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girl scouts of california's central coast

Welcome to our April newsletter! ✨
April is a time for adventure, growth, and making a difference! 🌸 With spring in full bloom, it's the perfect season to explore the outdoors, earn new badges, and take part in meaningful community service. Whether you're trying something new, giving back, or having fun with your troop, there are endless opportunities to shine this month! 💚
Let's embrace the season of renewal with excitement, friendship, and plenty of Girl Scout spirit. 🌟 Here's to learning, leading, and making unforgettable memories this April! 🎉

🐦‍⬛ Early Bird is Here – Renew Starting April 1!

Early Bird season has officially launched! From April 1st through June 30, families can renew their Girl Scout membership early and unlock exclusive rewards—including our all-new Tolerance Kit, special patches, and even a free camping weekend for qualifying troops.

New members can also join with an Extended Year membership, and rising Daisies may be eligible for GSUSA's new Amplify program with mailed activity kits and a special welcome gift!

Ready to soar into another year of sisterhood and adventure? Renew today at www.girlscoutsccc.org

Want More Info?
Looking for full details on Early Bird, incentives, or how to renew?

Check out the attached FAQ for everything you need to know. Download flyers and materials at here!

We've made it easy for families and volunteers to stay informed and ready for another amazing year of Girl Scouts!

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Girl Scout Programs

🌟 Exciting adventures await! Check out our activity calendar for all the upcoming events and start planning your next Girl Scout experience. From badge workshops to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone! Many events have limited space, so be sure to register early to guarantee your spot and make unforgettable memories. Don't wait—explore the calendar now and join in the fun! 🎉💚

ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Gold Award Scholarship: GSUSA

If you're currently working on your Gold Award, remember that to qualify for the 2025 Gold Award Scholarship, you must submit your Gold Award Final Report and receive approval by April 1, 2025. Stay on track and ensure your hard work gets recognized—submit on time!

Exciting Scholarship Opportunity for Gold Award Girl Scouts!

The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship application window opens on March 14th - April 15th! Stay tuned for more updates and details on how to apply. Don't miss this chance to be recognized for your incredible leadership and impact! Apply now with this link!

LEARN MORE

The Bauerle Family Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship

Each year, Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast will present The Bauerle Family Girl Scout Gold Award Scholarship Fund to support girls in their pursuit of higher education. The Award is presented to top applicants who have demonstrated personal excellence in academic, community, and Girl Scout life.

The Bauerle Gold Award Scholarship Recipients will be selected and awarded a one-time scholarship up to $5,000.

To be eligible, you must be:
• A Gold Award Girl Scout.
• A Registered Girl Scout in the Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast council.
• A graduating high school senior.
• Enrolled as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, trade or vocational school for the 2025-2026 academic year.

LEARN MORE

Higher Awards Training Workshops

Curious about earning the prestigious Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards? Discover how you can make a difference and achieve greatness through our exciting training workshops, available on Zoom or in person. Learn from experienced trainers, get inspired by past projects, and start your journey towards these incredible honors. Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your Girl Scout experience!

REGISTER HERE

Looker Access

Coming in April, Service Unit Volunteers with Looker access will need to start logging in using an authenticator app. This is a part of a push by GSUSA to make all of our data more secure, so they are requiring multifactor authentication to login. In the months to come GSUSA will reach out to the volunteers that this change is applicable to with details of how to setup their authenticator app and when the exact change will be made. As always, GSCCC is here to support our volunteers. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this change.

Email info@girlscoutsccc.org if you have any questions.

Wells Fargo Troop Banking

In late 2024 Wells Fargo informed council they would be changing the way we set up troop banking accounts and required us to support this initiative. This has been a very difficult transition, and we have been experiencing long delays and lack of support from the various teams at the bank. We are currently evaluating whether this is the right banking relationship for us to continue.

We are very aware of the frustrations that our members are experiencing, especially new Troop Leaders along with our staff. This is why we are currently evaluating if this is the right banking relationship for our members and are interviewing other banks. Our single focus is to ensure that our troops are supported, no bank charges and electronic account signups for convenience. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this challenging situation.

Email info@girlscoutsccc.org if you have any questions.

Upcoming Programs

Girl Scout Engineering Day with Cal Poly AOE - D/B/J/C - 4/12/2025

Alpha Omega Epsilon invites Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast for a exciting day of hands-on experience!

