



Troop News: April 2025



Early Bird Renewal Has Landed: Continue Your Girl Scout Era!
Ready for the next chapter in your Girl Scout story? Keep the fun going with another year of exciting new discoveries! Whether trying out a fun science experiment or making s'mores under the stars, your friends are ready to create lasting memories with you. Renew today and keep the fun going through September 2026!

Benefits of renewing your Girl Scout membership early by June 30:

- Your Girl Scout will qualify for an additional \$0.10 per box of cookies sold in the 2026 cookie program. Imagine the goals and fun that can be reached with this incentive!
- All renewed youth will receive the exclusive early bird renewal patch featuring GSNorCal's official early bird – Sapphire the peacock (pictured above).
- All renewed adults can get this year's exclusive patch too! [Request a patch here](#).

RENEW TODAY

This issue includes great opportunities for you and your troop, as well as some updates and reminders. Read on for more!

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Thank You Volunteers!

While this month is dedicated to Volunteer Appreciation, our gratitude is year-round. Thank you to all troop volunteers for the creativity, flexibility, and commitment brought to the Girl Scout community this year! Your passion, impact, and continued support are valued every day.

Do you know outstanding troop adults who deserve shoutouts? Check out the [Troop Appreciation Toolkit](#) for ways to recognize all they've done this year.

Plus, you're invited to join us at our special volunteer appreciation events! Join us for fun with food and friendship as our way of saying thank you.

- [Volunteer Appreciation Night - San Jose Office](#) | April 18 | San Jose
- [Volunteer Appreciation Night - Alameda Office](#) | April 25 | Alameda

Earth Day: Tree Promise Patch

In the spirit of celebrating Earth Day on April 22 and protecting planet Earth everyday, you can access the FREE [Tree Promise Activity and Volunteer Guide](#) to lead your family and friends to plant, protect, and honor trees. Here's to growing a better future!

Volunteer Screening Status Review Needed

Troop Leaders, please review your rosters in [MyGS](#) to ensure all volunteers have completed their mandatory screening. Encourage Girl Scout volunteers who haven't yet completed their free screening appointment to do so as soon as possible. After April, members will be responsible for the cost of mandatory fingerprinting. [Get started today!](#)

Voices Count Survey

Your voice matters! Your input significantly helps to improve Girl Scout programs and services.

Share your input based on the following:

- Girl Scouts should have received an email from GSUSA on April 7 with a survey link that is open to fill out by April 30.
- Troop Leaders will be receiving an email from GSNorCal in early May with a survey link that is open to fill out by May 31.

Outdoor Training and Certification Classes

Don't miss out on your chance to sign up for our outdoor training classes this spring! On our events website, you can register for our classes in [backpacking](#), [first aid certification](#), [camp out training](#), or [extended troop travel training](#).

Monthly Troop Leader Training Webinars

May 7 | Virtual | New Troop Leaders
Volunteers new to the Troop Leader role (for a new troop or taking over an existing troop) are welcome to [join our online webinar](#) that will cover how to get your troop up and running! This is a recurring meeting that takes place on the first Wednesday of every month.

Newly Released: Mid-Year Program List



Take a glimpse of some of the program events we have available in our mid-year program list that is now available. From council-run to partner programs, the fun is endless. Check them out!

EXPLORE EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Did someone say fun? We have a ton of exhilarating programs and events waiting for you. Plus, there's events for non-members to join as well. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

- Charles Schwab Financial Literacy Workshops: [Save for Adventure & Financial Independence Workshop](#)
April 26 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Daisy Brownie Bridging at Bothin](#)
April 26 | Camp Bothin | Grades 1-3
- [Period Empowerment: Menstrual Hygiene & Health Day](#)
April 27 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Cirque Du Soleil Presents: ECHO](#)
April 27 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Get Ready for the Capitol: Democracy Badge](#)
May 3 | San Jose | Grades 4-8
- Bridging Celebrations: Daisies and Brownies
[Tea Party](#) | May 17 | San Jose | Grades 1-3
[Garden Party](#) | May 24 | Palo Alto | Grades 1-3
- [San Francisco Giants Present: Girl Scout Day](#)
June 8 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [California Academy of Sciences: Penguins and Pajamas Sleepovers](#)
June 14 | San Francisco | Ages 4-17
- [Road Trip to the Capitol](#)
June 20 | Alameda or San Jose | Grades 4-12
- [BroadwaySF Presents: & Juliet](#)
July 12 | San Francisco | Ages 8+

Ready for more events? Check out visit our [events page](#). We have a plethora of events for members and non-members to enjoy!

Share Your Story

Calling all Girl Scout adventurers, leaders, and trailblazers! We are on a quest to uncover and feature the most incredible, feel-good stories from your experience as a Girl Scout. Whether it's a moment at a Girl Scout event, a lesson learned, or a cherished memory, we want to hear it! [Submit your story now!](#)

Looking Forward

A sneak peek into next month:

- [Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#) | May
- [Mental Health Awareness Month](#) | May

Have a question or need help?

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