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May 2026



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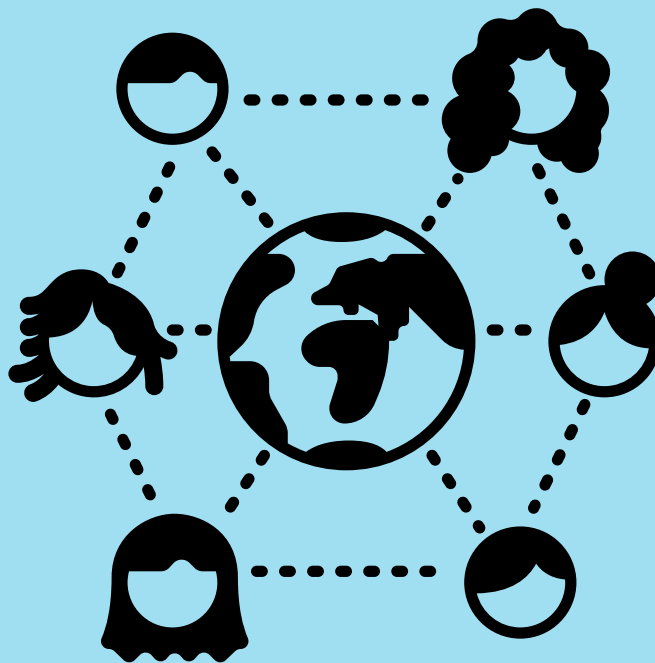
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- Madison Baker - Girl Advisor Board Chair

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Shelby O’Neil
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Yvonne Lang



For more information, including governance and financial details, please visit our website [here](#).

Stay Connected & Renew Today

There's still time to renew your Girl Scout membership and stay connected for the year ahead. From hands-on programs and leadership opportunities to new friendships and experiences, now is the time to get ready for everything coming up. Girls who renew will also receive this year's Body Appreciation Kit, designed to build confidence and encourage positive self-image.



Name:

Nombre:



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**Early Renewal
Girl
Incentives**

2025 - 2026



	Incentive Date Completed		
	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	GSCCC Early Bird Patch Camp Experience Family or Troop Camping
May 1 - June 30	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	GSCCC Early Bird Patch
July 1 - September 30	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	

Girl Incentives



Adult Incentives



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Adult
Incentives**

2026-2027



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Lead With Confidence!

We're here to make your first year as a Daisy or Brownie Girl Scout troop leader easy and fun!

New Daisy leaders (K-1) or Brownie leaders (2nd and 3rd grade) receive complimentary monthly Girl Scout Experience Boxes delivered right to your door.

Filled with practical script suggestions, step-by-step instructions, and supplies that make meeting planning a breeze. Receive a Welcome Box and up to seven monthly boxes, depending on your troop's start date. Learn more girlscouts.org/gsexperienceboxes.



Sign up for our Extended Year Membership* today! Girls can join for \$63, and adults for \$42. Start in April and enjoy up to 5 extra months of fun, through September 2026! Visit girlscouts.org/benefits to learn more.

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Give Your Troop an Unforgettable Start to the Year

Don't miss out on the Girl Scout Experience Box™: Limited Special Edition for Juniors! This exclusive, one-time offer equips your troop with everything needed to kick off your Girl Scouting experience.

To get your box, renew or register one adult and four Girl Scout Juniors (4th–5th grade during the 2026–27 school year). Multi-level troops that include Juniors also qualify.

What's Inside:

- Uniquely Us badge activities and supplies
- Digital Leadership badge activities and supplies
- Digital Well-Being activities
- Family resources



Renew today to reserve your Girl Scout Experience Box for Juniors. Act quickly—quantities are limited! Boxes will ship this summer, while supplies last.

Visit girlscouts.org/juniorbox or scan the QR code to secure your box.



Learn More

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Upcoming May Programs

5/9/2026: KAYAK ADVENTURES - SANTA BARBARA
(C/S/A)

5/9/2026: RAPTOR ADVENTURES - BIRDS OF PREY! - OJAI
(B*/J/C/S/A)

5/9/2026: PERFUMER'S APPRENTICE - SANTA CRUZ
(J/C/S/A)

5/9/2026: ARCHERY - SLO (B*/J/C/S/A)

5/9/2026: MOMMY & ME MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT
CELEBRATION - MONTEREY (D/B)

5/9/2026: SURFRIDERS SANTA BARBARA (B/J)

5/16/2026: KAYAK ADVENTURES - VENTURA (J/C/S/A)

5/30/2026: GIRL SCOUTS GONE FISHIN' - PORT HUENEME
(D/B/J/C/S/A/V)

5/30/2026: GSCCC SHELL SQUAD - TURTLE & TORTOISE
RESCUE - ARROYO GRANDE (D/B/J/C/S/A)

5/31/2026: GSCCC ROLLER DERBY DIVAS - SCOTTS
VALLEY (B/J/C/S/A)



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SERVICE UNITS

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NORTH

Alvarado Street Brewery & Bistro - Bayonet & Black Horse Golf
CA Rodeo Salinas - Dust Bowl Brewing - Folktale Winery
Kayak Connection - Liz Wareham & Family (Adventures by the Sea)
Local Eats, Merch, Vibes - McIntyre Family Wines - Monterey Zoo
Scheid Vineyards - The Penny Ice Creamery

CENTRAL

Baileyana Winery - Central Coast Restaurant Group - Lure Fish House
Margarita Adventures - Old San Luis BBQ - Schooner's
Sensorio Paso Robles

