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Welcome to our March newsletter! ✨
March is a time for growth, new adventures, and celebrating all the incredible things Girl Scouts accomplish! From earning new badges to making a difference through community service, this month is filled with opportunities to challenge yourself, give back, and have fun with your troop. 💚

Let's make this month one to remember with exciting activities, meaningful projects, and plenty of Girl Scout spirit. 🌟 Here's to learning, leading, and creating unforgettable memories this March! 🎉

🐼 Cookie Season = Sweet Rewards + Big Goals! 🍪

Are you ready to unlock some panda-tastic rewards? 🏆 Every box you sell brings you closer to new adventures, exciting prizes, and unforgettable experiences. Let's show the world what Girl Scouts can do—one cookie at a time!

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

Gold Award Scholarship: GSUSA

If you're currently working on your Gold Award, remember that to qualify for the 2025 Gold Award Scholarship, you must submit your Gold Award Final Report and receive approval by April 1, 2025. Stay on track and ensure your hard work gets recognized—submit on time!

Exciting Scholarship Opportunity for Gold Award Girl Scouts!

The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship application window opens on March 14th! Stay tuned for more updates and details on how to apply. Don't miss this chance to be recognized for your incredible leadership and impact!

LEARN MORE

Higher Awards Training Workshops

Curious about earning the prestigious Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards? Discover how you can make a difference and achieve greatness through our exciting training workshops, available on Zoom or in person. Learn from experienced trainers, get inspired by past projects, and start your journey towards these incredible honors. Don't miss out on this opportunity to elevate your Girl Scout experience!

REGISTER HERE

Looker Access

Coming in April, Service Unit Volunteers with Looker access will need to start logging in using an authenticator app. This is a part of a push by GSUSA to make all of our data more secure, so they are requiring multifactor authentication to login. In the months to come GSUSA will reach out to the volunteers that this change is applicable to with details of how to setup their authenticator app and when the exact change will be made. As always, GSCCC is here to support our volunteers. Please reach out with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this change.

Email info@girlscoutsccc.org if you have any questions.

Wells Fargo Troop Banking

In late 2024 Wells Fargo informed council they would be changing the way we set up troop banking accounts and required us to support this initiative. This has been a very difficult transition, and we have been experiencing long delays and lack of support from the various teams at the bank. We are currently evaluating whether this is the right banking relationship for us to continue.

We are very aware of the frustrations that our members are experiencing, especially new Troop Leaders along with our staff. This is why we are currently evaluating if this is the right banking relationship for our members and are interviewing other banks. Our single focus is to ensure that our troops are supported, no bank charges and electronic account signups for convenience. We appreciate your patience as we navigate this challenging situation.

Email info@girlscoutsccc.org if you have any questions.

AB506 Compliance: Immediate Action Required – Complete Your LiveScan by March 15

Your compliance with AB506 LiveScan requirements is crucial to maintaining safety and support for our Girl Scout members. Completing your LiveScan background check is an essential step in ensuring a secure environment for our girls and meeting California state law requirements.

This is an urgent reminder to complete this process by March 15th to avoid any disruptions to your ability to fully participate as a leader. Your prompt action directly supports our mission to provide a safe and enriching experience for all members.

Steps to Complete Your LiveScan:

1. Find a LiveScan location here.
2. Bring the GSCCC LiveScan Form to ensure your results are sent directly to the council.
3. Submit the reimbursement form for any fees incurred.

For more information, check out the AB506 FAQ or contact us at 800-822-2427 or info@girlscoutsccc.org. Thank you for prioritizing the safety and well-being of our Girl Scouts.

Upcoming Programs

Simi Valley Brownilympics – April 12th, 2025, 1st Grade Daises & Brownies

Join 1st grade Daisies and Brownies from far and wide for a SPORTS DAY styled just like the real OLYMPICS, but more FUN! Be part of a PARADE OF TROOPS and witness the biggest OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES this side of Kaleidoscope! Top scorers are acknowledged in MORNING & AFTERNOON AWARD CEREMONIES fit for an OLYMPIAN! Plus, we'll also have a PARTICIPATION CEREMONY for all girls who don't place in an event!

Every Girl Goes Home a Winner! Event offered to 1st grade Daisies and all Brownies.
Registration: $15.00 Each girl receives a gold medal, fun patch, and collector's pin. Girls who place in an event also receive a gold star.

REGISTER HERE

Girl Scout Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk - Spring Overnight

Register now to sleep in the iconic Coconut Grove at the famous Santa Cruz Boardwalk! Event dates are March 14 – March 15, 2025. Girls must have an adult chaperone, and troops must be in girl to adult ratios.

