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Monthly Newsletter

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Fall Program 2026 – Thank You for Exploring the Fun!



Thank you to the 999 girls in
233 troops who took part in
our Fall 2026 Program! You
created your Avatars, shared
your sites, and were real Go-
Getters this fall. We can't wait
to see what you do in Cookies
2027!

READY TO
explore





Cookie Time!



Last Call for Gluten-Free Requests

Don't miss out — requests are due October 23, 2026. Supplies are limited, so be sure to place your request in time to add it to your initial order, which is due January 4, 2027.

[Submit your Gluten-Free Request](#)

When Does the Fun Begin?

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 Explore the Fun! Because with Girl Scouts, there's always more to explore, share, and celebrate!

New Cookies for 2027 – Online Expansion

Two new cookies are in the Cookies 2027 line-up. One for you and your friends and families with food allergy concerns and one for your dog bestie. These will only be offered online, but stay tuned, there are also loads of marketing assets for your girls.





No Tricks, Just Treats with these Fun-Filled Programs

10/3/2026: SEA OTTER SAVVY - THINK LIKE A CITIZEN
SCIENTIST - MOSS LANDING (J/C/S/A)
COST \$80

10/10/2026: TIDEPOOL TREKKERS - A COASTAL DISCOVERY
ADVENTURE - SLO (B/J) COST \$10

10/11/2026: GLAZE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE - POTTERY
PAINTING - SLO & VENTURA (J/C/S/A) COST \$35

10/17/2026: SEA OTTER SAVVY - THINK LIKE A CITIZEN
SCIENTIST - MORRO BAY (J/C/S/A) COST \$80

10/24-25/2026: ARCHERY - SANTA CRUZ (B/J/C/S/A)
COST \$20

10/24/2026: SEA OTTER SAVVY - THINK LIKE A CITIZEN
SCIENTIST - MORRO BAY (D/B) COST \$45

10/24/2026: OCEAN INVESTIGATORS - A COASTAL
DISCOVERY ADVENTURE - SLO (C/S/A) COST \$10

Register



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



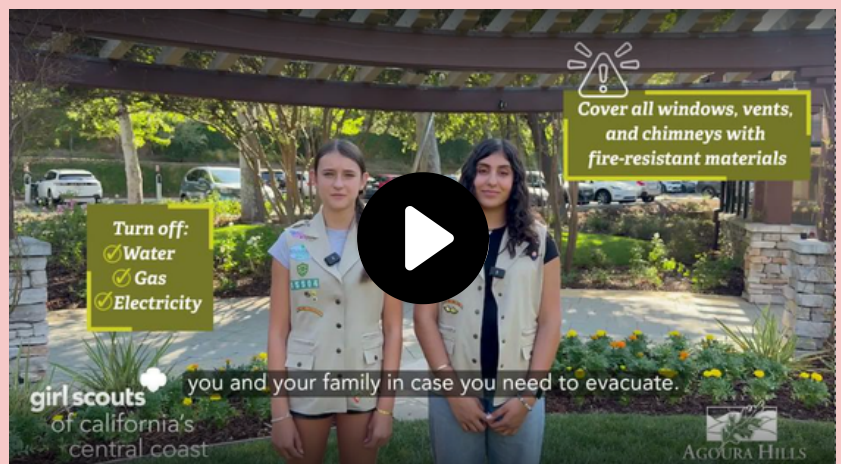
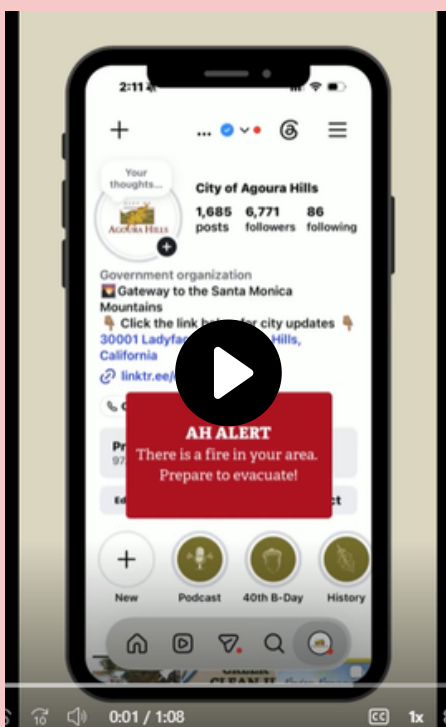
Be Prepared, Stay Safe! 🚒



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.



