



Santa Barbara Program Guide

Your Guide to 2025-2026 Girl Scout Programs



girl scouts 
of california's
central coast

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Hello Girl Scouts,

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I am thrilled to share our inaugural Program Calendar with you, highlighting the incredible initiatives we have planned across Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast. Each of our program centers will offer a unique variety of engaging activities, ensuring girls gain valuable experiences that build confidence, character, and practical life skills.

At the Santa Barbara Program Center, we're excited to offer programs tailored to Girl Scouts; whether it's hands-on STEM exploration, outdoor adventures, creative arts, or leadership and wellness-based sessions. These experiences are designed to inspire curiosity, leadership, and personal growth in every Girl Scout who walks through our doors.

Many of our programs also offer badge-earning opportunities and include topics like environmental education, mental wellness, digital skills, and more. Each program is intentionally designed to be both fun and impactful—empowering girls to take on challenges, build new skills, and explore their passions.

A heartfelt thank you to our incredible volunteers, staff, and community supporters—your dedication makes this work possible. We look forward to seeing the impact these programs have on our Girl Scouts and the communities they serve.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tammie Helmuth".

Tammie Helmuth
Chief Executive Officer
Girl Scouts of California Central Coast

Where and Who We Are



Service Area

- Santa Cruz County
- Monterey County
- San Benito County
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara County
- Ventura County

Program Centers

- D'Arrigo Leadership Center
- San Luis Obispo Center
- La Cumbre Plaza
- Camp Arnaz
- Corporate Headquarters
- The Collection at Riverpark
- The Oaks

Check our website for store and office hours.

Organizational Structure

World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

A global association supporting the female-oriented and female-only Guiding and Scouting organizations in 152 countries.

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA)

A National organization supporting the work of more than 110 councils across the U.S. for more than 100 years. Headquartered in New York, New York.

Girl Scouts of California Central Coast (GSCCC)

Independent 501(c)3 nonprofit chartered by GSUSA operating under the direction of local staff and board of directors, which oversees all service units, troops and Juliettes within a given geographic area.

Service Units

Volunteers who create a sense of community and support troop volunteers within a given geographic area.

Troops

Groups of girls led by volunteers who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Juliettes

Individually registered Girl Scouts who participate in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience with help of a Juliette mentor.



Using This Guide

Girl Scout programs are color coded to match the 4 pillars of Girl Scouting or type of event. Each program includes a description and Girl Scout grade level symbol (i.e. Daisy) like those found below.

Outdoors

Entrepreneurship

STEM

Life Skills

Journey

Special Events

Look for these symbols:



Early Bird Event



Daisies



Seniors



Adults



Brownies



Ambassadors



Juniors



Family



Cadettes



Daisies
Grades: K-1

Daisies learn they can care for animals and themselves and to protect Earth's treasures.



Brownies
Grades: 2-3

Brownies go on a quest to find the three keys to leadership. They explore their place in the wide world of girls.



Juniors
Grades: 4-5

Juniors learn that leaders need power—their own, their team's and their community's.

Juniors are encouraged to achieve their **BRONZE AWARD**.



Cadettes
Grades: 6-8

Cadettes develop relationship skills needed to be leaders in their life and world.

Cadettes are encouraged to achieve their **SILVER AWARD**.



Seniors
Grades: 9-10

Seniors have a vision and lead the world closer to it. Girls use their sisterhood to better themselves and the world.

Seniors are encouraged to achieve their **GOLD AWARD** the greatest achievement in Girl Scouting.



Ambassadors
Grades: 11-12

Ambassadors raise their voices to advocate for issues they care about. They actually move their dreams forward and learn that leaders aim for justice.

Ambassadors are encouraged to achieve their **GOLD AWARD** the greatest achievement in Girl Scouting.

Programs At-A-Glance

 K-1
  2-3
  4-5
  6-8
  9-10
  11-12
  Family
  Adults
 Outdoors
 Entrepreneurship
 STEM
 Life Skills
 Journey
 Special Events

October 2025

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
4		Taking a Byte at Cybersecurity	     
5		Taking a Byte at Cybersecurity	     
10		Disability Awareness	     
18		Democracy in Action	     
19		Democracy in Action	     
24		Halloween: Ghouls Just Wanna Have Fun	     
25		Founder's Day: Celebrating Juliette Gordon Low	     
26		Founder's Day: Celebrating Juliette Gordon Low	     
31		Dia De Los Muertos: Legacy and Traditions	     

November 2025

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
7		Veteran's Day: In Service, In Honor	     
8		Journey: Breathe	
9		Credit Crafter	   
14		Native American Heritage Month Patch	     
21		Thanks-Giving Back	     

