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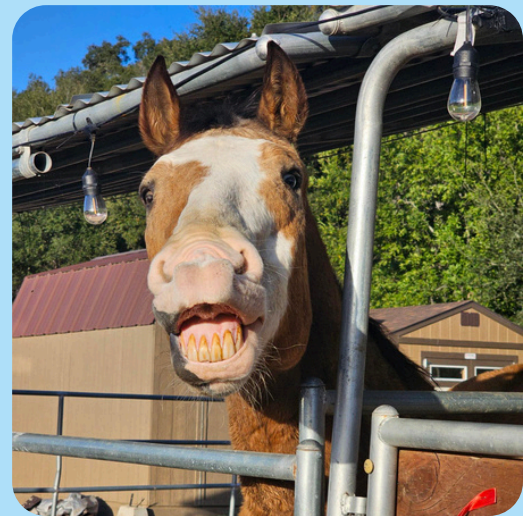
Camp Arnaz Important Update

In November 2023, Camp Arnaz welcomed a very special horse named Apollo into our equine family. Apollo came to us from the Ventura County Humane Society in Ojai, where he had spent time recovering after being rescued from a neglect situation. When he first arrived at the Humane Society, he was in poor condition and needed care, patience, and a second chance.

That second chance brought him to Camp Arnaz, where he would spend the next three years becoming a beloved part of our Girl Scout community. Throughout his time at camp, Apollo played an important role in our equine lessons, programs, and experiences. He helped Girl Scouts of all ages learn about horses, build confidence, develop new skills, and create memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Apollo had a personality all his own! He was patient with our girls, loved being groomed and ridden, and never missed an opportunity to sneak in a little nap. He was known for his funny faces and his habit of scratching his head on unsuspecting staff members, which often felt more like headbutts! Although he wasn't a fan of having his head touched, he was always gentle when our Girl Scouts reached up to pet him. He was also a friend to every horse he met, making him a special part of our herd.

Apollo knew how to enjoy the little things, too. While most horses would roll in the dirt and get right back up, Apollo preferred to stay down a little longer and enjoy the moment. He reminded us that sometimes it's okay to slow down and take it all in.



Camp Arnaz Important Update

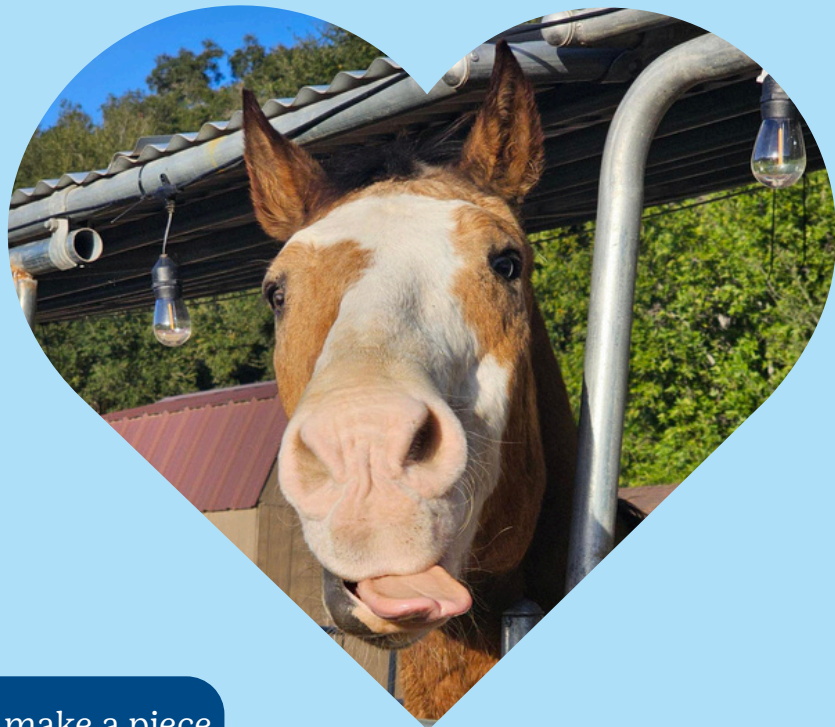
Unfortunately, on Friday, October 23, we received the heartbreaking news that Apollo had cancer in his bone marrow. With his health and comfort as our priority, we made the difficult decision to humanely euthanize him.

While saying goodbye is never easy, we are incredibly thankful for the nearly three years we had with Apollo and the opportunity to give him a home where he was loved, cared for, and able to make such a difference.

We also want to recognize and thank our dedicated Camp Arnaz team, who have spent countless hours caring for Apollo and ensuring he received the love, attention, and care he deserved. Their commitment to the well-being of our horses is what makes our equine program so special.

Apollo's story is a reminder of how much of an impact animals can have on our lives. From a horse who needed a second chance to one who helped so many Girl Scouts find their courage and confidence, his journey at Camp Arnaz was truly special.

Thank you, Apollo, for the memories, the laughs, and the countless Girl Scouts you helped along the way. You will always be part of our Camp Arnaz family.



If you or your Girl Scout would like to make a piece of art in his honor, please feel free and it can be sent to any of our centers and we will make sure it gets to Camp Arnaz

Last Chance to Claim Fall Product for Your Troop!

Thursday, November 5 is the date to know!

Your troop's adventure isn't over yet! If there's Fall Product waiting at one of our retail centers, there's still time to bring it home! Troops can transfer remaining Fall Product from our retail centers to their troop and earn troop proceeds on those products.

11/5/26

One Last Leap! 🍂 Our final Fall Product ACH will also take place, with Council withdrawing 100% of any remaining troop balances. Troops owed money by Council will receive their ACH deposit as well. Please make sure your troop bank account is ready for this final transaction!





Cookie Time!



Cookie Program – Are you ready to Explore the Fun!

Have you heard the news: there are two new cookies in the 2027 Cookie Line-Up. These are both an online only – direct shipped cookie. One for your friends and family with allergies and one for your dog bestie!

