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girl scouts of northern california

Council News: November 2026

Welcome to November! This month: more time for the Fall Product Program, preparing for cookie season, and a few chances to join in, from Ignite & Inspire to Girl Scout Destinations. Plus a property plan update and winter camp news.



Fall Product Program Extended Through November 8

There's still time to support Girl Scouts! The Fall Product Program now runs through November 8, giving girls more time to build business skills and earn funds for troop adventures and service projects.

- **Know a Girl Scout?** Ask for her storefront link and order nuts, chocolates, or magazines. Orders arrive before Thanksgiving, so they make great holiday gifts.
- **Volunteers and families:** Log in to M2 to set up or share your Girl Scout's storefront.
- **Want to give back?** Consider making a donation purchase.

Visit our **Fall Product Program Resources page** for details. Questions? Contact the Entrepreneurship Team at **info@gsnorcal.org**.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities for Girl Scouts and Volunteers:

- **Girl Scout Casting Call**
- **Ignite & Inspire Registration Extended to November 7**
- **Cookie Season is On The Way**
- **One Warm Coat Drive: Help Local Families in Need**
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Girl Scout Casting Call

Submit by November 6 | Everyone
For **Veterans Day**, we're inviting Girl Scouts to share photos with family members who have served or are currently serving in the military. Girl Scout volunteers and Troop Leaders who are veterans or active service members are invited to share their own photos too. Selected photos may be featured in a special spotlight on GSNorCal's official social media channels.



Interested in being featured? **Submit your photos and story** by Friday, November 6!

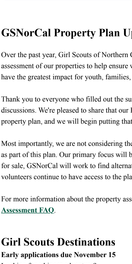
Ignite & Inspire Registration Extended to November 7

Event is November 14 | Oakland | Grades 4-12 & Adults
Join us for the 2nd annual **Ignite & Inspire 2026**! Celebrate older Girl Scouts in grades 4-12 with fun activities, a ceremony recognizing Bronze and Silver Award Girl Scouts, and a silent auction. Current members, future changemakers, and community partners are all welcome. **Register by November 7.**

Cookie Season is On The Way

Cookie season runs January 11 - March 21, 2027! Cookie materials land in troop mailboxes in mid-November, and Troop Cookie Chair training opens in gsLearn on December 1. All cookie season resources for Girl Scout families and volunteers can be found in our **gsHelpCenter**.

One Warm Coat Drive: Help Local Families in Need



November | GSNorCal Retail Shops
Join our partnership with One Warm Coat and drop off clean, wearable coats at any GSNorCal retail shop through November 30. Please, no coats with rips, tears, missing buttons, missing zippers or stains. Donations accepted at the San Jose, Alameda, Santa Rosa and Redding shops during hours of operation (subject to change). After you donate, pick up the One Warm Coat patch, available for purchase. **Check retail shop hours** before dropping by.

GSNorCal Property Plan Update

Over the past year, Girl Scouts of Northern California has conducted a comprehensive assessment of our properties to help ensure we are investing our resources where they can have the greatest impact for youth, families, and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey or attended one of the focus group discussions. We're pleased to share that our Board of Directors has approved a long-range property plan, and we will begin putting that plan into action in 2027.

Most importantly, we are not considering the sale or closure of our camps or outdoor spaces as part of this plan. Our primary focus will be on underused offices. If an office is identified for sale, GSNorCal will work to find alternative spaces in the community, so members and volunteers continue to have access to the places they need for meetings, programs and retail.

For more information about the property assessment, visit the **GSNorCal Property Assessment FAQ**.

Girl Scouts Destinations

Early applications due November 15
Looking for a bigger adventure? Destinations are Girl Scout trips for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors (grades 6-12). Girls apply on their own, travel with Girl Scouts from across the country, and try something new. Apply by the early deadline, November 15, for the best chance to get a spot. Financial aid is available for council-sponsored travel. **Submit your application today**.

Service Unit Delegate Self-Nominations are Open

Submit Nominations by December 6
Nominate yourself, older Girl Scouts, or volunteers to be a **service unit delegate**! As a delegate, you'll attend our **Annual Meeting on April 10, 2027** to represent your SU, share ideas, vote on important matters, and influence our council's strategy.

Camp Registration Opens January 20 & 27

Hold the date! Registration opens on January 20, 2027 at noon for returning campers and on January 27, 2027 at noon for new campers. For everything you need to know about camp, visit **camp.gsnorcal.org**.

Want a taste of camp? Join us at Camp Bothin for Camp Winter Wonderland on January 30-31, 2027, a weekend of winter-themed fun. Try woodworking, outdoor cooking, crafts, and a campfire, and warm up at the hot cocoa bar. **Learn more**.

Get Involved: Golden Gate Bridging on May 1



The countdown to the 40th celebration of Golden Gate Bridging is on! Join us on **Saturday, May 1, 2027**, for an unforgettable celebration.

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to support the event operations and groups interested in hosting interactive activity booths to help bring this special celebration to life! **Learn more and register on our website**.

Teens Take Over (TTO) Committees

Various Locations | Grades 6-12
Want to build your leadership, planning, and communication skills? Join a Teens Take Over committee, where older Girl Scouts plan and host events for Girl Scouts in their area. Several teams still have room. **Join a TTO committee near you**.

Partner Perk: San Jose Dance Theatre Nutcracker Ticket Discount

Girl Scout troops are invited to enjoy **10% off** regular-price Nutcracker tickets with a special discount code entered at checkout. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the holidays together while experiencing live ballet, beautiful costumes, professional guest artists, and Tchaikovsky's iconic score performed live at The San Jose Center for Performing Arts. Various showtimes in November and December. **Purchase tickets today**.

Upcoming Events and Partner Programs

- **The Tech Interactive - Junior/Cadette Detective**
  November 14 | San Jose | Grades 4-8
- **Earn Your Entrepreneurship Badge at Dave & Buster's**
  November 14 | Daly City | Grades 6-12
- **Taste Buds Kitchen - Junior Simple Meals**
  November 22 | San Jose or Palo Alto | Grades 4-5
- **Camp Fashionista Winter Holiday Sewing Fun**
  December 2 & 16 | San Jose | Grades 2-8
- **Fiber Arts Fair**
  December 5 | San Jose | Grades 4-12
- **Campbell Museums - Junior Playing the Past**
  December 6 | Campbell | Grades 4-5
- **Adventures in Babysitting**
  December 6 | Fairfield | Grades 6-10
- **Season of Service Party**
  December 12 | San Francisco | Grades K-12
- **Snowflakes & Stuffies: Winter Holiday Party**
  December 13 | Alameda | Grades K-3
- **Circus Bella Winter Big Top Spectacular Girl Scout Days**
  December 19 & 27 | San Francisco | Grades K-12

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, lessons learned, and delightful memories. **We want to hear from YOU about your standout moments!**

Ways to share your story with us:

- 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**, **TikTok**, and **LinkedIn**
- Use hashtags #GSNorCal and #GirlScouts