



Council News: October 2023



This Native American Heritage Month, we are excited to celebrate and learn about our country's rich and diverse Native cultures. Check out our [fun patch activities](#) to help you learn more and earn the above [patch](#).

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Girl Scouts and volunteers:

- [East Bay Backpack Interest Group Training](#), Grades 6-12
- [Various K-5 programs](#), San Jose & Lafayette
- [Craftapalooza](#), San Jose, Grades K-12
- [Winter Wonderland](#), Camp Bothin, Grades 4-12
- [Lead the Way](#), Milpitas, Grades 9-12
- [My Leader & Me weekend](#), Camp Bothin, volunteer + youth

Girl Scout Cookies 2024

Want a sneak peek into the exciting changes for 2024? Join Ashley Pasch, VP, Entrepreneurship Program, and Bri Seoane, CEO, for a look at the 2023 Girl Scout Cookie Program survey results and the exciting changes coming for the 2024 season! Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 PM.

COOKIES!

Upcoming K-5 Programs

Girl Scouts in grades K-5: don't miss out on some of our upcoming program opportunities in San Jose & Lafayette in November and December! We have several workshops for Girl Scouts to meet new friends, create amazing crafts, and so much more.

- [Marvelous Makers](#), San Jose, November 18
- [Crafting Curiosities](#), Lafayette, November 19
- [Marvelous Makers](#), San Jose, December 2
- [Clay Cafe](#), San Jose, December 3
- [Crafting Curiosities](#), San Jose, December 3

Craftapalooza!

Girl Scouts and their family and friends are invited to join us for a one-day-only youth craft fair, "Pinterest come to life," with plenty of shopping and activity booth opportunities! Create crafts to take home, play festive games, and shop for handmade holiday gifts all under one roof!

SIGN UP BY 12-8

Winter Wonderland

Join us at Camp Bothin for some Winter themed crafts and activities. We will also be creating a winter themed wood working project that you will be able to take with you to decorate your home or bedroom while enjoying hot cocoa or cider from the refreshment bar!

SIGN UP BY 11-17

Early Bird Registration for Lead the Way!

ATTENTION high school Girl Scouts: early bird registration for the 2024 Lead the Way conference closes soon! If you know you'll be attending our signature Older Girl Scout event, don't delay - register today before prices go up!

SIGN UP EARLY BY 11-15

My Leader & Me

You are invited to join the 2nd annual My Leader & Me weekend camporee, January 27-28, 2024 at Camp Bothin, Fairfax. This event is specifically designed to be a bonding opportunity for adult volunteers in Girl Scout leadership positions to enjoy a weekend full of activities with their related Girl Scouts (who often get the short end of the stick so to speak!).

REGISTER HERE

Thank You, McCarthy Building Companies!



We thank our friends at [McCarthy Building Companies](#) for a fun and successful event!

Our 3rd annual Girl Scouts Construction Day, partnered with McCarthy Building Companies, was held Saturday, October 14 to promote Girl Scouts and women in construction. Adults and youth learned more about Girl Scouts and how to get involved, and participated in fun STEM construction-related activities. They also learned about women in the construction field. Older Girl Scouts and adult volunteers were there to help at each station and talk about their fun experiences with Girl Scouts!

[Contact us](#) if your company would like to partner with us in offering events for prospective or current Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts in grades 9-12 can also participate in McCarthy Building Companies' annual [McCarthy Construction 101](#).

Share your Story

Do you have a Girl Scout experience that you'd like to share? Would you like to be featured in publications and news stories? Send us your story to connect with our Marketing team.

SHARE

Volunteering with GSNorCal

Does your employer offer "Dollars for Doers"? Many companies encourage their employees to volunteer in the communities where they live and work—in turn, the employer will offer matching dollars for the hours. Inquire with your Human Resources department about your program!

Interested in short-term volunteer opportunities? [View all current opportunities](#). The newest are listed below:

- Crafting Assistants
- Ceramics Instructors

Have a question or need help?

Did you know? Our [gsHelpCenter](#) is live and members just like you have been loving immediate access to all of the information and resources inside! Speak directly with one of our Girl Scouts experts through chat, now available M-F 9-5, to get the answers you need when you need them! Remember to check back often as articles are being revised and added every week.