Fun Fact: The very First Girl Scout cookies were sold in 1917- by the Mistletoe Troop in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Cookies 2027

Keep an eye on our website, emails, and newsletters for updates. Go Day - is set for January 23, 2027. Mark your calendar and get ready to be AWESOME!

SMART COOKIES will go live on December 1, 2026 for Troop Cookie Volunteers. If you are your Troops - Troop Cookie Coordinators – make sure you have completed the [Troop Cookie Coordinator Agreement form](#), this is how we will add you into both SMART COOKIES and Digital Cookie.

Important Dates:



December 1 – SMART COOKIES goes live for Troop Volunteers

January 2 – 4, 2027 – First Round of Booth Selections

January 4 – Troop Initial Orders Due

January 8 – Troops will have access to Digital Cookies

January 9 – Families will have access to Digital Cookies

January 12 – Girls go live on Digital Cookie – Direct ship and Girl Delivery only.

January – 4 – 23 – Ongoing booth selections

January 21 – 23 – Troop Initial Order delivery dates

January 23 – Go Day! – In Person

January 29 – First date of booth sales

Fall Into Adventure with these Fun-Filled Programs

11/7/2026: REACH NEW HEIGHTS WHILE ROCK CLIMBING
MONTEREY (B/J/C/S/A) COST \$50

11/14/2026: REACH NEW HEIGHTS WHILE ROCK CLIMBING
SANTA BARBARA (B/J/C/S/A) COST \$30

11/14/2026: CELEBRATE NATIONAL TAKE A HIKE DAY -
MONTEREY (D/B) OR (J/C/S/A) COST \$10

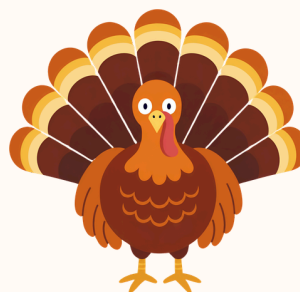
11/15/2026: WILDERNESS HIKING CLASS - MONTEREY
(J/C/S/A) COST \$25

11/21/2026: BUILD IT, BALANCE IT - OXNARD (B/J/C)
COST \$75

11/21/2026: PERFUMER'S APPRENTICIE - SCOTTS VALLEY
(J/C/S/A) COST \$65

11/22/2026: WILDERNESS DAY HIKE ON HILL CANYON
TRAIL (J/C/S/A/V) COST \$0

Register



New International Adventures Await: Costa Rica & Paris in 2027



USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO) has two exciting Destinations coming up in early 2027!



Pura Vida Adventure Challenge: Costa Rica: January 15-19, 2027

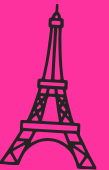


Embark on the adventure of a lifetime in Costa Rica! Zip through rainforest canopies, navigate exciting whitewater rapids, discover local culture, and learn about sustainable living alongside fellow Girl Scouts. Along the way, you'll build confidence, connect with nature, make lasting friendships, and experience the spirit of pura vida through unforgettable outdoor and cultural adventures. This opportunity is open to Girl Scouts in grades 7-12 who are ready to embrace new challenges and explore the world around them.

Application Deadline:

**November
1**

[Learn More and
Apply here!](#)



Paris Unlocked: March 30 - April 4, 2027

Experience Paris like a local before the USA Girl Scouts Overseas Spring Program Summit! Guided by local Girl Scout volunteers, you'll explore iconic landmarks, discover hidden gems, immerse yourself in French culture, and make new friends from across the country. Then, travel together to the beautiful Chateau de Grande Romaine for four days of leadership, STEM, outdoor adventure, and global friendship with Girl Scouts from around the world. This opportunity is open to Girl Scouts in grades 9-12 who are ready to step outside their comfort zone and experience an unforgettable international adventure.

Application Deadline:

**November
15**

[Learn More and
Apply here!](#)

bonjour ♥



ICE SKATING GIRL SCOUTS

A SWAPS Event



Join us for ice skating & SWAPS trading! Make your own SWAPS to exchange with others! Perfect fun event for skaters of all skill levels & ages. Bring your friends and family!

12/13/26

3:30-5:30 PM



[Register](#)
[Here](#)

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GOLETA, CA 93116

\$18 Prepaid - \$20 At the door



GSCCC Junior Gemma Honored with Girl Scouts' Medal of Honor



While attending Camporee with her troop, GSCCC Girl Scout Gemma Kleinzweig demonstrated extraordinary courage and quick thinking when a fellow troop member began choking on a marshmallow and was unable to breathe. Without hesitation, Gemma sprang into action, administering back blows that successfully dislodged the marshmallow and restored her friend's ability to breathe. She then remained by her friend's side, offering support until adults arrived to assist.

On September 1, Gemma was awarded the Girl Scouts of the USA Medal of Honor, one of the highest national honors in Girl Scouting. This prestigious award recognizes Girl Scouts who demonstrate exceptional courage in saving, or attempting to save, a life.

Gemma's bravery, composure, and commitment to helping others embody the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition! 💚



Seen in Photo: Supervisor Kelly Long, Supervisor Matt LeVere, Supervisor Chair Jeff Gorell. Girl Scout Gemma, GSCCC CEO - Dr. Tammie Helmuth, County of Ventura CEO, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Supervisor Janice Parvin, Supervisor Vianey Lopez.

