



# Connections

Girl Scouts of Utah | Monthly Donor Update

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Welcome to our latest newsletter packed with exciting updates and happenings at the Girl Scouts of Utah! In this edition, we're thrilled to share news on upcoming events, Girl Scouts' Birthday, and news for the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Month!

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## Why I Give - Joelle Creager



A long time Girl Scouts of Utah volunteer from the Ogden area, Joelle Creager has always had the desire to give back to the organization that instilled the courage, confidence, and character that shaped her from age ten. She has served in many Girl Scout volunteer positions including Troop Leader, Service Unit Director, Trainer, state and National Delegate, as well as serving on a variety of Board and Volunteer committees. She is currently serving as our Board Chair.

*What Does Girl Scouts mean to you?* "that's a difficult question for me to answer because it means everything to me. Truly what Girl Scouting means to me is that it mentors, fosters, and uplifts me.... I was involved with other activities when I joined the organization, but there wasn't that comradery and friendship . I really attribute that to the way Girl Scouts get to try all sorts of activities together in a safe place."

*When did your journey with Girl Scouts begin?* “My journey began at the age of ten, and it was a pivotal time in my world. We had just moved out of my childhood home, I had changed schools, and I had a new baby brother. A girl in my new school asked me if I wanted to try Girl Scouting. And I really needed that sense of belonging being a brand-new kid at a new school where everyone else has already formed friendships. I immediately said yes, and they showed me the badge book. My heart just burst open when I saw it and the ability to earn all the badges.”

*What are some of your special memories from Girl Scouts?* “I think having my eyes opened to the outdoors at Camp Red Cliffe, where I overcame my fear of water. I actually had to have stitches during swimming lessons when I was much younger, so I ended up becoming a fair swimmer during my time at camp... As an adult, I have 30 years of experience and memories to choose from. But the 2002 “Wider Opportunity” event that we held in Utah is one of my favorite. We held the event at Trefoil Ranch and Girl Scouts came from across the country to be able to experience our Winter Olympics. That has really stayed with me and I loved the experience.”

*Why do you support Girl Scouts of Utah?* “Girl Scouting is part of my very being. When I first saw the Promise and Law at age ten, it was really a time in my life when I needed direction. Even now, I have that to formulate my life...It’s not that I’m giving back to the organization, I feel like it’s still giving back to me. Giving back feels like it owes me something, and I feel like I continue to still owe it. I feel like it feeds my soul, and it is who I am. That’s why I support Girl Scouts.”

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**Girl Scout Birthday!**



Last week, Girl Scouts of Utah celebrated the Girl Scouts' birthday! This event, held on March 12, commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 12.

We celebrated each day of the week with a new theme and activity for Girl Scouts to participate in. Check out our [social media pages](#) to see all the highlights from the week!

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## Girl Scout Night With the Utah Jazz



We were thrilled with the turnout for our Girl Scout Night with the Utah Jazz! Our members took advantage of the exclusive opportunity to secure discounted tickets, complete with special perks like early-entry access to watch the team's warm-up session. Everyone in our "Girl Scout Only" section had a blast and even ended up on the jumbotron a few times! The event served as great advertising for the Girl Scout Cookie season and a bonding experience for our members.

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## Partner Spotlight - Harmons



Girl Scouts of Utah is thrilled to announce the return of our \$25,000 presenting sponsor for Utah Day of the Girl, Harmons. With their steadfast support of Girl Scouts of Utah, Harmons has become an integral part of our mission, and we are grateful for their continued partnership.

Harmons stands out for their corporate citizenship in Utah. Among their various charitable endeavors, they support organizations like the Utah Food Bank, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Special Olympics of Utah, Loveland Aquarium, and Red Butte Gardens. Their contributions span financial aid, grocery donations, offering retail space, and volunteering staff time. Each year, they play a vital role in uplifting our communities and supporting beloved organizations.

We would like to thank Harmons for everything they do in our great state of Utah. For Girl Scouts, their returning sponsorship of Utah Day of the Girl plays a vital role in providing our mission and empowering girls across our community.

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## GSUSA News



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month! Volunteers are truly the heart of Girl Scouts of Utah, and we will be celebrating them all month long. Want to get involved? To make thanking our volunteers even easier, we've compiled a set of special fill-in-the-blank resources (like a printable card, thank-you email template, and coloring sheet) that you can customize for your favorite volunteers. [Check it out!](#)

### Girl Scouts of Utah Camperships



Ever wondered how awesome our camps are for Girl Scouts? Our camps are like a nature adventure playground where girls can explore all kinds of new activities such as canoeing, rock climbing, and horseback riding. Girl Scouts of Utah makes sure that any Girl Scout, has the opportunity to experience a summer camp program. Your support means a lot to keep this going and ensure every girl gets a shot at these incredible experiences. Ready to make a difference? Donate today!

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