

## Council News: February 2026

Get ready for a February packed with fun, and inspiration! Black History Month, Girl Scout Cookies, World Thinking Day and more. This month is all about community, connection, and making memories!



### Celebrate Black History Month and More!

This month and every month is a chance to learn and honor greatness in Black history. Let's reflect on the achievements, creativity, and resilience of Black Americans who have influenced history and culture in profound ways. [Learn more about their central role and impact on the world by earning a Black History Month patch!](#)

Also happening this February 22 is World Thinking Day. This year marks the 100th anniversary, where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world join together to celebrate all communities that connect us around the globe. [Learn more and earn your World Thinking Day award today!](#)

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Girl Scouts and Volunteers:

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### Girl Scout Cookies and More

With Girl Scout Cookie season in full bloom, there's lots to look forward to before the season ends on March 15!

Read below for Girl Scout Cookie updates and more:

- **Bling Your Booth Contest for National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend (February 20-22)**  
Join the Bling Your Booth competition where you can earn a special patch! Simply host a booth during National Girl Scout Cookie weekend (February 20-22), promote Care to Share, feature the membership recruitment table tent, wear your best Girl Scout gear, and share/tag @gsnorcal on social media! Then [submit this form](#). Have fun, get creative, and celebrate Girl Scouts!
- **NEW Cookie Lite Program (Digital-Only Option)**  
A digital-only way for individually registered Girl Scouts or families whose troop opted out to participate in cookie season—no inventory or booths required. [Learn more](#).
- **NEW Venmo Cookie Season Promotion**  
Venmo is working with GSUSA on a promotion for Venmo consumers\* during the Girl Scout Cookie season. Venmo is providing \$5 cashback offer to select Venmo consumers who spend \$30 and checkout using Venmo on GSUSA's Digital Cookie website/app. The offer begins February 2 and is available until 40,000 customers redeem it or until March 31, whichever is sooner.
- **Entrepreneurship Programs**  
We have many various opportunities for Girl Scouts to further develop and grow their entrepreneurship skills! Some include [Money Moves](#), [Financial Literacy Workshops](#), [Disneyland 2026](#), [Market DisruptHERS](#), [Girl Scout Day at the Zoo](#). For more, check out the [Entrepreneurship Programming gsHelpCenter article](#).
- **Share Your Girl Scout Cookie Program Story**  
Have a memorable story from this year's Girl Scout Cookie Program? Perhaps it's a picture of your awesome Girl Scout Cookie booth set up, a memorable customer interaction, a savvy business tactic you learned or a special accomplishment during Girl Scout Cookie sales. Share your story with us via the [Share Your Story form](#).
- **Girl Scout Cookie Program Resources**  
Have questions about this year's Girl Scout Cookie Program? Check out our [gsHelpCenter article](#).

\*Only Venmo consumers that received the offer and who spend a minimum of \$30 at checkout qualify. This offer is not transferable.

### Your 2026 Camp Guide Is Here



Camp registration is now open for all to register, and we invite you to check out the [2026 Camp Guide](#) to secure your spot this summer! Take a glimpse at what this camp season has to offer and register for camp today! Non-Girl Scouts are also invited to join us for a fun-filled camp season and financial aid is available. For everything camp related, visit our [camp website](#).

### Flood the Food Banks Initiative

With 1 in 6 people in the United States facing food insecurity, we're launching the Flood the Food Banks Initiative. This is an effort to bring families, service units, and troops together to replenish the food pantries after a long holiday season. Join us through the end of March to support your local food banks! Find out more on how to join this effort by going to [this gsHelpCenter article](#).

### Property Assessment

Girl Scouts of Northern California is entering a pivotal moment as we move forward with our three-year strategic plan, focused on aligning our programs, resources, and infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of girls and families across Northern California. As part of this work, we are conducting a comprehensive, data-driven assessment of all 26 GSNorCal properties, including camps, program centers, and offices, and we want to better understand how you use and value these spaces.

Please take a few minutes to complete our [adult survey](#) or [youth survey](#) by the end of February so we can accurately assess the needs of our members.

