



Council News: March 2026

It's March! This month is packed with Women's History Month, International Women's Day, Girl Scout Week, and the Girl Scout Cookie season. Keep reading to discover more events and ways to get involved!



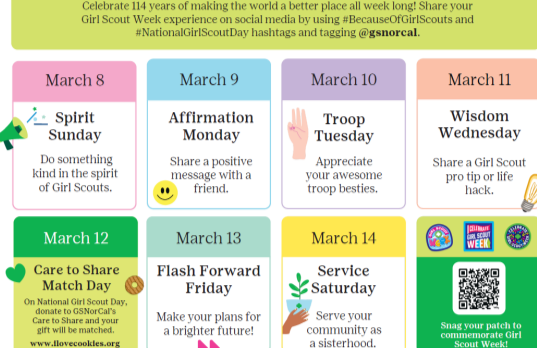
Celebrate Women's History Month!

Get ready to celebrate a month filled with empowerment and inspiration! March is Women's History Month, a month-long party honoring the trailblazing women who paved the way for us to create a brighter, girl-led future. On March 8, we join the world in celebrating International Women's Day, a day to recognize and uplift the incredible contributions of women everywhere. We're asking every Girl Scout to use their most special superpower: Letting their unique inner sparkle shine! After all, making history starts with offering your one-of-a-kind qualities to the world.

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Girl Scout Week Calendar



Join us for Girl Scout week that lasts March 8 to 14 as we commemorate 114 extraordinary years of empowering young women and creating positive change. Plus, we proudly celebrate National Girl Scout Day on March 12, recognizing the organization's enduring legacy of leadership and community service. [Learn more](#) about Girl Scout week and stay tuned for some special surprises along the way!

Celebrate 114 Years of Girl Scouts

The 114th birthday of Girl Scouts is coming up on March 12! Here's how 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.](#)

Girl Scout Cookies and More

With [Girl Scout Cookie season](#) here, there's lots to look forward to before the sales end on March 15!

Read below for Girl Scout Cookie updates and more:

- **Double Your Impact on Care to Share Match Day**
On Girl Scouts' birthday on March 12, GSNorCal plans to match all Care to Share donations made through Digital Cookie, package for package! Care to Share donations become cookie packages for local food banks, military service members, and other community partners. Encourage customers to donate through Digital Cookie on March 12 to double their impact.
- **Cookies to Castle Giveaway**
Girl Scouts who sell 150+ packages, will be entered to win an all-inclusive family 4-pack to our [GSNorCal Disneyland trip!](#) One winner will be notified week of March 23.
- **Enroll in the 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.](#)
- **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](#) (earn up to three adventure points!), [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](#).

Join Us at Summer Camp



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](#).

Register Now: 1 Month Until Golden Gate Bridging

Event is April 25 | San Francisco
Can you believe we're almost 1 month away from the iconic Golden Gate Bridging event that is on April 25? Now is a great time to sign up to join this event! In and outside of council Girl Scouts are invited to celebrate with us!

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:

- **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 Service 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.

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.

Volunteer Screening Reminder

Thank you to all members who've expressed interest in volunteering with a troop -- your support makes a meaningful difference for girls. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of every Girl Scout, we require all volunteers complete a mandatory fingerprint background check*. This crucial step is fast, easy and currently free to all members! To learn more about how to complete this step, [visit this gsHelpCenter article](#).

*An individual pending screening or one who has been classified as not-screened (someone who has not completed the process within 90 days) may not volunteer with a troop, manage troop funds, supervise Girl Scouts or be counted toward required supervision ratios. They may attend events but may supervise only their own youth.

Share Your Voice About GSNorCal Properties

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. We want to hear your thoughts, so here are some ways you can be involved:

- **Fill Out Our Property Assessment Survey**
We want to better understand how you use and value our 26 GSNorCal properties. Please take a few minutes to complete our [adult survey](#) or [youth survey](#) by March 6 so we can accurately assess the needs of our members.
- **Join Our Focus Group**
As part of our GSNorCal Property Assessment, we're inviting Girl Scouts, families, and volunteers to [sign up for our focus group!](#) Your experiences at our camps, program centers, and council properties help us understand what's working well and the areas of improvement to better support our community. Sign up by March 8.

Lead The Way East Bay

April 10-11 | Walnut Creek | Grades 6-12

Join us at this fun sleepover event, where you'll 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 to attend by March 11!](#)

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 vote to elect the Board Slate. [Register by April 10](#) for this opportunity!

Shopping Central

Need some new gear? Have no fears, for our shopping options are here!

Check out new ways to support Girl Scouts below:

- **NEW: Alameda Girl Scout Shop Hours Extended**
Good news! We have expanded our Alameda Shop hours! Now open Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Check out our [updated shop hours on our website](#).
- **Visit Our Girl Scouts Shops**
For all things Girl Scouts, [visit our various Girl Scout retail shops!](#) For instance, did you know we have iron-on services at our Alameda and San Jose shops? Drop off your vest or sash and for only \$15 we will iron-on your insignia. Need help with badges and patches? We can do that too!
- **Coming Soon: Columbia Store Discount**
Members of the Girl Scouts of Northern California are able to receive a limited time offer of 40% off at valid Bay Area employee stores from March 20 to April 12! For more details, [view the flyer](#).

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.

- [SWAPs Making Workshops](#)
March 14 & 22 | Alameda & San Jose | All Grades
- [San Jose Dance Theatre Presents: Dance Workshops](#)
March 15 & April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-3
- [Alice in Wonderland](#)
May 30 & 31 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Stanford Athletics: Girl Scout Days Softball](#)
March 15 & April 12 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Baseball](#)
May 10 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Shasta Caverns Girl Scout Family Day](#)
March 21 | Lakehead | All Grades
- [Crafting Our World Together by Teens Take Over \(TTO SJ\)](#)
March 28 | San Jose | Grades 4-12
- [Marvelous Makers: Outdoor Art Extravaganza](#)
March 28 | San Francisco | Grades K-8
- [San Jose Barracuda Hockey](#)
April 4, 7 & 18 | San Jose | Everyone
- [San Jose Sharks Girl Scout Night](#)
April 4 | San Jose | Everyone
- [New Museum Los Gatos: Cadette Book Artist](#)
April 12 | Los Gatos | Grades 6-8
- [Mental Health & Self Care Day](#)
May 2 | Palo Alto | 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 friendships, delightful memories. Did you discover something new, forge new friendships and 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