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Early Bird:



Early Bird is almost over! Renew your Girl Scout membership by September 30 to receive your exclusive GSCCC Water Bottle Kit and be ready for an amazing 2027 Girl Scout year.

The coming year is packed with opportunities to explore, grow, connect, and embark on new adventures. From exciting programs and events to unforgettable experiences with friends, you won't want to miss what's ahead!

Ready to renew? Renew your Girl Scout membership [here](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance with your renewal, please contact us at info@girlscoutsccl.org. We're happy to help!

Fall Product:



Fall Product is off to a sweet start! Girl Scouts across our council have been hard at work reaching their goals and helping friends and family check items off their holiday shopping lists.

As we enter the final stretch of the program, we need your help to keep the momentum going. With only two weeks remaining, now is the perfect time to encourage your Girl Scouts to reach out to customers, share their online stores, and finish strong.

Every order helps support amazing Girl Scout experiences, and every effort counts. Let's keep the excitement high, celebrate their hard work, and make these last two weeks the strongest yet!

Keep encouraging. Keep selling. Finish strong!



The Body Positivity
Water Bottle kits are in!
Be sure to read the
email that was sent
with pickup dates and
locations so you can
pick up your kit.



**Renew today and
keep shining
brighter!**

**Renew
Here!**



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**Early Renewal
Girl
Incentives**

2026 - 2027



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

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**Early Renewal
Adult
Incentives**

2026-2027



	Incentive Date Completed			Free Training (May-Dec 2026)
	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	Early Bird Patch	
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	My Bravery Kit	GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	Early Bird Patch	Suicide Prevention Training
July 1 - September 30	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Kit	 GSCCC My Body, My Bravery Patch	Free Training (May-Dec 2026) Mental Health Training Mandated Reporter Training Suicide Prevention Training	

Fall Product Program is Going Strong - Jump in...Your Adventure Awaits!

Girl Scouts the 2026 Fall “Back to Troop” Program is going strong and there is still time to jump in and Explore the fun. This is your chance to be bold, set big goals, and earn early funds for your troop’s year of adventures. Whether you're a returning pro or brand new to the program, there’s a place for every Girl Scout and volunteer to shine.

Visit our Fall Central Page for more information. This page has all the information you needed to make your Fall Program experience a hopping success.

[Click here to visit Fall Central!](#)

Troop Product Program Coordinator Agreement

Are you your troops Fall or Cookie Coordinator, if your answer is “Yes, yes I am” then please click the link below to complete the “Troop Product Program Coordinator Agreement” form. This information is what is added to the M2OS (M2 Operating system) for Fall and for Cookies 2027 into both Smart Cookies and Digital Cookie. You will receive an email link for Fall within one business day and for Cookies 2027 on or around December 1, 2026



[Click here to fill out the form.](#)

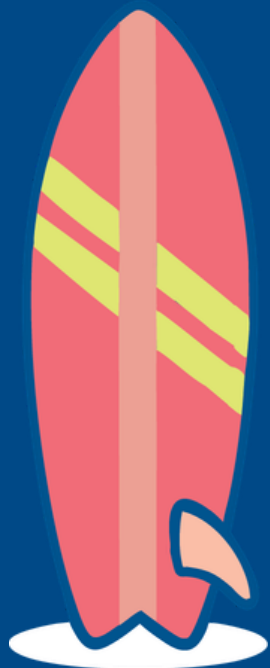
New This Year: Back to Girl Scouts Bonus!

We're excited to announce a brand-new incentive, made possible by the generosity of a community donor!

This year, we're giving back to the girls and troops who are helping grow Girl Scouts while participating in the Fall Product Program.

Here's how to earn it:

- Join or renew your Girl Scout membership between April 1 and September 13 2026.
- Participate in the 2026 Fall Product Program.
- Sell \$300 or more in Fall Product sales.



ELIGIBLE TROOP MEMBERS WILL EARN AN ADDITIONAL \$10 FOR THEIR TROOP, HELPING FUND ADVENTURES, BADGES, CAMP, TRAVEL, AND MORE.



This special incentive is available for a limited time through September 13.

ELIGIBLE JULIETTES WILL RECEIVE \$10 IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP CREDITS TO USE TOWARD FUTURE GIRL SCOUT EXPERIENCES.

