



Council News: December 2025

It's the last month of 2025, can you believe we're here already? This year has flown by and we thank you for spending the past year with us. Cheers to a prosperous and healthy new year of 2026. We're excited to see what the new year brings! Read on for more on what's coming up.



See What You'll Discover at Discoveree!

Join us for Discoveree on Saturday, January 24 in Hayward—a day of hands-on learning, community, and fun for Girl Scout volunteers. Participate in a wide range of workshops including crafting, outdoor skills, songs, games, ceremonies, STEM, highest awards, troop management and more!

View the [full catalog for workshop details](#) and tap the button below to learn more. Registration opens December 3 at 7am and all volunteers are invited! Early bird pricing is available through December 16, so register early to save! Plus, new volunteers will receive a 50%-off discount code via email. Be part of a 58-year tradition and grow with us—there's something for everyone at Discoveree!

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January Council Newsletter Notice

GSNorCal will be closed for winter break to allow staff time to recharge and gear up for 2026. The next Council Newsletter will shift to the second week of January.

Deadline Extended: Become a Service Unit Delegate

Nominate by December 7 (new deadline!) | Girl Scouts 14+ years old & Volunteers

New year means new opportunities! With the deadline now extended to Sunday, December 7, you can still [nominate yourself](#), other Girl Scouts, or volunteers to serve as a [service unit delegate](#).

As a delegate, you'll attend our [Annual Meeting](#) to represent your SU, share ideas, vote on important matters, and influence our council's strategy.

<h4>Lead The Way (South Bay)</h4> <p>Early Bird Registration ends on December 12</p> <p>High School Girl Scouts, join us for the Lead the Way conference from January 30 to February 1! Get empowered to build communication and leadership skills through interactive workshops, recreation, and meaningful discussions. Plus, there will be an exclusive keynote guest speaker and more. Early bird pricing ends December 12—secure your spot today!</p>	<h4>Golden Gate Bridging</h4> <p>Golden Gate Bridging is back and better than ever! Join us on April 25, 2026, in San Francisco to celebrate Juniors bridging to Cadette with a memorable walk across the Golden Gate Bridge. Girl Scouts who missed bridging after 2019 are also invited to join the celebration! The day will be full of fun, friendship, and a festive party with activities and lunch after the walk. Act now and register for this event to make some unforgettable Girl Scout memories!</p>
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'Tis the Season of Giving

As we approach the end of the year, it's the perfect time to find gifts that truly show your appreciation and warm the hearts of those you care about.

Here are some ways to support Girl Scouts and get a thoughtful gift for others:

- **Visit our GSNorCal Retail Shops**
Check out our Girl Scout retail stores for all the goodies! Did you know we are an official retailer of Fahlo bracelets? Each bracelet tracks an animal and helps save wildlife. We also have Build-A-Bear and Ty Beanie Bouncers, winner of one of 2025's Best Toy Awards. See what else we have by visiting our shops. [Check our holiday hours and locations](#) before stopping by.
- **Make a Year-End Gift to Support Girls**
Your donation today helps girls build confidence, discover their strengths, and take on new challenges in the new year ahead. Every gift—big or small—creates more opportunities for girls across Northern California. Give at [www.gsnorcal.org/donate](#).
- **Shop at Sports Basement for GSNorCal**
For a limited time, GSNorCal members receive 11% off from December 11-21.* If you're a basemeteer, receive 20% off. For in-person store discount, use POS: 10328. For online via the [Sports Basement website](#), use code GSNORCAL.

*Even sale items! Coupon does not combine with specials, promotions or other coupons. Coupon not valid on trips, rentals, gift cards, bikes or services. See website for exclusions.

Prepare for the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Season

Girl Scout Cookie sales begin soon, how sweet is that? Keep an eye out for the Digital Cookie launch emails that arrive on January 5. Digital Cookie launches on January 12 and in-person cookie booths start on February 4. Visit the [Girl Scout Cookie Program Resources page](#) for the latest program information and resources available this season! Plus, go to [ActiveNet](#) and keep an eye out for upcoming entrepreneurship focused programs like Learn to Pitch like a Cookie Boss and Market DisruptHers.

Arts and Entertainment for the Holidays

Wrap up 2026 by watching a fun show with friends and family! Check out the art and entertainment events happening soon:

- [Cirque du Soleil ECHO](#)
December 7 | San Francisco | Everyone
All Girl Scouts receive a fun patch. Post-show talk included in the late afternoon show.
- [San Jose Dance Theatre's Nutcracker Ballet](#)
December 13-14 & 20-21 | San Jose | Everyone
All Girl Scouts receive a fun patch. First weekend includes pre-show backstage tours.

Updates for Troop Leadership Roles

We listened to volunteer feedback and streamlined the troop leadership training to make it clearer, easier to navigate, and more supportive for both new and continuing leaders. The updates we made are as follows:

- **Updated New Troop Leader Training:**
Available for all volunteers in troop leadership roles. Be sure to complete the required prerequisites: Mandated Reporter training, the Annual Acknowledgement, and Welcome to Girl Scouts.
- **Streamlined Troop Helpers Training:**
For Troop Helpers who chaperone and drive, now all you need to do is complete a single 10 minute module that covers all essential information.

If you hold a leadership role, plan to serve as a [Troop Helper](#), or would like to share these trainings with someone who does, log in to [myGS](#) and get started right away.

STEM and More Learning Opportunities

We have various Girl Scout badge programs with various educational organizations around Northern California that Girl Scouts can participate in! Read more below for available events with our various partners.

- [Brownie Intro to Robotics & Coding Day](#)
December 7 | San Jose | Grades 2-3
- [Hiller Aviation Museum Badge Programs](#)
Various dates during January - May | San Carlos | Grades K-5
- [New Museum Los Gatos Painting & Drawing Badge Programs](#)
January 11 & 24, February 8, March 22 | Los Gatos | Grades 2-5
- [The Tech Interactive Museum New Daisy Roller Coaster Challenge](#)
January 17, March 7, April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-1
- [Charles M. Schulz Museum: Girl Scout Days](#)
January 31, May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grades 2-3 & 4-8

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.

- [Gilroy Gardens Girl Scout Holiday](#)
December 6 | Gilroy | Grades K-5
- [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service](#)
January 18 | Newark | Grades K-12
- [Stanford Athletics Women's Gymnastics Girl Scout Days](#)
January 25 & March 7 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Stanford Athletics Women's Basketball Girl Scout Days](#)
February 1 & 15 | Stanford | Everyone
- [San Jose Sharks Girl Scout Night](#)
April 4 | San Jose | Everyone
- [California Academy of Sciences Penguins+Pajamas Sleepover](#)
April 17 & June 13 | San Francisco | K-12
- [Disneyland 2026](#)
July 6-9 | Anaheim | Grades K-12

Check out our [events page](#) for new events added every week!

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