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Monthly Newsletter

June 2026



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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.



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**Early Renewal
Girl
Incentives**

2026 - 2027



	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

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2026-2027



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READY TO explore



Big News for Fall Product Program lovers!

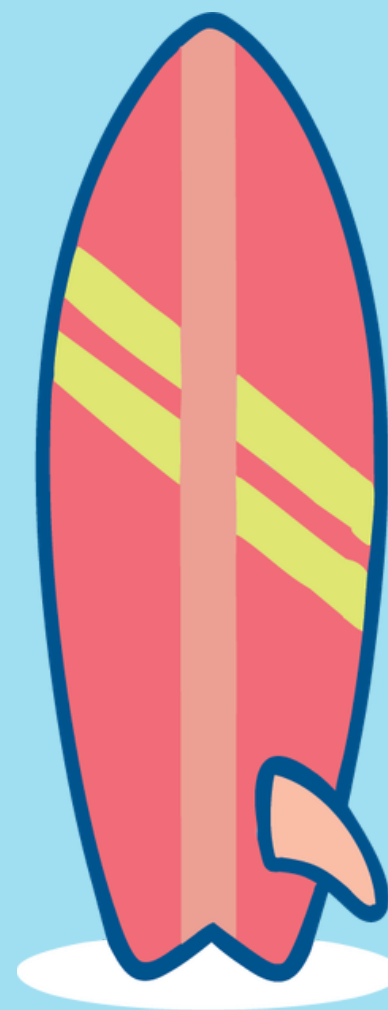
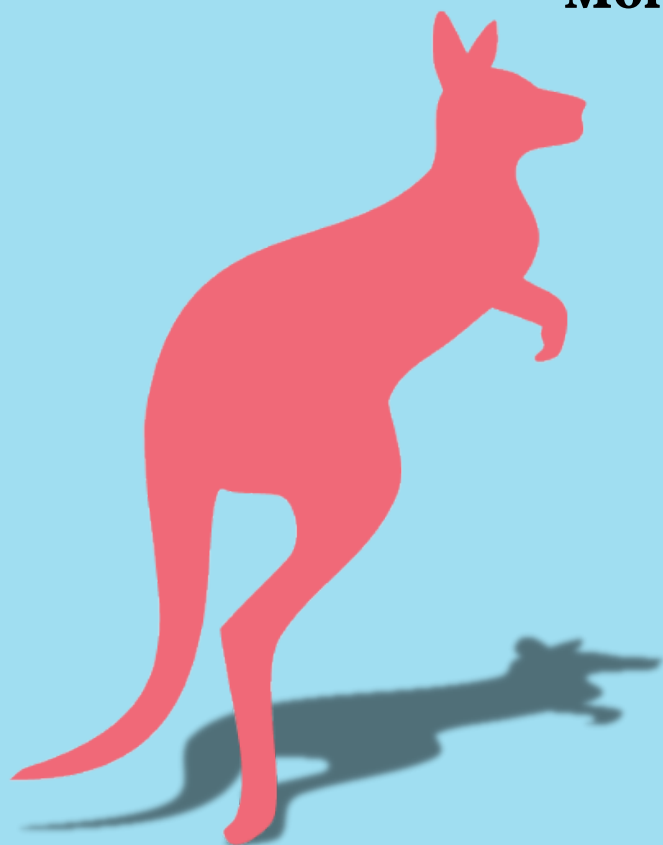


We have updated the timeline so your program is now 4 weeks & starts on August 17th!



New Product alerts means you still have access to your favorite nuts and chocolates but something new may take the top!

**More information will be
shared soon!**



Upcoming June Programs



6/6/2026: NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT - ELKHORN
SLOUGH (D/B/J)

6/13/2026: POWER OF PRODUCE - FARM ADVENTURE IN
SLO (D/B/J/C/S/A)

6/13/2026: POWER OF PRODUCE - FARM ADVENTURE IN
SANTA CRUZ (D/B/J/C/S/A)

6/20/2026: GIRL SCOUTS GONE FISHIN' - VENTURA
(D/B/J/C/S/A)

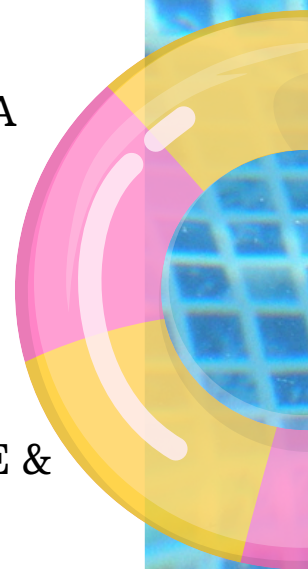
6/20/2026: BLAST OFF INTO SPACE SCIENCE!
MONTEREY (D/B/J)