Hear Gemma Share Her Story of Courage



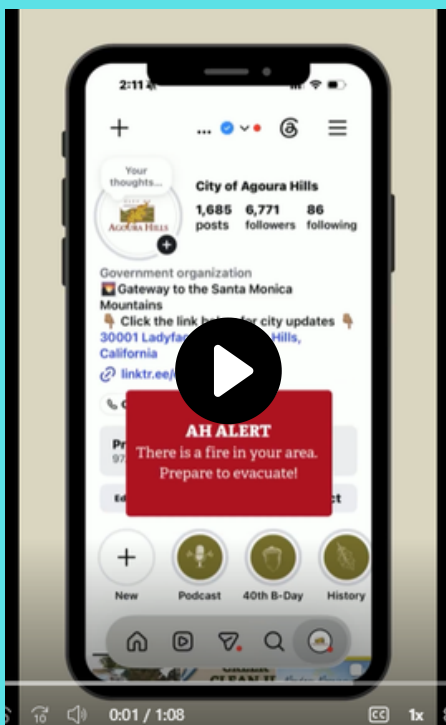
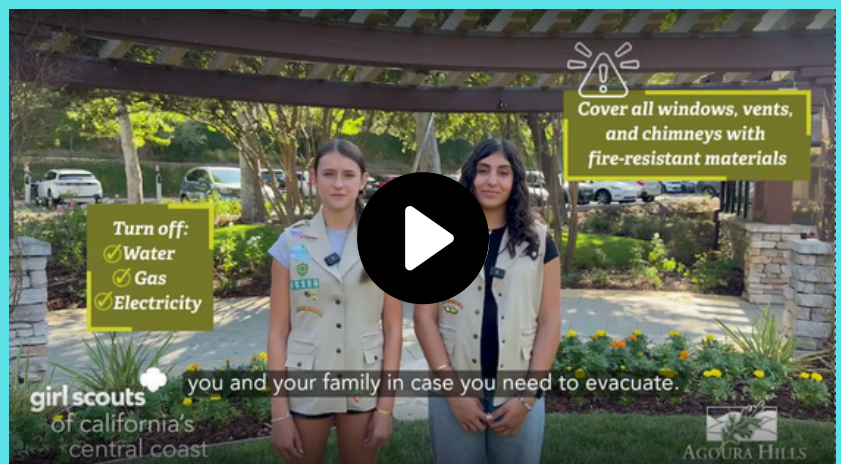
Be Prepared, Stay Safe! 🚓



Check out Girl Scouts
Jia and Mia's Silver
Award project on
emergency
preparedness!

As part of their project, they created two informative videos to help individuals and families learn how to prepare for emergencies and stay safe when disaster strikes.

🎥 Watch both videos below and learn valuable tips for being ready when it matters most.



Troop Formations!

Help a Girl Find Her Troop!



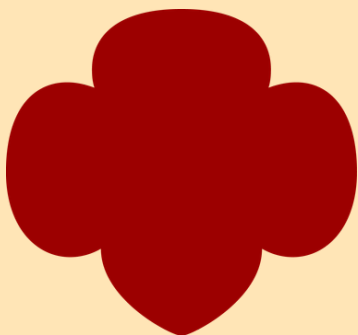
Know a family that's curious about Girl Scouts? Our upcoming FREE Troop Formation & Girl Scout Information Meetings are the perfect place to send them! These welcoming meetings are designed for girls who are brand new to Girl Scouts as well as current members looking for a troop to call home.

While caregivers learn about troop options, meet members of our Girl Scout community, and explore next steps, girls will enjoy a fun, themed activity that sparks creativity and helps them make new friends. Information Meetings are free and open to Girl Scouts and families of all levels.

Volunteers, we need your help spreading the word! Many families find Girl Scouts through a personal invitation, so please share these meetings with neighbors, classmates, coworkers, and anyone in your circle who has a girl who might love Girl Scouting. Forward this newsletter, post it on social media, or mention it at your next school pickup. Every share could help a girl find her place to belong.



Multiple dates and locations available!



[Register Here!](#)

Volunteer Call: Explore What's Next for Girl Scouts

Join us for a special volunteer webinar to learn more about the future of the Girl Scout program experience. We'll share the why behind our program modernization efforts, how feedback from Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers is helping shape the next chapter of our Movement, and what volunteers can expect in the years ahead. We'll also provide a brief demonstration of the new Girl Scout Program Library, designed to make it easier than ever to discover badges, awards, patches, and activities for Girl Scouts of all ages. We were excited to share this information with attendees at the 2026 Girl Scouts Unite National Convention and look forward to bringing the conversation to our amazing volunteers. This session will include updates on what's coming next and an opportunity to ask questions.

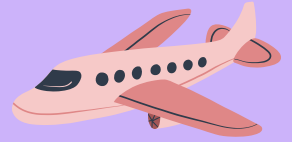
Saturday, November 7 from 1 – 2pm ET Space is limited. If you are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded and made available for viewing at a later date.

[Register Here!](#)





International Travel



Calling all Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast travelers and families!

We are jetting off on an adventure in the summer of 2028.

Join us for a virtual informational session on **Monday, November 2nd at 7PM PT** to learn more about this opportunity to travel to COSTA RICA & PANAMA with Girl Scouts.



Open to Girl Scouts who will be of age (12 years old) by July of 2028!

[Register for the information session](#)



Seasonal Sales Community Art Market

Girl Scout Troop 55524 is excited to announce Seasonal Sales, a community art market taking place on **Sunday, December 6, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Dos Pueblos High School in Goleta.

Created and managed entirely by members of the troop, this Girl Scout Take Action Project was developed to address a community need for more opportunities for youth and adult artists to showcase and sell their handmade creations. The curated market will bring together local artists, makers, young entrepreneurs, families, and shoppers for a day celebrating creativity, entrepreneurship, and community connection. Through planning and operating the event, Girl Scouts will gain valuable experience in leadership, budgeting, marketing, customer service, teamwork, and event management while supporting local small businesses and artists.

Admission is free, and vendor applications are open through November 27, 2026. Youth vendor booths are \$25 and adult vendor booths are \$55.

For more information or to apply as a vendor, visit the [Seasonal Sales website](#) or contact Lynne Zell at seasonalsales55524@gmail.com.