Get Back to School with Girl Scout Adventures

9/5/2026 - ADVENTURE COURSE IN THE REDWOODS
- SANTA CRUZ (J/C/S/A) COST \$100

9/12/2026: ARCHERY - SLO (B*/J/C/S/A) COST \$40

9/12/2026: GIRL SCOUTS LOVE STATE PARKS - WILDER RANCH,
OCEANO DUNES, MONTANA DE ORO, CARPINTERIA
(D/B/J/C/S/A) COST \$10 GIRLS \$5 ADULTS

9/12-13/2026: ARCHERY - SANTA CRUZ (B*/J/C/S/A) COST \$20

9/19/2026: CAL POLY AOE GIRL SCOUTS DAY - SLO
(D/B/J) COST \$12

9/19/2026: GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY - SANTA BARBARA
& OXNARD (D/B/J/C/S/A) COST \$10

9/26/2026: GIRL SCOUTS GONE FISHIN' - VENTURA
(D/B/J/C/S/A) COST \$35

9/26/2026: FEATHER, FUR, CLAWS & PAWS -
CENTRAL COAST ZOO ADVENTURE (D/B/J/C)
COST \$25 GIRLS \$20 ADULTS

Register



Local Girl Scouts Visit Washington D.C.



Left to right - Lorisa (GSCCC Staff), Dr. Tammie Helmuth, GSCCC CEO, Michelle (GSCCC Staff), Josie (guest), and GSCCC Delegates: Lydia, Suzy, Madison (GSCCC GAB Chair) and Callia.

Two local high school students spent part of their summer in Washington, D.C., learning how a national organization makes decisions — and one of them helped lead the meeting from the stage.

Callia “Lia” Goulding, a freshman at Santa Cruz High School, and Madison Baker, a junior at Monte Vista Christian School in Watsonville, attended the 58th National Council Session and the Girl Scouts Unite event. They were in Washington from July 18-29 and stayed at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center.

Article published August 12 through TPG Online Daily.

Written by Jon Chown

Read the full article online [here](#).



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



Tent or Treat is Back at Camp Arnaz!



Get ready for a spooktacular afternoon at Camp Arnaz! Join us Saturday, October 31 from 2–6 PM for Tent or Treat 2026, featuring a hay maze, haunted yurt, creepy crafts, lawn games, Halloween movies, candy, photo ops with our Tent-or-Treat horses, and plenty of spooky surprises! Costumes are highly encouraged, and there's fun for ghosts and goblins of all ages. General admission is \$15, children under 5 are free, and overnight camping is **FREE** for Girl Scout troops!



Buy your tickets today!

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!



Volunteer Highlight

with Karma Simmons
Thanks Badge I

I was a Brownie for maybe 1-1/2 years, and I just remember it being a little too rigid and formal, so it did not last long in my life. Fast forward 30 years when I had my daughter who had just turned 5 years, we passed a cookie booth and the Girl Scout “aha” angels struck so I turned around and asked, “how do we check this out?” I soon discovered the local troops were not my 1970s experience, and we both ended up enjoying it.

Never one to shy away from the “alright, if no one else is going to” arm raise, I became troop leader when hers made a sudden decision to relocate to Florida and only two were willing to “maybe” step into co-leader territory. With a team willing to help, I’m willing to try anything. My personal Girl Scout history was made that day as I remained the troop leader for 15 years until the last girl graduated high school. Along the way we told ghost stories and laughed in our tents until the giggling hurt, we learned to eat bugs, we star gazed, we helped deliver food with Meals on Wheels, we collected and donated pet food supplies during fire evacuations, we loved first aid classes, we participated in the bridging ceremony across Golden Gate Bridge, we fought, we argued, we got to sleep on the Santa Cruz Boardwalk, we tried new recipes, we learned to sew, we had amazing conversations around the kitchen table, we learned to make s’mores in a shoe box...we just kept showing up for all of it.

In the early years of being a troop leader, I also fell in love with the other troop leaders and the things we were trying to achieve as a Service Unit. Fast forward to that moment of another arm raise “alright, if no one else is going to” I became SU Secretary and eventually SU Manager and am still a part of the team today to help support the next generation of troop leaders and girls have some of the same experiences.

And now currently, I also wear the title of Day Camp Director. An incredible team was already formed out of a few of the Service Units, but they didn’t have anyone willing to be “that” person, so again....be careful of what you don’t shy away from.... I agreed to give it a try as long as the team would stick together because they were the true rock stars of camp, I just had to sign on the dotted line. This also then brought my own Service Unit representation into the mix. That was summer of 2019, and I still sign on the dotted line because I still have an amazing team that makes our day camp the success it is and collectively, we have been and are committed to serving all the girls.