6/20/2026: EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE - STARS, SPACE &
BEYOND - MONTEREY (C/S)

6/27/2026: GIRL SCOUTS SKYBOUND ADVENTURE!
VENTURA (J/C/S/A/V)

7/3/2026: POWER OF PRODUCE - FARM ADVENTURE IN
MOORPARK (D/B/J/C/S/A)

REGISTER HERE





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/gsexperiencebox.



Sign up for our Extended Year Membership* today! Start in June and enjoy up to 3 extra months of fun, through September 2027! 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](https://www.girlscouts.org/juniorbox) or scan the QR code to secure your box.



Learn More

GSCCC Celebrated Bridging Season with Girl Scouts of Northern California



Troop 40325



🌟 Congratulations to all Girl Scouts bridging this season! 🌟

GSCCC NIGHT AT **LA SPARKS**

Experience the excitement with the GSCCC community as the Sparks go head-to-head with the Golden State Valkyries!

Sunday, August 9 at 4pm
Crypto.com Arena

**Bonus! Girl Scouts
in uniform can
snag an exclusive
patch—don't miss
it!**



[Register Here](#)

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!

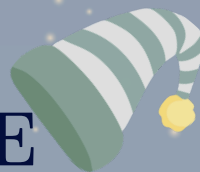
At the Penguins & Pajamas Sleepover, the excitement begins long before bedtime. Once the museum closes to the public, Girl Scouts will get the rare opportunity to explore the Academy after hours, discovering amazing creatures and exhibits throughout the aquarium, planetarium, and rainforest. Along the 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!





Volunteer Highlight

with Nancy Beckstrom

I have always had a great fondness for Girl Scouting. I began my Girl Scouting journey as a Brownie in 1964 with a troop in Santa Barbara. Our troop met at the Scout House in Manning Park, still in existence today! I remember my troop leader providing AMAZING art projects which was what I loved! I continued as a Junior Girl Scout having another wonderful leader but she was not able to continue as a leader at the Cadette level so I did not go on to Cadettes.

When my own family moved into the area, my daughters were in kindergarten and 3rd grade. I met some wonderful like-minded moms and we formed 2 troops. The local Girl Scout program was vibrant and fun under the guidance of powerhouses like Holly Nishida, Cindy Barcelona, and Michelle Berard. The girls had so many incredible opportunities to explore and grow as leaders and both troops remained together until they graduated. My younger daughter's troop had 6 out of 12 girls creating projects and receiving their Gold Award with the girls going on to be a group of incredibly accomplished young women choosing careers as an Orthopedic Surgeon, an Emergency Room Physician Assistant, a Captain in the Coast Guard, a Navy Helicopter Pilot, a Civil Engineer, a Forensic Accountant, a Marriage and Family Therapist, and a Special Ed Teacher, just to name a few. The privilege of mentoring these young women into the leaders of today was immense and Girl Scouting was a huge influence in forming these young women into people of wisdom and character. I am so proud of all of them!

When my youngest daughter graduated, I was asked to take over the position of Service Unit Treasurer and jumped at the opportunity to continue my involvement in Girl Scouting. I have served in that capacity for the last 16 years, working with talented and dedicated Service Unit Managers that keep our area healthy and "happenin'". The strength we have as a Service Unit Team is apparent as all 3 of us have each other's back and use our individual gifts and talents to make things run smoothly. We work together well and above all, we really appreciate each other!! Joining a Service Unit Team opens the door for continued involvement, fulfillment and adventure. I would recommend it and if asked...say, "Of Course!! When can I start?" I am 34 years and counting.....

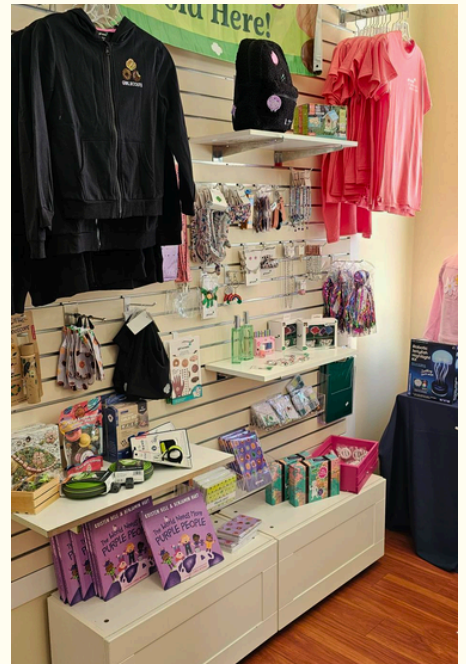
STEP INTO SUMMER WITH GIRL SCOUTS!

