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Service Unit Team Monthly Summary November 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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Updated Safety Activity Checkpoints

The newest version of **Safety Activity Checkpoints 2026-2028** is now available. This essential planning tool outlines the requirements and best practices for a wide range of Girl Scout activities. This update includes an easier-to-read layout and additional resources. Council approval is also no longer required for go-karting, indoor skydiving, and indoor trampoline. Please share this document with your troops and remind them to reference it when planning and carrying out activities, and when deciding whether they need to apply for approval.

Flood the Food Banks



Nearly 48 million people in the U.S. experience food insecurity, including millions of children.

That's why Girl Scouts of Northern California launched the **Flood the Food Banks Initiative** last year. Join us again this year as we give your service unit, troop, or family all the tools to stock up food pantries for the holiday season. The program is running now until December 1st. **Enroll now!**

Service Unit Initial Order Form Due November 15

SU Initial Order Coordinators: please complete the **Service Unit Initial Order form** by November 15th. Your answers help us work with the warehouses to meet your troops' initial order needs. Questions? Contact the Entrepreneurship Team at info@gsnorcal.org.

Reminder: Apply to Be a Youth Board Participant

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. Applications are open now through January 17th. **Apply today.**

Come to Lead the Way

February 5-7 | Milpitas | Grades 9-12
Seniors and Ambassadors who are interested in expanding their leadership and communication skills are invited to take part in this year's Lead the Way event. Lead the Way is a leadership training conference designed to strengthen self-confidence and leadership skills to help participants improve their ability to succeed in school, the community, and life after high school. Early Bird registration ends December 18th.
Register for Lead the Way!

Golden Gate Bridging 2027: Registration Is Open – Get Involved!

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

Registration is open! Don't miss your chance to be part of this milestone celebration filled with adventure, friendship, and exciting activities.

We're also 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!
Volunteer at GGB.

Adult Learning Corner

Encourage leaders looking for support to attend the next **Troop Leadership Support Session** on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:00 pm. These sessions are an informal space to ask questions and receive additional support from staff.

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.

- **Make Money Moves: Financial Literacy Workshop** | December 5
- Cookie Queens Screening with Director Alysa Nahmias | **San Francisco December 6** & **San Rafael December 7**
- **Season of Service Party** | December 12
- **Next Gen Changemakers: MLK Jr. Day of Service** | January 17, 2027
- **Camp Winter Wonderland** | January 30-31, 2027

Have a Question or Need Help?

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

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