girl scouts of northern california

Troop News: January 2026

The Girl Scout Cookie Program began on January 12 and is already in full swing with our new Exploremores joining the lineup! Now that's pretty sweet!

To help you throughout the season, here are some reminders:

- Round 3 of boothing opened tonight, January 15, at 8 pm. Troops can get 18 additional booths (27 max). No limit on area/location.
- New this year, the Cookie Lite Program is a digital-only way for Girl Scouts to participate in the cookie program—no inventory, no booths, and no troop participation required. Created to help more families take part and support Girl Scouting, the Cookie Lite Program still allows girls to build the five essential skills while keeping programs accessible across NorCal. Learn more.
- Review the Digital Cookie Mobile App resources to prepare for booths.
- Free booth tablecloth requests close January 16 — don't miss out!
- Initial Orders are due January 16 in Smart Cookies. Use the Inventory Management Tool to help determine amounts and variety; initial orders are final. Gluten-Free cookies are only guaranteed during initial order.
- Recruitment Table Tents are coming from your SUCPA! Display them at booths to help grow our sisterhood and earn your Service Unit a chance to win a FREE Badges to Business program.
- Important: The *New the Cookie Crumbles* flyer in your troop mailing was misprinted. Please discard and use the updated version.

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

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Entrepreneurship Programs

Check out some of are various Entrepreneurship Programming opportunities for Girl Scouts to further develop and grow their entrepreneurship skills:

- Money Moves: Financial Literacy Workshop
  May 2 | San Jose
- Girl Scout Day at the San Francisco Zoo & Bridging
  May 9 | San Francisco
- Disneyland
  July 6-9 | Anaheim
- Market DisruptHER and Cookie CEO: Pitch Program for CSAs
  More info to come!

2026 Camp Guide Is Here!

The 2026 Camp Guide is here! Explore what this year's camp season offers and get ready for registration. Returning campers can register starting on January 21 and new campers on January 28 at noon. Non-Girl Scouts are invited and financial aid is available. For everything camp related, visit our camp website.

Join in on the Fun at Golden Gate Bridging

Event is April 25 | 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!

Flood the Food Banks Initiative

With 1 in 6 people in the United States facing food insecurity, we're launching the Flood the Food Banks Initiative. This is an effort to bring families, service units, and troops together to replenish the food pantries after a long holiday season. Join us from January 9 to the end of March to support your local food banks! Find out more on how to join this effort by going to this gsHelpCenter article.

Voices for Change

March 27-29 | Camp Bothin | Grades 6-12
Stand up, speak out, lead on! Find your voice, share your ideas, and influence others at this newly re-envisioned event at Camp Bothin. Service Unit and National Delegates receive a registration discount. Learn skills you'll use for a lifetime! Register by March 13 to attend this exciting event!

Travel to the National Council Session

July 21-26 | Washington, D.C. | Ages 11-15
Interested in how Girl Scouts policy is made? Want to learn more about what it takes to be a council delegate? Join our council organized trip to the National Council meeting where you'll attend meetings, explore the National Council Expo, and connect with current and past delegates about their experiences. Plus, take in the sights of our nation's capital while learning about the process of Girl Scout governance. For more, visit the GSNorCal Travel Committee website.

Upcoming February Observances

With February right around the corner, take a look below on ways you can prepare for the upcoming next month's observances.

- Black History Month | February
  Celebrate and honor the plethora of incredible contributions from the Black and African American communities. Learn more about their central role and impact on the world by earning a Black History Month patch!
- World Thinking Day | February 22
  This year marks the 100th anniversary of this day where Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world join together to celebrate all communities that connect us around the globe. Learn more and earn your World Thinking Day award today!

Upcoming Events

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

- The Tech Interactive Museum New Daisy Roller Coaster Challenge
  January 17, March 7, April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-1
- New Museum Los Gatos Painting & Drawing Badge Programs
  January 24, February 8, March 22 | Los Gatos | Grades 2-5
- 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
- San Jose Sharks Girl Scout Night
  April 4 | San Jose | Everyone
- California Academy of Sciences Penguins+Pajamas Sleepover
  April 17 & June 13 | San Francisco | K-12
- Charles M. Schulz Museum: Girl Scout Days
  May 16 | Santa Rosa | Grades 2-3 & 4-8

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 ahead:

- Black History Month | February
- International Day of Women and Girl in Science | February 11
- National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend | February 20
- World Thinking Day | February 22

Have a question or need help?

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