



Council News: June 2026

What time is it? Summertime! This June, there's lots to look forward to like Pride LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer) month, Juneteenth, summer camp, and much more!



June: Commemorate and Celebrate!

Happy Pride Month! This is a celebration of the achievements, impact, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in the United States. Earn the [LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch](#) to honor, celebrate, and learn about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. We also encourage everyone to be their true self! Speaking of pride, our council will be in the [San Francisco Pride Parade on June 28](#) and you're invited! Plus, join our [Pride Parade prep party](#) on June 21 to prepare for this big day.

June 19 marks Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day. We celebrate the continued fight for freedom and pay tribute to the ones who encourage us to dream!

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Your Generosity Is Sending Girls to Camp This Summer

Thank you to everyone who donated to our spring appeal last month. Because of your generosity, more girls will have the chance to experience camp this summer — with space to breathe, room to grow, and the freedom to just be themselves. If you haven't had a chance to give yet, it's not too late. [Donate today.](#)

Volunteer Screening Update

Volunteers received free screening for the past three years through a state grant. Starting June 15, 2026, future volunteers will be 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. [Learn more.](#)

Renew Your Membership Early for Extra Perks



Early Renewal ends June 30
Ready for another year of exploration and growth with the Girl Scouts?
[Renew your Girl Scout membership](#) early for the 2026-2027 membership year and receive an exclusive Early Bird Patch!

Explore Summer Camp with Us



Open to All Youth
Summer has begun, which means summer camp has also started! Haven't signed up yet or want to sign up for more? No problem! Camp registration is still available for all. Check out our [camp website](#) to register for camp, [2026 Camp Guide](#) and more!

Less Screen Time, More Green Time!

Why go outside? Whether you plan a picnic, plant a tree, or play pickleball, getting outdoors is a great way to help improve mood, focus, and confidence. This summer, we have 50+ fun outdoor activities for you to choose from as part of the Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge. Girl Scouts who participate unlock a special patch. [Download our free activity page](#) (available in English and Spanish) and venture outside!

Mark a Milestone



July 4 marks the 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Girl Scouts can earn a special five-patch collection that is focused on connecting with others, learning more about the United States and more! Explore history, discover diverse stories, and give back through service. Be part of the conversation

about our past, present, and future. Learn more on [GSUSA's website](#).

Save The Date: Golden Gate Bridging 2027

Event is May 1, 2027
Thank you to everyone who attended [Golden Gate Bridging 2026!](#) We're excited to announce that next year's Golden Gate Bridging will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2027. This is a day for Girl Scouts from across the council and beyond to celebrate achievements, leadership, and the next step in every Girl Scout's journey. More details to come.

Summer Reading Club

June - August | All Grades
All Girl Scouts are invited to join our second annual GSNorCal Summer Reading Club! Read all kinds of fun books and learn new things. Participants will receive a special bookmark to track their reading, an exclusive fun patch, a full reading list, and some other book themed goodies. [Register today!](#)

2026 Troop Finance Report Form is Open

Attention Troop Leaders and Troop Treasurers — the online Troop Finance Report form is now live! You received an email last week with [instructions](#) about how to submit by the June 30, 2026 deadline. For questions, please contact your [local Service Unit support team](#) or email info@gsnorcal.org.

Free Behavior Management Training Available Online

All volunteers with access to gsLearn can take this helpful training focused on proactive, inclusive strategies that build cooperation and confidence, along with practical tips for navigating challenging behaviors in safe, supportive ways. Click the course title to get started or bookmark it for when you're ready: [GSUSA Behavior Management for Girl Scouts!](#) You may also search the course title in gsLearn.

Retail Deals and Updates

- Updated Retail Store Hours on Our Website
Please check our [store website](#) for all the latest updates on retail store hours. All retail shops will be closed on certain days throughout the summer, such as June 19 for Juneteenth, as well as July 4 and 5 for Independence Day.
- Build-A-Bear Party with Girl Scouts
Build-A-Bear Workshop parties are now available at the San Jose Girl Scout Shop or you can order a party by mail! Let us help the San Jose Girl Scout's special day even more memorable with these workshops that are packed with fun, creativity, and unforgettable memories for every Girl Scout. Learn more on [our website!](#)
- June Special: Free Gift with Every Purchase
Offer valid: June 1-30
For the entire month of June, we're celebrating the 250th birthday of the United States by giving out one free special gift with every purchase made in-store. One gift per in-store purchase while supplies last, restrictions apply. Visit our [store website](#) for store hours.
- Columbia Discount for Girl Scout Members
Offer Valid: June 19 to July 12
Thanks to our partner, Columbia Sportswear, all Girl Scout members are invited to utilize a limited time offer from June 19 to July 12! To learn more about redeeming the offer and enjoy 40% off new apparel from brands, visit [this flyer link](#).

Camp CEO is Back!

Apply by September 2 | Girl Scouts ages 13-18
Spending an unforgettable weekend at Camp CEO at Camp Bothin from October 2-4! Connect with fellow Girl Scouts and inspiring women making a difference in their fields for a one-of-a-kind experience focused on leadership, mentorship, career exploration, and outdoor adventure. Whether you're interested in discovering new possibilities, making new friends, or growing as a leader, Camp CEO is an experience you won't want to miss! [Submit an application online.](#)

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.

- [Taste Buds Kitchen Badge Programs](#)
Through November 22 | San Jose & Palo Alto | Various Grades
- [Golden State Valkyries Girl Scout Night](#)
June 28 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Celebrate America 250 - Earn your Democracy Badge!](#)
July 11 | Virtual | All Grades
- [BroadwaySF Presents: Beauty and the Beast](#)
July 15 & 25 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Star Party Campout & Planetarium Visit](#)
July 17 | Redding | Grades 6-12
- [Bay FC Soccer Girl Scout Nights](#)
July 18 & September 20 | San Jose | Everyone
- [San Francisco Giants Baseball Girl Scout Day](#)
August 9 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [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