December 2025

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
5		Spin into Hanukkah	     
12		Build-a-Snowman	     
19		Winter Solstice	     
20		Holiday Crafting	     
21		Holiday Crafting	     

January 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
2		New Year Goal Setting	     
3		Cookie Stars: Cookie Goal Setter	
3		Cookie Stars: Decision Maker	
3		Cookie Stars: Collaborator	
4		Cookie Stars: Goal Setter	
4		Cookie Stars: Decision Maker	
4		Cookie Stars: Collaborator	
16		Martin Luther King Jr. Day	     
23		Learning to Use Digital Cookie	     
24		Learning to Use Digital Cookie	     
25		Learning to Use Digital Cookie	     
30		Cookie Booth Creativity	     
31		Groundhog Day: Bugs	
31		Groundhog Day: Flowers	
31		Groundhog Day: Trees	

February 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
1		Groundhog Day: Bugs	
1		Groundhog Day: Flowers	
1		Groundhog Day: Trees	
6		Black History Month	     
7		Design Your Drive: Automotive Design	  
8		Design Your Drive: Automotive Design	  
13		Galentine's Day	     
14		Madam President's Day: Civic Engagement	     
15		Madam President's Day: Civic Engagement	     
20		Lunar New Year: Welcoming the Year of the Horse	     
21		World Thinking Day	     
22		World Thinking Day	     
28		Agent of Change Journey	     

March 2026

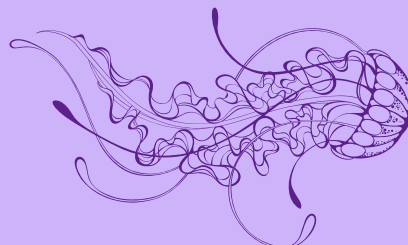
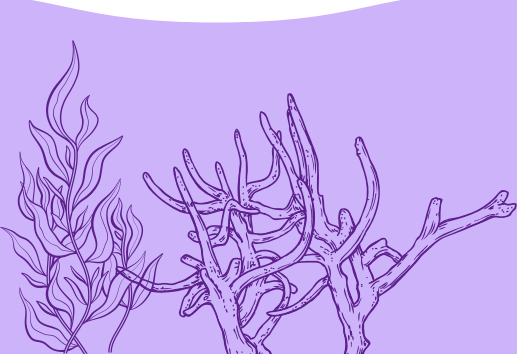
Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
6		Women's International History	     
13		St. Patrick's Day: Lucky to Be a Girl Scout	     
14		Sisters in Girl Scouting: GS Way Badge	  
15		Sisters in Girl Scouting: GS Way Badge	  
20		Code Your Name	     
21		CPR/First Aid/AED Training	     
27		Spring into Action	     

March 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
28	STEM	She Did That: STEM Career Exploration	D B J C S A
29	STEM	She Did That: STEM Career Exploration	D B J C S A

April 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
3	Life Skills	Autism Acceptance	D B J C S A
4	Journey	MEDIA Journey	C
10	Special Events	The Power Behind Every Girl Scout: Volunteer Appreciation	D B J C S A
11	Special Events	Volunteer Appreciation Event	A
17	Outdoors	Girls for the Globe: Earth Day	D B J C S A
18	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Friend/Eco Learner	D B J C S A
18	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Camper/Eco Trekker	D B J C S A
18	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Explorer/Eco Advocate	D B J C S A
19	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Friend/Eco Learner	D B J C S A
19	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Camper/Eco Trekker	D B J C S A
19	Outdoors	Earth Smart: Eco Explorer/Eco Advocate	D B J C S A
24	Outdoors	Roots of Promise: Girl Scout Tree Promise	D B J C S A
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26	Outdoors	Roots of Promise: Girl Scout Tree Promise	D B J C S A