SOUTH

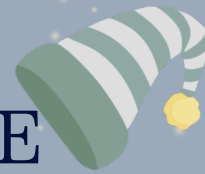
101 Escape Rooms - Bettina's Pizza - Brothers Restaurant at the Red
Barn - Cafe 126 - Cathy Ballard (805 Resins) - Cheesecake Factory -
Dave & Buster's - Enegren Brewing - Granada Theatre - Grassini
Family Vineyards - High Street Arts Center - Island Packers - Lazy
Dog - Melville Winery - Mike Helmuth (Mike's Laser Studio)
Moorpark EATM Zoo - MOXI the Wolf Museum of Exploration &
Innovation - Native Bloom Winery - Pacific Park at Santa Monica Pier
Paradise Pantry - Santa Barbara Trapeze - Sunland Vintage Wines
The Ojai Vineyard - The Stand - The Ultimate Escape Room
The Wine Closet - Toma Restaurant & Bar - Ventura County Fair

Please support these amazing companies
as they have supported our Women of Distinction
and Volunteer Recognition event!





PENGUINS & PAJAMAS OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE



JULY 25-26, 2026

Penguins & Pajamas: An Overnight Adventure at the California Academy of Sciences. Grab your coziest pajamas and get ready for an unforgettable overnight adventure at the incredible California Academy of Sciences! This is a private Girl Scouts of California's Central coast event - open only to our guests!

At the Penguins & Pajamas Sleepover, the excitement begins long before bedtime. Once the museum closes to the public, Girl Scouts will get the rare opportunity to explore the Academy after hours, discovering amazing creatures and exhibits throughout the aquarium, planetarium, and rainforest. Along the way, girls will participate in hands-on crafts and engaging STEM activities, sparking curiosity and bringing science to life in a fun and interactive way.

As night falls, the adventure continues with private planetarium experiences, time to explore the rainforest dome, and incredible sights throughout the aquarium—from glowing jellyfish to fascinating sea life. Before lights out, everyone will enjoy a cozy milk and cookies snack, then roll out their sleeping bags in one of the Academy's exhibit spaces—perhaps even near the famous African penguins!

A separate exhibit sleeping space will be set aside for families or troops that include men or boys, ensuring everyone can comfortably participate in this overnight adventure. Tagalongs are welcome, making this a perfect opportunity for families and troops to share in the fun together.



In the morning, Girl Scouts will enjoy a light breakfast before departing at 8:00 AM. While the animals and exhibits prepare for the day, families can explore the beautiful surrounding area of Golden Gate Park before returning at 10:00 AM to continue the adventure with the included next-day admission to the Academy.

Overnight parking is available in the Music Concourse Garage for \$35.

This exclusive Girl Scout overnight experience is packed with discovery, creativity, and unforgettable moments—perfect for curious minds who love animals, science, and a little nighttime magic. Bring your pajamas, sleeping bag, and sense of adventure, and get ready for a sleepover you'll never forget!





Meet Heather Hughes!

Volunteer Spotlight

Six Gold Awards, One Extraordinary Volunteer

My Story with Girl Scouts started when my daughter was in 1st grade. I had never been a Girl Scout growing up but I had friends that were.

When she was in 1st grade another mom asked if I wanted to help lead a troop with her. We started out with seven 1st graders and seven Kindergartners. I was a co-leader for that first year and then became the leader until the troop finished this year after thirteen years. Carole Anne was my co-leader for the last seven years and was a huge help in keeping the troop going. We did so many great community service projects, hosted events, and had a great time going on camping trips together.

The thing that I am the most proud of is that we had a troop that really stuck together. We had a lot of fun traditions that we kept through most of the years and I think the girls really enjoyed that. The girls really liked each other and we had eight girls that ended up going all the way through all the levels. I am also very proud of the six girls in our troop that completed their Gold Awards.

We knew when the girls were in 8th and 9th grade that we had a lot of them that wanted to complete their Gold Awards. To encourage that and give them time, we made sure that we got all of our requirements done early as far as the Journeys that we needed to complete and attending the Gold Award training. Once they were getting started, we made sure to meet periodically to hear their ideas and where they were at. We had these meetings so they could talk through their challenges, and the girls were able to help each other out and support each other. It was so amazing to see these girls tackle the projects and the challenges and overcome and complete what they set out to do.

The advice I would give is to keep meeting with whoever can come. We had 12 girls until the end so even if half the girls could come, we met. I would also say to keep traditions as a troop. We had a traditional holiday tea and meal together every year we did Girl Scouts and that was a fun tradition. We did a lot of camping trips together and it was so great to see the girls grow in their responsibility with that. I think the traditions were something really special for the troop.



Q&A With

Carole-Anne Byck

Pride and Perspective from a Troop Leader

How long have you been volunteering, and in what roles?

I've been a Girl Scout mom since 2007 and started volunteering as a troop leader with the Girl Scouts in 2014. I have been a co-leader of three troops.

What are you most proud of in your Girl Scout volunteer journey?

I am very proud of the girls for their commitment to Girl Scouts, each other, and community service!

Explain how you encouraged the girls to pursue their Gold Award.

Many of the Girl Scouts in troop 10120 participated in a Gold Award, outdoor environmental science camp put on by an older Girl Scout in 2019. We also had another Gold Award Girl Scout come to a camping trip in 2021 where they participated in a pollinator Gold Award project. The girls were very impressed by these projects and inspired to start dreaming of their own. By doing the Journeys and the community service projects associated with them, they realized that they could do a community service project on their own that was big enough to earn a Gold Award.

