girl scouts of northern california

Service Unit Team Monthly Summary November 2025

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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Golden Gate Bridging Returns!

Spread the word that Golden Gate Bridging is back in 2026 and better than ever! Act soon, as Girl Scouts of Northern California members get exclusive early registration until November 16. After this exclusive council-only registration date, registration will be extended to all non-council members. Encourage Girl Scouts to secure their spot for this highly anticipated event of the year! Register and learn more on our website.

On April 25, 2026, this event will take place in San Francisco. It's a celebration of Juniors ceremonially moving up to Cadette with an unforgettable walk across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. All current Girl Scouts bridging to Cadette are invited to join this special milestone together, and if you missed bridging between 2020 and 2025, now's your chance to be part of the celebration! This day is all about fun, friendship, and marking a new chapter in every Girl Scout's journey. Plus, the excitement continues with a festive party, activities, and lunch waiting for everyone after the bridge.

Discoveree

Registration Opens December 3
January 24 | Hayward | Adult Volunteers
Join us at Discoveree, a one-day learning event for all Girl Scout volunteers. Learn from dedicated Girl Scout volunteers as you choose four workshops from over 70 choices. Options include crafts, outdoor skills, STEM, songs, games, and troop support. This event is run by volunteers, for volunteers! Learn more about Discoveree through this website.

Application Opens Soon: Youth Board Participants

Application available soon | Grades 9-11
Each year, Girl Scouts of Northern California appoints two Youth Board Participants to serve on our Board of Directors. For youth currently in grades 9-11, this is an excellent opportunity to take part in council governance, advocate for their peers, and see first-hand how an organization is run. Check back soon on our Youth Board Participants website for application availability!

Make Your SU's Voice Heard at Annual Meeting!

Nominations and self-nominations close on November 30, 2025
Encourage adult volunteers and Girl Scouts ages 14+ (by January 2026) to nominate themselves to represent your SU at Annual Meeting. If you are unsure if anyone from your SU has nominated themselves, you can ask your council staff member to check. Learn more about the process and check how many delegates your SU can send.

Camporee Property Reservations Reminder

A reminder for all service units to use this link to submit Camporee reservations according to the schedule at the top of form located in the link. Have questions? Contact property@gsnorcal.org.

Girl Scout Cookie Program Updates

Girl Scout Troop cookie materials should be landing in mailboxes soon so please remind Girl Scout troops to keep on the look out! For troops without a Troop Cookie Chair, materials have been sent out to Troop Leaders. Troop Cookie Chair Training will be live December 1 in gsLearn. If you missed SUper Cookie Summit please review the recorded webinar available in gsLearn.

Explore the World with Girl Scout Destinations

Girl Scout Destinations are once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors (ages 11+). Whether trekking through national parks or exploring cultures abroad, these council- and partner-led trips help Girl Scouts grow, gain independence, and see the world from a new perspective. Remind your troops: financial assistance is available through GSNorCal, and destination applications remain open on a rolling basis until the trip is listed as "closed" on the website.

Monthly Troop Leader Training Webinars

December 3 | Virtual | Troop Leaders
All Troop Leaders, whether starting a new troop or taking over an existing one, are invited to join our webinar! This session is for those who have opted out of their first option of completing the gsLearn New Leader Trainings and prefer to learn directly from a GSNorCal staff member. Leaders will get everything they need to confidently start their Girl Scout year. Sessions are held on the first Wednesday of every month.

SUper Cookie Summit Success!

More than 120 SU cookie volunteers gathered at Camp Bothin last weekend for our SUper Cookie Summit! Volunteers spent the day preparing for the 2026 cookie program, diving into inventory and financial management, adult learning, and cookie rally planning. Thanks to everyone who joined us for a fun, learning-filled day to kick off cookie season!

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 now and help us showcase the magic of Girl Scouts.

Sneak Peek Into The Future

Here's a glimpse of the events coming up.

- Giving Tuesday | December 2
- Discoveree Registration Opens | December 3 at 7:00 am
- National Cookie Day | December 4
- Lead The Way: Early Bird Registration Ends | December 12
- Hanukkah | December 14 - 22
- Christmas | December 25
- Kwanzaa | December 26 - January 1
- New Year's Eve | December 31

Have an event you want included in a newsletter? Submit your information and optional graphic via our Asana form. Any troop or SU can share across Service Units. Please only submit for one of our three newsletters based on the audience.

Deadlines, audience, and send dates are as follows:

- Council News: sent to all members on the 1st of each month (pending holidays). Deadline for submission is the 21st of the prior month.
- Troop News: sent to troop leadership volunteers on the 15th of each month. Deadline for submission is the 5th of the month.
- Service Unit News: sent to Service Unit teams on or after the 15th of each month. Deadline for submission is the 5th of the month.

Have a question or need help?

Check out our gsHelpCenter with articles and resources for volunteers and members.