Swing By Your Closest
GSCCC Shop and Start
Your Summer
Shopping Today

From boredom-busting
Girl Scout activities to
adorable Girl Scout
tees, our retail centers
have all the season's
latest essentials for an
unforgettable summer

Our Locations:

Castroville • San Luis Obispo • Thousand Oaks

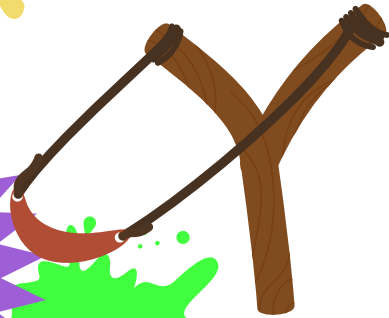


Camp Arnaz - Program Spotlight!

Colorpop Slingshots

Unleash your creativity and enhance your slingshot skills! Girl Scouts will use paintballs to pop water balloons filled with colored paint. Craft a one-of-a-kind masterpiece while practicing your aim!

Price: \$20 per girl



Register Today!

Power of Produce - Farm Adventures in Santa Cruz & SLO



Monday, June 13



Girl Scouts are invited to the farm for a special Power of Produce experience focused on life cycles and ecology! During this engaging program, girls will explore the plant life cycle through up-close flower investigations, seed planting, strawberry harvesting, and even tasting all six edible plant parts.

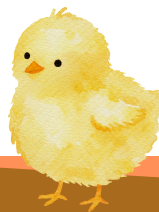
Animal life cycles come to life through hands-on interaction with baby milking goats and chicks, where girls will learn about animal growth, care, and responsibility in a real farm setting.

The day will include a guided farm tour, interactive educational activities, and fresh harvesting to take home—bringing farm-to-table learning full circle.

Come ready to explore, taste, learn, and get your hands a little dirty!

Register for SLO

Register for Santa Cruz



Future Forward & STEM Stars: Exploring Careers in STEM



(D/B/J/C/S/A)



Girls dive into the world of STEM as they explore exciting career paths through hands-on activities, creative challenges, and inspiring role models.

Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors discover STEM careers through fun, age-friendly games, while Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors take a deeper look into real-world fields—from coding and engineering to biomedical and environmental science. With career mapping, interactive discussions, and role-model spotlights, girls connect their interests to emerging opportunities in STEM.

[Learn More
and Register!](#)



Saturday & Sunday, June 6 & 7
Thousand Oaks Program Center



Camp Arnaz - Program Spotlight!

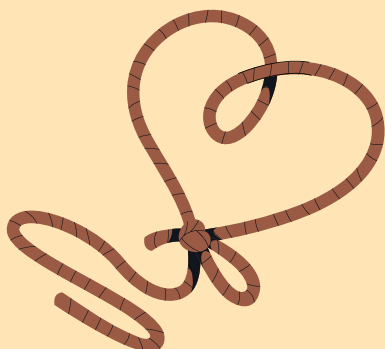
Cowgirl Roping

Saddle up, cowgirls! This exciting program introduces Daisies and Brownies to the world of roping. With guidance from our Equine Staff, girls will learn the basics from the ground up, meet our horses, and practice their roping skills in a fun and supportive setting. It's a hands-on experience full of laughter, learning, and lassoing—perfect for young adventurers. Grab your boots and join the fun!

NOTE – This program is introductory, and no horseback riding will be involved. Proper attire is still required.

Price: \$25 per girl

[Register Here](#)





School's Almost Out... and Leadership Season is IN!

Looking for a fun and meaningful way for Cadette Girl Scouts to grow their leadership skills this summer? Now is the perfect time to earn the Program Aide Award!

The newly updated Program Aide (PA) training gives Cadettes the opportunity to work with younger Girl Scouts, build confidence, practice leadership, and prepare for future opportunities like the Silver Award. Girls will plan activities, lead meetings, mentor younger scouts, and discover their own leadership style along the way.