REGISTER HERE

Girl Scouts Against Substance Abuse – Leading the Change

Girl Scouts Against Substance Abuse: Leading the Change is a dynamic, interactive program designed to empower Girl Scouts to make healthy choices and understand the dangers of substance abuse. Participants will engage in educational sessions, a live K9 demonstration with the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, and creative activities focused on mental health and positive peer influence. This program at Camp Arnaz combines fun, learning, and teamwork to promote life skills and mental well-being

REGISTER NOW

Hospital Tours – St Johns & Pleasant Valley

Step behind the scenes of the medical world with our hospital tours at St. John's! This exciting opportunity gives Girl Scouts an inside look at healthcare careers, from nursing and surgery to emergency care and beyond. Girls will meet healthcare professionals, explore various departments, and learn what it takes to make a difference in the lives of others. Don't miss this inspiring experience—perfect for those interested in STEM or pursuing a future in healthcare!

REGISTER NOW

A Hospital Adventure Day - Pleasant Valley

Ever wondered what it's like to work in healthcare? Join us for hospital tours at Pleasant Valley Hospital and discover the exciting world of medicine! Girl Scouts will get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at hospital departments, meet medical professionals, and learn about the skills and dedication it takes to care for others. This hands-on experience is perfect for girls curious about STEM and exploring future career paths in healthcare. Don't miss out!

REGISTER NOW

Basic Backpacking Course

The second part of our three-step wilderness progression, designed for individuals, teaches everything you need to know to begin a multi-night outdoor adventure. Gain the knowledge you'll need to make important decisions about gear, clothing, and trip planning, then hit the trail to practice and hone your skills.

REGISTER HERE

SAVE THESE DATES for Kaleidoscope Skills Days training coming this fall!

Northern Hub – October 25 and 26
Central Hub – October 18 and 19
Southern Hub – November 8 and 9 (Camp Arnaz)

Because Kaleidoscope's main purpose is to promote outdoor skills, the Skills Days training weekends are an important part of the experience. Skills Days serve two purposes: introduce various skills to the girls OR refresh, practice, and enhance skills your girls have learned previously.

Outdoor skills taught at Skills Days are:
- Knots
- Compass and Maps
- Lashing
- Fire Building
- Part of Flag and part of Camping

More information pertaining to location and cost will be coming soon!

Kaleidoscope is a weekend camporee for Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts held every other year in April.

It's a fun weekend of:
- tent camping
- skills
- workshops that include crafts, cooking, songs, games
- a cook-off competition
- Just for Fun campsite decoration and hat design competition
- Saturday Evening program including skits performed by troops
- a Council-wide Service Project, including for Daisy and Brownie troops

Remember to SAVE the DATES for skills and we hope to see you at Kaleidoscope in 2026!

The Kaleidoscope Committee
(questions? Email kaleidoscope@girlscoutsccc.org)

Tea Through Time – San Luis Obispo

Service Unit 452's Tea and Fashion Show
March 8th 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm

Travel through the decades while sipping tea and discover how the current events influenced our Girl Scout uniforms. At this 113-year celebration of Girl Scouts guests will learn through video vignettes what was happening in our world. Uniforms will be modeled from each decade starting in 1912 to modern times – demonstrating how history has influenced our uniform styles and Girl Scout movement.

Tickets to the tea and fashion show are $20 per person and include tea and dessert bites. This event is held by San Luis Obispo Service Unit 452, but all are invited and welcome to attend! Wear your tea party attire or Girl Scout uniform. Each girl participant will receive a custom event patch.

GET TICKETS

Food Wine & Beer Festival – May 3rd, 2025, 4pm-7pm:

Join us for the 4th Annual Food, Wine, and Beer Festival at Camp Arnaz on May 3rd, 2025! This year's festival promises to be the most exciting yet, featuring an exquisite selection of local wines, craft beers, and gourmet food from top chefs. Immerse yourself in a day of culinary delights, live music, and family-friendly activities, all set against the stunning backdrop of Camp Arnaz. Whether you're a foodie, a wine enthusiast, or just looking for a fun day out, this festival has something for everyone. Don't miss out on this unforgettable celebration of flavors and community!

GET TICKETS

Celebrate Our Women of Distinction & Volunteer Recognition Event!

Join us for an unforgettable evening of celebration and gratitude at our annual Women of Distinction & Volunteer Recognition Event on Saturday, April 5, 2025!

Location: The Monterey Plaza Hotel, Monterey, CA
Time: 4:30 PM – 8:30 PM

What to Expect:
Over 175 awards will be presented to our remarkable volunteers.
Enjoy a delightful cocktail hour overlooking the ocean, featuring an exciting raffle and silent auction with exclusive items from across our Council.
Savor a delicious dinner and dessert while honoring those who inspire and empower the future of our Girl Scouts.