GSCCC Council's Own Patches



GSCCC offers 25 council-only patch programs that enrich and expand the national GSUSA programs. These patches span outdoor adventure, local California Central Coast history, community service, and skill-building—giving Girl Scouts fresh ways to explore, learn, and lead.



Explore our council-owned patch programs
and try one today!



Celebrate



An Outstanding Girl Scout Volunteer!

Do you know a volunteer who goes above and beyond to make the Girl Scout experience extraordinary? Someone who gives their time, shares their talents, inspires others, or makes a lasting difference for Girl Scouts in their troop, Service Unit, or community?

Now is your chance to recognize them!

Nominations are now open for our Volunteer Recognition Awards, honoring the incredible volunteers who help make Girl Scouting possible throughout our council.

Take a few minutes to nominate a deserving volunteer and help us celebrate the people who give so much to Girl Scouts!

Nominations are open now through **November 19, 2026.**

 **SAVE THE DATE!** 

Mark your calendars for **Women of Distinction 2027**, taking place on Saturday, May 22, 2027, at Camp Arnaz!

Join us as we celebrate inspiring women who are making a difference in our communities while supporting the next generation of Girl Scout leaders. More details coming soon!

Submit a
Nomination



*We ♥ our
Volunteers*



Volunteer Highlight

with Danielle McCaffery Gold Award Mentor

Tell us a little about your Girl Scout story and what inspired you to become involved with the Higher Awards Committee.

I was a Brownie, Junior, and Cadette Girl Scout in Santa Barbara. I have fond memories of meetings, Camporees, earning badges and selling cookies.

Having a beautiful, eager, energetic daughter inspired me to become a Girl Scout Leader and start a Juliette Troop in 2006. With my background in education, training, and development, I loved creating meetings, activities, and recruiting volunteers. This Juliette Troop grew into a multi-age older girl-led Troop that is still active today. This Troop encourages independence, Higher Awards, outdoor skills, and travel.

Our daughter earned her Silver and Gold Awards. I found the process for both Awards daunting, challenging, exciting, and “doable”. I enjoy encouraging older girls to earn these Awards and I have helped a few to achieve the Gold.

How long have you served on the Higher Awards Committee, and what do you enjoy most about mentoring/coaching Girl Scouts pursuing their Highest Awards?

I have been on this committee for over 5 years. I enjoy the discovery process. Figuring out if an idea can be turned into a project. Figuring out how a project could be impactful and sustainable. It is most rewarding when a Girl has an “aha” moment, when she realizes that she has the wheels in motion and this is really going to work!

What is one thing you wish every Girl Scout knew before beginning a Highest Award?

A Troop Leader needs to create activities and experiences that are actual “baby steps” to a Higher Award. With this planning, a Girl will feel prepared to start a project on her own. I firmly believe that a small-group Silver Project getting to completion is a great way to foster independence and confidence. This helps the Girl to try for her Gold.

What leadership skills or personal growth have you seen develop in girls as they work toward their Highest Awards?

The most common thing I hear and see is improved time management skills. Time management skills include planning, creating action steps, delegating, managing time, and interpersonal skills.

What advice would you give to a Girl Scout who wants to earn a Highest Award but isn't sure where to begin?

Go online and read about all the Gold projects over the past five years. You will see trends, commonalities, and such a variety that it will encourage a Girl Scout to explore her interests. I think the new digital training is a great start and I would encourage small groups of Girl Scouts to do this training together with a Troop Leader or Mentor. This small group could have a brain storming session after the training.



Join us on February 14th 2027 at
Camp Arnaz for our first ever
Hearts & Hooves Luncheon!



Join Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast for Hearts & Hooves, a special Valentine's Day luncheon at Camp Arnaz on Sunday, February 14, 2027.

Spend the afternoon at camp enjoying lunch, meeting our incredible horses, hearing their stories, and learning more about the equine program at Camp Arnaz. Guests will have the opportunity to meet members of our herd and learn how our horses help Girl Scouts build confidence, courage, responsibility, and leadership.

Hearts & Hooves is open to Girl Scout families, donors, community members, volunteers, friends, and anyone who would like to learn more about our herd and Camp Arnaz.

[RSVP Today!](#)



The Grit & Grace Roundup & Line Dance!

Vintage Vendors. Line Dancing. Good
Company.



Save the Date!

Join us for The Grit & Grace Roundup & Line Dancing event, a two-day vintage market and community celebration held at Camp Arnaz. Get first pick of the goods with VIP access on Saturday, April 4th, then join us Sunday, April 5th for a full day of vintage vendors, live line dancing, food trucks, and drinks. Stop by our hat bar to design your own custom cowboy hat to take home. This event is brought to you by Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast and Camp Arnaz, in partnership with Grit and Grace. Come dressed in your best western wear and spend the weekend shopping, dancing, and celebrating community.

[Buy Tickets](#)

GSCCC Online Auction

Under the Stars: Camp Arnaz Edition

You don't have to be at camp to make an impact!

Bid online for some amazing items while helping support future adventures, experiences, and memories for Girl Scouts at Camp Arnaz. You will be able to get items like these below:



[Check it out now!](#)

Camp Arnaz - New Year, New Program: Culinary Stars!

(J/C/S/A)



Something delicious is cooking at Camp Arnaz! Culinary Stars is launching in 2027, giving Girl Scouts the chance to roll up their sleeves and build their confidence in the kitchen. Girls will learn hands-on culinary skills while preparing something tasty together in the Camp Arnaz Main Lodge kitchen.



**Register
Today!**

1.5 Hours | \$35 per Girl | Maximum 8 Girls

Note: Space is intentionally limited to just 8 Girl Scouts per session due to kitchen space and safety, so troops interested in being among the first to try Culinary Stars are encouraged to plan ahead!