Anything that is created must first be designed and planned. An engineer designs and builds products, systems, or technologies. Engineers are curious about how and why things work.

In this engineering challenge, we will break you into small teams to explore how electrical engineering concepts apply to paper circuits. Throughout the day, you'll have the chance to create your own paper circuit and test it, making improvements as you go. Each team will be paired with an engineering student mentor to guide you. At the end of the day, we'll have several challenges to test different aspects of your paper circuit, and before you leave, you'll earn a special patch to commemorate the event!

REGISTER NOW

Elkhorn Slough -Nature Scavenger Hunt Tour - 4 26 2025

Join fellow Girl Scouts in this great opportunity to explore and learn all about the plants, animals, and habitats in one of Central California's most popular wildlife reserves. Nature Walk is hosted by Elkhorn Slough staff.

Elkhorn Slough is one of California's largest wetlands and part of a National Estuarine Reserve. The wildlife reserve provides an important feeding and resting place for wildlife including endangered animals, nesting birds, and giant slugs.

After the guided walk, troops may decide to bring and eat their lunch at the picnic tables near the visitor's center, leave the park, or even explore the area some more.

REGISTER HERE

Hospital Tours – St Johns & Pleasant Valley

Step behind the scenes of the medical world with our hospital tours at St. John's! This exciting opportunity gives Girl Scouts an inside look at healthcare careers, from nursing and surgery to emergency care and beyond. Girls will meet healthcare professionals, explore various departments, and learn what it takes to make a difference in the lives of others. Don't miss this inspiring experience—perfect for those interested in STEM or pursuing a future in healthcare!

REGISTER NOW

A Hospital Adventure Day - Pleasant Valley

Ever wondered what it's like to work in healthcare? Join us for hospital tours at Pleasant Valley Hospital and discover the exciting world of medicine! Girl Scouts will get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at hospital departments, meet medical professionals, and learn about the skills and dedication it takes to care for others. This hands-on experience is perfect for girls curious about STEM and exploring future career paths in healthcare. Don't miss out!

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Basic Backpacking Course

The second part of our three-step wilderness progression, designed for individuals, teaches everything you need to know to begin a multi-night outdoor adventure. Gain the knowledge you'll need to make important decisions about gear, clothing, and trip planning, then hit the trail to practice and hone your skills.

REGISTER HERE

Wilderness Hiking - San Luis Obispo - C/S/A

Take the first step in your wilderness adventure! Designed for individuals, our Wilderness Hiking Course safely takes Girl Scouts and adults out of the campground and into the woods. Wilderness Hiking covers outdoor skills and knowledge and is a prerequisite for the Basic Backpacking and Advanced Backpacking courses. Spend your morning in the classroom and your afternoon on the trail learning about safety, proper gear and equipment, the Leave No Trace ethic, and building independence in Girl Scouts. This class lays a strong foundation for more extraordinary adventures!

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SAVE THESE DATES for Kaleidoscope Skills Days training coming this fall!

Northern Hub – October 25 and 26
Central Hub – October 18 and 19
Southern Hub – November 8 and 9 (Camp Arnaz)

Because Kaleidoscope's main purpose is to promote outdoor skills, the Skills Days training weekends are an important part of the experience. Skills Days serve two purposes: introduce various skills to the girls OR refresh, practice, and enhance skills your girls have learned previously.

Outdoor skills taught at Skills Days are:
- Knots
- Compass and Maps
- Lashing
- Fire Building
- Part of Flag and part of Camping

More information pertaining to location and cost will be coming soon!

Kaleidoscope is a weekend camporee for Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts held every other year in April.

It's a fun weekend of:
- tent camping
- skills
- workshops that include crafts, cooking, songs, games
- a cook-off competition
- Just for Fun campsite decoration and hat design competition
- Saturday Evening program including skits performed by troops
- a Council-wide Service Project, including for Daisy and Brownie troops

Remember to SAVE the DATES for skills and we hope to see you at Kaleidoscope in 2026!

The Kaleidoscope Committee

(questions? Email kaleidoscope@girlscoutsccc.org)

Food Wine & Beer Festival – May 3rd, 2025, 4pm-7pm: Tickets Are Now Live!