What advice do you have for troops to engage and encourage their girls to pursue the Gold Award?

Have them meet Gold Award Girl Scouts and hear about their community service projects.

What advice do you have for troops to keep girls engaged in continuing through Girl Scouts all the way through high school?

It is great when girls meet at a young age. Although their interests and sometimes schools even change, they stayed friends. Another key aspect to keeping them through high school is letting them really take charge of the troop. Have them come up with the goals and hopes and dreams that they wish to accomplish. Camping together is always a true bonding experience as well!

Camp Arnaz - New Program Alert!



Nature Navigators

Embark on a STEAM-powered journey through the great outdoors! In Nature Navigators, girls will explore the natural world through hands-on science, technology, engineering, art, and math activities—all while learning how to care for the environment around them. From interactive games and creative problem-solving challenges to a guided nature walk and cyanotype art using fallen leaves and plants, this program blends discovery with eco-friendly fun. It's the perfect way to spark curiosity, creativity, and a love for nature—while learning how to leave a positive imprint on our world.



Register for
Upcoming
Sessions!



Turtle & Tortoise Rescue!

May 30 9:45-12pm

Girl Scouts will enjoy a guided tour of the rescue center where they'll meet a variety of turtles and tortoises (along with birds, cats, dogs, goats, reptiles, alpacas, and even an emu!) and learn all about their unique habitats, behaviors, and the importance of conservation. After the tour, girls will roll up their sleeves and lend a helping hand—assisting with feeding, refreshing water, and helping care for the animals' environments. This hands-on experience is the perfect way to connect with wildlife, give back, and make a difference for our shelled (and 2 or 4 legged) friends!



Register
Here!



DISCOVER THE JOY OF CAMPING



In this hands-on outdoor skills patch program, older Girl Scouts will build the confidence and know-how they need to be ready for any camping experience. Girl Scouts will learn how to:

- Choose and pack the right gear for different types of trips
- Practice setting up and breaking down tents
- Explore packing hacks
- Discover how to care for their equipment in the wild

Wednesday, May 20 4-5:30 pm
San Luis Obispo

[Register here](#)



Women in California Leadership:

The Minerva Scholarship Program

About The Scholarship

The Minerva Scholarship Program offers scholarships to qualified women to help them achieve their educational goals.

Scholarship Details & Eligibility

- Up to 126 scholarships of \$3,000
- 1 scholarship of \$10,000
- Must be a California resident
- Must be enrolled full-time at an accredited college



Apply by May 31!

Open Mic Night!

Bring your talent, your friends, and your courage! Join us for a night of music, poetry, comedy, and creativity in a welcoming and safe space.

May 29, 5-6pm

Thousand Oaks Program Center



[Register Here!](#)

New Troops ALERT

Please join us in congratulating three new troops that formed from December to April! We are so excited to see our Girl Scout family grow.

As these new leaders and girls begin their journeys, let's surround them with the support that makes our community so special. Reach out with a friendly welcome, invite them to upcoming programs, and share opportunities to engage. A simple connection can spark confidence, courage, and a strong start to their Girl Scout year.

Here's to new adventures, new friendships, and a season full of Girl Scout spirit!

You've
Got the
POWER

Troop 55551 - Daisy
Troop 65053 - Daisy
Troop 45114 - Daisy

Growing Troops - And Earning Program Credits

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the incredible troops who earned \$25 per girl in Troop Program Credits by welcoming one or more new girls from the waitlist into their troop.

Because of you, these new Girl Scouts will have the chance to build lifelong friendships, develop leadership skills, and explore exciting new experiences—one girl at a time!



Troop 15024

Troop 35716



Troop 15026

Troop 65049



Troop 15533 (2 girls)





Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together



From October 1 to April 30th, 2026, these Service Units stood out for their commitment to growing the Girl Scout Movement by welcoming new families and strengthening their communities. Their success reflects the dedication of volunteers and a shared belief that every girl deserves access to the Girl Scout experience.

We proudly recognize these Service Units for their leadership in membership growth and for building strong foundations that will support girls now and into the future.

New Daisy Members

34 Daisies - SU 660
Thousand Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Deborah Vaughn & Tammy Adams

30 Daisies - SU 656
Rancho Sierra Vista

Led by SU Manager:

Jessica Ferqueron

Total New Girls

65 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer & Lisa Pitre

57 New Girl Scouts - SU 655 -
Whispering Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Jennifer Bovatsek & Julie LaPaglia

Growing New Adults

59 New Adults - SU 555 - Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer & Lisa Pitre

47 New Adults - SU 356 - Monterey Bay

Led by SU Managers: Candace Villarta & Mary
Horsley

LET'S
- CELEBRATE -
you

By joining our Girl Scout Daisy Buddies program, this will be your Kindergartner's first step into her Girl Scout adventure. To get your Kindergartner started on their Girl Scout adventure we will be sending you monthly Daisy Buddies activity packets through email. Then look for your invitation to our Daisy Buddies Girl Scout and family kick-off meeting that will start April, May, June and July.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure new troops are formed and ready to welcome girls.

***NOTE:** New incoming Kindergartners and graduating Transitional Kindergartners may register as Daisy Girl Scouts. Your Girl Scout will receive their Daisy Buddies activity packets based on the start date of their registration through email. The goal of this initiative is to ensure new troops are formed and ready to welcome girls.

