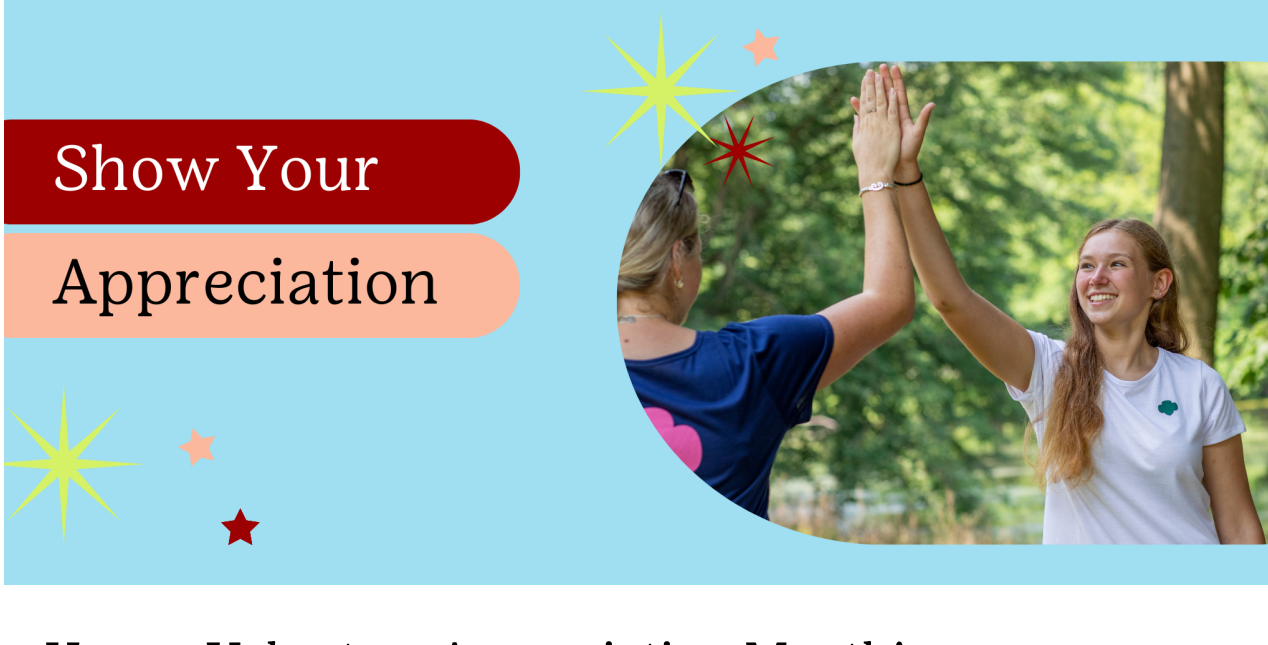


Council News: April 2025

April is here, filled with excitement and opportunities! This month, we celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Month, honoring the incredible individuals who make our Girl Scout community shine. Dive into this newsletter to discover fantastic events, special recognitions, and ways to get involved. Let's make April unforgettable!



Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

April marks Volunteer Appreciation month! We are incredibly grateful for our amazing Girl Scout volunteers! Their dedication, passion, and hard work make a world of difference in the lives of all Girl Scouts. From organizing events to mentoring and guiding, they inspire and empower Girl Scouts to be their best selves.

This Volunteer Appreciation Month, utilize our celebration toolkit to celebrate someone special! Perhaps send them an e-card, fill in a coloring sheet or make a DIY gift. Within this special month, we have April 20-26 as volunteer week and April 22 is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day which honors all volunteers that have become leaders, mentors, and role models for Girl Scouts.

Speaking of making a difference, check out our [2024 Impact Report](#) to celebrate the incredible achievements and milestones reached by our community throughout the year.

CELEBRATION TOOLKIT

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Girl Scouts and Volunteers:

- [Volunteer Appreciation Events](#)
- [Last Chance for Free Fingerprinting](#)
- [May 3 Council Festivities](#)
- [Special Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Release Celebrations](#)
- [Lead the Way East Bay: Sisterhood and Self-Care](#)
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Volunteer Appreciation Events

Girl Scout volunteers, you are invited to join us for fun with food and friendship as our way of saying thank you so much for all you do!