Join us for the 4th Annual Food, Wine, and Beer Festival at Camp Arnaz on May 3rd, 2025! This year's festival promises to be the most exciting yet, featuring an exquisite selection of local wines, craft beers, and gourmet food from top chefs. Immerse yourself in a day of culinary delights, live music, and family-friendly activities, all set against the stunning backdrop of Camp Arnaz. Whether you're a foodie, a wine enthusiast, or just looking for a fun day out, this festival has something for everyone. Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of flavors and community!

🎟️ Tickets are limited—grab yours now!

GET TICKETS

🚢 Coming Soon: Logistics Patch & Badge Program with the Port of Hueneme!

We're excited to announce a brand-new program in partnership with the Port of Hueneme! Girl Scouts will get a behind-the-scenes look at the world of logistics, global trade, and port operations—all while working toward a custom patch and badge.

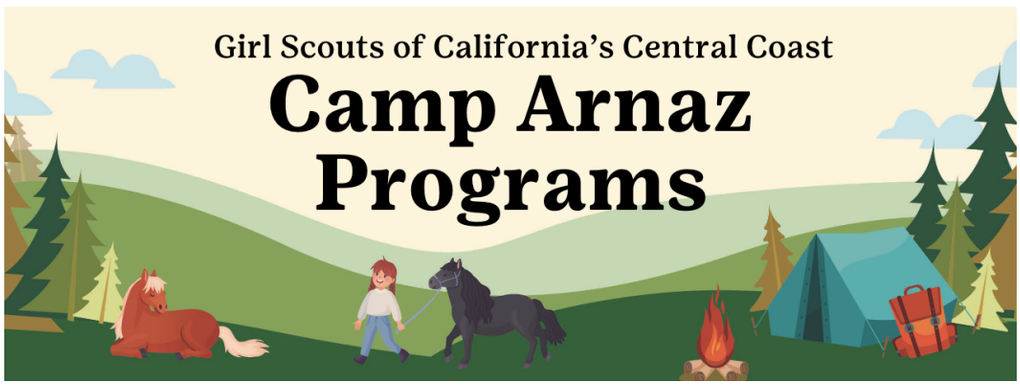
📦 🚚 This hands-on experience will highlight careers in transportation, supply chain management, and the vital role ports play in our everyday lives.

Dates will be announced soon—stay tuned!

Save the Date: Tent or Treat - October 25th, 2025

Get ready for the biggest Halloween bash of the year! Camp Arnaz calls all ghouls, ghosts, and goblins for an epic day of festive fun, sweet treats, and spine-tingling surprises. Mark, your calendars now—this is one Halloween party you won't want to miss!

We have an Exciting Lineup of Camp Arnaz Programs!



Nature is Calling—Answer it at Camp Arnaz!
The rainy season has passed, leaving Camp Arnaz bursting with life! Grassy green fields, colorful wildflowers, and clear sunny skies make it the perfect time to get outside and explore. Whether you're saddling up for a horseback ride, testing your aim at archery, or enjoying a weekend campout, there's no better season to experience the magic of camp. Stay tuned for upcoming programs and come make the most of this beautiful time of year with us! 🌿🌟🏕️

VIEW PROGRAMS

Cowgirl Up - Saddle Up for an adventure at Camp Arnaz!

Giddy up, Daisies and Brownies—it's time to embrace your inner cowgirl at Camp Arnaz! Get ready for a hands-on adventure where you'll meet our friendly horses, learn how to groom them, and discover what it takes to care for these amazing animals. Then, step into the stirrups for your very first horseback riding lesson, where you'll get a taste of the exciting world of horsemanship. Whether you're brushing manes, making new friends, or taking the reins for the first time, this experience is all about fun, learning, and unforgettable memories. So grab your boots and join us for a day of cowgirl magic!

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Axe Throwing - Step Up, Take Aim, and Let It Fly!

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are welcome to experience the thrill of precision at Camp Arnaz's Axe Throwing range! Under expert supervision, girls will learn to wield an axe with confidence, mastering the art of target hitting while embracing teamwork and discipline. This exhilarating adventure fosters courage and character, empowering our scouts to embrace challenges and grow into resilient, capable leaders.

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BB Gun Progressive Course - Shoot with Confidence, Advance with Skill!

Take on the challenge of BB gun (air rifle) target shooting at Camp Arnaz! Girl Scouts will learn gun safety, range etiquette, and accuracy techniques while advancing through progressively harder levels. Starting with benchrest for stability, they'll build confidence and precision before moving on to standing, kneeling, and prone positions. Each stage sharpens focus, discipline, and skill—are you ready to take your best shot?