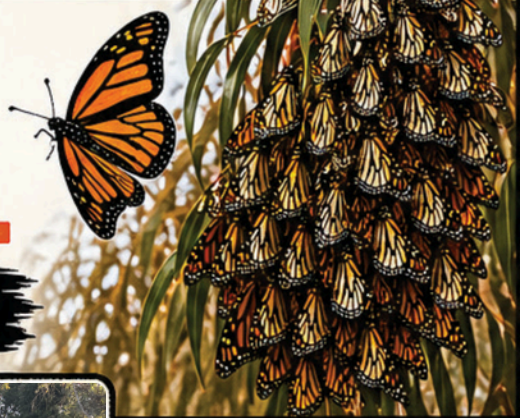
If you have any questions throughout your Daisy Buddies experience, please contact us at info@girlscoutsgcc.org or 800-822-2427.

Register today using the link below to get started.



CALIFORNIA IS LOSING ITS MONARCHS.

AB 2254 CAN HELP SAVE THEM.



WESTERN MONARCHS HAVE DECLINED **OVER 95%** SINCE THE 1990s.



60+ OVERWINTERING SITES HAVE BEEN LOST ACROSS CALIFORNIA.



CRITICAL HABITATS—LIKE **VISTA DEL MAR IN VENTURA**—ARE UNDER THREAT.



Vista Del Mar Overwintering Site

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

Coastal monarch habitat continues to shrink, increasing extinction risk.

AB 2254 (Addis) offers a practical, collaborative solution to protect monarch overwintering habitat for generations to come.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

Native Monarchs is working to protect a designated monarch overwintering site at Vista Del Mar in Ventura, California—after trees were destroyed in an effort to clear land for development.

This site is part of a fragile coastal network the monarchs depend on to survive the winter.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ♡

Do not plant any milkweed within **2 miles** of a designated overwintering site in Ventura County and South, and within **5 miles** in Santa Barbara County and North—because it disrupts the migration.



PLANT NATIVE NECTAR SOURCES INSTEAD TO SUPPORT MONARCHS ON THEIR JOURNEY.

PROTECT VISTA DEL MAR ♡

We are asking the landowner to compromise:



Set aside a portion of the property as a **PROTECTED MONARCH SANCTUARY & CONSERVATION EASEMENT**.



Create a public-facing preserve for education & habitat protection.



Establish a model that can be replicated to save other overwintering sites in coastal California.



SUPPORT AB 2254 (ADDIS)

Native Monarchs is partnering with



The Xerces Society is a proud sponsor of AB 2254.

THIS BILL WILL:

- ✔ Protect monarch overwintering habitat along California's coast
- ✔ Create model policies for cities to follow
- ✔ Strengthen Local Coastal Program protections
- ✔ Provide guidance while allowing flexibility for communities

THESE TREES ARE NOT JUST TREES.

THEY ARE WINTER SHELTER, SURVIVAL, AND THE FUTURE OF THE WESTERN MIGRATION.

Without them, the migration collapses.



TAKE ACTION TODAY!



SUPPORT AB 2254

Urge your representatives to vote YES!



DONATE

Your support protects critical habitat and drives change.



SHARE

Spread the word. Every voice makes a difference.



100% OF DONATIONS TO NATIVE MONARCHS GO DIRECTLY TO:

- ✔ Protecting overwintering sites
- ✔ Creating new habitat
- ✔ Educating the public on how to help



SCAN TO DONATE!



CREATING & PROTECTING MONARCH HABITAT ACROSS CALIFORNIA
NativeMonarchs.org

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
XERCES SOCIETY
for Invertebrate Conservation

FOLLOW. SUPPORT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



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Great News!

Event Registration Just Got Easier

As part of our commitment to supporting Service Units, the council provides approved registration tools to help streamline registration, financial tracking, and insurance requirements for SU-hosted events. These tools are designed to make event planning easier, ensure accurate rosters, and help protect both volunteers and participants. To best support your needs, the council offers two approved platforms for Service Unit events:

Cheddar Up – A flexible, council-approved option that allows Service Units to manage event registration, customize questions, and control fund transfers.

Doubleknot – Used for council-managed events; Service Units may request setup by submitting the SU Event Request Form.

Why Choose Cheddar Up?

Cheddar Up is a simple, user-friendly platform for Service Units that want ownership of event setup and registration.

Important: Use the Council Link

To receive council partnership benefits, including no credit card fees, events must be created using the council's Cheddar Up link. Email info@girlscoutsccl.org to request access for authorized SU volunteers.

Registration & Roster Requirements

Please use the TICKET option in Cheddar Up to capture the required insurance information. All attendees—girls, adults, and participating tagalongs—must be included on the roster. Full name and email address are required; additional details may be collected as needed.

Camporees & Day Camps

These programs follow separate council processes, covered in the 2025–2026 mandatory trainings.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership in creating meaningful experiences for girls—we're here to support you.

Click [Here](#) to learn more about Cheddar Up



Girl Scouts of the USA has partnered with America250.org to recognize the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Explore history, discover diverse stories, engage in events, and give back through service! Download the FREE Girl Scouts America250 activity guide for Girl Scouts of all levels and their families, available in English and Spanish.

By participating, you'll earn a special five-patch collection representing landscapes across the country. Be part of the conversation about our past, present, and future. Ready to Start?

DOWNLOAD NOW

Girl Scout

Gold Award Spotlight

**Abigail
Robinson**

Congratulations!

Pollinator Garden Self-Guided Tour

Abigail Robinson, a Girl Scout from Atascadero, made a lasting impact on her community through her Gold Award project, “Pollinator Garden Self-Guided Tour.” Passionate about protecting the environment, Abigail focused her efforts on addressing the decline of pollinator populations by educating younger generations.