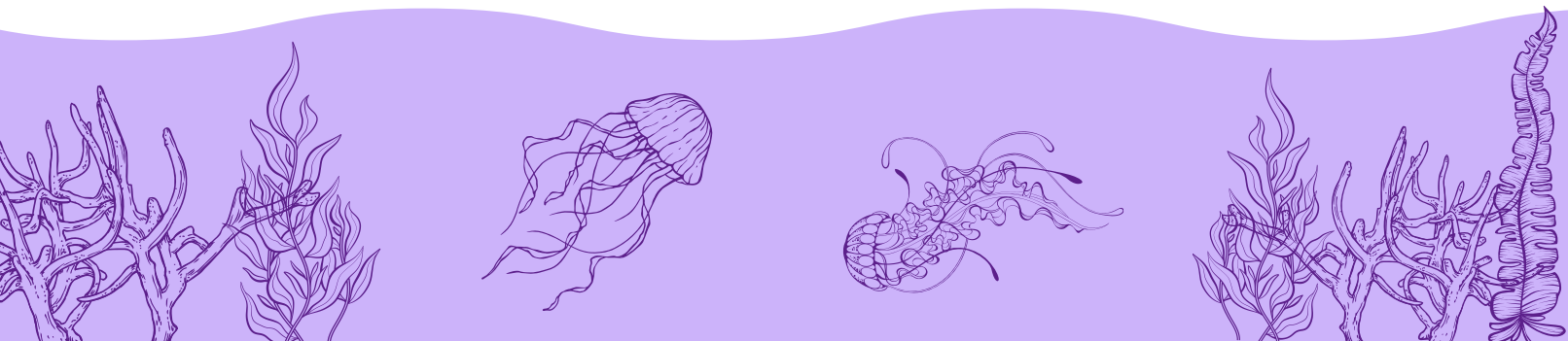


May 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
1		AANHPI Heritage Month	     
2		Mission: Sisterhood Journey	
8		Mother's Day	     
15		Photography Career Exploration & Headshots	     
16		STEM Stars: Career Exploration	     
17		STEM Stars: Career Exploration	     
22		Girls Honor, Girls Lead: Memorial Day	     
30		Adventure Awaits: Buddy Camper	  
31		Adventure Awaits: Buddy Camper	  

June 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
5		LGBTQ+ Pride Month	     
6		Justice Journey	
12		Learning the Flag Ceremony	     
19		Juneteenth: History Through Her Eyes	     
20		Father's Day	     
27		Outside the Lines: Art & Design	  
28		Outside the Lines: Art & Design	  



July 2026

Date	Cat.	Event	Program Level
3		Independence Day	D B J C S A
10		Ocean Health & Robotics	D B J C S A
18		Invent Her Way: Create & Innovate	D B J
19		Invent Her Way: Create & Innovate	D B J



Scan here for programs!



World Thinking Day



Feb 21, 2026
Feb 22, 2026

Special Events

Celebrate the global sisterhood of Girl Scouts on World Thinking Day! This special event invites Girl Scouts of all ages to learn about different cultures, global issues, and the power of friendship across borders. Through engaging activities, stories, and teamwork, girls will discover how they can make a difference both locally and worldwide.

From crafting friendship bracelets to exploring international traditions, this event inspires girls to think globally and act with kindness.

Signature Events

CPR/First Aid/AED Training



Life Skills

Saturday
Mar 21, 2026



Emergencies don't wait—and thanks to this hands-on, professionally led certification program, Girl Scouts won't have to either. In this essential, skills-based training, participants will learn how to respond to a variety of real-life emergencies with calm, confidence, and care. With age-appropriate instruction and expert guidance, Scouts will gain experience in CPR, first aid basics, and how to operate an AED (automated external defibrillator). Designed to meet official certification standards, this program equips girls with the tools they need to protect themselves and help others when it matters most. Whether they're assisting a teammate with a sprained ankle or acting fast in a life-threatening situation, girls will walk away from this training ready to lead with knowledge, skill, and courage.

Volunteer Appreciation



Friday
Apr 10, 2026

Special Events

Girl Scouts know that behind every campfire, badge, and big idea is a volunteer who made it possible. In this special patch program, girls will come together to honor the incredible troop leaders, mentors, and helpers who make Girl Scouting shine. Through hands-on creativity and service, Scouts will help prepare decorations, thank-you gifts, and event elements for the official Volunteer Appreciation celebration happening the following day. From writing heartfelt notes to crafting centerpieces and setting up with love, girls will learn that gratitude is a form of leadership—and that they have the power to help others feel seen and celebrated. Let's show our volunteers just how much they mean to us!

Volunteer Appreciation



Special Events

Saturday
Apr 11, 2026



You've led the way, lifted girls up, and made the magic happen—and now it's your turn to be celebrated. Join us for an evening of gratitude and connection as we honor the heart of Girl Scouting: our incredible volunteers. Enjoy light refreshments, heartfelt thank-yous, a few surprises, and the company of fellow leaders and mentors who make this movement possible. Whether you're a troop leader, cookie manager, event helper, or behind-the-scenes hero, this celebration is for you—because Girl Scouts wouldn't be the same without your passion, dedication, and love. Come relax, connect, and let us thank you the way you deserve.



Daisies
K-1st



Brownies
2nd-3rd



Juniors
4th-5th



Cadettes
6th-8th



Seniors
9th-10th



Ambassadors
11th-12th



Family
All Ages



Adults
18+



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Breathe Journey Media Journey



Nov 8, 2025: B
Apr 4, 2026: M

Journey

Breathe: In this mindful Journey, Cadette Girl Scouts will explore the air around them—and within. Through activities that build self-awareness, balance, and environmental responsibility, they'll learn to reduce stress, improve focus, and take action for a cleaner, healthier planet. Whether reflecting, creating, or advocating, girls will leave feeling grounded, connected, and empowered.