Tickets: Tickets are $60 and on sale now! TICKET & REGISTRATION HERE

Valet parking is available for a discounted rate of $25 per vehicle by mentioning you are with Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

Hotel Accommodations: The Monterey Plaza Hotel is offering a discounted room rate for our volunteers, valid for stays up to three days before and three days after the event. Don't miss this opportunity to make your weekend even more special. BOOK HOTEL ROOM HERE

Important Deadlines:
March 13, 2025: Last day to book hotel accommodations.
April 1, 2025: Last day to purchase tickets

Let's come together to celebrate our amazing volunteers and their incredible contributions. Together, we can EmpowerHer & Elevate Her Future, making the world brighter for all Girl Scouts!

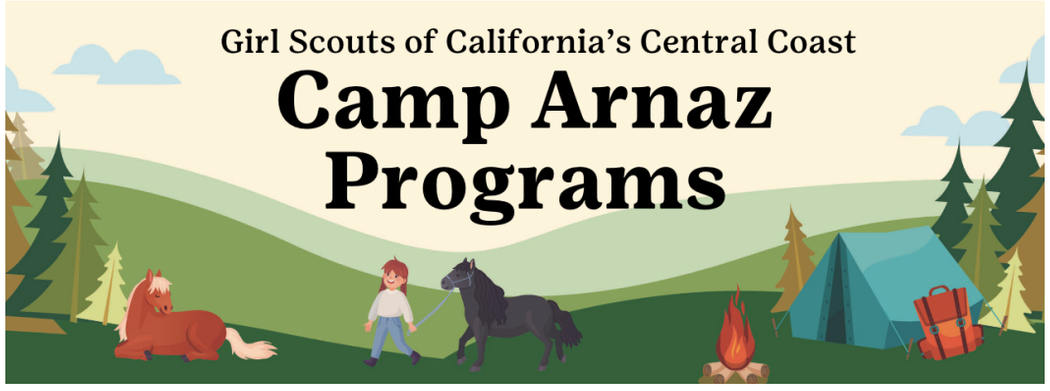
Don't wait – register today and be part of this inspiring evening

GET TICKETS

Save the Date: Tent or Treat - October 25th, 2025

Get ready for the biggest Halloween bash of the year! Camp Arnaz calls all ghouls, ghosts, and goblins for an epic day of festive fun, sweet treats, and spine-tingling surprises. Mark, your calendars now—this is one Halloween party you won't want to miss!

We have an Exciting Lineup of Camp Arnaz Programs!



Spring is in Full Swing at Camp Arnaz! 🌿🌞
February's rain has turned Camp Arnaz into a vibrant, blooming landscape, and we're ready for Girl Scouts to get outside and explore! With spring in the air, it's the perfect time to enjoy exciting outdoor adventures, hands-on learning, and unforgettable experiences. Whether you're honing new skills, making lasting friendships, or simply soaking in the beauty of nature, there's something for everyone this season. Stay tuned for upcoming events and join us as we make the most of this beautiful time of year! 🌼🏕️

VIEW PROGRAMS

Women In Construction - Design, Build, Inspire!

Build confidence, strength, and skills with Women in Construction at Camp Arnaz! This hands-on program empowers Girl Scouts to explore the world of construction, design, and outdoor maintenance in a fun and supportive environment. From building structures to landscaping and camp improvement projects, participants will gain valuable practical skills while making a lasting impact on Camp Arnaz. Guided by the dedicated Camp Arnaz Team, girls will learn, create, and take pride in what they build—proving that they have the power to shape the world around them!

REGISTER HERE

A Day of Camp – Open House Sponsored by SoCal Gas - A Day of Exploration, Excitement, and Endless Possibilities!

Experience the magic of camp life at Camp Arnaz on March 15 during our open house, "A Day of Camp"! This special event invites everyone: Girl Scouts, friends, and family alike—to explore our stunning grounds, meet our dedicated staff, and discover the wide array of activities we offer. Whether you're drawn to archery, arts and crafts, or just a fun day outdoors, there's something here for everyone. Join us and see firsthand what makes Camp Arnaz a truly magical place to learn, grow, and create unforgettable memories. We look forward to welcoming you!

REGISTER HERE

Equine Odyssey - Where Passion Meets Horsemanship!

Saddle up for an unforgettable adventure with Equine Odyssey at Camp Arnaz! This hands-on program is designed for horse lovers who want to deepen their understanding of equine care and horsemanship. From feeding routines and stall maintenance to grooming and riding lessons, participants will develop essential skills while forming a strong, trusting bond with their horses. Through responsibility, empathy, and teamwork, riders will gain confidence both in and out of the saddle. Join us for a journey into the heart of horsemanship and discover the magic of working with these majestic animals!

REGISTER HERE

✨ Exciting Updates from the Castroville Program Center! ✨

🌸 Fun Patch Fridays & Badge Programs
The Castroville Program Center is in full swing! Join us for Fun Patch Fridays and Badge Programs every Saturday. Be sure to check out our Activities Calendar on the website to register and secure your spot!