Partnering with Vineyard Elementary School, Abigail transformed an outdoor garden space into an interactive learning environment where students can explore and connect with nature. She designed a self-guided tour complete with educational signage, engaging pamphlets, and hands-on learning tools. To make the experience even more inviting, she created a butterfly mascot named “Flutter,” helping students build a positive and memorable connection with pollinators like bees and butterflies. Abigail’s project goes beyond a one-time installation—it was designed with sustainability in mind. She provided the school with a comprehensive resource binder filled with lesson plans, activities, and maintenance tools so that teachers can continue using the garden as part of their curriculum for years to come.

The impact of her project has been overwhelmingly positive, with students reporting increased knowledge and interest in protecting pollinators and their habitats. Through her leadership, creativity, and dedication, Abigail has created a meaningful, lasting resource that will continue to educate and inspire future generations.

Abigail’s Future Plans after High School Graduation:

After graduating high school, Abigail plans to pursue her passion for creativity by studying animation and graphic design. She also hopes to explore writing books and poetry, as well as continuing to create art in many forms. Looking ahead, Abigail is excited to stay connected to the Girl Scout community and hopes to give back by supporting future Girl Scouts, perhaps even designing merchandise for Girl Scout cookie sales one day.



Gold Award Girl Scout

Abigail
Robinson

Pollinator Garden Self
Guided Tour

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From Baby Basket to Gold Award: A Full Circle Scout Story



On October 31, 2008, Juliette Gordon Low's birthday, a very special Girl Scout tradition came to life in Atascadero, California. Andrea and Paul Robinson welcomed their daughter, Abigail Robinson, who was the first baby girl born in the city that day. In honor of this milestone, a local Cadette Girl Scout troop delivered a thoughtfully prepared Girl Scout baby basket, filled with baby essentials and a small plush bunny.

That bunny, lovingly named "Bun-Bun," has remained a treasured keepsake for Abigail ever since.

As Abigail shares, "I still have the rabbit plush they gave me—Bun-Bun has always been my favorite—and she's part of the reason I wanted to join Girl Scouts in the first place!"

What began as a simple act of kindness blossomed into something truly meaningful. Abigail went on to become a Girl Scout herself, inspired in part by that early connection to the organization. Today, she achieved one of Girl Scouting's highest honors, the Girl Scout Gold Award, and continues to embody the values and traditions that first welcomed her into the Girl Scout sisterhood.

Her story is a beautiful reminder of the lasting impact of Girl Scout traditions and the powerful ways we inspire the next generation, sometimes from the very beginning.



Bronze Award Spotlight Troop

Bronze Award
Girl Scouts

Troop 32140

Paws & Purpose



Troop 32140's Bronze Award project, "Paws & Purpose: Community Donation Houses for Hitchcock Road Animal Services," made a meaningful and lasting impact on animals in need within their community. The girls designed and installed a colorful, repurposed donation library at Monterey Bay Charter School, making it easy for community members to contribute essential items like blankets, toys, and leashes to support the local animal shelter. By collaborating with Hitchcock Road Animal Services and incorporating a QR code for real-time donation needs, the troop created a sustainable system that increases awareness and ongoing support for animals awaiting adoption.

Through teamwork, creativity, and leadership, these Girl Scouts turned their love for animals into a project that will continue to benefit their community for years to come.

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NCS 2026: The Big Scoop!



The 58th National Council Session (NCS) is Girl Scouts' highest governing body, where elected delegates from across the country gather to shape our Movement's future. Held every three years, the 58th NCS in July 2026 will focus on strategic discussion topics and proposals aligned to Vision 2030. Delegates influence national priorities, vote on proposals, and provide guidance to the National Board through a transparent, collaborative agenda process. The NCS reflects our democratic tradition, ensuring members have a voice in strengthening Girl Scouting nationwide.

The following three proposals have been placed on the agenda for delegate deliberation and vote at the 58th National Council Session. More information will be coming, but stay tuned to ensure we hear your voice.

Proposal #1 - Girl Scout Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions

Submitted by: Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

This proposal would allow Girl Scouts working toward the Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards to solicit philanthropic donations for their projects (with council approval), expanding current policy that limits solicitation primarily to Seniors and Ambassadors pursuing the Gold Award.

Proposal #2 - Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration

Submitted by: Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

This proposal would reduce the threshold requiring National Council approval for dues increases from 25% to 15% within a triennium, increasing delegate oversight on national membership dues adjustments

Proposal #3 - Preservation of Girl Scout Leadership Experience Relating to the Entrepreneurship Program

Submitted by: Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

This proposal seeks to limit GSUSA licensing of Girl Scout cookie-related food products during council entrepreneurship program sales periods

K-12 children

It's time to claim your CalKIDS Scholarship!

What you need to know...

More than 60% of California's public school students have a CalKIDS Scholarship Account, worth **at least \$500**, waiting to be claimed. You may have one too!

It is important to claim your scholarship now to ensure the money is available when you're ready to use it. Once you are enrolled in a qualified college or career training program, you can request the money be sent to your school.

Claiming a CalKIDS Scholarship Account is quick and easy. Visit **CalKIDS.org** and have the information listed below ready.



If you received this scholarship, please fill out this form!

What you'll need to claim your CalKIDS Scholarship Account:

- Statewide Student Identifier (SSID)** - may be found on the school portal, transcript, report card, or by contacting the school directly.
- Your **date of birth**.
- The **county** where you were enrolled in school during the applicable Academic Year.

