

Service Unit Team Monthly Summary June 2026

This newsletter, combined with access to our [current month's issues](#) of Troop News and Council News, should provide you with topics, reminders, and ideas to help you plan your next leaders' meeting.

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Deadline Approaching for National and Council Award Nominations

Nominate by June 30

Do you know a volunteer who has made impactful contributions to the Girl Scout community? [Nominate](#) and endorse them for National and Council awards! Explore the [National & Council Awards Packet](#) to see if they're eligible and nominate them for recognition at our Council events this fall.

A few helpful tips:

- Awards can be earned once. Check the [past awardee list](#) to see which awards your nominee has already earned.
- Provide specific examples that showcase their impact and align with the rewards criteria.
- The endorsement letter and nomination need to be written by different people. Buddy up to make an official nomination.

Questions? Email Lauren Uda at Luda@gsnorcal.org.

Activate ActiveNet Account for Programs and Facility Reservations

[ActiveNet](#) is the platform made for members to register for programs and reserve facilities within our council. To access the features of this site, activate your account. Follow the directions in [this document](#) to get started.

Free Behavior Management Training Available Online

Please share the following to all volunteers who have access to gsLearn. They 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.

Volunteer Screening Update

The state grant funded free screening for volunteers has now ended. Volunteers are responsible for background check costs which is 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. To get started with a background screening and to learn more, [visit our gsHelpCenter article](#).

Join Us at Summer Camp



Summer is here, so now is a wonderful time to invite everyone to register for camp! From traditional sleepaway camp, group camps to volunteer-run day camps, there's lots to explore. Check out our [camp website](#) to register and learn all about camp!

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.

California State of the Girl Report Launch and Celebration

Register by June 21 | Event on June 23 | Sacramento

You're invited to the California State of the Girl Report Launch and Celebration! Join other Girl Scouts from across the state, community leaders and advocates from across California to learn key findings from the State of the Girl Report, as well as celebrate the power and potential of girls. Plus, connect with others and enjoy a fun hands-on activity hosted by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls after the press launch. To attend, [RSVP using this link](#) by June 21.

GSUSA Opportunities

Spread the word that there are learning opportunities that are available for Girl Scouts:

- **LBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch**
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!
- **Love the Outdoors Challenge**
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 Patch Series**
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](#).

Share Your Incredible Stories!

Girl Scout adventurers, leaders, and trailblazers—we want to hear from you! Have a favorite Girl Scout memory, a proud accomplishment, or a story that warms your heart? Share your experiences and inspire others with your journey. [Submit your story](#) and help us showcase the magic of Girl Scouts.

Sneak Peek Into The Future

Here's a glimpse of the events coming up.

- Disability Pride Month | July
- [Independence Day](#) | July 4

Have a question or need help?

Check out our [gsHelpCenter](#) with articles and resources for volunteers and members.