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!

Service Unit Learning Facilitator Highlight

Eileen Murta (SUM & Learning Facilitator) and Deborah Jaeger (Learning Facilitator SU450)

Last month, in August Eileen Murta (SU451), along with Debbie Jaeger (SU450), who shadowed her, ran an Outdoor Training for a set of leaders and parents in Orcutt. The leaders and parents who took this training lead Daisy, Brownie, Junior and Cadette troops. Outdoor training is required for those troops who want to go camping outdoors. The goal of this training is to give the leaders and parents the skills and confidence in outdoor cooking, camping, and more! This is a mandatory 2 part training for all leaders who plan to take their troop on overnight trips.

On Friday they met together for 3 hours to plan their outdoor experience in a similar manner they will plan with their troops. Then on Saturday, the 2 patrols met in Orcutt in a Santa Maria in the backyard of one of our fearless Santa Maria Service Unit managers to learn how safely and successfully camp outdoors with their girls. One of the pictures shown is the 3 tents that each patrol brought. This is where they learned from Eileen all about setting up and taking down camp.

The other picture of the ladies in red sashes is when they were taught how to perform an outdoor flag ceremony. Other things they did together was set up and take down the kitchen using a coleman stove to boil breakfast in a ziploc bag, building a fire for briquettes to use to make foil packet dinner meals and also a dutch oven for a delicious dessert.

Not pictured was learning knots and compass work but the last picture is their group picture when they completed the Outdoor training course!

It was a wonderful day of camaraderie and good Girl Scout vibes. The girls are so lucky to have these leaders and parents. They are going to have a wonderful time in the outdoors.



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



GSCCC Townhalls

Note: GSCCC community members in Oxnard and Thousand Oaks are welcome to attend either town hall.

Please see the links below:

Santa Barbara – Thursday, October 22nd – 7:00 pm

[Register here](#)

San Luis Obispo – Friday, October 23rd – 6:30pm

[Register here](#)

D'Arrigo – Saturday, October 24th - Time 1:30pm

[Register here](#)

Oxnard – Tuesday October 27th – 6:30 pm

[Register here](#)

Thousand Oaks - Wednesday, October 28th – 6:30 pm

[Register here](#)





Part of the Ventura County Education and
Fuels Mitigation Initiative



Ventura Avenue Grazing Project

TRICK-OR-TREAT

WEDNESDAY
4PM - 6PM

07
OCTOBER

RSVP FOR
LOCATION

COME SEE GOATS UP CLOSE!

VRFSFC invites you and your family for a Trick-Or-Treat for **ALL AGES** (grown-ups welcome)! Learn about the Ventura Avenue Grazing Project, collect some candy (paid for by VRFSC), and see goats in action!



Witch hats and closed-TOAD shoes recommended.

RSVP TODAY AT

tiny.cc/VenturaGrazing

Or call (805) 746-7365 to register!

Funding for this project was provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. This project is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities.



Celebrate 50 Years of Caring! Volunteer Opportunity

Be part of something special!

The Conejo Free Clinic is celebrating its 50th Anniversary, and they're looking for Girl Scout (14-18 yrs. old) volunteers to help welcome guests and make this milestone event a success.



Sunday, October 18th, 3:30 - 5:00 PM

♥ Volunteer Duties: Welcome guests, guide attendees from their cars to the Gardens at Los Robles Greens, and help them find their tables.

Founded in 1976 by a dedicated group of women, Conejo Free Clinic has spent 50 years serving the community through their vision, determination, and compassion. What better way to honor their legacy than by having today's generation of young women help celebrate this remarkable achievement?

Join us in recognizing five decades of community impact while gaining valuable service experience and representing Girl Scouts with pride.

Ready to help make this celebration memorable?

Sign up today! 🌟

Contact Sarah Hawkins, Executive Director
sarahhawkins@conejofreeclinic.org

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! Recognition should be based on the 2025-2026 membership year and all honorees will be celebrated at our Women of Distinction event in May of 2027.

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.



