

Troop News: June 2026



Less Screen Time, More Time Outdoors!

Why go outside? Whether you plan a picnic, go on a nature walk, or play soccer, getting outdoors is a great way to help improve mood, focus, and confidence. This summer, we have 50+ fun outdoor activities for you to choose from as part of the Girl Scouts [Love the Outdoors Challenge](#). Unlock a fresh patch by completing the activity page (available in English and Spanish) and venture outside!

Another fantastic way to get outside, connect with others and embark on new adventures is by attending summer camp! [Check out our camp website](#) to see all the summer camp opportunities, learn about financial aid, and register today!

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June Highlights



Happy Pride Month! This is a celebration of the achievements, impact, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in the United States. Earn the [LGBTQ+ Pride Month Celebration Fun Patch](#) to honor, celebrate, and learn about the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. We also encourage everyone to be their true self! Speaking

of pride, our council will be in the [San Francisco Pride Parade on June 28](#) and you're invited! Plus, join our [Pride Parade prep party](#) on June 21 to prepare for this big day.

June 19 marks Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day. We celebrate the continued fight for freedom and pay tribute to the ones who encourage us to dream!

Activate ActiveNet Account for Programs and Facility Reservations

[ActiveNet](#) is the platform made for members to register for programs and reserve facilities within our council. To access the features of this site, activate your account. Follow the directions in [this document](#) to get started.

Volunteer Screening Update

The state grant funded free screening for volunteers has now ended. Volunteers are responsible for background check costs which is consistent with other California Girl Scout councils. State law requires fingerprinting (Live Scan) for volunteers with direct contact or supervision of children for more than 16 hours per month, or 32+ hours per year. Volunteers who do not meet that threshold may qualify for an online name-based electronic background check, which must be renewed every three years. To get started with a background screening and to learn more, [visit our gsHelpCenter article](#).

Deadline Approaching for National and Council Award Nominations

Nominate by June 30

Do you know a volunteer who has made impactful contributions to the Girl Scout community? [Nominate](#) and endorse them for a National or Council Award! Explore the [National & Council Awards Packet](#) to see if they're eligible and nominate them for recognition at our council events this fall.

A few helpful tips:

- Awards can be earned once. Check the [past awardee list](#) to see which awards your nominee has already earned.
- Provide specific examples that showcase their impact and align with the rewards criteria.
- The endorsement letter and nomination need to be written by different people. Buddy up to make an official nomination.

Questions? Email Lauren Uda at Luda@gsnorcal.org.

Save The Date: Golden Gate Bridging 2027

Event is May 1, 2027

Thank you to everyone who attended [Golden Gate Bridging 2026](#)! We're excited to announce that next year's Golden Gate Bridging will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2027. This is a day for Girl Scouts from across the council and beyond to celebrate achievements, leadership, and the next step in every Girl Scout's journey. More details to come.

Free Behavior Management Training Available Online

All volunteers with access to gsLearn can take this helpful training focused on proactive, inclusive strategies that build cooperation and confidence, along with practical tips for navigating challenging behaviors in safe, supportive ways. Click the course title to get started or bookmark it for when you're ready: [GSUSA Behavior Management for Girl Scouts!](#) You may also search the course title in gsLearn.

Retail Deals and Updates

- Updated Retail Store Hours on Our Website
Please check our [store website](#) for all the latest updates on retail store hours. All retail shops will be closed on certain days throughout the summer, such as June 19 for Juneteenth, as well as July 4 and 5 for Independence Day.
- June Special: Free Gift with Every Purchase
Offer valid until June 30
For the entire month of June, we're celebrating the [250th birthday of the United States](#) by giving out one free special gift with every purchase made in-store. One gift per in-store purchase while supplies last, restrictions apply. Visit our [store website](#) for store hours.
- Columbia Discount for Girl Scout Members
Offer valid until July 12
Thanks to our partner, Columbia Sportswear, all Girl Scout members are invited to utilize a limited time offer that ends on July 12! To learn more about redeeming the offer and enjoy 40% off new apparel from brands, visit [this flyer link](#).

California State of the Girl Report Launch and Celebration

Register by June 21 | Event on June 23 | Sacramento

You're invited to the California State of the Girl Report Launch and Celebration! Join other Girl Scouts from across the state, community leaders and advocates from across California to learn key findings from the State of the Girl Report, as well as celebrate the power and potential of girls. Plus, connect with others and enjoy a fun hands-on activity hosted by the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls after the press launch. To attend, [RSVP using this link](#) by June 21.

Upcoming Events

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

- [Move More! Club](#)
Now until July 31 | Take-Home Activity | All Grades
- [Celebrate America 250 - Earn your Democracy Badge!](#)
July 11 | Virtual | All Grades
- [Golden State Valkyries Girl Scout Night](#)
June 28 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [BroadwaySF Presents: Beauty and the Beast](#)
July 15 & 25 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Bay FC Soccer Girl Scout Nights](#)
July 18 & September 20 | San Jose | Everyone
- [San Francisco Giants Baseball Girl Scout Day](#)
August 9 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Oakland Roots SC Girl Scout Night](#)
August 15 | Oakland | Everyone
- [Camp CEO Event: Application Due](#)
September 2 | Ages 13-18
- [WaterWorks Park Overnighter](#)
September 12 | Redding | All Grades

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

Looking Forward

A sneak peek ahead:

- [Disability Pride Month](#) | July
- [Independence Day](#) | July 4

Share Your Story with Us!

Girl Scout life is filled with exciting moments, valuable lessons, and lasting memories. Did you discover something new, make new friends, or go on an adventure? We'd love to hear your standout moments and memories! Share your story with us via the [Share Your Story form](#) for a chance to be featured on our social media pages!

Have a question or need help?

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