Camp Arnaz - Program Spotlight! Filly Fun! (D/B/J)



November 15, 1:00 - 2:00pm

Welcome to Filly Fun, an engaging science program designed just for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors! Girls will dive into the fascinating world of horses through interactive sessions covering anatomy, breeds, colors, and equine behavior. Each experience blends hands-on learning with fun demonstrations, giving Girl Scouts the chance to connect with these amazing animals up close. Join us for a science-filled adventure that sparks curiosity and celebrates the magic of horses!



Note: This program does not include horseback riding.
Price: \$25 per registrant



Register Now



Adventure Awaits at Camp Arnaz!

Fall is on its way, and there's plenty to explore at Camp Arnaz! From horseback riding and range activities to nature programs, camping, and more, there are opportunities for Girl Scouts of all ages to get outside, try something new, and make unforgettable memories. Check out our upcoming programs and plan your next Camp Arnaz adventure!

Program Highlight – Nature Navigators

Discover the wild side of Camp Arnaz! Nature Navigators takes girls on an exploration of the wildlife that calls camp home and the important role Camp Arnaz plays as a wildlife corridor. Participants will learn how animals travel through our property, explore tracks, bones, and other natural specimens, and check out real trail-camera footage captured at our wildlife crossing. Through hands-on activities and observation, girls will practice their wildlife detective skills while learning how we can safely and respectfully share our space with the animals around us.

[View our available programs here!](#)

Start Planning Your 2027 Camp Arnaz Adventure!

Our 2027 Camp Arnaz programs are now available to book! Whether your troop is looking for horses, range activities, outdoor adventures, astronomy, or something new, there are plenty of opportunities to build an unforgettable day or weekend at camp.

Don't see a program or date that works for your troop? We may be able to create a custom programming experience based on your group's interests and our availability.

Reach out to camparnaz@girlscoutsccl.org and let us help you start planning!

[Click here to book your next program!](#)

Some Exciting Changes Are Coming to Camp Arnaz!

Thanks to grant funding, we're excited to begin making improvements to the Rainshine area at Camp Arnaz! This project will include new pathways, designated camping areas, native and pollinator-friendly plantings, additional landscaping, and updates to the Rainshine gathering space—all designed to create a more welcoming and functional outdoor space for our Girl Scouts.

If you see construction, planting, or other work happening around this area of camp, this exciting project is why! We can't wait to watch this space grow and come to life over the coming months.



Please note: This image is an AI-generated rendering intended to provide a visual concept of the proposed project. The final design, layout, landscaping and features may vary upon completion.

Thank You to Our Grant Partners

This project is made possible through the support and partnership of the Community Environmental Council (CEC), Chumash Resource Conservation District (CRCD), and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). We are grateful for their investment in Camp Arnaz and their support in helping us create an outdoor space that connects Girl Scouts with nature, conservation, and the environment for years to come.



Did your troop go above and beyond this Girl Scout year?

Celebrate your troop's accomplishments by completing the 2025-2026 Honor Troop submission!

What is Honor Troop?

The GSCCC Honor Troop Program recognizes troops that create a well-rounded Girl Scout experience through STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship.

Earn Your Patch!

Complete the requirements during the 2025-2026 Girl Scout year and submit your troop's accomplishments to earn your Honor Troop recognition.



SCAN TO APPLY!



[Apply Here!](#)

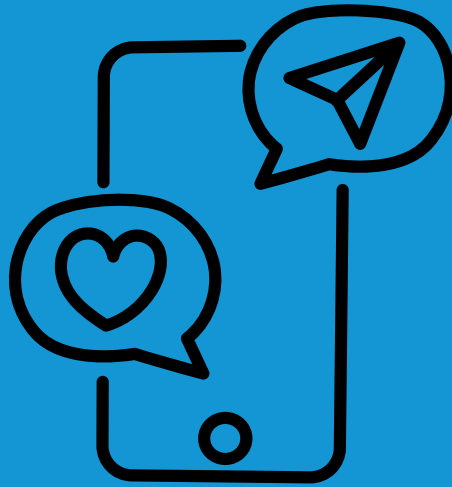
Submission Deadline:
12/31/2026



Stay connected through your local area's BAND app for the latest updates and information!



Thousand Oaks
Program Center



San Luis Obispo
Program Center



D'Arrigo
Leadership Center



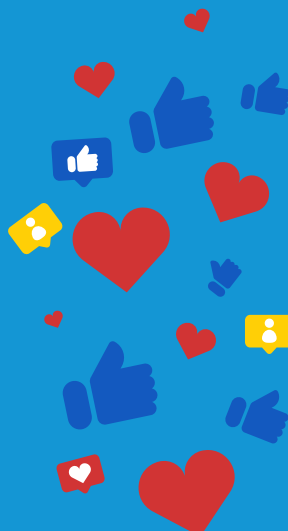
Camp Arnaz's
Band



Oxnard's Band



Santa Barbara's
Band



Camp Arnaz's
Instagram

Program Reservation Update for All Centers

Beginning in November, our D'Arrigo, San Luis Obispo, and Thousand Oaks Program Centers will be implementing a new minimum registration requirement for scheduled programs.

To ensure every Girl Scout has a fun, engaging, and meaningful experience, programs with fewer than four registered girls will be canceled one week in advance, on the Sunday prior to the scheduled program. This allows our teams to focus on providing quality programming while ensuring girls have the opportunity to connect, learn, and participate alongside their fellow Girl Scouts.



Find Upcoming
Programs [Here!](#)

We encourage families to
register early to help keep
their favorite programs on
the calendar!

If you have any questions, please reach out to our Customer Care team at info@girlscoutscoc.org. We appreciate your understanding and continued support of our Girl Scout programs!

See What's Coming Up in Thousand Oaks!

Exciting things are happening at the Thousand Oaks Program Center this November and December! From technology and drones to animal-themed badges, these are just a few of the fun programs we have planned. Check out our full calendar for more adventures!

Great adventures are better together! Each program needs a minimum of four registered Girl Scouts to take place.

Do not see a program that fits your troop or group? Let us know! We would love to schedule a custom program just for you. Contact us at TOPC@girlscoutscoc.org!

