## **girl scouts** of california's central coast



#### Welcome to our January newsletter! 🎉 🙀

Happy New Year! January marks a fresh start and the perfect time to set goals, dream big, and embrace new adventures. From earning badges to tackling exciting Girl Scout activities, this month is all about growth and possibility.
Whether you're exploring the great outdoors, diving into community projects, or bonding with your troop, let's make this the best year yet! <sup>\*</sup>/<sub>\*</sub>
Here's to a year of discovery, learning, and making memories that last a lifetime. ● Let's kick off 2025 with energy, enthusiasm, and unstoppable Girl Scout spirit! <sup>●</sup>

## Winter Wonderland: A Big Thank You Girl Scouts!



Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the love and support you showed at Winter Wonderland at Camp Arnaz! It was such a joy to see so many smiling faces and festive spirits. Your participation made this event truly magical, and we couldn't have done it without you. Here's to making more memories together in the future!

## Girl Scout Programs

Exciting adventures await! Check out our activity calendar for all the upcoming events and start planning your next Girl Scout experience. From badge workshops to outdoor adventures, there's something for everyone! Many events have limited space, so be sure to register early to guarantee your spot and make unforgettable memories. Don't wait—explore the calendar now and join in the fun!

**ACTIVITY CALENDAR** 

## 😍 Design the 2026 Early Bird Patch!

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Let your creativity soar! We're looking for Girl Scouts to design the official 2026 Early Bird Patch—the patch every Girl Scout will proudly wear next year. Deadline to submit: January 24, 2025

What's in it for you?

- ightarrow FREE membership for the next Girl Scout year
- ightarrow Bragging rights as the official patch designer
- imiliar The chance to inspire Girl Scouts across the council!

Grab your markers, crayons, or digital tools and show us your bold, fun, and inspiring ideas. Submit your masterpiece today!  $\checkmark$ 

SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN!

## Day Camp Intent Forms are Due Soon!

★ Get ready for an unforgettable summer of fun and adventure with Girl Scout Day Camps! ▲ Whether it's exploring the great outdoors, earning new badges, or making lifelong friends, day camps are the perfect way for girls to learn, grow, and shine. ♣ Don't miss your chance to make the magic happen—submit your Day Camp Intent Form by January 17th, 2025, and let's start planning the

SUBMIT NOW

## It's Girl Scouts Cookie Season - Time to Embrace Possibilities!



Get your troops ready for the 2025 Cookie Season by attending one of our Cookie Rallies. Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors – become a Rally Girl and earn community service hours and have a pandtastic time doing it. Register below.

Many of our Rally's have live scan providers and cookie merchandise on-site – so come check us out. Remember the council will not be providing reimbursement for the mandatory AB506 live scan after April 2025.

The Cookie Rallies are a way for Girl Scouts to learn the five essential skills of entrepreneurship: Goal Setting, Decision Making, People Skills, Money Management and Business Ethics. Girl Scouts attending will receive the 2025 Cookie Rally Patch and a lot more.

**REGISTER HERE!** 

## **Troop Cookie Coordinators**

All Troop Cookie Coordinators, please make sure to complete the Troop Cookie Coordinator Agreement form. This is how we add you and your troop into SMART COOKIES, which then feeds into Digital Cookie. Also make sure you have chosen the role of: Product Program – Cookies in MyGS, this is how our Girl Scout membership platform talks to SMART COOKIES and Digital Cookie.

**VIEW FORM** 

## LiveScan Fingerprinting Event

Join us for a convenient LiveScan Fingerprinting event! This is an opportunity for adult volunteers to complete their background checks quickly and easily. LiveScan is a requirement for most volunteer roles, ensuring the safety and well-being of our Girl Scouts. Make sure you bring a valid ID and the GSCCC LiveScan form. We're here to make the process as smooth as possible—thank you for helping us create a safe environment!

1/18/2025 La Colina Middle School 4025 Foothill Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

1/19/2025 Oxnard Marriott 600 E Esplanade Dr Oxnard, CA 93036 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

1/26/2025
Castroville Program Center
(During Cookie Rallies)
9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Please send an email to <u>cpc@girlscoutsccc.org</u> to sign up

## DOWNLOAD FORM

## D'Arrigo Leadership Center

Exciting News...

D'Arrigo Leadership Center will be open Monday – Saturday 9am to 5pm starting 1/18/2025!

**RETAIL CENTER UPDATE:** 

Come check out our updated retail space – we have made room for some fun items and have you covered for all your badge and uniform paeds!

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## GSUSA Removed Exception to Lift Fundraising Ban.

The National Board has voted to remove all references to lifting the fundraising ban that allowed troops to temporarily raise money for outside organizations or causes, during a national or international emergency/disaster.

If you have any questions regarding the Fundraising Ban, please reach out to Info@girlscoutsccc.org or 800-822-2427.

### New: USA Girl Scouts Overseas Camp Opportunities

USA Girl Scouts Overseas is excited to offer three camp products for Girl Scouts in 2025!

#### <u>Mini Camps</u>

Three-night camps in multiple locations around the world, designed to prepare Girl Scouts for our full, week-long overnight camps; open to Girl Scout Daisies through Cadettes. Join us in Mexico or Germany!

#### Adventure Camps

Three-night camps in multiple locations around the world, featuring outdoor adventures distinctive to each destination; open to Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors. Join us in South Korea, Slovenia, or Japan!

#### <u>Week-Long Overnight Camps</u>

Six-night camps in multiple locations around the world—this is your "classic" Girl Scout camp experience in unique overseas locations; open to Girl Scout Brownies through Ambassadors. Join us in Taiwan!

#### Action needed: Find <u>more information</u>, including registration.



Click the image above to view our all of our amazing programming on our Camp Only Calendar!



## Kick off the New Year at Camp Arnaz!

We're thrilled to kick off the new year at Camp Arnaz and jump back into exciting programs with our Girl Scout community! Keep an eye out for some brand-new patch kiosk programs launching soon, offering even more ways to learn and grow. Plus, our horses are eagerly awaiting your return after winter break—they can't wait to see you back in the saddle! Let's make 2025 a year full of adventure and discovery at Camp Arnaz!

#### VIEW PROGRAMS

# Get ready to build confidence, skills, and leadership in our Women in Construction program!



This hands-on experience introduces participants to the world of construction through fun, engaging projects. From wielding tools to completing creative builds, this program inspires girls to explore new skills while developing problemsolving and teamwork abilities. Join us at Camp Arnaz and discover the builder within!

#### **REGISTER HERE**

Embark on an exciting adventure with our STEAM Safari program!



This program combines the wonders of science, technology, engineering, art, and math with the beauty of nature. Girl Scouts will explore fascinating concepts, tackle creative challenges, and uncover the connections between innovation and the natural world. Register now for a fun-filled journey that sparks curiosity, creativity, and a love for discovery!

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## Get ready to code, create, and conquer with our DASHing Divas program!



This interactive program introduces Girl Scouts to the exciting world of programming and robotics using our DASH robots. Participants will learn coding basics, tackle fun challenges, and develop problem-solving skills while bringing their robots to life. Join us at Camp Arnaz for a dynamic experience that inspires innovation and confidence through technology!

#### **REGISTER HERE**

## Drug Prevention Program

Join us for a Drug Prevention Program at Camp Arnaz, partnered with Ventura County Sheriffs K9 Team - March 22, 2025

## **REGISTER HERE**



Have a question? Don't be shy! <u>Contact us</u> for more information.

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