ACADEMIC YEAR	GRADE	ON THIS DATE
2021 - 2022	1 - 12	October 6, 2021
2022 - 2023	1	October 5, 2022
2023 - 2024	1	October 4, 2023
2024 - 2025	1	October 2, 2024

Email Nyeland Promise@gmail.com for more information.



Claim your future today!



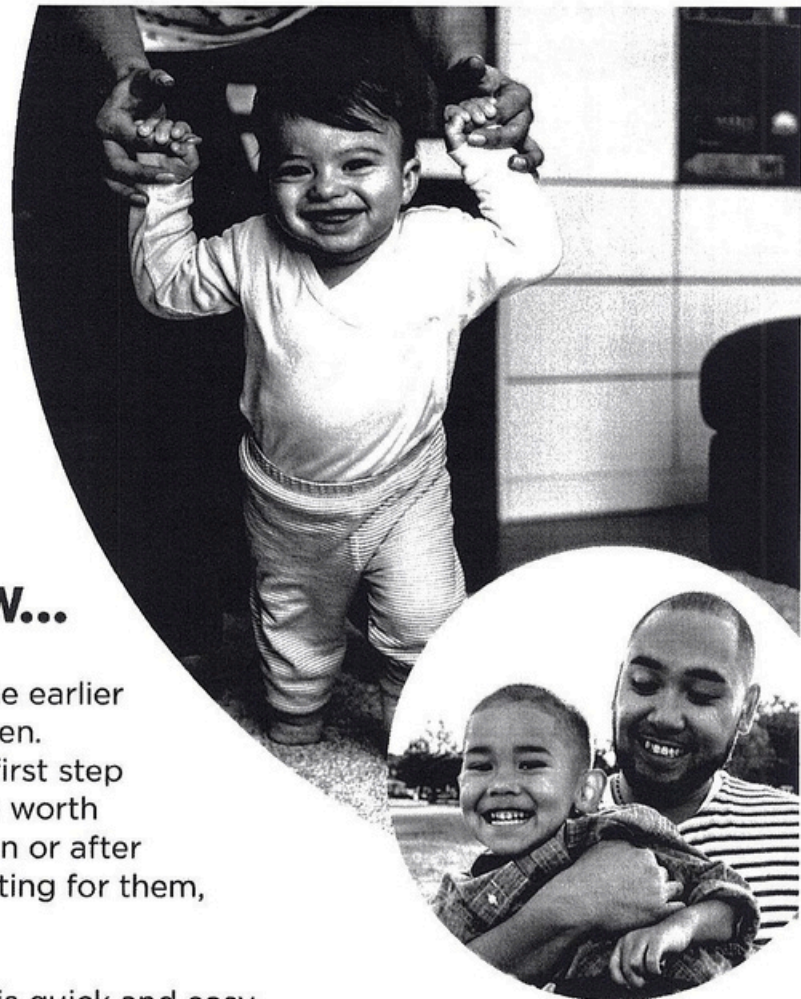
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Girls Make History.

Join us in Washington, DC!
July 23–25, 2026



Join us as we celebrate all the ways that Girls Make History. Girl Scouts have transformed—and continue to transform—our country. We planted victory gardens during World War II and marched for civil rights. We launch new businesses and advocate for the issues we care about. We dream big. We spark change. We lead the way! There's no better time and place to celebrate the incredible impact of Girl Scouts than on the 250th anniversary of the U.S. in our nation's capital.

At the **Girl Scouts Unite** event, you'll:

- experience interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and live performances
- meet girls who are taking action in their communities
- learn about trailblazers and barrier-breakers from past generations
- venture into the city for events and exhibits commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S.

Together, we'll make friends, make memories, and make a difference. It's a weekend you'll remember forever.

In the days leading up to the **Girl Scouts Unite** event (July 20–22), our 58th National Council Session will meet to discuss key issues, vote on proposals, and elect leaders. It's democracy in action, as girl delegates vote alongside adults and have a direct voice in shaping the future of Girl Scouts.

We'll see you July 23–25 with more than 10,000 Girl Scout community members and supporters. When Girl Scouts unite, anything is possible!

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Shoutout to Our Top Cookie Sellers! 🍪

We're celebrating the incredible Girl Scouts and troops who are leading the way this cookie season! Your hard work, goal-setting, and determination are truly inspiring. Thank you for showing what it means to be brave, fierce, and unstoppable — we're so proud of you! ❤️

SU 150 Surf City – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 15011

2 Troop 15005

3 Troop 15022

4 Troop 15019

5 Troop 15021

1 Jane P – T15011 – 1518 pkgs

2 Azalea O – T15022 – 1501 pkgs

3 Elena P – T15015 – 1006 pkgs

4 Alexa B – T15015 – 1001 pkgs

5 Lauren S – T15011 – 1000 pkgs

SU 155 Coastal Redwoods – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 15521

2 Troop 15531

3 Troop 15529

4 Troop 15523

5 Troop 15524

1 Sara S – T15529 – 1013 pkgs

2 Eleanor G – T15517 – 1012 pkgs

3 Madison K – T15525 – 851 pkgs

4 Jacqueline B – T15521 – 804 pkgs

5 Lillian R – T10237 – 800 pkgs



Cookie Bosses in Action!



