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A Standing Ovation for Our Women of Distinction

Each year, Women of Distinction brings our community together to celebrate the individuals who lead with purpose, give with heart, and make a lasting impact in the lives of others. This event is more than a celebration, it is a reflection of the strength, connection, and commitment that define our Girl Scout community.

Our 2026 honorees represent an extraordinary group of leaders, volunteers, and changemakers. Through their dedication to service, mentorship, and community engagement, they have helped shape opportunities for girls to grow into confident, capable leaders. Their work extends far beyond a single moment, it creates ripple effects that strengthen families, organizations, and our community as a whole. At the heart of this evening is Camp Arnaz, a place that has become a true hub for connection, leadership, and growth. It is where girls try new things, build lifelong skills, and discover their potential. It is also where volunteers, partners, and supporters come together to create experiences that matter. This celebration is an opportunity to experience that space, see the impact firsthand, and connect with the people who make it all possible.

This event is proudly supported and led by our Girl Advisory Board, whose voices and leadership guide the evening. Their involvement is a powerful reminder of why we do this work—to ensure every girl has the opportunity to lead, to be heard, and to make a difference.





A Standing Ovation for Our Women of Distinction



Chris Amendt



Lynda Fairly



Denise Hand



Mary Anne
Rooney



Karen Bauerle



Vicky Grisham

Don't forget to grab your
tickets now!



GSUSA AWARDS

Appreciation Award

Allison Turkish
Amanda Hubbard
Amber Blizinski
Breanna Dahlstrom
Brook Howell
Carissa McCann
Carolyn Tran
Cathy Greenman
DJ Barber
Glenda Learn
Jillian Van Enckevort
Karen McElfresh
Michelle Leicester-Caderet
Mina Canning
Nancy Brace-Thompson
Susan Riojas
Beverly Christian
Lori Luck

Thanks Badge

Amy Yakel
Debbie Jaeger
Karma Simons
LeAnne Breslauer
Melissa Piatt
Michelle Berard
Nancy Cooper
Neena Moriyama
Rainia Knapp
Susan Downing
Theresa Carter

Honor Pin

Vicky Grisham

Volunteer of Excellence

Diana Galloway
Erin La Rue
Violeta Esparza-Reniere

Thanks Badge II

Kathy Carrington
Nancy Beckstrom

GSCCC AWARDS

Art McLoughlin Award

Kenneth Cooper

Girl Scout of the Year Award

Kaytlin Kimball

Heritage Award Pin

Jenny Macartney
Theresa (Tess) Wright

Man Enough to be a Girl Scout Award

Jake Nipp
John Ambrecht
Jonathan Franco
Justin Hyde
Kenneth Rosell

Super Service Unit Award

Amy Bosso
Amy Sue Caperton
Emma Vetter
Karen Bauerle
LaTanya Wilson
Laura Achee
Neena Moriyama
Rob Grossberg
Sharon Hall

The Innovator Award

Anne Wilson
Carrie Knight
Cat Nipp
Celia Churchill
Genevieve Balicki
Jacklyn Gabel
Jennifer Stewart
Jody Owen
Mackenzie Aluffi
Renee Regnier
Tammy Adams

Regional Leader of the Year Award

Heather Hughes - Santa Cruz County
Linda Hong - Monterey County
LeAnne Breslauer - San Benito County
Tonya Willett - San Luis Obispo County
Sarah Brownlee - Santa Barbara County
Tatiana (Tanya) Inouye - Ventura County

GSCCC AWARDS

The Risk-Taker Award

Amanda Sturges-Melby
Amber Blizinski
Carolyn Tran
Karen Gauthier
Karen McElfresh
Katie Dornbos
Laura Belzer
Lisa Lott
Michele Pinkerton
Miranda Roberts
Rebecca "Becca" Scheiblaue
Susan Lopez
Violeta Esparza-Reniere