I would say it’s this last piece that is the heartbeat of why or how my teams have worked, whether it’s at the troop, Service Unit, or camp level – a deep rooted passion of “for the girls”. Whether they walk in as a shy Daisy or strut out as a confident Ambassador, you have to just love hanging out with the girls...in all the places and all the ways they show up.



Have Your Voice Heard: Join the Girl Advisory Board!

Calling all Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts — do you want a direct hand in shaping the future of Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast? The Girl Advisory Board (GAB) is looking for its next group of girl leaders!

GAB members work directly with our CEO, Dr. Tammie Helmuth, meeting regularly to share ideas, weigh in on council programs, and help guide decisions that impact Girl Scouts across our six counties. It's a unique chance to build leadership skills, make your voice heard at the highest level, and connect with other motivated Girl Scouts from across the council.

Applications for the 2026-2027 Girl Advisory Board are open now through September 15th, with up to 20 spots available. The new board will kick things off this September.

Ready to apply?

[Apply Here!](#)

Questions? Reach out to Lorisa Robles at lrobles@girlscoutscoc.org.

Camp Arnaz - Program Spotlight!



Mare Magic (C/S/A)

Welcome to "Mare Magic," the ultimate horse science program tailored for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Dive into diverse equine topics as we rotate through engaging sessions covering everything from advanced anatomy to careers in the equine world. Each session features expert instruction and hands-on demonstrations, allowing scouts to delve deeper into the science behind these magnificent creatures.

Register
Today!

September 12, 2:00 - 3:00pm

Price: \$25 per girl



Adult Outdoor Training - Part 1 & 2

Santa Barbara

Part 1: Thursday, October 1, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Part 2: Sunday, October 4, 9:00 - 4:00pm

Join us for Outdoor Training, where you'll gain the confidence and skills to lead your troop in outdoor cooking, camping, and more! This hands-on, two-part training is essential for all leaders planning overnight trips with their troop.

Important: Before attending Part A, you must complete the Stepping Out and 635 Travel Training courses in gsLearn.

Register Now

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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@girlscoutsgcc.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.