PODCAST FRIDAY!

11/20/2026 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Girl Scouts will step up to the microphone and explore the world of podcasting! Participants will develop a topic, practice interviewing and storytelling, and work together to record a short podcast segment at the Program Center.

[Register](#)

Observe the Animal Kingdom

11/22/2026 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Earn the Animal Observer Badge

Get ready to discover the amazing animals that share our world! Daisies will sharpen their observation skills as they explore how animals move, behave, communicate, and survive in their habitats. Through fun, hands-on exploration and guided discovery, they'll develop curiosity, practice careful observation, and gain a greater appreciation for the incredible diversity of the animal kingdom.

Daisy Girl Scouts will earn the Animal Observer Badge

[Register](#)

Become a Responsible Pet Owner

11/22/2026 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Earn the Pets Badge

Discover what it takes to be a caring and responsible pet owner! Brownies will explore the needs of different kinds of pets while learning how to keep animals healthy, safe, and happy. Through engaging activities and hands-on learning, they'll develop compassion, responsibility, and a deeper appreciation for the special bond between people and their animal companions.

Brownie Girl Scouts will earn the Pets Badge.

[Register](#)

Drone Builders Lab Program

12/4/2026 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Build it. Test it. Fly it.

Girls will become drone engineers as they build and fly their very own drone while learning the science behind flight, motors, thrust, and aviation.

Participants will complete hands-on engineering challenges, practice flight skills, and take their completed drone home at the end of the program.

Cost: \$40.00

[Register](#)

The Science of Slime

12/11/2026 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Girl Scouts will explore the science behind slime through hands-on experimentation and creative problem-solving. Participants will investigate how different ingredients interact, test texture and consistency, and make adjustments to create their own slime. Along the way, they will practice measuring, observing, and recording results while discovering the chemistry behind this popular activity.

[Register](#)

Upcoming Trainings in Santa Barbara

New Skill-Building Courses in Santa Barbara!

We're excited to bring more hands-on opportunities to our Santa Barbara Girl Scouts! Girls can learn valuable skills they can use at home, in their communities, and as they grow into confident and prepared leaders.

First Aid/CPR – Ages 10+
Babysitting Courses – Ages 11+

New courses are coming to the Santa Barbara area—check out the options below and sign up today!

Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00pm

First Aid & CPR Course: Babysitter First Aid Course

 March 13, 2027

 April 17, 2027

 April 24, 2027

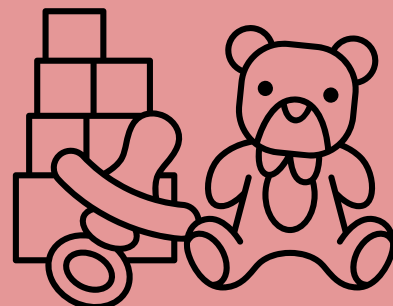
 September 11, 2027

 September 18, 2027

 September 25, 2027



[Sign Up Here!](#)



Discover Upcoming Programs in SLO!



Celebrate Día de los Muertos November 7 | San Luis Obispo

Discover the colorful traditions of Día de los Muertos! Girl Scouts will explore the meaning behind this special celebration through hands-on activities inspired by its art, symbols, and customs. Join us as we honor family, remembrance, and cultural heritage together.

Open to: All Girl Scout levels

Location: San Luis Obispo Program Center

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

[Register Here](#)



Animal Badge Programs

Explore the Animal Kingdom and Earn a Badge!

Calling all animal lovers! Girl Scouts can discover the amazing world of animals while earning a level-specific badge. Participants will explore animal behaviors, habitats, community needs, and conservation through engaging, age-appropriate activities.

Observe the Animal Kingdom – Daisy – 11/21 11:00-12:30

Daisies will practice their observation skills as they learn how animals move, communicate, and interact with the world around them.

Explore Animal Habitats – Junior – 11/21 4:00-5:00

Juniors will investigate the places animals call home and discover how different species meet their needs within their habitats.

Help Animals in Your Community – Cadette – 11/28 – 11:00-12:30

Cadettes will explore the challenges animals face locally and learn how they can take action to improve the lives of animals in their community.

Advocate for Animals & Nature – Senior/Ambassador – 11/28 4-5:30

Seniors and Ambassadors will examine issues affecting animals and the environment while discovering how they can raise awareness and advocate for meaningful change.

[Register Here](#)

What's Happening in Castroville?



World Kindness Day Fun Patch

Friday 11/13/2026 5:00pm to 6:00pm

\$10 (includes all materials & patch)

Kindness starts with YOU! Join us as we celebrate World Kindness Day and discover how simple acts of kindness can brighten someone's day and make our world a better place!

[Register here](#)



Holiday Gift Making Workshop Fun Patch

Saturday 11/21/2026 1:00pm to 4:00pm

\$20 (includes all materials & patch)

Girls will tap into their creativity as they make thoughtful, handmade gifts perfect for family, friends, teachers, or someone special in their lives. Along the way, they'll discover the joy of giving, express their creativity, and create meaningful keepsakes that come straight from the heart.

[Register here](#)

SUNDAY Special: Outdoor Art Badge for All Levels

Sunday 11/29/2026 2:00pm to 4:00pm

\$10 (includes all materials & badge)

Girls will explore how nature inspires artists as they observe the colors, textures, patterns, and shapes found in the world around them. They'll create beautiful nature-inspired artwork, express their creativity using a variety of artistic techniques, and discover that the outdoors can be the perfect place to create.



[Register here](#)



New Looker Multifactor Authentication FAQ

Starting **October 21**, logging into Looker requires a six-digit code from an authenticator phone app, in addition to your usual password. This is called multifactor authentication, or MFA. It is the same kind of second-step login you may already use for your bank, email, or other accounts. The first time you log into Looker on or after October 21, you will see a prompt to set up MFA before you can access your dashboards.