GSCCC AWARDS

The Leader Award

Ann Padden-Rubin	Laura Maskrey
Annie Amos	Monica Eckert
Candace Villarta	Naomi Bush
Candice Bello	Nicole Cunningham
Christy Douglass	Nicole Dion
Cori Yost	Ramona Evey
DeeDee Forster	Sandi Israel
Deborah Vaughn	Shannon Lomeli
Drew Messier	Stacey Anderson
Karin Childress	Stacie Rappleye
Kayce Mastrup	Teresa Sample

Lead the Way Award

Alicia Potes	Kara Kasteen
Angela MacMartin	Karissa Oien
Christine Estrada	Leah Schoen
Diana Galloway	Marisa Renshaw
Eileen Dooley	Marisa Brenninkmeyer
Elizabeth Kellner-Christensen	Michael Reniere
Erika Adler	Michelle Renteria
Erin LaRue	Rachelle Paris
Fara Perez	Sharolyn Robinson
Jackie Hall	Tracy Cano
Juliana Canalez	Yuhsuan Yen
Julie Sainz	

GSCCC AWARDS

The Go-Getter Award

America Cleary
Ana McHugh
Angela Draper
Angela Jevons
Ashley Birch
Beth Hernandez-Jason
Blanca Rodriguez
Catherine Handschuh
Cheryl Griffith
Danielle Obinger
Danielle Rosell
Darcy Wronkiewicz
Debbie McNulty
Deborah McLaughlin
Diane Newman
George Ayala
Heather Votava

Hilary Papendick
Jennie Huber
Jennifer DiSanto
Jennifer Sanchez
Jessica Ferqueron
Joy Shah
Julie Ingram
Justine Ambrecht
Karen Abram
Kellie Kwan
Kiki Arens
Kimberly Cuna
Kristen Nusbaum
LaTanya Wilson
Lilian Ramey
Lucinda "Cindy" Goodyear
Luck Phayrin-Ito

Marsha Hill
Melissa Jaqua
Miranda Finnell
Monica Schwehr
Nancy Brace-Thompson
Nicole Raven
Olivia Vasquez
Patricia Henkin
Richard Tao
Sarah Errea
Scott Dornbos
Sheridan Kahn
Susan Downing
Susie Harris

GSCCC AWARDS

SU Growth Award

Service Unit 651 - Heritage Valley

SU Retention Award

Service Unit 365 - Monterey Bay

Leadership Knot Service Units

Gold - SU 657 - Moorpark, Ventura County

Silver - SU 655 - Whispering Oaks, Ventura County

Bronze - SU 555 - Costa de Oro, Santa Barbara County



Don't Wait - Grab your Women of Distinction Tickets!

Celebrate the extraordinary women and volunteers who make Girl Scouts shine across the Central Coast at our 2026 Women of Distinction celebration.

When: Saturday, April 25, 2026, 3:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where: The Monarch Breeding Research Institute –
Camp Arnaz

Tickets are on sale now—secure yours today
and be part of this inspiring celebration.


GET YOUR
TICKETS
NOW!

Hotel Rooms Available!

Get Your Rooms for Women of Distinction!



Overnight accommodations are now available for our event guests at the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach. We've secured a special room block to make your stay in Ventura as comfortable and convenient as possible.



We have special discounts available until April 3rd!
Grab your room now!

Early Bird Renewal is Here — Don't Miss the Camp Experience!

Early Bird renewal is officially open, and we're kicking things off with something extra exciting this year.

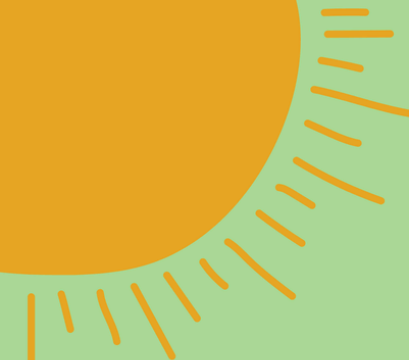
Girls who renew early have the opportunity to earn a Weekend Camp Experience, filled with hands-on activities like archery, BB guns, outdoor adventures, and even astronomy under the stars. It's a chance to get outside, try something new, and connect with other Girl Scouts in a fun and meaningful way.