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Have You Seen the Newest Additions to the Camp Arnaz Kiosk Programs?

Camp Arnaz is always growing, and our latest kiosk program is part of the Monarch Breeding and Research Institute! Immerse yourself in the incredible world of Monarch butterflies with our new informational cards, packed with fascinating facts about their lifecycle, migration, and the vital role they play in our ecosystem. Whether you're a nature lover, an aspiring scientist, or just curious about these amazing pollinators, there's so much to discover. Wanna see it for yourself? Book your next camping reservation today and experience the magic of Monarchs up close! 🦋🌿

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Program Centers

Volunteer Appreciation Month – All of April
Troop Leader Appreciation Day – April 22nd
National Volunteer Week (April 20th-April 26th)

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we've got some tools to make it easy for families to celebrate the dedicated individuals who keep the Girl Scout Movement in motion. Follow this link starting April 1st through April 30th to find email templates, thank you cards, and more!

Give thanks this month to:

- Troop Leadership-Zero in on new leaders thanking them for stepping up and taking the lead-or bridging leaders, thanking them for their continued dedication.
- Troop Cookie Managers-Thank them for powering the Girl Scouts/ mission locally from the council level, all the way down to the troop-think of all the amazing experiences Girl scouts will unlock with their cookie proceeds.
- Service Unit Volunteers-Consider a special message for service unit volunteers who support the community level Girl Scout experience.
- Council Level, Event and Program Facilitators-Think about your volunteer committees, camp volunteers, program facilitators, cookie cupboard volunteers and any other helpers who keep showing up for Girl Scouts.

Reserve Your Program Center Space

Our Program Centers are available free of charge for troop meetings, activities, and events. Enjoy access to a welcoming space designed to support your troop's needs. Contact your local Program Center to reserve your space today!

Host a Custom Workshop

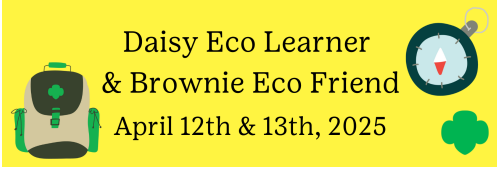
Looking for something extra? We offer customizable workshops for badges, patches, or even Journey-in-a-Day programs tailored to your troop's interests held either at our Program Centers or we can come to you! These workshops are available at an additional cost. Reach out to your local Program Center for more information and to schedule your custom experience.

Bug Whisperer Fun Patch

In this program, the girls will explore the fascinating world of bugs and their diverse habitats, uncovering the incredible adaptability and uniqueness of these tiny creatures. From the dense undergrowth of rainforests to the arid expanses of deserts—and even right in our own backyards—they'll discover how each species has evolved to thrive in its environment. This hands-on journey into nature will inspire curiosity and a deeper appreciation for the intricate ecosystems that surround us.

📅 Date: April 4, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now: Here

Outdoors Badges – Daisy Eco Learner & Brownie Eco Friend



Earn your Eco Learner and Eco Friend badges by exploring the outdoors and discovering ways to protect nature! Learn how to prepare for outdoor adventures, walk carefully to keep plants and animals safe, reduce waste, and care for local wildlife. You'll also practice kindness toward all living things and even learn how to build a safe campfire. By completing these steps, you'll become a true friend to nature and help make the world a cleaner, greener place for everyone!

📅 Date: April 12 & 13, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now:
Daisy Eco Learner
Brownie Eco Friend

Earth Day Fun Patch

Our retail program centers invite all

Earth Day enthusiasts to come and earn a fun patch for Earth Day here at Girl Scouts! You know how every April 22nd, we celebrate our amazing planet and show our love for Mother Earth? Well, we've got a special surprise for all of you Earth Day heroes out there. This patch is a symbol of your dedication to preserving our planet and a reminder that we can all be superheroes in our own way. Wear this patch with pride, knowing that you've played a crucial role in making the world a greener, cleaner, and happier place for all living beings.
📅 Date: April 18, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now: Here

Retail

Girl Scout Shop Special
Mark your calendars and get ready to shop! From April 18-22, enjoy free shipping over $50 on all items in the Girl Scout Shop with code THANKYOU25. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up on essentials and show your Girl Scout spirit!

Have a question? Don't be shy!
Contact us for more information.

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