

Top 10 | September 2021



Updates for Service Unit Teams

- 2020-2021 Plan of Works are complete. Congratulations to the following Service Units who achieved the President's Award!

SU603	SU770	SU821	SU870
SU612	SU771	SU831	SU882
SU616	SU805	SU846	SU886
SU622	SU808	SU855	SU889
SU624	SU810	SU857	SU922
SU626	SU811	SU858	SU923
SU760	SU812	SU859	SU941

- The 2021 Service Unit Director's Retreat was a success! Information on training sessions, slide decks, and handouts will be emailed to all invitees, keep an eye on your inbox! We will also be sending a post-event survey to gather info on sessions, what you liked, and what you would like to see next time. Please respond to this survey as it will help us plan future Service Unit development opportunities.
- Now that back-to-school is in full swing, so please be sure to welcome any new leaders to your Service Unit! Introduce them at your leader meetings, invite them to your Service Unit Facebook group if you have one, and make sure they have the information for any other Service Unit communications.

What's Ahead

Please share with leaders the below information through email and social media and add it to your leader meeting agenda.

- **New gsLearn Training Platform is Live**
I'm very excited to announce that we have one uniform training platform for all volunteers – gsLearn! From new leader training to product program training to Service Unit trainings, all of these will be in one easily accessible spot online. Log in and check it out!
 - Go to www.girlscoutstoday.org
 - Click MY GS in the top right corner
 - Log in
 - Click gsLearn on the menu on the left side
- **Fall Product Program**
[The Fall Product Program](#) is just around the corner! It's a simple, fun product program offering girls and troops the opportunity to earn funds for Girl Scout activities while also practicing five important skills: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics. **Troops earn 25% profit on the sales they make!**

- The theme is “Rise Up” and the mascot is the Emperor Penguin.
- Girls can participate in the [Avatar Scavenger Hunt](#) to earn a decal and a chance to win a huge plush penguin!
- Troops who participate in the Fall Product Program will have access to early cookie booth sign-ups!
- Troop Product Manager Training can be found on [gsLearn](#).
- There are two new products – Ruby Medley and Sweet and Salty Mix. Get samples at your September Service Unit meeting.
- **Important Dates**
 - **October 1-November 21** — Online order-taking period
 - October 1-17** — In-person order taking period
 - November 12–21** — Girls deliver products and collect money
 - November 21** — online selling ends, last day to deliver the product, girls turn in money

Check out our [Fall Product Program page](#) for more information- and to make your own Avatar to share on social media and more!

- **There is a new Girl Scout Cookie!** During the 2022 cookie season, girls will sell Adventurefuls! The cookies are brownie-inspired with caramel flavored crème and hint of sea salt.
- **[Sign up for Leader Low Down on November 5-6 at Camp Liberty](#)**
Join our special weekend just for troop leaders at Camp Liberty! Explore camp and connect with other volunteers while learning valuable skills to running a successful troop.
- **Join weekend horseback riding this fall!**
The horses are back and they want you to spend time with them! Weekend riding dates are available now with limited space in September and October. Daisy through Ambassador Girl Scouts can spend time learning about horses and saddle up for adventure on pony rides, arena rides or a tour on the trail. **Register** online while spots are still available. We are looking for equestrian volunteers to help with the weekend riding program. If you have experience with horses and love working with youth, this is a great way to help build girls of courage, confidence and character—email info@girlscoutstoday.org for information on volunteering.
- **Tackle the High Ropes Challenge Course!**
Adventure-seekers – come out to Camp Liberty for an obstacle course above the trees! Through a series of challenges and elements, girls and adults will work together to make it to the final spot and then zip line down. It is seriously an adrenaline rush! Spots are limited in September and October but more dates will be coming in the spring. Check out available dates using the **[events calendar](#)**.
- **Explore our local camps at Friends and Family Days!**
Bring your family and friends to visit any of our beautiful camps for a day of outdoor fun! Take a hike on one of our many scenic trails, shoot some archery or slingshots, challenge friends to a game of gaga ball, and don't forget your picnic lunch. Dates are available at Camp L-Kee-Ta, Camp Liberty and Camp Little Cloud so you can visit them all! Find all the dates and locations on the **[events calendar](#)**.
- Come to GLAMP! Invite your friends and family to experience a fun-filled weekend of summer camp activities for adult women at Camp Liberty. September 25-26, GLAMPers are invited to choose their adventure and relax in the beautiful outdoors. **[Find out more about the fundraising event!](#)**
- Prepare your troops to support other Girl Scouts through the Gift of Girl Scouts. As part of the end-of-year campaign, troops are invited to share financial support and each girl will receive a Gift of Girl Scouts patch. Call 800-798-0833 or email info@girlscoutstoday.org for more information.

Upcoming

2021 Fall Product Program

- September: Fall Troop Product Manager trainings online
- September: Attend Service Unit Meeting, pick up materials, service-unit-specific information
- October 1: Fall Product Program Begins (in person and online)
- October 17: In-Person Sales end
- November 10-12: Snack Delivery to Service Units
- November 21: Last day to deliver the product, online ends

2022 Cookie Dates

December: Online cookie training

December: Attend Service Unit Meeting to get service-unit specific info and new cookie samples

January 7: Digital Cookie and Pre-orders begin

January 25: Troop Initial Order due

February 12, February 14-17: Cookie Delivery to Service Units

March 27: End of Cookie Program

2021-2022 Events

October 23: Family Halloweekend, Camp Liberty

November 5-6: Leader Low Down, Camp Liberty

January 15: Empowering Girls, Empowering Change, Waterloo

May 14: Leading the Way/Honoring Excellence/Girl Conference, Coralville