✨ NEW for 2026: Program Aide training can now be completed directly at the troop level with troop leaders or volunteers guiding the experience. GSUSA's updated Program Aide structure allows troops and facilitators to support girls through the award process without requiring council-led training classes.

Whether your Cadettes love art, STEM, outdoors, games, or mentoring younger girls, the Program Aide Award is a great way to turn those passions into leadership experience as well as:

- ✨ Build confidence
- ✨ Gain leadership skills
- ✨ Mentor younger Girl Scouts
- ✨ Have fun this summer
- ✨ Prepare for future Higher Awards

Summer is the perfect time to step up, lead, and make an impact! Reach out to your troop leader or council for guidance on getting started with the updated Program Aide Award program.



[Girl Guide Link](#)

[Volunteer Guide Link](#)



Father Daughter Night!

San Luis Obispo Program Center

Celebrate the father figures who inspire us with a fun Girl Scout Father's Day event! Girls and their father figures will team up—and sometimes face off—in friendly challenges and activities as we learn more about the important men in our lives and create lasting memories together.



Wednesday, June 17 4:00 - 6:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

#1
DAD

Everyone Belongs: LGBTQ+ Heritage Patch

Celebrate love, identity, and inclusion! 

When: Saturday, June 13 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Castroville Program Center

[Join
Us!](#)

New Troops ALERT

Please join us in congratulating six new troops that formed from December to May! 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 65538 - Daisy
Troop 65452 - Daisy
Troop 65054 - Daisy
Troop 66056 - Daisy
Troop 45020 - Daisy
Troop 55809 - 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 15521
Troop 15528
Troop 35712
Troop 40704
Troop 65052

Troop 65054 (5 girls)
Troop 65528
Troop 65538 (5 girls)
Troop 66040
Troop 66056 (3 girls)



Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together

From October 1, 2025, to May 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

40 Daisies - SU 660
Thousand Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Deborah Vaughn & Tammy Adams

36 Daisies - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Managers:

Darcy Wronkiewicz and Laura Achee

Total New Girls

72 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer & Lisa Pitre

64 New Girl Scouts - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Managers:

Darcy Wronkiewicz and Laura Achee

Growing New Adults

62 New Adults - SU 555 - Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer & Lisa Pitre

49 New Adults - SU 356 - Monterey Bay

Led by SU Managers: Candace Villarta & Mary Horsley

LET'S
- CELEBRATE -
you



2026 California State of the Girl Report

Girl Scouts of California invites you to the official launch of the *2026 California State of the Girl Report*. This important statewide report highlights the experiences, challenges, and opportunities facing girls across California today.

During this special event, Girl Scouts, community leaders, and statewide advocates will share key findings and discuss how we can work together to ensure girls have the support and opportunities they need to thrive.

Event Details:

Tuesday June 23, 2026

2:00 p.m. Report Launch, West Steps of the California State Capitol

2:45 p.m. Girl Scout Activity, West Lawn of the California State Capitol

Please RSVP by June 21!

We would be honored by your presence as we celebrate the voices, leadership, and future of girls across California.

[RSVP here](#)

You can also email Leslie Parker at leslie.parker@girlscoutshcc.org

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.





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

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.



@NATIVEMONARCHS



Cheddar Up: More Than Just Event Registration

While many Service Units use Cheddar Up for event registration, it can also be used for troop dues, activity fees, camporee payments, badge orders, uniform orders, and other Girl Scout-related collections.

Unlike person-to-person payment apps, Cheddar Up is designed to help groups manage both payments and information in one place. Volunteers can collect registrations, track who has paid, accept credit cards and eChecks, gather participant information, and generate reports without maintaining separate spreadsheets or tracking systems.

For Service Units, approved accounts created through the council-issued signup link also receive council-covered credit card processing fees. Questions? Contact info@girlscoutsccc.org for assistance or to request the Service Unit signup link.

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@girlscoutsccc.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 and [Here](#) to compare platforms



Girl Scout

Gold Award Spotlight

Ashley
Roepke

Congratulations!

Books Inspire Early Literacy

Ashley proudly earned the Girl Scout Gold Award for her impactful project, “Books Inspire Early Literacy.” Passionate about improving literacy opportunities for young children, Ashley addressed the growing decline in early literacy engagement, an issue closely connected to whether children can read proficiently by the fourth grade.

