

Troop News: December 2025



Cookie season kicks off January 12 and there is already a lot of buzz about the new Exploremores cookie in this year's lineup. We would love to see your troop join in the fun!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the #1 financial literacy program for girls and a powerful way for Girl Scouts to practice goal setting, money management, and customer skills while funding the experiences they love.

We have updated resources and trainings to make the Cookie Program simpler and more supportive for troop volunteers this year, so we encourage you to take a look and consider participating!

- [Girl Scout Cookie Program Resources](#)
- Log into your [myGS](#) account to complete either the [636 New Troop Cookie Chair 2026](#) or [636 Experienced Troop Cookie Chair 2026](#) learning paths. *These training links will only work for properly rostered Troop Cookie Chairs.* Once training is complete, Smart Cookies access opens on January 5.

Questions about the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Program? Email info@gsnorcal.org and the Entrepreneurship Program Team can support!

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Entrepreneurship Programs

We have various opportunities for Girl Scouts to further develop and grow their entrepreneurship skills! Some include the [Disneyland 2026](#), [Market DisruptHERS](#), and [Cookie CEO: Pitch Program](#). For more, check out the [Entrepreneurship Programming gsHelpCenter article](#).

Camp Guide Coming Soon



It's almost time to start planning your fun-filled summer adventure! Keep an eye out for the new Camp Guide that's coming out soon. Mark your calendars for returning camper registration opening on January 21 and January 28 for new campers at noon. For everything camp related, visit our

[camp website](#).

Get Involved at Golden Gate Bridging 2026

Event is April 25, 2026 | San Francisco

From crossing the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to supporting the celebration at Crissy Field, there are lots of ways for troops and volunteers to take part:

- Register to Attend:
Registration is open for Girl Scouts in grades 5–12 and adult participants to take part in this special Golden Gate Bridging experience.
- Volunteer with Us:
Volunteers are needed to support participants, help with logistics, and assist with event operations throughout the day.
- Host a GSNorCal Member Booth (Free):
GSNorCal troops, Service Units, committees, and alumnae are invited to host fun, hands-on Girl Scout program activity booths at Crissy Field at no cost. Questions? Contact ababazade@gsnorcal.org.

If you know a business, organization, or supporter who may be interested in getting involved, please share these opportunities below:

- Partner Booths (Paid):
Community partners and businesses may host vendor booths during the celebration at Crissy Field. Contact ababazade@gsnorcal.org for details.
- Support Through Sponsorship:
Sponsorship opportunities are available for those who want to help make this meaningful Girl Scout tradition possible.

Find everything you need to be a part of this incredible celebration on the [Golden Gate Bridging webpage](#). We hope to see you there!

Lead The Way (South Bay)

Register by January 9

January 30 - February 1 | Milpitas | Grades 9-12

Ready to grow your confidence and leadership skills? Join us for the Lead the Way for Girl Scouts! Get empowered to build communication and leadership skills through interactive workshops, recreation, and meaningful discussions. From Friday's fun activities to Saturday's inspiring keynote dinner and Sunday's celebration of youth leaders, this is an experience you won't want to miss. Registration ends soon, so [register today!](#)

Discoveree

Register by January 21

January 24 | Hayward | Adult Volunteers

Are you an adult volunteer who is ready to learn new skills? Join us at Discoveree, a one-day learning event for all Girl Scout volunteers. You'll learn a mixture of training, skills, and crafts that will enrich your troop's Girl Scout experience. This event is run by volunteers, for volunteers! Explore the Discoveree catalog of events and learn more on the [Discoveree website](#).

'Tis the Season of Giving

Need some gifts for others or new gear for the new year? No problem! We have you covered.

Check out some ways to get all the goodies:

- Girl Scout Shop:
We have all your Girl Scout needs and more! Check out our shops in-person or online. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.
- Make a Year-End Gift to Support Girls:
Your donation today helps girls build confidence, discover their strengths, and take on new challenges in the new year ahead. Every gift—big or small—creates more opportunities for girls across Northern California. Give at www.gsnorcal.org/donate.
- Columbia Store:
Thanks to our partner, Columbia Sportswear, all Girl Scout members are invited to utilize limited time offers! To learn more about the offers and to redeem, visit this [flyer link](#).
- Sports Basement:
For a limited time, GSNorCal members receive 11% off until December 21.* If you're a basemateer, receive 20% off. For in-person store discount, use POS: 10328. For online via the [Sports Basement website](#), use code GSNORCAL.

Upcoming Events

Did someone say fun? We have a ton of exhilarating programs and events waiting for you.

- [Brownies Shapes in Nature Badge Event](#)
January 10 | Redding | Grades 2-3
- [Volunteer Learning Series: Supporting GS with Highest Awards](#)
January 14 | Virtual | Adults
- [Winter Camp](#)
January 16-19 | Lafayette | Ages 11-18
- [The Tech Interactive Museum New Daisy Roller Coaster Challenge](#)
January 17, March 7, April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-1
- [Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service](#)
January 18 | Newark | Grades K-12
- [Stanford Athletics Women's Gymnastics Girl Scout Days](#)
January 25 & March 7 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Charles M. Schulz Museum: Girl Scout Days](#)
January 31, May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grades 2-3 & 4-8
- [Stanford Athletics Women's Basketball Girl Scout Days](#)
February 1 & 15 | Stanford | Everyone
- [Women in STEM Faire](#)
February 7 | Pleasant Hill | Grades 4-12
- [Voices for Change](#)
March 27-29 | Fairfax | Grades 6-12

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 ahead:

- [National Girl Scout Cookie Season Launches](#) | January 6
- [GSNorCal's Cookie Season Launches](#) | January 12
- [Camper Registration Opens: Returning campers](#) | January 21 at noon
- [Camper Registration Opens: New campers](#) | January 28 at noon

Have a question or need help?

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