### Join Us at Golden Gate Bridging

Event is April 25 | San Francisco

From crossing the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to supporting the celebration at Crissy Field, there are many ways for troops and volunteers to get involved:

- **NEW: Additional spots for adult chaperones are now available for Bridge & Field category**  
If you are currently registered for the Field-only experience and would like to change your experience to the Bridge & Field experience\*, you can make this change in your ActiveNet account. Please refer to the email you received from the program registration team that includes step-by-step instructions.
- **Volunteer with us:**  
We need more volunteers to help make this event happen! Volunteers are needed to support participants, help with logistics, and assist with event operations throughout the day.
- **Register to attend:**  
Registration is open for Girl Scouts in grades 5–12 and adult participants to take part in this special Golden Gate Bridging experience.
- **Host a GSNorCal Member Booth (Free):**  
GSNorCal troops, Service Units, committees, and alumnae are invited to host fun, hands-on Girl Scout program activity booths at Crissy Field at no cost. Questions? Contact [ababazade@gsnorcal.org](mailto:ababazade@gsnorcal.org).

To sign up to volunteer, register, host a booth and more, visit our [Golden Gate Bridging webpage](#). We hope to see you there!

\*Please note that the Bridge & Field experience itself remains limited to 5th grade and above Girl Scouts and their adults/volunteers only. This experience is not open to non-member youth.

### Voices for Change

March 27-29 | Camp Bothin | Grades 6-12

Stand up, speak out, lead on! Find your voice, share your ideas, and influence others at this newly reenvisioned event at Camp Bothin.

Service Unit and National Delegates receive a registration discount. Learn skills you'll use for a lifetime!

[Register by March 13](#) to attend this exciting event!

### Annual Meeting

April 18 | Camp Bothin | Ages 14+

Join us to hear an update on the state of the council and view results as delegates to elect the Board Slate. [Register by April 10](#) for this opportunity!

### Gold Award Scholarship

Apply between March 13 to April 14 | Gold Awardee Girl Scouts\*

Calling all Gold Awardees\*! Not only did you achieve the highest award in Girl Scouting, but you may qualify to receive the \$5,000 Gold Award Scholarship from GSUSA! [Learn more about this opportunity](#).

\*Eligible to Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award between March 31, 2025 to April 1, 2026.

### Celebrate 114 Years of Girl Scouts

The 114th birthday of Girl Scouts is coming up soon on March 12!

Read more below on ways you can celebrate this monumental milestone:

- **Panda Express National Benefit Day Promotion**  
March 12 | Panda Express Nationwide | Everyone  
Join us for a virtual fundraiser on March 12 to celebrate the birthday of Girl Scouts! [Simply order your favorite meal](#) for pick up or delivery on March 12 and enter code 9009782 at checkout. When you do, 28% of your purchase will be donated to Girl Scouts of Northern California. Offer valid at any Panda Express location nationwide. View and share the [English](#) and [Spanish](#) flyers for more.
- **Girl Scout Birthday Celebration**  
March 15 | Alameda | Grades 2-12  
Be part of our Girl Scout celebration where we'll honor our past, celebrate our present and imagine our future of Girl Scouting! There will also be chances to win prizes and enjoy birthday cake! [RSVP by March 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.

- [New Museum Los Gatos Painting & Drawing Badge Programs](#)  
February 8 & March 22 | Los Gatos | Grades 2-5
- [Warriors Girl Scout Night & Dance Clinic](#)  
March 2 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Animal Observer at Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo](#)  
March 7 | Palo Alto | Grades K-5
- [Stanford Athletics: Girl Scout Days](#)  
February 15 & March 7 | Stanford | Everyone
- [The Tech Interactive Museum New Daisy Roller Coaster Challenge](#)  
March 7 & April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-1
- [The Hiller Aviation Museum: Girl Scout Programs](#)  
March 7 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 2 & 16 | San Carlos | Grades K-5
- [Healthy Hearts](#)  
March 14 | Fairfield | Grades K-5
- [Crafting Our World Together hosted by Teens Take Over: San Jose](#)  
March 28 | San Jose | Grades 4-8
- [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

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