**Nominate an outstanding
volunteer today!**
MAKE YOUR NOMINATION
HERE

TENT OR TREAT UPDATE



We wanted to share an update with our Girl Scout families that **Tent or Treat 2026 has been canceled.** While we know many of you look forward to this annual event at Camp Arnaz, we've made the decision to take this year to revisit the event and plan for an even stronger return.

Tent or Treat will be back in 2027, and we look forward to bringing our Girl Scout families and troops together again for all the Halloween fun!

Families currently registered for the 2026 event will receive additional communication regarding the cancellation. Thank you for your understanding, and we can't wait to see you at Tent or Treat next year!





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!

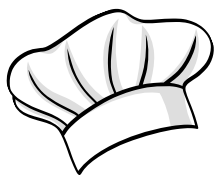
Bid online for some amazing items while helping support future adventures, experiences, and memories for Girl Scouts at Camp Arnaz. You will be able to get items like these below:



[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! Pony Pastries

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



Get ready for a sweet adventure at Camp Arnaz! Girl Scouts will meet our horses, learn about their care and nutrition, and mix up tasty, no-bake treats—using fun, seasonal recipes that change throughout the year. It's the perfect blend of hands-on learning and horse-loving fun!



October 10, 4:00 - 5:00pm

Price: \$25 per registrant



Register Now

A dark brown banner with rounded corners, featuring several autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red scattered around the text.

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.



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!](#)

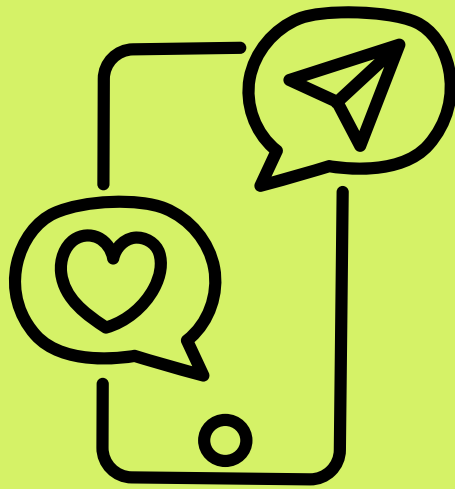
Submission Deadline:
12/31/2026



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



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](#)

See What's Coming Up in Thousand Oaks!



We have some great programs and trainings ahead, with opportunities for Girl Scouts of different ages to learn new skills, get outdoors, and try something new.



Babysitting Certification with 4Points. Learn the skills needed to safely and confidently care for younger children.

[Register for Babysitting Certification](#)



First Aid & CPR Certification with 4Points. Build real-world emergency response skills and earn your First Aid/CPR certification.

[Register for First Aid & CPR](#)



Democracy Badge for Juniors and Cadettes: explore how democracy works at the local, state, and national levels.

[Register for Democracy Badge J/C](#)



Democracy Badge for Seniors and Ambassadors: take a deeper look at how democracy works and how government decisions shape communities and society.

[Register for Democracy Badge S/A](#)



Troop Formation Nights!

All Levels

October 7 5:00 - 6:30 pm | Oxnard & Thousand Oaks

October 18 12:00 - 1:30 pm | Oxnard & Thousand Oaks

Whether your family is brand new to Girl Scouts or searching for the perfect troop to call home, this welcoming open house is a great place to get started!

Girls and caregivers will learn about local troop opportunities, meet members of the Girl Scout community, and discover what being part of a troop is all about. While adults connect and explore the next steps toward troop placement, girls will enjoy a fun themed activity designed to spark creativity, build friendships, and introduce them to the excitement of Girl Scouting.

[Register for October 7](#)

[Register for October 18](#)

First Aid & CPR Training

Saturday, October 3, 2026

10:00 am to 12:00 pm

\$75.00

Location TBD

First Aid/CPR – Ages 10+

Babysitting Courses – Ages 11+



[Register Here](#)

Open to Girl Scout volunteers, troop leaders, and community members. Certification provided upon successful completion.