SU 250 San Benito – Top Troops – Top Girls

1	Troop 25005	1	Zaylee T-L – T25005 – 1000 pkgs
2	Troop 25015	2	Olivia C – T25005 – 914 pkgs
3	Troop 20003	3	Kinley B– T25015 – 841 pkgs
4	Troop 25007	4	Kacee C– T2003 – 736 pkgs
5	Troop 25006	5	America B – T20003 – 706 pkgs

SU 353 Gateway to the Pinnacles – Top Troops – Top Girls

1	Troop 35308	1	Ramona E – T35308 – 600 pkgs
2	Troop 35331	2	Natasha M – T35331– 529 pkgs
3	Troop 35309	3	Reesy R – T35308 – 509 pkgs
4	Troop	4	Isabella G – T35308 – 350 pkgs
5	Troop	5	Angela M – T35309 – 280 pkgs



Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 355 Ocean Hills – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 30502

2 Troop 35512

3 Troop 35508

4 Troop

5 Troop

1 Abigail F – T30502 – 2431 pkgs

2 Maya C – T30502 – 1500 pkgs

3 Jacquelyn H – T35512 – 1202 pkgs

4 Cyarra P – T30502 – 1000 pkgs

5 Adelyn H – T30502 – 802 pkgs

SU 356 Monterey Bay – Top Troops – Top Girls



1 Troop 30603

2 Troop 35612

3 Troop 32140

4 Troop 35613

5 Troop 35601

1 Alison A – T32140 – 2027 pkgs

2 Kiali F – T30603 – 1503 pkgs

3 Emmalie A – T30603 – 1080 pkgs

4 Lena G – T35601 – 1015 pkgs

5 Camille F – T30603 – 104 pkgs



Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 375 Salinas Valley – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 30103

2 Troop 35716

3 Troop 30116

4 Troop 35712

5 Troop 33132

1 Camilla C – T35716 – 3148 pkgs

2 Kaytlin K – T33132 – 2091 pkgs

3 Catalina S – T35260 – 1323 pkgs

4 Lily L – T33132 – 1001 pkgs

5 Aria I – T30103 – 1000 pkgs

SU 450 Cuesta del Norte – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 45011

2 Troop 45004

3 Troop 45009

4 Troop 45002

5 Troop 40704

1 Ambriya C – T45004 – 2031 pkgs

2 Nora E – T45002 – 858 pkgs

3 Hannah T – T45009 – 770 pkgs

4 Zakiah B – T45014 – 612 pkgs

5 Natina S – T45011 – 576 pkgs





Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 451 Estero Pines – Top Troops – Top Girls

- 1 Troop 45113
- 2 Troop 45105
- 3 Troop 45101
- 4 Troop 45108
- 5 Troop 45112

- 1 Marilyn P – T45113 – 1002 pkgs
- 2 Kalea F – T45113 – 1000 pkgs
- 3 Ruby S – T45105 – 692 pkgs
- 4 Olivia R – T45127 – 525 pkgs
- 5 Ella S – T45101 – 516 pkgs

SU 452 San Luis Obispo – Top Troops – Top Girls



- 1 Troop 40177
- 2 Troop 45211
- 3 Troop 45222
- 4 Troop 45206
- 5 Troop 40178

- 1 Chiara E-R – T40177 – 2231 pkgs
- 2 Liliana T-R – T40177 – 1094 pkgs
- 3 Arden K-C – T40177 – 1054 pkgs
- 4 Poppy M – T40177 – 900 pkgs
- 5 Violet M – T40177 – 900 pkgs

Cookie Bosses in Action!



SU 453 Monarchs by the Sea – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 45318

2 Troop 40029

3 Troop 42408

4 Troop 45314

5 Troop 45313

1 Kaelyn B – T42408 – 2105 pkgs

2 Tayler E – T45318 – 1517 pkgs

3 Kassidy R – T42408 – 1048 pkgs

4 Aysie C – T45333 – 854 pkgs

5 Bailey B – T45318 – 800 pkgs



SU 552 Space and Sea – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 50748

2 Troop 50203

3 Troop 50503

4 Troop

5 Troop

1 Claire L – T50748 – 521 pkgs

2 Fern M – T50748 – 515 pkgs

3 Lucy B – T50748 – 402 pkgs

4 Chloe W – T50203 – 353 pkgs

5 Piper M – T50203 – 252 pkgs



Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 553 Valley of the Flowers – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 55307

2 Troop 50167

3 Troop 55305

4 Troop 50176

5 Troop 50052

1 Skyler H – T55307 – 1592 pkgs

2 Aaliyah A – T55307 – 1500 pkgs

3 Aviana V – T55307 – 1000 pkgs

4 Violet B - T55305 – 669 pkgs

5 Hazel H- T55305 – 627 pkgs

SU 555 Costa de Oro– Top Troops – Top Girls



1 Troop 55533

2 Troop 55548

3 Troop 55523

4 Troop 55538

5 Troop 55507

1 Hattie P – T55538 – 2164 pkgs

2 Beatrix H – T55533 – 2027 pkgs

3 Amber W – T55549 – 2026 pkgs

4 Kyler M – T55548 – 1745 pkgs

5 Janae H – T55523 – 1543 pkgs

Cookie Bosses in Action!