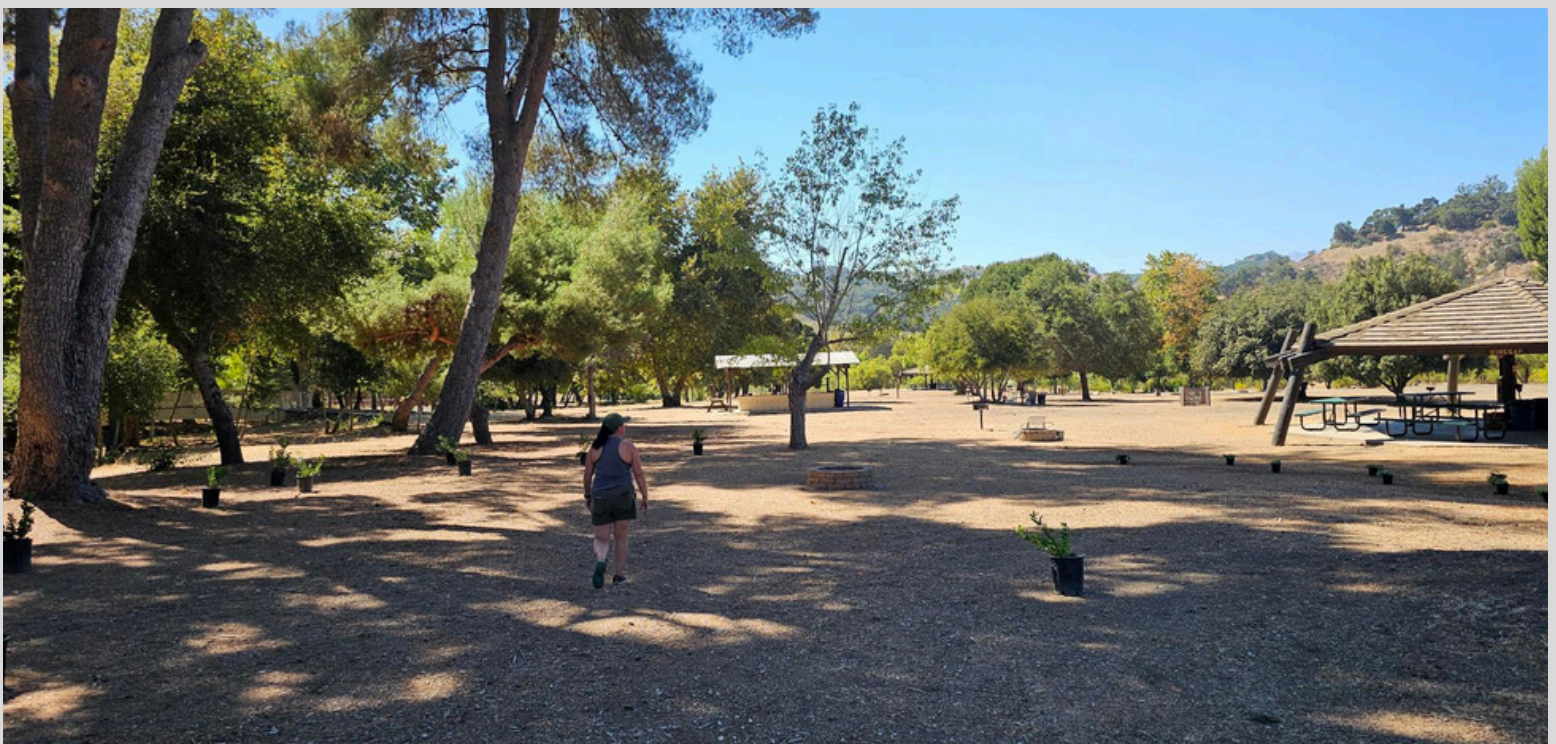


Please note: This image is an AI-generated rendering intended to provide a visual concept of the proposed project. The final design, layout, landscaping and features may vary upon completion.

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.



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:

 September 19, 2026

 March 13, 2027

 April 24, 2027

 September 18, 2027

Babysitter First Aid Course

 September 12, 2026

 September 26, 2026

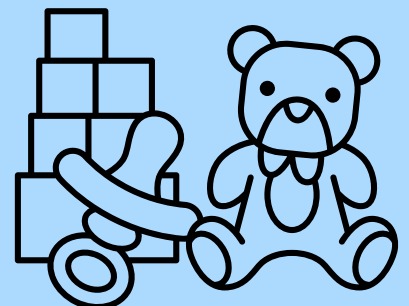
 April 17, 2027

 September 11, 2027

 September 25, 2027



[Sign Up Here!](#)



Upcoming Trainings in Oxnard

Build Skills That Matter!

Give your Girl Scout the opportunity to build confidence and learn important real-world skills with upcoming courses in the Oxnard area! Whether they're learning how to respond in an emergency or building the skills to safely care for younger children, these hands-on courses are great additions to their Girl Scout experience.

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

Ready to build your skills?
Sign up for an upcoming course below!

In addition, we have local trainings coming up in your area. Dates are confirmed, with locations to be announced soon.

Saturdays 10:00 am - 12:00pm

First Aid & CPR Course:

Babysitter First Aid Course:

★ October 3, 2026

★ December 3, 2026

★ March 7, 2027

★ May 1, 2027



Update from the 58th National Council Session

The 58th National Council Session and Girl Scouts Unite event brought our Movement together for a powerful week of governance, connection, celebration, and inspiration. From the delegate discussions to the parade of flags, local dignitary welcome, and thoughtful guest speakers, the week reflected the breadth of our Movement and the global sisterhood we are proud to be part of.

Highlights:

- Delegates voted by acclamation to elect the proposed National Board and National Board Development Committee slate for the next triennium.
- The Girl Scout Highest Awards Solicitation of Contributions proposal passed as written, allowing councils to establish their own policies and procedures to guide these fundraising efforts if they choose.
- The Membership Dues and Procedures for Registration proposal passed as written, allowing dues to increase by up to 15% within a triennium, with continued input from councils and delegates before any change.
- Delegates determined the Preservation of Girl Scout Leadership Experience Relating to the Entrepreneurial Program proposal was not in order and removed it from consideration.

Inside Girl Scouts Unite!

Girl Scouts Unite filled the week with hands-on activities, educational experiences, and moments of connection across generations—from selfies and stories to hundreds of Girl Scouts singing favorite camp songs together in a DC park. Plenary speakers Tatyana McFadden, Chrissy Teigen, and Laurene Powell Jobs shared insights on leadership, resilience, and finding your voice, and we celebrated our Gold Award Girl Scouts and their impact in communities and beyond.

Lastly, in case you missed it, the 59th National Council Session and Girl Scouts Unite will be hosted in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2029, home of high speed, big dreams, and tight-knit community. Girl Scouts will fit right in!



