



Council News: May 2026

Welcome to May! This month is busy with Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Teacher Appreciation Week, Mother's Day, and National Creativity Day. May this month be filled with wonderful memories and fun!



Happy Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

May is Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage month! To honor this special month, we have an [AANHPI Fun Patch](#) designed for Girl Scouts of all levels. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and learn about all the great contributions, experiences, and voices from the AANHPI community.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Girl Scouts and Volunteers:

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Girl Scouts Mental Wellness Patch Program

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to pause, reflect, and prioritize emotional well-being. Dive into our [Mental Wellness Patch Program](#) to discover free activities designed to help you understand your feelings, build resilience, and strengthen self-care habits. Remember: you're not alone, and caring for your mental health is an important part of every day.

Ready, Set, Create!

Ready to get crafty? There are a ton of crafts and activities available for Girl Scouts of all levels to do, such as [Create and Innovate](#), [Craft and Tinker](#), and [Art and Design](#). Plus, with National Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8), Mother's Day (May 10), National Creativity Day (May 30), and Father's Day (June 21) coming up, now is the perfect time to create thoughtful gifts for these special holidays! Check out [GSUSA's website for more activities!](#)

Take Advantage of Extra Perks with Early Bird Renewal



Renew your Girl Scout membership early for the 2026-2027 membership year and get extra rewards! Spread the word and [renew your membership now!](#) Every youth member who renews during Early Bird qualifies for a patch. Plus, Girl Scout troops that reach 80% of youth members renewed between May 1-31 will earn an additional \$0.05 per box sold during the 2027 cookie season.

*Rewards are not cumulative – troops earn only one reward level based on when they reach 80% of youth membership renewed during the Early Bird season.

Sign Up for Summer Camp Open Houses



Summer is right around the corner! With camp registration available for everyone to register, we invite all to join us at various camp open houses to learn more! Check out our [camp website](#) to register for camp, learn more about camp open houses, view our [2026 Camp Guide](#) and more!

Care to Share: Thank You!

Thanks to your incredible support, all [Care to Share donations](#) have been successfully distributed to our hometown heroes, first responders, military members, and local food banks. Because of you, Girl Scouts were able to make a meaningful impact in their communities while learning the value of giving back.

We are so grateful for the role you played in making this program a success. Your efforts truly helped spread kindness and appreciation where it matters most!

Get Your Bridging Gear and More

It's bridging season! Your local GSNorCal shop has bridging kits, fun patches, and all uniform items for your next level of fun. Email your order to shop@gsnorcal.org. For retail shop locations and hours, visit [our website](#).

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 well-being 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.

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.

- [Stanford Baseball Girl Scout Day](#)
May 10 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Girl Scout Fun Fair Hosted by Teens Take Over \(TTO\) Santa Rosa](#)
May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grades K-5
- [Charles M. Schulz Museum Presents: Jr Entertainment Tech](#)
May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grade 4-5
- [Charles M. Schulz Museum Presents: Cadette Comic Artist](#)
May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grade 6-8
- [Taste Buds Kitchen Badge Programs](#)
May 17-November 22 | San Jose & Palo Alto | Various Grades
- [Alice in Wonderland Presented by San Jose Dance Theatre](#)
May 30 & 31 | San Jose | Everyone
- [GSNorCal Gold and Silver Award Ceremony](#)
June 13 | Campbell | Ages 11+
- [Pride Month Celebrations](#)
June 13 & 14 | Alameda & San Jose | Everyone
- [Golden State Valkyries Girl Scout Night](#)
June 28 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [San Francisco Giants Baseball Girl Scout Day](#)
August 9 | San Francisco | Everyone

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