

What is Kaleidoscope?

girlscouts
of california's
central coast

Kaleidoscope is a weekend long Camporee held every other year in Santa Barbara County for Junior through Ambassador Girl Scout troops. Its focus is outdoor skills but with amazing workshops, there is something for everyone! Save the date for **April 26-28, 2024!**

Troops can choose to participate in as little or as much as they want and do not need to have extensive outdoor experience. All you need is a willingness to learn and experience new things and have fun!

Note: Kaleidoscope is not a competition but a chance for your girls to see how well they know their skills.

Outdoor Skills:

Girls can choose to participate in Outdoor Skills Challenges where they will show off their outdoor skills. They can choose to be scored by our experienced judges or participate just for fun. They can choose any or all of the following:

- Camping Skills
- Compass
- Fire building
- First Aid
- Flag Ceremony
- Kim's Game
- Knots
- Lashing (C/S/A)

Workshops:

Workshops are a great option for girls that do not want to participate in as many Outdoor Skills Challenges. There are workshops that focus on art, skills, games, and cooking.

There will also be a S.W.A.P.S. station where girls can make their own S.W.A.P.S. to trade with other girls at the event. S.W.A.P.S. stands for Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere and are a time-honored Girl Scout Tradition that many troops make to trade at Kaleidoscope.

Saturday Evening Program:

Girl Scouts from across the council come together to put on a show! Troops perform skits and songs for the rest of the group to watch and join in with. Girls get a chance to learn some new songs and have fun after a long day. Our astronomers also come in to show the girls some interesting things in the night sky after the program.

Competitions:

There are two parts of the event that are competitions. They are completely optional but are tons of fun for your girls. They are the Just for Fun Competitions and the Sunday Morning Cook-off.

Just for Fun:

You and your troop can compete against other troops to create a decorated campsite, themed hat, or a troop banner using the theme for this year – Fantastical Faire! As the name suggests, these activities are just for fun and are optional for all troops.

Sunday Morning Cook-off:

This competition is for teams of 3 girls to come and show off their outdoor cooking skills. They will choose a category including what cooking method they want to use and what type of food they want to prepare such as "Box Oven Dessert" or "Dutch Oven Complete Meal" and will create a recipe for their category. Categories are given on a first come, first served basis so make sure you sign up early! They will be judged on their cooking skills while making their dish as well as the taste for the finished product. Awards are presented after the competition.

For more information:

If you would like additional information, contact the Committee at kaleidoscope@girlscoutscoc.org or council at (800)822-2427. Also keep an eye out for our informational Zoom meetings that will cover topics from where to start if you know nothing about Kaleidoscope to more specifics of the skills and event. In addition, keep an eye out for the Kaleidoscope 2024 handbook which will be up on our website on September 1st!