SU 558 Rancho Oaks – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 55002

2 Troop 55805

3 Troop 55807

4 Troop 55802

5 Troop 55806

1 Elyanna R – T55802 – 2526 pkgs

2 Piper M – T55002 – 1550 pkgs

3 Avigail G – T55805 – 1126pkgs

4 Haley D – T55002 – 1048 pkgs

Penelope J – T55807 – 1000 pkgs



SU 650 Island View – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 61105

2 Troop 65049

3 Troop 65017

4 Troop 65044

5 Troop 65035

1 Dylan M – T65049 – 2526 pkgs

2 Jess M – T65049 – 2526 pkgs

3 Valerie C – T65017 – 1010 pkgs

4 Haileigh S – T65017 – 1000 pkgs

5 Skylia Z – T65030 – 950 pkgs

Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 651 Heritage Valley – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 65106

2 Troop 65108

3 Troop 65105

4 Troop

5 Troop

1 Jewelyssa B – T65106 – 735 pkgs

2 America V – T65105 – 712 pkgs

3 Isabell B – T65106 – 514 pkgs

4 Scarlett R – T65105 – 500 pkgs

5 Elena M – T65108 – 410 pkgs



SU 653 Mi Casa – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 65231

2 Troop 65345

3 Troop 65328

4 Troop 65323

5 Troop 65219

1 Victoria M – T65231 – 2036 pkgs

2 Josephine S – T65345 – 1500 pkgs

3 Theo B – T65326 – 1204 pkgs

4 Camille H – T65231 – 1009 pkgs

5 Alenah S – T65328 – 980 pkgs



Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 654 Simi Valley – Top Troops – Top Girls

- 1 Troop 65438
- 2 Troop 65437
- 3 Troop 65452
- 4 Troop 65432
- 5 Troop 65448

- 1 Isabella A – T65401 – 1174 pkgs
- 2 Lily P – T65432 – 1072pkgs
- 3 Sadie H – T6438 – 1066 pkgs
- 4 Sophia M – T6438 – 1043 pkgs
- 5 Everly N – T6438 – 1034 pkgs

SU 655 Whispering Oaks – Top Troops – Top Girls



- 1 Troop 65523
- 2 Troop 65533
- 3 Troop 65520
- 4 Troop 65519
- 5 Troop 65532

- 1 Sophia N – T65520 – 802 pkgs
- 2 Sophia S – T65518 – 647 pkgs
- 3 Cassidy R – T65523 – 531 pkgs
- 4 Rian S – T65532 – 500 pkgs
- 5 Elliana M – T65523 – 453 pkgs

Cookie Bosses in Action!



SU 656 Rancho Sierra Vista – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 65618

2 Troop 65620

3 Troop 65616

4 Troop 65628

5 Troop 65603

1 Kathleen R – T65618– 1192 pkgs

2 Charlie H – T65630 – 830 pkgs

3 Grace F – T65628 – 710 pkgs

4 Saidee K – T65626 – 657 pkgs

5 Annabelle S - T65628 – 569 pkgs



SU 657 Moorpark – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 65748

2 Troop 65439

3 Troop 65744

4 Troop 65746

5 Troop 65745

1 Emily H – T65745 – 544 pkgs

2 Elia R – T65749 – 532 pkgs

3 Emily R – T65744 – 530 pkgs

4 Mia A – T65439 – 501 pkgs

5 Valentina K – T65744 – 460 pkgs

Cookie Bosses in Action!

SU 660 Thousand Oaks – Top Troops – Top Girls

1 Troop 66040

2 Troop 66038

3 Troop 66025

4 Troop 66027

5 Troop 66053

1 Sunvi P – T66040– 1268 pkgs

2 Isha P – T66040– 1255 pkgs

3 Evelyn C – T66040– 1152 pkgs

4 Zara P – T66027 – 1063 pkgs

5 Esther Y – T66027 – 1042 pkgs



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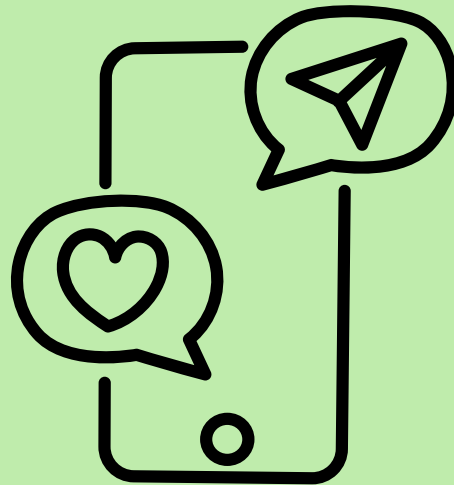
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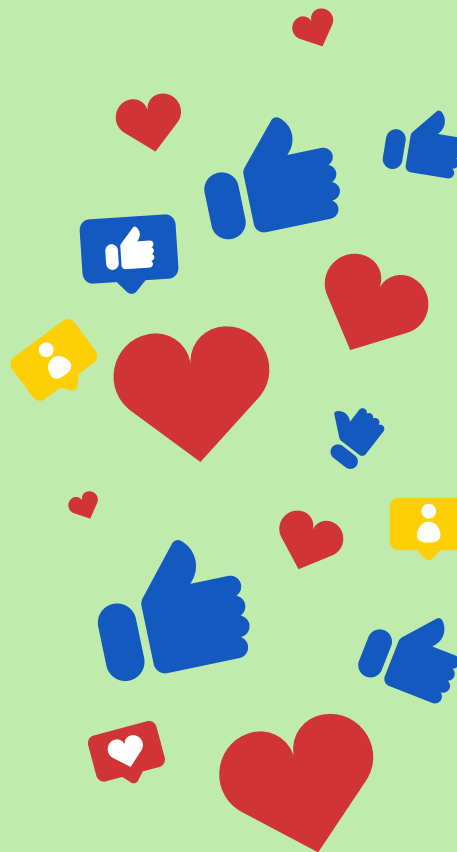
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