Along with camp, girls will also receive our Body Appreciation water bottle kit as part of this year's Every Body is Beautiful theme.



Renew starting April 1
and get ready for an
unforgettable Girl Scout
year.














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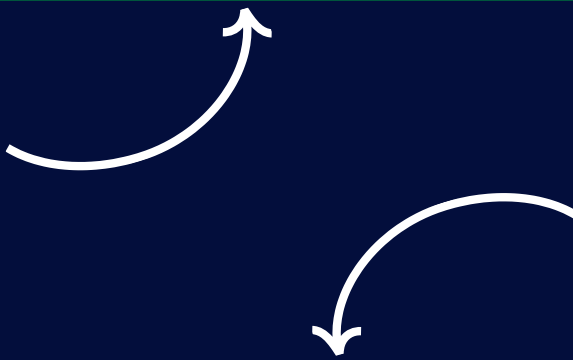
Early Renewal Incentives

2026-2027

<p>April 1 - 21 80% Girls + 2 Troop Leaders</p>	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	 GSCCC Early Bird Patch	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	 Weekend Camp Experience Family or Troop Camping
<p>April 22 - June 30</p>	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	 GSCCC Early Bird Patch	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	
<p>July 1 - September 30</p>	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit		

Girl Incentives

Adult Incentives



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Early Renewal Adult Incentives

2026-2027



<p>April 1-21</p>	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	 GSCCC Early Bird Patch	<p>Free Training (May-Dec 2026)</p> <p>Mental Health Training Mandated Reporter Training Suicide Prevention Training</p>
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Camp Arnaz - New Program Alert!



Flighted Friends!

Set your sights on the treetops in Flighted Friends, a birdwatching adventure designed to spark curiosity and wonder. Girls will explore the trails of Camp Arnaz with binoculars in hand, learning to identify local birds by sight and sound. Along the way, they'll discover the basics of bird behavior, habitats, and conservation through fun, hands-on activities. It's the perfect blend of science, observation, and outdoor exploration—ideal for nature lovers and budding ornithologists alike!

Register for
Upcoming
Programs!

REMINDER

CPR/First Aid - April 9th

April 9th from 6pm - 8pm at the Thousand Oaks Program Center

Learn how to stay calm, act fast, and save lives. This hands-on course covers essential skills to respond to common emergencies - CPR, choking, bleeding, burns, and more, all through interactive instruction and real-world scenarios.

Register
Here!

Troop Banking & Post Cookie Season Updates!



Now that cookie season and ACH drafts have concluded, troops that were waiting to transition their bank account may begin the process.

Troops in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties may open accounts with Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU). Troops in the northern and central regions may open accounts with West Coast Community Bank (WCCB). To open or transition a troop account, email banking@girlscoutsgcc.org. Council staff will coordinate the required forms and signature cards with troop leaders and Service Unit Treasurers.

Service Units interested in coordinating SU-wide transitions may also contact banking@girlscoutsgcc.org.

Just around the corner is Volunteer Appreciation month, and now is the perfect time to plan how you'll celebrate the out-of-this-world volunteers who support Girl Scouts. Show your gratitude with a thoughtful token of thanks.

Get a head start with free, downloadable resources available in English and Spanish, including a customizable fill in the blank card, a coloring page, a Girl Scout Shop gift guide, and simple DIY gift ideas.

SAY THANKS





A Weekend Under the Stars

May 15th - 17th, 2026

Camp Arnaz

\$45 per camper

Join Troop 61688 of the Island View Service Unit for a Camporee at Camp Arnaz, where girls will spend a weekend under the stars. This outdoor experience will bring troops together for camping, activities, and connection, creating lasting memories while building confidence and teamwork in a beautiful camp setting.



**[Click Here](#)
[to Sign Up!](#)**

Join the Western Monarch Call to Action

Western Monarch Numbers Remain at Historic Low. The 29th annual Western Monarch Count revealed a historically low population for the Second year in a row. Approximately 12,260 monarchs were recorded, the third-lowest tally since the count began in 1997.

