

Kaleidoscope FAQ's

What is Kaleidoscope?

Kaleidoscope is a weekend long camporee style event where Girl Scouts can test their outdoor skills, meet other Girl Scouts, participate in fun activities such as crafts, cooking, games, and songs, and even compete in an outdoor cook-off. It is a tent camping event for Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors usually held the last weekend in April.

When is Kaleidoscope?

Kaleidoscope is held every other year in late April. Kaleidoscope 2022 will take place from Friday, April 29th through Sunday, May 1st.

My troop has never been camping, can we still participate?

Yes you can, although we strongly encourage outdoor experiences prior – especially for younger troops. You must have at least one outdoor trained adult and volunteers to match the Safety Activity Checkpoints ratios for your troop. We highly recommend at least one campout before Kaleidoscope to practice using your tent and cooking outdoors, even if it is just in your backyard. You can view our recommended packing list in the Outdoor Training Manual which you receive during outdoor training.

How can our troop prepare?

You can host a practice session in your backyard where you pretend there is no house except for bathroom use. You can incorporate outdoor badges and patches, and practice outdoor skills found in the [Kaleidoscope Handbook](#).

How much is the event?

Kaleidoscope is \$60 per person which includes a shirt, lanyard, patch, bandana, and Saturday dinner. There are also options to reduce this price via adult volunteer roles.

What is there to do at Kaleidoscope?

There are a variety of different activities available.

- Skills challenges are for girls who want to test their outdoor skills and earn points. Girls will practice their skills ahead of time then come to the event and show off their skills. Points are earned for the skills they demonstrate and are

totaled together to give groups their ranking (and a patch to show what they earned).

- Just try it groups can choose up to three skill challenges to try out without the pressure of earning points.
- Workshops are fun activities that can be done throughout the day. They are crafts, cooking, skills, songs, and games.
- Just for fun activities include competitions for campsite decorations, troop hat, and troop banner.
- Saturday evening program with songs and skits put on by other Girl Scouts.
- The Sunday Cook-off is a competition where girls test their outdoor cooking skills by making a dish in chosen categories and presenting them to judges. There is an awards ceremony where the winners of each category get prizes.
- SWAPS are a time-honored Girl Scout tradition where girls make small crafts attached to pins and trade them with girls at the event. They typically include your troop number and the event so you and those you trade with can remember the event.
- This year's all camp service project is creating security blankets for infants through teens. To find out more about the project and the affiliated organization, visit projectlinus.org/about.

What are the Covid-19 policies and protocols?

1. Our event will comply with all COVID protocols for Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast and Santa Barbara county. GSCCC's guidelines can be found [here](#).
2. The camp is fully outdoors, with the exception of restrooms which are single-person portable restrooms (hand sanitizer provided). With the expected registrations, we anticipate having plenty of room for troops to stay socially distanced while camping and participating in activities.
3. While we have plenty of space, there are instances where girls will interact with others (such as when trading SWAPS or being served food). As such, it is highly recommended that all attendees bring and wear well-fitting masks during times when interacting closely with those outside of their troop. Masks may be worn the entire weekend, if preferred. Our information booth will also have a supply of surgical masks for attendees to request, if needed.

4. Camping in tents is permitted by current GSCCC guidelines. Currently, the requirement is that tent capacity is reduced to half the recommended number (for example, 4 people maximum in an 8-person tent), and people are arranged to sleep head to foot. As mentioned above, troops should have plenty of space to spread out.
5. We will be flexible with patrol size if one or more girls cannot attend due to COVID. Please contact us at kaleidoscope@girlscoutscgcc.org if this occurs.
6. We will work with you in the event of a COVID-related circumstance impacting your troop's ability to attend. For example, if your outdoor trained adult must quarantine due to COVID, please contact us ASAP via kaleidoscope@girlscoutscgcc.org (or if the day of the event, call 805-452-5365). We will work with you to figure out a solution, from finding a substitute for you, pairing your troop with another in your village, or possibly issuing a refund if no other solution is possible. **You are not alone in this!**

How can we find out more?

Send an email to kaleidoscope@girlscoutscgcc.org or look at the [Kaleidoscope Handbook](#).