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



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

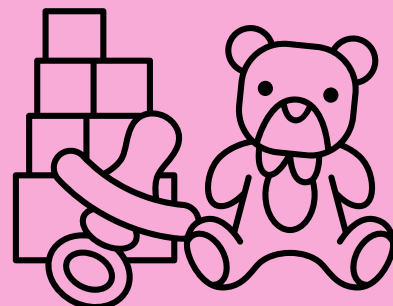
 September 11, 2027

 September 18, 2027

 September 25, 2027



[Sign Up Here!](#)



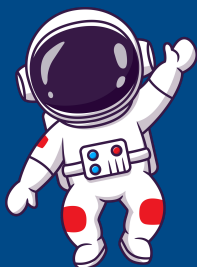
Discover Upcoming Programs in SLO!



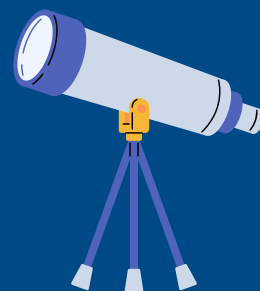
Space Science Badges October 17 | San Luis Obispo

Blast off into an exciting exploration of space! Girl Scouts will investigate the universe through engaging, age-appropriate activities while working toward their Space Science badge. From observing the sky to researching the mysteries of space, each session invites Girl Scouts to think like scientists and discover more about the world beyond Earth.

- Explore & Adventure Through Space Science – Daisies & Brownies
11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Investigate & Research Space Science – Juniors & Cadettes
3:00–4:30 p.m.
- Become Experts & Masters of Space Science – Seniors & Ambassadors
4:00–5:30 p.m.



[Register for Space Science
Badges](#)





Find Your Girl Scout Troop

October 21 | 5:30–6:30 p.m. | San Luis Obispo

Whether your family is brand new to Girl Scouts or searching for the perfect troop to call home, this welcoming open house is a great place to get started!

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[Register for the Troop
Formation Meeting](#)

What's Happening in Castroville?

Hispanic Heritage Patch – All Levels

Friday 10/09/2026 5 to 6pm

\$10 (includes all materials & patch)



Girls will enjoy a special presentation from Grupo Folklórico Raices Mestizas as they explore the diverse customs, art, music, and traditions that make Hispanic heritage so vibrant. This engaging experience encourages cultural appreciation, celebrates diversity, and helps girls gain a deeper understanding of the many ways Hispanic communities have shaped our world

[Register here](#)

International Day of the Girl – D / B / J

Saturday 10/10/2026 10:30am to 12:30pm

\$10 (includes all materials & patch)

Celebrate the power, potential, and achievements of girls around the world during our International Day of the Girl Fun Patch Program! Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors will discover why this special day is celebrated, learn about the challenges and successes girls experience in different countries, and explore how they can use their own voices to make a positive difference.

[Register here](#)



International Day of the Girl – C / S / A

Saturday 10/10/2026 2:00pm to 4:00pm

\$10 (includes all materials & patch)

Celebrate the strength, leadership, and impact of girls around the world during our International Day of the Girl Fun Patch Program! Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors will explore the global importance of this day while learning about the challenges, achievements, and rights of girls across different cultures.

[Register here](#)

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



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California 2026 State of the Girl Report



Read the full report [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 two new troops that formed from December to September! 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 55552 - Multi-Level
Troop 65751 - Multi-Level

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 15075 (2 girls)

Troop 35309

Troop 40704

Troop 45320

Troop 55523

Troop 55551

Troop 55552 (6 girls)

Troop 65436

Troop 65535



Celebrating Service Unit Success

Growing the Girl Scout Movement Together



From October 1, 2025, to September 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

47 Daisies - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Manager:

Celia Churchill

Total New Girls

77 New Girl Scouts - SU 650
Island View

Led by SU Manager:

Celia Churchill

76 New Girl Scouts - SU 555
Costa De Oro

Led by SU Managers:

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

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

**Hailey
Wang**

Congratulations!

Pirouettes with Purpose

Congratulations to Hailey Wang of Troop 60729, on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting! 🧡❤️

For her Gold Award project, Pirouettes with Purpose, Hailey addressed the lack of accessible ballet opportunities for neurodivergent children and children with disabilities, using her passion for dance to make the classical arts more inclusive. Hailey partnered with Conejo Recreation and Park District's Therapeutic Recreation program to lead five adaptive ballet classes for children ages 5-12, using visual and auditory cues, props, music, and activities to support a variety of learning needs and abilities.