Why It's Happening

Looker contains member information, including youth data, that must be kept secure. Adding MFA better protects that data by preventing anyone from accessing an account with only a stolen or guessed password.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to set up multifactor authentication?

Yes. To keep your Looker access after October 21, you must complete the one-time multifactor authentication setup the next time you log into Looker after that date.

Why do I have to set it up?

Looker contains member information, including youth data, that must be kept secure. Adding multifactor authentication better protects that data by preventing anyone from accessing an account with only a stolen or guessed password.

Can't I use a different verification method, like email or text?

No. Looker's multifactor authentication requires the use of an authenticator app.

What if I don't want to install an authenticator app?

After October 21, access to Looker will require multifactor authentication through an authenticator app on a smartphone. If you don't want to install an authenticator app, you will be unable to maintain a role that requires Looker access.

What if I do not have a smartphone?

After October 21, access to Looker will require multifactor authentication through an authenticator app on a smartphone. If you don't have a smartphone, you will be unable to maintain a role that requires Looker access.

Will I have to do this every time I log into Looker?

Setting up the authenticator app only needs to be done once. After that, each Looker login asks for the current six-digit code from the app, which takes a few seconds.

Is this going to cost me anything?

No. Most authenticator apps are free to download and use.

Which authenticator app should I use?

Looker recommends the Google Authenticator iPhone app or Android app, but any third-party authenticator app works, as well. Other options include Microsoft Authenticator and Okta Verify. If your council or workplace uses a particular app, feel free to choose that one.

Google Authenticator App - App Store

Download Google Authenticator by Google on the App Store. See screenshots, ratings and reviews, user tips, and more apps like Google Authenticator.

New Troops ALERT

Please join us in congratulating five new troops that formed from September to October! 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!

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Troop 45021 - Daisy
Troop 45023 - Multi-Level
Troop 45322 - Daisy
Troop 65454 - Daisy
Troop 65539 - Daisy

Growing Troops - 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 15526 (2 girls)
Troop 25015 (2 girls)
Troop 30115
Troop 35512
Troop 35612
Troop 45014 (3 girls)
Troop 45021 (4 girls)
Troop 45108
Troop 45216

Troop 45320 (3 girls)
Troop 50167
Troop 50203 (2 girls)
Troop 50748
Troop 55552 (7 girls)
Troop 61105
Troop 65049
Troop 65052 (2 girls)
Troop 65309

Troop 65328
Troop 65326 (2 girls)
Troop 65436
Troop 65538
Troop 65622
Troop 65627
Troop 65751 (3 girls)



Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together



From October 1, 2026, to October 27th, 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

11 Daisies - SU 357
Salinas Valley

Led by SU Manager:
Olivia Vasquez

11 Daisies - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer, Vivian Solodkin, Marsha Hill, and Chris Errea

11 Daisies - SU 655
Whispering Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Julia LaPaglia and Jennifer Bovatsek

Total New Girls

26 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

Marisa Brenninkmeyer, Vivian Solodkin, Marsha Hill, and Chris Errea

24 New Girl Scouts - SU 356
Monterey Bay

Led by SU Managers:

Candace Villarta and Mary Horsley

Growing New Adults

26 New Adults - SU 356 - Monterey Bay

Led by SU Managers:

Candace Villarta and Mary Horsley

24 New Adults - SU 150 - Surf City

Led by SU Manager:

Victoria Haller

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Gold Award Spotlight

**Mika
Inouye**

Congratulations!

Joyful Journaling

Congratulations to Mika Inouye of Troop 66563 on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting! 📖💚

For her Gold Award project, Joyful Journaling, Mika addressed the need for emotional wellness resources and healthy outlets for self-expression among children living in supportive housing. She partnered with Many Mansions to introduce children to journaling as a creative tool for recognizing, expressing, and processing their emotions.

Mika developed an appropriate age-emotional wellness and journaling curriculum with guidance from trained wellness professionals and brought the program to four Many Mansions communities. She led 16 interactive sessions incorporating guided journaling, creative activities, games, presentations, and discussions designed to help children strengthen their emotional awareness and develop healthy coping strategies.

Her project made a measurable impact: more than 90% of participants reported learning a new strategy for processing their emotions, 63% were introduced to journaling for the first time, and 100% said they planned to continue journaling in the future. To ensure her work continues, Mika provided each Many Mansions site with her reusable curriculum, lesson plans, journaling prompts, activities, games, and materials. She also involved staff and volunteers in the sessions so they can continue using these resources with children beyond the completion of her Gold Award project.

Through Joyful Journaling, Mika strengthened her leadership, public speaking, project management, problem-solving, collaboration, and empathy while learning the importance of making every child feel seen and heard.

As Mika reflected, “The sessions with these kids showed me how beneficial it is for kids to see that someone cares about what they have to say.”

Congratulations, Mika, on this incredible accomplishment and for creating a lasting resource that empowers young people to express themselves, understand their emotions, and discover the power of journaling! 📖💚



Gold Award
Girl Scout

Mika Inouye

Joyful Journaling



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Silver Award Spotlight: CAPE Bird Homes



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Silver Award Girl Scout

Troop 65600

CAPE Bird Homes

Congratulations to Hannah of Troop 65600 on earning the Girl Scout Silver Award!

For her Silver Award project, CAPE Bird Homes, Hannah combined her interest in helping wildlife with a desire to create a more peaceful and nature-filled environment at her school.

Hannah designed and built birdhouses to provide local birds with additional nesting spaces as natural habitats are lost. She worked with school leadership to place the birdhouses in her school's wellness garden, where they will also help create a relaxing outdoor environment for students and teachers to connect with nature, take a break, and enjoy the sights and sounds of local birds.

Throughout her 60-hour project, Hannah strengthened her communication, planning, and leadership skills as she coordinated with her school to bring her idea to life and create something that can continue benefiting both wildlife and her school community.