Girl Scouts Unite 2026



Girl Scouts Unite 2026

New Looker Multifactor Authentication

What's Changing?

Starting **August 5**, Service Unit Volunteers will use multifactor authentication (MFA) when logging into Looker. In addition to entering their password, volunteers will be asked to enter a six-digit code generated by an authenticator app on their phone.

If you've used a verification code to access your bank, email, or other online accounts, you're already familiar with this type of added security.

Why the Change?

Looker contains sensitive membership information, including youth records, that we are responsible for protecting. MFA adds an extra layer of security by requiring a second form of verification at login. Even if a password is guessed or compromised, unauthorized users cannot access an account without the verification code.

This update aligns volunteer access with the security measures already in place for council staff and helps ensure the safety of our members' information.

What Do Volunteers Need to Do?

The first time volunteers log into Looker on or after August 5, they will be prompted to set up MFA. The process is simple and usually takes about three minutes:

- Download an authenticator app to a smartphone
- Scan a QR code displayed during setup
- Enter the six-digit code generated by the app

Once setup is complete, volunteers will use the app to verify future logins to Looker.

Thank you for helping us keep member information secure.

Questions or concerns? Please email us at info@girlscoutsccc.org.

California 2026 State of the Girl Report



Read the full report [here](#)

New Troops ALERT

Please join us in congratulating two new troops that formed from December to August! 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 40477 - Cadette

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 15024 (2 girls)
Troop 30603 (3 girls)
Troop 35612
Troop 45218
Troop 45219
Troop 45224 (8 girls)

Troop 55809
Troop 61105
Troop 65449 (2 girls)
Troop 65453 (9 girls)
Troop 66056





Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together



From October 1, 2025, to August 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

47 Daisies - SU 660
Thousand Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Deborah Vaughn & Tammy Adams

46 Daisies - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Manager:

Celia Churchill

Total New Girls

76 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

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

76 New Girl Scouts - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Manager:

Celia Churchill

Growing New Adults

65 New Adults - SU 555 - Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

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

54 New Adults - SU 356 - Thousand Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Candace Villarta and Mary Horsley

54 New Adults - SU 650 - Island View

Led by SU Manager:

Celia Churchill

54 New Adults - SU 660 - Thousand
Oaks

Led by SU Managers:

Deborah Vaughn and Tammy Adams

Girl Scout

Gold Award Spotlight

**Megan
McNulty**

Congratulations!

Snake Education and Identification

Congratulations to Megan McNulty of Troop 61236, Service Unit 656, on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting!

For her Gold Award project, Snake Education and Identification, Megan addressed the fear and misinformation surrounding local snakes and reptiles. After recognizing that harmless snakes are sometimes feared or harmed because people do not know how to properly identify them, Megan set out to replace fear with education and understanding.

Megan designed and built a sustainable reptile habitat at the Sycamore Canyon School Garden, using native drought-resistant plants, rocks, and driftwood to attract local lizards and provide a long-term educational space for students. She expanded her impact by creating educational flyers, signage, classroom presentations, social media content, and articles for the school garden website and a local HOA newsletter. These resources teach students and community members about local reptiles, proper snake identification, and how to respond safely when encountering a snake.

Throughout her project, Megan collaborated with wildlife experts, school staff, volunteers, and local businesses while leading the planning, outreach, habitat construction, and educational components of her project.

As Megan reflected, "I learned that education can replace fear with understanding and help people respect wildlife instead of fearing it."

Congratulations, Megan, on this outstanding accomplishment and for using education to create greater understanding and respect for wildlife in your community! 🐍🌿💚



Gold Award
Girl Scout

Megan McNulty

Snake Education
and Identification



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Silver Award Spotlight: Lead, Serve, Inspire: Youth Volunteer Guide!



Congratulations to Parker and Clara on earning their Girl Scout Silver Award for Lead, Serve, Inspire: Youth Volunteer Guide!

After recognizing that many kids and teens want to volunteer but often struggle to find opportunities or know where to begin, Parker and Clara created a resource designed to make community service more accessible to youth throughout Ventura County.

They researched local organizations, contacted organizations directly, and developed a volunteer resource guide featuring a variety of service and outreach opportunities along with the information young people need to get connected. Through their project, Parker and Clara demonstrated leadership, teamwork, communication, and a commitment to helping other young people discover the rewards of giving back to their communities.

Congratulations, Parker and Clara, on earning the Girl Scout Silver Award and inspiring other young people to lead through service!