To expand her impact, Hailey partnered with Ballet for All Kids to create a 25-minute Level 2 Curriculum Video featuring 28 intermediate ballet steps and adaptive props. She helped create the props and directed and edited the video, which is projected to benefit approximately 2,000 Ballet for All Kids students nationally and internationally. Through her project, Hailey strengthened her leadership, organization, adaptability, empathy, and persistence while advocating for greater access to the classical arts for people of all abilities. As Hailey reflected, "I learned that moving my project forward meant being persistent." Congratulations, Hailey, on this incredible accomplishment and for helping make ballet more inclusive and accessible for dancers of all abilities!



Gold Award
Girl Scout

Hailey Wang

Pirouettes with
Purpose



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Silver Award Spotlight: Seats of Hope: Benches for Our Animal Shelter

Congratulations to Emily, Ella, and Jaylen of Troop 65421 on earning the Girl Scout Silver Award! 🐾💚



For their Silver Award project, Seats of Hope: Benches for Our Animal Shelter, the girls addressed the need for comfortable, welcoming spaces where shelter animals and potential adopters can spend meaningful time together and build connections. After touring their local animal shelter and speaking with staff about its needs, the girls designed and built two durable benches to create inviting spaces for animals, families, and volunteers. While building, they realized their original design might not work well for smaller dogs, so they adapted their second bench to be shorter and more accessible to dogs of different sizes. The benches will remain at the shelter as a long-lasting resource, continuing to provide a place where potential adopters can spend time getting to know animals and helping support successful adoptions.

Through their project, Emily, Ella, and Jaylen strengthened their communication, teamwork, problem-solving, planning, and project-management skills while learning how thoughtful changes can make a meaningful difference in their community. Congratulations, Emily, Ella, and Jaylen, on earning your Silver Award and creating a more welcoming space for shelter animals and the families hoping to give them forever homes! 🐾🐾💚



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Troop 65421

Seats of Hope: Benches for
Our Animal Shelter

Bronze Award Spotlight: The Hen House Project

Congratulations to Hayden, Freyal, Wynona, Tessa, and Valentina of Troop 55524 on earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award! 🐾💚

For their Bronze Award project, The Hen House Project, the girls addressed the issue of homelessness and surrendered chickens in their community. After discovering chickens at their local animal shelter, they learned that chickens are sometimes surrendered when families can no longer care for them or when chicks unexpectedly grow into roosters that cannot be kept in certain neighborhoods.

The girls spoke with their local animal shelter and a caregiver at Lake Los Carneros to learn more about the issue. They then worked together to restore a hen house, planning the project, gathering supplies, shopping for materials, cleaning the space, and completing multiple layers of painting.

Along the way, they strengthened their communication, teamwork, planning, and problem-solving skills while learning about the importance of responsible chicken ownership.

Congratulations, Hayden, Freya, Wynona, Tessa, and Valentina, on earning your Bronze Award and using your love of animals to help create greater awareness and care for chickens in your community! 🐾🐾💚



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Bronze Award Girl Scouts

Troop 55524

The Hen House Project

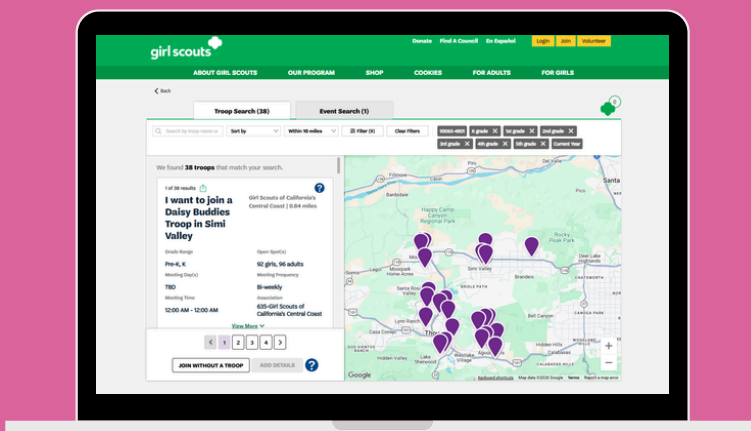
2027 Troop Catalog

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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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!