Here are five key steps you can take now to help recover the western monarch population in the short term:

- Restore monarch breeding and migratory habitat
- Protect monarchs and their habitat from pesticides
- Protect and manage California overwintering sites
- Spread the word about monarch and pollinator conservation
- Participate in community science



A portrait of Kathy Carrington, a woman with short brown hair, smiling and wearing a green floral shirt. She is standing outdoors next to a tree trunk.

Meet Kathy Carrington!

Volunteer Spotlight

Helping Girls Discover What They Can Do

We are so excited to spotlight Kathy Carrington, whose Girl Scout journey is such a great example of how one “yes” can turn into years of impact for girls. Kathy wasn’t a Girl Scout growing up, but she always wished she had that sense of belonging—especially as her family moved often. When her daughter was young, she decided to start a Girl Scout troop to help keep a group of preschool girls connected. What began as a small idea quickly grew into something much bigger. From there, Kathy jumped in wherever she was needed. When asked to teach girls how to use a compass at Day Camp—without knowing how to use one herself—she said yes and figured it out. That moment really set the tone for her journey. Over the past 15 years, she has served as a Troop Leader, Day Camp Director, and Service Unit Manager, while continuing to support her service unit and lead Day Camp today.

One of the things Kathy is most proud of is creating and revamping her Service Unit website. She saw a need for easier access to local activities, volunteer opportunities, and resources for families, and turned it into a true labor of love that continues to support leaders and girls in her community.

Her passion really shines through in Day Camp. For Kathy, it’s all about giving girls a space to try new things, get messy, and step outside of the pressure to be perfect. One of her favorite moments each year is watching Daisies come into camp nervous and unsure, and leave confident, connected, and already excited to come back. Kathy and her team are currently looking for a Camp Nurse & Health Manager to support Day Camp—helping care for campers and ensure a safe, fun experience for everyone. If you’re interested in getting involved, you can reach out to the team at info@simivalleydaycamp.com.

We are so grateful for Kathy’s leadership, heart, and willingness to always step up. Volunteers like her are what make Girl Scouts so special.

Kaleidoscope Is Almost Here!

The big moment is here! Make sure you're checking the weather and planning ahead—bring plenty of water, dress in layers, and be ready to adjust. You've worked hard, you've practiced, and now it's time to shine.

We can't wait to see your skills in action and everything you've learned—this is YOUR moment!

IF you weren't able to join the March 26 Zoom, make sure you watch the recording on the Kaleidoscope page of Council's [website](#).

As you all know, Girl Scouts are prepared!





Give Your Troop an Unforgettable Start to the Year

The Girl Scout Experience Box™: Limited Special Edition for Juniors Starts April 1!

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 2026-2027 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 early in April 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](https://www.girlscouts.org/juniorbox)



New Troops ALERT

Please join us in congratulating three new troops that formed from December to February! 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 55551 (four girls) Troop 35508
Troop 65052 (six girls) Troop 35612
Troop 65329 (two girls)
Troop 45218
Troop 45114 (six girls)
Troop 61105
Troop 65436



Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together

From October 1 to March 15th, 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

30 Daisys - SU 660
Thousand Oaks

Led by SU Manager:
Deborah Vaughn/Tammy Adams

29 Daisys - SU 656
Rancho Sierra Vista

Led by SU Managers:
Jessica Ferqueron

Total New Girls

63 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Manager:
Marisa Brenninkmeyer/Lisa Pitre

52 New Girl Scouts - SU 655 -
Whispering Oaks

Led by SU Managers:
Julie LaPaglia & Jennifer Bovatsek

52 New Girl Scouts - SU 650 -
Island View

Led by SU Managers:
Darcy Wronkiewicz/Laura Achee

Growing New Adults

59 New Adults - SU 555 - Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:
Marisa Brenninkmeyer/Lisa Pitre

46 New Adults - SU 356 - Monterey Bay

Led by SU Manager: Candace Villarta & Mary Horsley

LET'S
- CELEBRATE -
you

Help Us Update the 2026 Troop Catalog! Troop Leaders — we need your help!