Bronze Award Spotlight: Bronze Award Spotlight: Pollinator Project 🐝



Congratulations to nine Girl Scouts who recently earned their Girl Scout Bronze Award through their Pollinator Project!

After learning about habitat loss affecting California's native bee populations, the girls took action by researching the issue, connecting with local experts, and creating wildflower seed bombs to distribute throughout their community. Community members could then plant the seeds to help create new habitats for bees and other important pollinators.

Throughout the project, the girls demonstrated leadership and teamwork by contacting local businesses, creating the seed bombs, finding distribution locations, and building community connections to help their project succeed.

Congratulations to Erin, Alice, Anna, Gianna, Naiya, Olive, Ramona, Samantha A., and Samantha H. for earning their Bronze Award and helping make the world a better place, one wildflower at a time! 🌻🐝

Did you know you can rent out our Program Centers?

[Reserve the Program Center](#)



New Retail Items in Stock!

“I am” Pins

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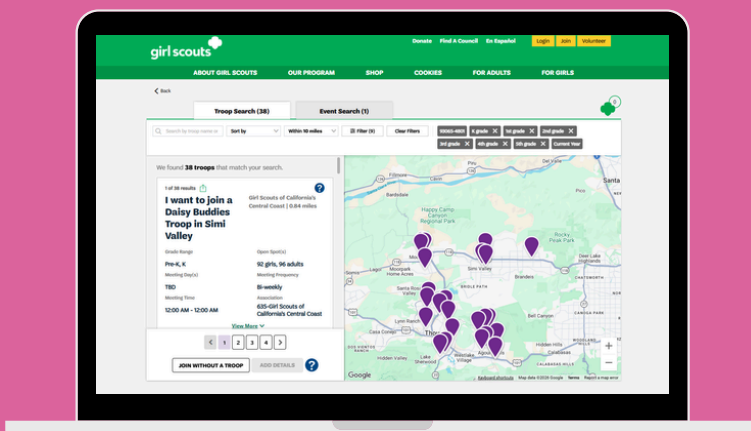
2027 Troop Catalog

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!

2027 Girl Recognition Voting Link



IT'S TIME to cast your
vote for this year's
reward choices!

Follow this link to cast
your vote.

Please note: This link allows
only one vote per user. If your
family has multiple girls, please
copy and paste the link into an
incognito/private browser
window to submit additional
votes.

Let's make this
The Best Season Yet!



Excess Balance Disclosure Form

 Due October 5th! 

**Troops with more than \$1,000 —
we've got you!**

- If your troop's balance is over \$1,000, please complete the Excess Balance Disclosure Form by October 5, 2026.
- It only takes a few minutes — share your balance and how the troop plans to put those funds to work for girls.
- This isn't a penalty. It helps Council understand your troop's plans and support your goals.
- Questions? Your Program Center Manager is always happy to walk you through it.

Excess Balance Disclosure Form

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





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!



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.

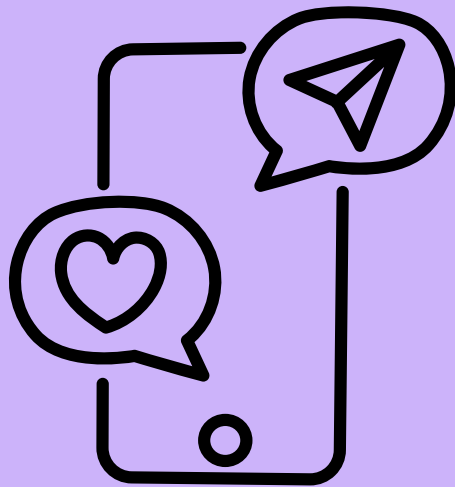
Thank you for your leadership and partnership in creating meaningful experiences for girls—we're here to support you.

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

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



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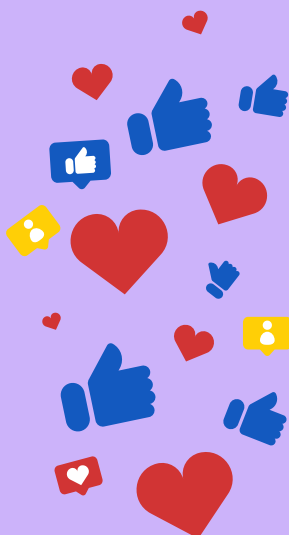
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Discover everything happening this year at our Girl Scout Program Centers! From STEM adventures to outdoor skills, leadership workshops, and creative badges, our 2025–2026 Program Guides are now live and ready for you to explore.

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!