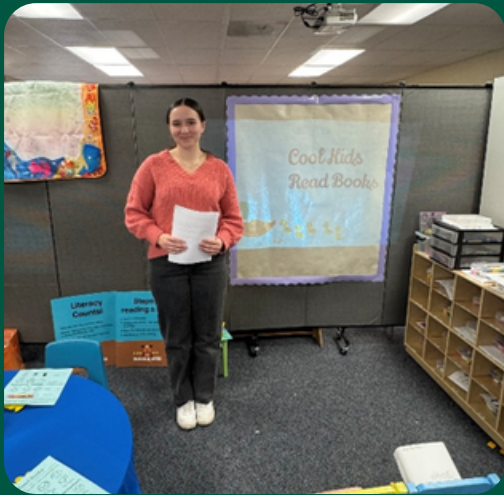
Ashley designed and led a multi-tiered literacy initiative in partnership with her local school district’s after-school program. She organized and led a peer mentorship program that trained older students in dialogic reading strategies, empowering them to mentor and engage younger students through interactive reading experiences. To create long-term sustainability, Ashley and her team curated and installed grade-level libraries that provide ongoing access to age-appropriate books and literacy resources.

In addition, Ashley worked to strengthen the connection between school and home by developing a custom interactive survey that provided families with personalized literacy engagement strategies based on grade level. Through leadership, education, and community collaboration, Ashley created a project that promotes confidence, literacy growth, and a lifelong love of reading for students and families alike.

Ashley’s project reflects her belief that “Cool kids read books and cooler kids teach books to other kids,” inspiring future generations through literacy, mentorship, and service.

Ashley’s Future Plans after High School Graduation:

Upon completing her current studies, Ashley plans to transfer to California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, to earn her Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. Her career goal is to become a researcher specializing in genetics and molecular biology. By deepening our understanding of DNA, Ashley will later contribute to the advancement of informed health care and continue her journey in making the world a better place.



Bronze Award Spotlight: A Box Full of Birthday Cheer!

Troop 15051 proudly earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award for their heartfelt project, **“A Box Full of Birthday Cheer!”** Led by 8 compassionate Junior Girl Scouts, the troop worked together to support children served by CASA who may not have the opportunity to celebrate their birthdays due to difficult family or foster care situations.

After researching the needs of children supported by CASA, the girls created 10 birthday celebration boxes filled with thoughtful items designed to bring joy, encouragement, and a sense of celebration to children in their community. The troop carefully planned and assembled each box, working together to organize supplies, decorating the boxes, and selecting fun birthday treats and items that would help each child feel special and remembered on their birthday.

Through this project, the girls demonstrated teamwork, communication, organization, and leadership while learning how even small acts of kindness can create meaningful impact. They discovered the importance of compassion and community service while helping children feel valued, supported, and cared for during challenging times.

The troop hopes their project will inspire future Girl Scout troops and community groups to continue creating birthday celebration boxes for children in need, helping establish an ongoing tradition of kindness and support throughout the community.



Bronze Award Spotlight: Cooking for Kindness

Troop 66033 proudly earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award for their project, **“Cooking for Kindness.”** Led by 13 dedicated Junior Girl Scouts, the troop worked together to address hunger in their community by preparing and serving homemade hot meals to low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness.

Throughout the project, the girls researched local food pantries, spoke with community organizations and churches, planned meals, budgeted for groceries, shopped for ingredients, prepared food, and personally served meals at a local food pantry. In addition to providing immediate support, the troop created a digital cookbook featuring their recipes so future troops, families, and community members can continue preparing hot meals for those in need.

Through this experience, the girls strengthened their leadership, teamwork, budgeting, communication, and problem-solving skills while discovering the importance of kindness, compassion, and service to others. Their project created both an immediate impact and a sustainable resource that will continue spreading kindness throughout their community for years to come.



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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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

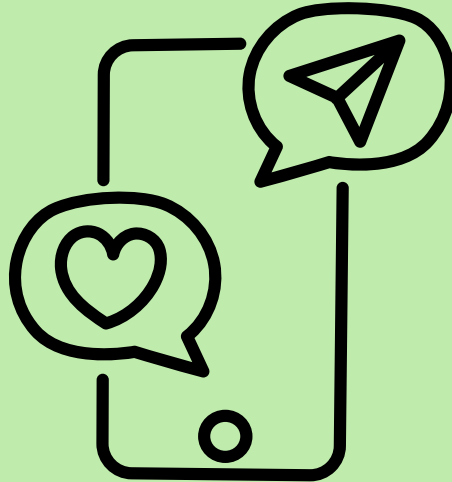
Submitted by: Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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

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