Congratulations, Hannah, on earning your Silver Award and creating a lasting project that brings together wildlife, nature, and student wellness!

Bronze Award Spotlight: Sticky Paws



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Bronze Award Girl Scouts

Troop 66038

Sticky Paws

Congratulations to the 16 Girl Scouts of Troop 66038 on earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award!

For their Bronze Award project, Sticky Paws, the girls partnered with Paw Works to support its mission of caring for and finding homes for animals in need. After visiting Paw Works and learning about the organization's need for ongoing support, the girls set out to help by creating original animal-themed stickers and finding other ways to provide continued support for the organization.

The girls collaborated to brainstorm, design, edit, and select their favorite sticker designs for production while working with Paw Works and other community organizations. When

Paw Works unexpectedly closed its retail location before their planned fundraiser, the girls faced a major challenge, but they didn't give up. They adapted their plans, explored new fundraising and support opportunities, and connected with additional retailers and vendors interested in helping their efforts.

Throughout the project, the girls strengthened their teamwork, communication, decision-making, creativity, and problem-solving skills while learning the importance of perseverance when things don't go according to plan. Congratulations, Troop 66038, on earning your Bronze Award and showing that leadership means adapting, working together, and continuing to find ways to make a difference!

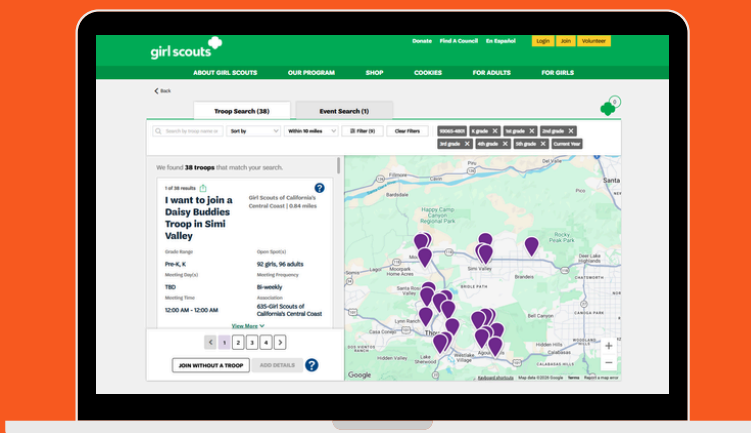
2027 Troop Catalog

As we prepare for the 2027 Girl Scout year and welcome new families into our movement, we invite every troop to complete the **GSCCC 2027 Troop Catalog Form**.

This form helps us keep your troop information up to date, connect girls with troops that are the right fit, ensure accurate records, and meet important insurance and membership requirements. Most importantly, it allows us to share the incredible opportunities your troop offers with families looking for a Girl Scout experience.

Thank you for the time, energy, and care you invest in your girls. By completing the form, you are helping us strengthen Girl Scouting across our council and ensuring that more girls can discover the friendship, leadership, and adventure that Girl Scouts provides.

**Please take a few moments to complete the form today.
Your partnership makes a difference!**



Fill it out
now!



Ready to Start a Girl Scout Troop?

Have you been thinking about becoming a troop leader but aren't sure where to begin? Starting a troop is easier than you might think—and we'll support you every step of the way!



Troop Start-Up Checklist

- Recruit 2 unrelated adults to serve as troop leaders
 - Ensure both adults are:
 - Registered Girl Scout members
 - Background checked
 - AB 506 compliant (Live Scan completed and Mandated Reporter Training completed)
- Complete GSLearn Course 635 – New Troop Leader Onboarding: First 30 Days
- Register at least 4 girls in your new troop.



Ready to Get Started?

Register your girls and adults here:

<https://mygs.girlscouts.org/>



Bonus Incentive!

New troops that register 8 girls within 60 days of receiving their troop number will earn **\$100** in troop start-up funds to help kick off their Girl Scout adventures!

We're excited to help you build a troop where girls can discover new skills, make lifelong friendships, and create unforgettable memories.

Start your Girl Scout leadership journey today! 

Help Us Keep Your Girl Scout Information Up to Date!



As we prepare for the 2026–2027 Girl Scout year, please take a moment to update your child's school information in MyGS. Having accurate school information helps us better support troop placement, school outreach, accurate data and local Girl Scout opportunities.

Updating your child's school is quick and easy:

1. Log in to MyGS by following this [link](#)
2. Select **My Household** from the left-hand menu.
3. Scroll to your child's profile and click **Edit Profile**.
4. Scroll to **Personal Details**.
5. Update the **School Attending** field.
6. Scroll to the bottom and click **Save**.

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and ensuring your family receives the best possible Girl Scout experience!

Venmo vs. Cheddar Up:

Venmo is great for quick payments between friends, but when it comes to managing group collections, it falls short. Think about the chaos of tracking who's paid and who hasn't, and the headache of handling multiple payment types.

With Cheddar Up, you can:

- Collect all types of payments: From credit cards to e-checks, we've got you covered.
- Easily track payments: Our automated reporting shows you who's paid, so no more manual updates.
- Add forms and sign-ups: Need to gather info along with payments? Do it all in one go.

See how the options compare in the chart below.

	Cheddar Up	Venmo	PayPal
PAYMENTS + CUSTOM FORMS	✓	—	—
UNLIMITED CUSTOM WEB PAGES	✓	—	—
ITEMIZED OPTIONS WITH SET COSTS	✓	—	—
ONLINE STOREFRONT	✓	—	—
INTEGRATED POS SYSTEM	✓	—	✓
AUTOMATIC TRACKING & TOTALS	✓	—	—
MULTIPLE ACCOUNT MANAGERS	✓	—	—
FLEXIBLE FEE STRUCTURE	✓	—	—
PAYMENT DEADLINES	✓	—	—
NO APP OR ACCOUNT NECESSARY	✓	—	✓

[Learn more.](#)



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@girlscoutscsc.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@girlscoutscsc.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



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