

## Council News: July 2026

Welcome to summer time fun with Girl Scouts! It's a wonderful time to go out and explore what the world has to offer. Whether it be attending summer camp, trying something new or adventuring to a state park, there's so much to see and learn!



### Explore State Parks!

As a Girl Scout, you're already a champion at leading the way, now it's time to lead the way in your favorite places, like state parks. How? By inspiring everyone to give back to the parks they love. This summer, head out to Girl Scouts Love States Parks weekend where you can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more.

Whether you're joining in-person or virtually, your free passport activity sheet will guide you toward adventure. [Download our activity sheet](#), unlock a new patch, and remember you have everything it takes to lead the way!

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### What's New for Juliettes



#### New Juliette Guidebook

Our brand-new [Juliette Guidebook](#) is here! Packed with everything individually registered Girl Scouts and their families need to make the most of their Girl Scout experience, from earning badges and attending events to funding your adventures.

#### Introducing Club Juliette: Quarterly Virtual Meet-Ups!

October to July | Virtual | Juliette Girl Scouts

Calling all [Juliette Girl Scouts](#)! Join us for Club Juliette, a brand-new quarterly virtual meet-up where individually registered Girl Scouts from across GSNorCal come together for connection, fun, and Girl Scout spirit. Registration coming soon!

### Girl Scout Experience Days

Various Days in September | Locations across Northern California | Everyone

Join us for Girl Scout Experience Days, a fun and interactive open house for prospective and current Girl Scouts and their families! This is your chance to explore everything Girl Scouts has to offer in one place. Plus, meet with staff and volunteers from across our programs and discover the plethora of opportunities available. [Learn more about these events.](#)

### California 2026 State of the Girl Report Launched at State Capitol



On June 23, all eight Girl Scout councils across California gathered on the steps of the State Capitol in Sacramento to release the California 2026 State of the Girl Report. Commissioned jointly by the councils and researched by Mount Saint Mary's University, it is the most comprehensive data portrait of California's three million girls ever produced.

Help us amplify [the report by reading it and sharing it](#) with your networks. Every read brings California closer to the policy, funding, and community response these findings call for.

### Activate ActiveNet Account for Programs and Facility Reservations

[ActiveNet](#) is the platform made for members to register for programs and reserve facilities within our council. To access the features of this site, activate your account. Follow the directions in [this document](#) to get started.

### Explore Summer Camp with Us



#### Open to All Youth

Summer camp registration is still available for all campers to sign up! Haven't signed up yet or want to sign up for more? No problem. Check out our [camp website](#) to register for camp, [2026 Camp Guide](#) and more!

### Volunteer Screening Update

The free screening that volunteers received for the past three years through a state grant ended on June 15. **Future volunteers are now responsible for background check costs, consistent with other California Girl Scout councils.** State law requires fingerprinting (Live Scan) for volunteers with direct contact or supervision of children for more than 16 hours per month, or 32+ hours per year. Volunteers who do not meet that threshold may qualify for an online name-based electronic background check, which must be renewed every three years. To get started, learn more and access financial assistance, [visit the gsHelpCenter article.](#)

### Retail News

Stop by our Girl Scout shops this summer and discover new merchandise, including wildflower growing kits, Girl Scout coolers, and cozy sleeping bags! We also have Build-A-Bear Workshop parties available at the San Jose Girl Scout shop or you can order a party by mail. For more information and to view our special summer hours, check out [our website](#).

Reminder: the Columbia Discount for Girl Scout members ends on July 12! To learn more about redeeming the offer and enjoy 40% off select new apparel, visit [this flyer link](#).

### Upcoming Events and Partner Programs

- [Move More! Club](#)  
Now until July 31 | Take-Home Activity | All Grades
- [BroadwaySF Presents: Beauty and the Beast](#)  
July 15 & 25 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Bay FC Soccer Girl Scout Night](#)  
July 18 & September 20 | San Jose | Everyone
- [San Francisco Giants Baseball Girl Scout Day](#)  
August 9 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Oakland Roots SC Soccer Girl Scout Night](#)  
August 15 | Oakland | Everyone
- [Camp CEO Event: Application Due](#)  
September 2 | Ages 13-18
- [WaterWorks Park Overnighter](#)  
September 12 | Redding | All Grades

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 [Share Your Story form](#)
- Tag us and/or share your post to @gsnorcal on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#)
- Use hashtags #GSNorCal and #GirlScouts