



## Service Unit Team Monthly Summary May 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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### Council and National Award Nominations

Submit by June 30

Council & National Award nominations and endorsements are approaching! We encourage you to review the [National & Council Awards Packet](#) and partner with your Service Unit Team and Volunteer Support Manager to determine who may be a strong candidate for recognition at our Fall Council Recognition events. For more information, please visit our [National and Council Awards gsHelpCenter article](#).

### Act Soon: Early Bird Renewal

The extra perks of Early Bird Renewal are ending soon! Support your Service Unit by encouraging Girl Scout troops to [renew their membership today!](#) Every youth member who renews during Early Bird qualifies for a patch. However, Girl Scout troops that reach 80% of youth members renewed by May 31 will earn an additional \$0.05 per box sold during the 2027 cookie season.

Check out the [Early Renewal flyer](#) and [Service Unit Renewal Toolkit](#) for ideas, rewards and ready-to-share resources.

### Plan for a Summer of Fun



Summer is right around the corner, 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!

### GSUSA Badge Opportunities

Spread the word that there is a plethora of opportunities for Girl Scouts to learn and grow!

Check out some of the badge programs that are available for Girl Scouts to participate in:

- **Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Fun Patch**  
May is 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.
- **Mental Wellness Patch Program**  
This month 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.
- **Crafts and Other Activity Badges**  
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](#). With National Creativity Day coming up on May 30, now is the time to get crafty! Check out [GSUSA's website](#) for more activities!

### 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.

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### Sneak Peek Into The Future

Here's a glimpse of the events coming up.

- [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#) | June
- [National Outdoor Month](#) | June
- Juneteenth | June 19
- [Early Bird Membership Renewal Deadline](#) | June 30

### Have a question or need help?

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