Please take a moment to complete the 2026 Troop Catalog Update so we can place new girls quickly, keep troop records accurate, and ensure your meeting location is up-to-date for insurance coverage.

Your update helps us welcome more girls into the Girl Scout experience they're eagerly waiting for!

Complete your Troop Catalog Update [here](#):

**Thank you for making Girl Scouts shine!
Your leadership opens doors for every girl.**

You are invited to attend an upcoming Town Hall. This gathering is an opportunity for service unit leadership, troop leaders and volunteers to connect directly with the CEO and Council Senior Leadership, hear important council updates, and share feedback, questions, and ideas.

Your voice and experience are incredibly important as we continue working together to support girls, strengthen our troops, and grow Girl Scouts in our communities. We encourage you to submit questions in advance by RSVPing to the center nearest you, listed in the links below.

Thousand Oaks
May 18th at 6:30pm

Santa Barbara
May 11th at 6:30pm



D'Arrigo Center
May 13th at 6:30pm

San Luis Obispo
May 19th at 6:30pm

UPCOMING SPRING PROGRAMS

4/11/2026: GIRL SCOUTS COOK - CULINARY
ADVENTURES WITH OJAI PIXIES - SANTA
BARBARA (J/C)

5/3/2026: REACH NEW HEIGHTS WHILE
CLIMBING - WESTLAKE VILLAGE (B/J/C/S/A)

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)

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



REGISTER
HERE!

D'ARRIGO PROGRAM CENTER

**Saturday
4/18/2026
9am to 5pm
\$25.00 per girl**



Junior aMUSE Journey in a Day -

The Junior aMUSE Journey is all about exploring the many roles you play in life and discovering new ones you might want to try. You'll learn how stereotypes can limit what people think they can do—and how to break past them. Through fun activities, creative projects, and teamwork, you'll build confidence to try new things, encourage others, and step into the starring role of your own story. By the end, you'll inspire yourself and those around you to imagine the possibilities!

Sign Up Here!

Discovering Imports & Exports

Join us on April 4th as girls learn all about
logistics!



The Port
OF Hueneme
Oxnard Harbor District



Want to learn more about how logistics work
and how our food, clothing and even cars
come to Ventura County?

Register for our program with the Port of
Hueneme on April 4th and learn how cargo
ships move and haul 1000's of items daily.

Register Now!

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.

Register

Here!

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!





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 Scout

Gold Award Spotlight

Laura
Hodges



Journey to Japan: A Student Exchange Experience

After serving as a student ambassador, Laura recognized that the Salinas-Kushikino Sister City Association's recruitment materials were outdated and not engaging new applicants. She led the creation of a modern promotional video showcasing the experiences of past ambassadors.

Laura coordinated interviews, gathered exchange trip footage, and used advanced editing to produce a dynamic, informative resource. The video was published on the organization's website, providing a lasting tool to inspire future applicants.

Through her leadership and creativity, Laura increased visibility of the exchange program and strengthened cultural connections between Salinas, California, and Ichiki-Kushikino, Japan—demonstrating the impact of storytelling and innovation.

Laura's Future Plans after High School Graduation:

I am currently in a six-year bachelor's to doctorate program at the University of Southern California and plan to graduate in 2031 with a doctorate in Occupational Science & Therapy. I hope to gain community experience and eventually start my own occupational therapy business focused on wellness and support for all ages.



Silver Award Spotlight Troop



Save the Snowy Plovers – Troop 61059

Girl Scouts Anika, Aria, Allison, and Shyana of Troop 61059 took action to protect a threatened coastal species through their Silver Award project, Save the Snowy Plovers.

Recognizing the species' decline due to human impact, they focused on raising awareness about how everyday actions—like leaving trash or bringing dogs onto protected beaches—harm these birds and their habitats.