- [Volunteer Appreciation Night - San Jose Office](#) | April 18 | San Jose
- [Volunteer Appreciation Night - Alameda Office](#) | April 25 | Alameda

Last Chance for Free Fingerprinting

Ends April | Adult Volunteers

If you are a Girl Scout volunteer who has not yet taken the opportunity to complete a free screening appointment, please do so as soon as possible as this is mandatory to participate in Girl Scouts. After April, members will be responsible for the cost of mandatory fingerprinting. [Get started today!](#)

You're Invited: Ribbon Cutting at Camp Bothin

May 3 | Camp Bothin | Everyone

Thanks to the generous support of our donors, we invite everyone to join us as we cut the ribbon and celebrate the grand opening of Camp Bothin's newest addition, the HUB! Join our celebration to open this new space made to inspire and support generations of Girl Scouts. [Register today!](#)

Annual Meeting

May 3 | Camp Bothin | Ages 14+

Join us the [Annual Meeting](#) to hear an update on the state of the council and view results as delegates vote to elect National Delegates and the Board slate. Plus, stay for the HUB dedication and some fun outdoor activities after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Special Juliette Gordon Low Quarter Celebrations



Offer valid on April 23 | All GSNorCal Retail Shops | Everyone

Save the date for a special celebration honoring our founder! Join us on Wednesday April 23, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (closed from 1:30–2:00 PM for lunch) at [all GSNorCal stores](#) for our Juliette Low Quarter Celebration Party. With every in-store purchase, you'll receive a free, limited-edition Juliette Gordon Low quarter—a special keepsake available while supplies last. Plus, we'll be celebrating all day with festive snacks and fun!

Lead the Way East Bay: Sisterhood and Self-Care

May 16-17 | Walnut Creek | Grades 6-12

Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to join us at our exciting sleepover event! Girl Scouts will make new friends participating in fun and games, hear from interesting speakers, develop confidence while completing badgework, and come away understanding how to be a better friend to themselves and others. [Register now!](#)

Council Updates

- **San Jose Retail Shop: New Hours**
Exciting news! The San Jose GSNorCal retail shop is now open on from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM on weekdays and from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM every first Saturday. Our shops have all your Girl Scout needs! For the latest hours and to view our other GSNorCal retail shop locations, [visit our website](#).
- **We Want to Hear from You!**
Your voice matters! We invite all Girl Scouts to take part in this year's Girl Scout Voices Count survey brought to you by GSUSA. Your input will significantly help improve Girl Scout programs and services. Starting April 7, all Girl Scout youth should be receiving an email from GSUSA with the link to complete the survey by April 30!

Fun at Summer Camp

Registration is Open | All youth

Did you know that 96% of caregivers report that their camper returned home more confident and sure of themselves after attending our summer camps? This is a sign that you should spend a summer with us at camp where you can be you! We have an endless list of exciting activities for Girl Scouts and their friends to try at our various locations around Northern California.

VIEW CAMP GUIDE

Museum Partnerships

Each month, we offer a variety of ongoing events in collaboration with local museums. To explore the full range of museum programs available, [visit our events website](#).

Below, you'll find some of the many exciting opportunities we have to offer:

- [The Tech Museum: Girl Scout Badge Programs](#)
Various Dates | San Jose | Grades K-8
- [The Hiller Aviation Museum: Girl Scout Programs](#)
Various Dates | San Carlos | Grades K-5

Earth Day: Tree Promise Patch

In the spirit of celebrating Earth Day on April 22 and protecting planet Earth everyday, you can access the FREE [Tree Promise Activity and Volunteer Guide](#) to lead your family and friends to plant, protect, and honor trees. Here's to growing a better future!

Upcoming Events and Partner Programs

Don't miss out on some of our upcoming opportunities during the next few months! We have several events for Girl Scout members to meet new friends, make new memories, and so much more.

- [Paint an Animal Succulent Jar](#)
April 12 | San Jose | Grades K-12
- [Earth In Focus: Shapes in Nature](#)
April 19 | Hayward | Grades K-3
- [Stanford Softball & Baseball Games: Girl Scout Days](#)
April 19 & May 9 | Stanford | Everyone
- **Charles Schwab Financial Literacy Workshops: [Save for Adventure](#) & [Financial Independence Workshop](#)**
April 26 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Daisy Brownie Bridging at Bothin](#)
April 26 | Camp Bothin | Grades 1-3
- [Period Empowerment: Menstrual Hygiene & Health Day](#)
April 27 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Cirque Du Soleil Presents: ECHO](#)
April 27 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Get Ready for the Capitol: Democracy Badge](#)
May 3 | San Jose | Grades 4-8
- [Girl Scout Day at the SF Zoo & Bridging](#)
May 10 | San Francisco | All Grades
- [Bridging Tea Party: Daisies & Brownies](#)
May 17 | San Jose | Grades 1-3

For more events, check out our [events page](#)! New events are added weekly.

Have an Awesome Story? We'd Love to Hear It!

Life as a Girl Scout is full of exciting moments, learned lessons and delightful memories. Did you discover something new, forge new friendships, embark on adventures, or start a fresh journey? We want to hear from YOU about your standout moments!

Ways to share your story on our social media pages:

- Film your story as a vertical video and submit it to our [story submission form](#)
- Tag us and/or share your post to @gsnorcal on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Use hashtags #GSNorCal and #GirlScouts