved my life. I was an awkward, nerdy, shy youngster and, since my family moved around a lot, I didn't know how to make and keep friends. I didn't fit in anywhere and was often bullied. Girl Scouts became my connection, my safe place, my home.

No matter where I went in the Girl Scouting world, I felt included, I developed self-esteem, and built confidence. Maybe I couldn't play sports, but I could climb

walls, paddle a canoe, and go on overnight backpacking trips. I may not have had many school friends, but I had my sister Girl Scouts around the world. I didn't have enough votes to win any student body government positions growing up, but I could lead a Girl Scout troop at the YWCA, be a girl-member of Girl Scouts of Utah's Board of Directors, earn my First Class award as well as a Gold Award and visit Venezuela on a Girl Scout International Opportunity all before I graduated from high school. After high school, I had the opportunity to work at both Camp Cloud Rim and Trefoil Ranch while I went to college.

When my daughter was born, I knew that she would be a Daisy right away. My daughter was very active in Girl Scouting. She participated in more than one troop, enjoyed camping, trips and Girl Scout conventions. She earned so many badges that we couldn't place them all on her vest. I was fortunate to be her troop leader during her high school years and now she is a lifetime Girl Scout. She is following in my footsteps will be working for GSU as a minicamp staff member. My wife, Cindy, is also a lifetime member and she too worked one summer at Trefoil Ranch. You could say Girl Scouting runs deep in my family.

Why do I support Girl Scouts of Utah? To me, it's an answer as easy as breathing. Girl Scouts gave my life meaning, helped me become who I am, and continues to play a big part in my life today. People I met in Girl Scouting 30, 40, even 50 years ago are still in touch and so important to me. I want to make sure that as many girls as possible have similar opportunities to discover themselves and become women of confidence, courage, and character.

Recognition of Excellence



November is one of our favorite months at Girl Scouts of Utah because we get to celebrate all the amazing accomplishments of our members. On November 4, we recognized our Bronze Award Girl Scouts and the winners of the national “To the Moon and Back” essay contest winners with a celebration at Trefoil Ranch. Then the following week, we held our annual Recognition of Excellence ceremony to honor our adult volunteers, Gold Award Girl Scouts, Silver Award Girl Scouts, and Cornelia Benton Scholarship recipients.

Girl Scout young alums Emily G. and Tanya Y. hosted the afternoon’s program as guests enjoyed a meal of zucca di burro ravioli at the Ogden Eccles Conference Center. Girl Scout Troop 215 led the audience in an opening flag ceremony and Girl Scout Cadette, Eliza R, enchanted us with a musical performance on her cello. The programs’ showstoppers were this year’s ten Gold Award Girl Scouts, who each shared about their extraordinary efforts to change the world and received their well-deserved pins on stage from GSU’s CEO and Board Chair. We can’t wait to see what next year’s projects will bring and look forward to honoring them again in November 2024.

Girl Scout Cookie Program 2024



Get ready for the sweetest time of the year as Girl Scout Cookie season approaches! Brace yourselves for the largest girl-led entrepreneurship program in the world, where our young Girl Scouts learn essential skills through hands-on experience. Unlike traditional fundraisers, this initiative is a cornerstone of our entrepreneurial programs, fostering leadership, confidence, and business savvy among our girls.

Join us in supporting this empowering venture by contributing to the cause—order your favorite cookies online starting in January, connect with a local Girl Scout, or swing by a nearby cookie booth in March. Mark your calendars because pre-orders kick off on January 20! Your delicious support helps shape the future leaders of tomorrow. Don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of something truly extraordinary!

Support our STEM Programs



Throughout the year, our dedicated team at the Girl Scouts of Utah works to provide enriching STEM experiences for our girls. From captivating coding programs to collaborative partnerships with esteemed organizations, we are on a mission to inspire and educate the next generation of innovators.

One of the highlights of our STEM calendar so far this year has been the Solar Eclipse Adventure, where over 100 Girl Scouts embarked on a thrilling journey to camp. Witnessing a solar eclipse firsthand not only left a lasting impression on our girls but also ignited a curiosity that will propel them toward future STEM endeavors.

To continue offering such transformative experiences, we are seeking your support. Your donation will contribute to the expansion of our coding programs, ensuring that girls have access to valuable skills that are increasingly relevant in today's tech-driven world. Additionally, your contribution will help sustain our partnerships with other organizations, allowing us to create fun and impactful STEM programming that captivates the imagination of our young learners.

Contribute to our year-round STEM Adventures! Please visit our website and complete your donation. As you finalize the process, kindly change the designation to "Unrestricted" to support the full spectrum of our STEM initiatives. Your generosity will empower our Girl Scouts to dream big, discover their potential, and embrace the wonders of STEM. We are profoundly grateful for your consideration and continued support as we work together to shape a future filled with curious, confident, and capable leaders.

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