🛍️ Retail Space Now Open!
Great news! Our retail space is stocked with every badge you need—no more waiting for online orders. You can even purchase over the phone, and we'll deliver your order to the next Service Unit Meeting for added convenience.

💚 Need Assistance?
Our Mission Delivery Specialist 2, Rita Sampaolo, is happy to help!
📞 Call: (831) 632-9771

We can't wait to see you at the Program Center! 🎉

Happy Birthday Girl Scouts!

During Girl Scout Week is National Girl Scout Day on March 12! This day commemorates when Juliette Gordon Low registered the first 18 Girl Scouts in Savannah, Georgia in 1912. That means this year Girl Scouts is 113 years old!

Reserve Your Program Center Space

Our Program Centers are available free of charge for troop meetings, activities, and events. Enjoy access to a welcoming space designed to support your troop's needs. Contact your local Program Center to reserve your space today!

Host a Custom Workshop

Looking for something extra? We offer customizable workshops for badges, patches, or even Journey-in-a-Day programs tailored to your troop's interests held either at our Program Centers or we can come to you! These workshops are available at an additional cost. Reach out to your local Program Center for more information and to schedule your custom experience.

Women's History Month Fun Patch

March is Women's History Month, and what better way to honor the incredible achievements of women past and present than with a special Girl Scouts Fun Patch! Join us for a Women's History Month fun patch program where Girl Scouts will explore the incredible contributions of women throughout history! Through engaging activities, hands-on learning, and inspiring stories, scouts will discover the impact of trailblazing women in science, leadership, activism, and more.

📅 Date: March 21, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now: Here

Shamrocks & Stories: Celebrating Irish Heritage 🍀🌈✨

Join us for a magical journey

through Irish culture with our *Shamrocks & Stories* fun patch program! Girl Scouts will explore the rich traditions of Ireland in celebration of St. Patrick's Day through storytelling, music, crafts, and a bit of Irish folklore. From learning about legendary myths to creating their own lucky shamrock crafts, this program is a perfect way to celebrate Irish heritage in a fun and engaging way.
Don't miss out on earning this special patch—register today and let the adventure begin! 💚

📅 Date: March 28, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now: Here

Badge & Bravery: First Aid

Featuring the redesigned First Aid Badges for Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors!

Join us for *Badge & Bravery*, an exciting Girl Scouts event designed to equip participants with essential first aid knowledge and hands-on skills! Through interactive demonstrations, teamwork, and practical training, Scouts will learn to assess injuries, treat wounds, perform CPR, and use basic first aid supplies.

This program builds confidence, preparedness, and a sense of responsibility—ensuring Scouts are ready to take action in critical moments. Plus, they'll earn relevant badges as they strengthen their skills and leadership abilities.

Don't miss this empowering experience—because bravery starts with being prepared!

📅 Date: March 29th and 30th, 2025
📍 Location: Castroville, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Thousand Oaks, and Oxnard Program Centers
🎟️ Register Now: Here

Retail

Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Merch
The United States Mint unveiled designs for the final five quarters in its American Women Quarters™ Program, including one honoring Juliette Gordon Low. The limited-quantity quarter will begin circulation in March 2025, with collector sets also available for purchase from the Mint this Spring. Let's celebrate Juliette Gordon Low's legacy together as we look ahead to 2025 and beyond! Get the party started today with NEW merchandise featuring the quarter's design available now.

New Spring Apparel

Order now from our online store or come into your local program center to check out some of the all-new Spring Apparel items!

Membership

Troop Incentives

Empower. Inspire. Recruit!

Join us in growing the Girl Scout experience-one new member at a time! Make a difference in a girl's life and strengthen your troop with these fun incentives:

Register a New Girl or Take a Girl Scout off the Waitlist to receive
- Girl: Water Bottle & Program Kit
- Troop: $25 in program credits
- Recruit Two Girls and Place in Your Troop (With Leader Permission for Placement) to receive
- Girls: Water Bottles & Program Kits
- Troop: 2 Tie Dye Kits and $50 in program credits

Start a Troop of 8 Girl Scouts to receive
- Girls: Water Bottles & Program Kits
- Troop: 2 Tie Dye Kits, 1 MLB Playball Kit, and $100 start-up funds

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Adult Outdoor Training – Santa Barbara

Part A: Thursday March 13th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Part B: Sunday March 16th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Get prepared to take your Girl Scouts outdoors with our 2-part outdoor training course! Outdoor Training prepares leaders to teach their troop the skills needed for cooking and camping outdoors. This training must be taken together and completed prior to any planned trips. Participants will plan their outdoor day during Part A and will be bringing some camping and cooking supplies to Part B on Sunday.

Register Here

Have a question? Don't be shy!

Contact us for more information.

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