Through a creative Instagram campaign, the girls shared facts, conservation tips, and real-life experiences from working with organizations like the Ventura Audubon Society. They also participated in beach cleanups and outreach to help protect nesting areas. By combining education, environmental stewardship, and teamwork, they created a sustainable project that continues to inspire others to protect local wildlife and support healthier beach ecosystems.

Bronze Award Spotlight Troop



Bronze Award
Girl Scouts

Troop 55522

Cat Scratchers

girl scouts
of california
central coast

Girl Scouts Rylan and Elizabeth of Troop 55522 combined creativity and compassion in their Bronze Award project, Cat Scratchers. Partnering with ASAP Cats in Santa Barbara, they addressed shelter cats' need for enrichment to reduce stress and boredom.

Using recycled Girl Scout cookie boxes, the girls designed and built handmade cat scratchers, promoting sustainability while supporting animal welfare. Their hands-on efforts made a positive impact on both the cats and shelter staff, while helping Rylan and Elizabeth grow as leaders and advocates—making the world better, one scratcher at a time.



GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship

\$5,000 awarded to one Girl Scout per council

Open to current seniors earning their Gold Award by April 1, 2026,
and recent graduates who earned it during their senior year

Application window: March 13 – April 14, 2026

Learn more & apply:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/goldawardscholarship>



**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

GSCCC Bauerle Family Gold Award Scholarship

Funded through the generosity of the Bauerle family, GSCCC awards up to five Gold Award Girl Scouts each year scholarships totaling over \$15,000.

No application required, as eligibility is automatic upon earning the Gold Award. More info can be found [here](#).

Questions - call GSCCC Customer Care at 800-822-2427 and ask for Michelle Kienitz.





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

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 in April.

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.



CENTRAL COAST IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP – 2026

Empowering the next generation of leaders

Make Your Impact!

The Central Coast Impact Scholarship supports local students as they pursue higher education and make a difference in their communities.

Open to students in:

Santa Cruz • Monterey • San Benito • San Luis Obispo • Santa Barbara • Ventura

Who Can Apply?

Graduating senior or current student
Attending accredited college/university
Minimum GPA 2.0
Central Coast resident



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April 30, 2026

No late applications accepted

Good to Know

Photo/headshot may be required

More details available online

Share with your troop!

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!

Scan the QR code to see unforgettable moments from 2023.





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

Virtual Events

www.girlscouts.org

**Friday, Apr 3
4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Women in STEM Virtual Series- Sarah Wilson- Biomechanical and Robotics Engineer (All levels)

REGISTER NOW

**Friday, Apr 10
4:00pm - 5:00pm**

Guiding Stars VIRTUAL Mini-Series: Connecting Girl Scouts with Inspiring Women in Astronomy - Stellar Explosion Scientist (J,C,S,A)

REGISTER NOW

**Friday, Apr 10
4:00pm - 5:00pm**

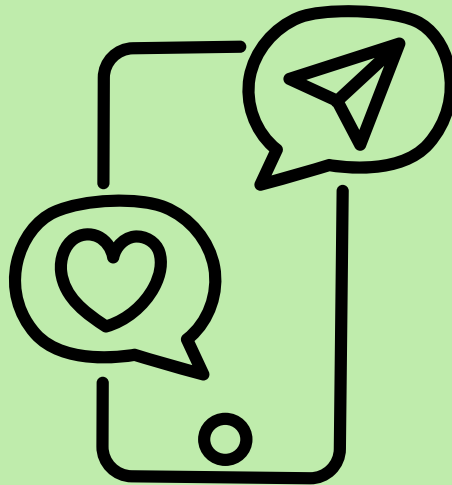
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Discover everything happening this year at our Girl Scout Program Centers! From STEM adventures to outdoor skills, leadership workshops, and creative badges, our 2025–2026 Program Guides are now live and ready for you to explore.

Finding the perfect experience is easy—simply locate your nearest Program Center and click the guide image to open a full calendar of exciting opportunities for Girl Scouts of every age. Your next adventure is just one click away!

