

Troop News: July 2024



Ready to plan your troop year? We have several tools to help you plan out your troop year with the help and input of your troop. (Don't forget to keep it girl-led!)

We have troop plans as a guide for you to use throughout the year, but of course, you and your troop are welcome to personalize it to make it your own! Make this troop year yours!

START PLANNING

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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Volunteer Recognition Events

Let's celebrate! Volunteers are the cornerstone of the Girl Scout experience, and we celebrate their extraordinary impact each year at our council recognition events. We welcome the entire Girl Scout community to join us in recognizing the outstanding volunteers who will be receiving GSUSA National and GSNorCal council awards.

VIEW EVENTS

Highest Awards News

- **Recruiting Gold Award Experts**
Are you interested in helping Girl Scouts earn their Gold Award? We are looking for volunteers who are interested in being local Gold Award experts and/or Gold Award Coordinators (mentors) as part of our Gold Award support process. Council training and guidance is provided. It's a great way to support your Girl Scouts in earning Gold and to continue to participate in Girl Scouts as your troop ages out. Please contact Winnie at wkubik@gsnorcal.org for more information.
- **Final Reports**
Bronze, Silver and Gold Award final reports are due September 30, 2024. If you have any questions reach out to awards@gsnorcal.org

Certificate of Insurance Requests Update

With a new vendor for our General Liability, Automobile, Property, and Professional Liability insurance, we are asking everyone for their patience in waiting for their Certificate of Insurance. We hope to have everything turned around with 5 business days. Need a COI? [Fill out the request form](#).

Girl Scouts Day at the Capitol

August 8-9 | Grades 4-12

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) invites older Girl Scouts and their adults to participate in the Girl Scouts Day at the Capitol, taking place on August 8-9. This unique event offers an enriching experience in advocacy, civic engagement, leadership building, and collaboration with fellow Girl Scouts from across California.

Please note— Recently, we shared incorrect details to register for the Girl Scouts Day at the Capitol: Welcome Breakfast on August 8. The link that was shared was meant for legislators, council CEOs and board members, and members of the Commission on the Status of Women & Girls. Girl Scouts and accompanying chaperones must register for the 2-day event in order to automatically participate in the breakfast. We apologize for this miscommunication.

REGISTER HERE

Troop Finance Reports

Troop Finance Reports and May banking statements were due June 30, 2024. Please submit as soon as possible if you have not done so already. [View the gsHelpCenter article for more](#). If you need more help, we got you! [Register for the last Q&A session](#) on July 23 at 7pm to chat with staff and have your questions answered.

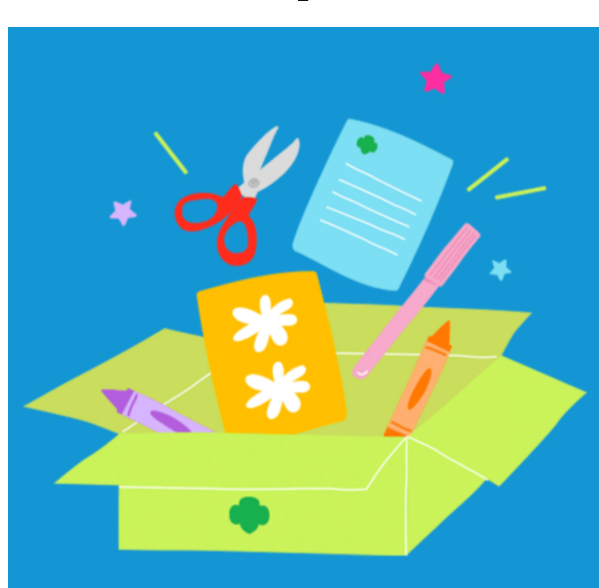
Extended Year For New Members

Offer valid until July 31 | New Members

Know someone who's interested in joining Girl Scouts but hasn't joined yet? Now is the perfect opportunity to join with our special extended year membership deal! Why? New youth and adults can purchase a Girl Scout membership (includes the remainder of the current membership year + 2025 year) at a discounted rate to start their Girl Scout experience! Encourage new friends and families to seize this opportunity. Financial aid is available too!

SPREAD THE WORD

Girl Scout Experience Box for New Daisies



Free Resource for New Daisy Troops
Complimentary Girl Scout Experience Boxes for new Daisy troops are here to support you every step of the way! Starting in August, new Girl Scout Daisy troop leaders will receive a monthly supply box filled with step-by-step instructions and ready-to-go supplies that follows the Daisy First Year Troop Plan.

LEARN MORE

Announcements & Reminders:

With so many events and updates happening, please keep these reminders and opportunities on your radar!

- **Mandatory LiveScan Fingerprinting**
If you are an adult volunteer who has not completed background check with us, please [read this gsHelpCenter article to start the process](#) so you may participate as an active volunteer. To ensure complete compliance with the latest laws and regulations, we require all adult volunteers to be screened through fingerprinting.
- **Horse Show Volunteers**
Calling all Northern California Council Girl Scouts who like horses! Check out this Awards Arena Volunteer Opportunity at the Menlo Charity Horse Show, open to Juniors and above, from August 6-11. [Learn more and sign up](#) by July 21. Space is limited!
- **Girl Scout Retail Shop Hours**
For the latest shop hours and updates at our various Girl Scout Retail Shop locations, [visit our website](#). The Santa Rosa Retail Shop will be taking pre-orders for the third Tuesday of the month, through summer. Please email your order to shop@gsnorcal.org, three business days prior to date.
- **Summer Camp: Last Call to Register!**
There are only a few camp sessions left with the last session starting July 29. You don't want to miss out on all the summer fun, so [sign up now!](#)

Upcoming Events

Spring has sprung, and so have our fabulous events! There's something for everyone to enjoy!

- [WNBA Changemaker Day Livestream](#), July 18 | Virtual | All Grades
- [Exploring Careers in Animation: Behind the Scenes with the Women of Coraline](#), July 20 | Virtual | All Grades
- [Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live](#), August 24, 25 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Girl Scout Nights: San Jose Earthquakes](#), August 31, October 5 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Water Works Park](#), September 7-8 | Redding | All Grades
- [Girl Scouts Love State Parks 2024](#), September 14,15 | Pescadero | Everyone
- [Survivor](#), September 27-29 | Cazadero | Grades 6-12
- [BroadwaySF Girl Scout Days: Wicked](#), September 29 | San Francisco | Grades 3-12 | Includes cast talks and fun patch available

Looking Forward

A sneak peek into some of the happenings next month:

- National S'mores Day | August 10
- National Latina Day | August 20
- Women's Equality Day | August 26
- Destinations 2025 Preview | August

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 of triumph, a lesson learned, or a cherished memory, we want to hear it! [Submit your story](#) now!

Have a question or need help?

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