Media: What's behind the messages we see every day? In this empowering Journey, Cadette Girl Scouts will explore media in movies, ads, music, and social platforms to uncover hidden messages and biases. Through discussion and creativity, they'll learn to ask: Who made this, why, and who's included—or left out?

Agent of Change Journey



Journey

Saturday
Feb 28, 2026



The Agent of Change Journey empowers Girl Scouts to discover their inner leaders and make a difference in the world around them. Through fun activities and team challenges, you'll explore your own values, learn how to work with others, and take action to solve a problem in your community. By the end of this journey, you'll see just how powerful you are—and how, together, Girl Scouts can spark real change!

Signature Events

Mission Sisterhood Journey



Saturday
May 2, 2026

Journey

What makes a strong friendship? How do we support each other across differences? And how can girls work together to make their world better, together? In this reflective and connection-centered Journey, Senior Girl Scouts will explore the power of sisterhood—through deep conversations, creative activities, and hands-on action. Girls will dive into topics like trust, communication, media messages about friendship, and how to build inclusive spaces where everyone belongs. Whether through storytelling, service, or simply showing up for one another, Scouts will learn that real sisterhood is about intentional care and collective strength. Their final mission? Take action to uplift friendships, near and far.

Justice Journey



Journey

Saturday
Jun 6, 2026



What is justice—and what does it look like in action? In this bold and thought-provoking Journey, Ambassador Girl Scouts will explore fairness, equity, and how systems affect communities in real life. Through critical thinking, dialogue, and collaborative discovery, girls will examine issues like environmental justice, racial equity, access to resources, and more—guided by their values and curiosity. With space to reflect, ask hard questions, and plan meaningful change, Scouts will step into their role as informed leaders who don't just believe in justice—they work for it. Whether they take action through art, activism, storytelling, or service, this Journey is about igniting voices and creating impact. Because when Girl Scouts lead with justice, the world moves forward.



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Travel Opportunities



Destinations

Destinations are the ultimate travel opportunities for Girl Scouts! This is a GSUSA sponsored travel group. Join girls from all over the country and choose your own adventure. Decide where you want to travel to, then complete an application. Destinations are for individual Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador girls. Check out the list of trips and apply today. Scholarships are available to girls who have been accepted to a Girl Scouts of the USA destination.



Scan the QR to visit the GSUSA Destinations website for more information.

Volunteer with Girl Scouts

Ready to engage with your community, grow your skills, and show Girl Scouts what it means to be **unstoppable?**

Then you're ready to be a Troop or Service Unit Volunteer!

Troop Volunteers



Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Troop leaders—and volunteers in other roles, like Troop Treasurer or Cookie Chair—engage regularly with their Girl Scouts and guide them through activities, like earning badges, exploring the outdoors, or running their own business through the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Service Unit Volunteers



Service Unit volunteers are the network of support throughout your community. They empower Troop leaders and Troop volunteers to be the role models that Girl Scouts need and connect them with the resources for unforgettable Troop experiences.

Short-Term Volunteer Opportunities



If you want to get a snapshot of Troop life, you can find short-term volunteer opportunities—both in-person and virtual—and support local Girl Scouts as they pursue their passions.

The best part? There's no one "type" of volunteer. If you believe that Girl Scouts can change the world, you belong here. Log on to our website at girlscoutsgcc.org or contact Customer Care by emailing info@girlscoutsgcc.org to find more information on volunteer opportunities available to you.

Santa Barbara Program Center

GSCCC's Program Centers offer unique opportunities for girls to grow with courage, confidence, and character while making friends and memories to last a lifetime.

At our Santa Barbara Program Center—and at our other Program Centers across the council—Girl Scouts find a hub of opportunity, connection, and adventure. These vibrant spaces offer exciting programs year-round, from hands-on STEM activities and creative arts to leadership workshops and Girl Scout traditions.

Troops can reserve free meeting space, making it easy to gather, plan, and grow together. Families can stop by to purchase uniforms, badges, handbooks, and other essentials at our Girl Scout Shop. Plus, it's the perfect place to connect with council staff, get support, and stay informed on all things Girl Scouts.

Whether you're attending a special event, picking up materials, or just dropping in to say hello, our Program Centers are your go-to spot for everything Girl Scouts—convenient, welcoming, and full of opportunity.





Where Are We?

GSCCC Offices

Headquarters
1500 Palma Drive, Suite 110
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