



Troop News: March 2025

Calling all Gold Award Girl Scouts:





Apply for a
\$5,000 scholarship!

GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship - Apply Now!
If you earned your Gold Award between April 1, 2024, and March 31, 2025, or earned it earlier but are currently in 12th grade, you may be eligible for a \$5,000 [GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship](#)! Each council will award one scholarship to a Girl Scout who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and sustainable impact while addressing a national or global issue— and you could be the one. Applications are open until April 15, 2025. Apply today!

Not a Gold Award recipient yet? Start your highest award journey today! Learn more on [our website](#).

Are you in 12th grade and are currently working on your Gold Award? Don't forget to submit your project proposal through the [GoGold Online Portal](#) for approval before starting your project. Need help? Watch this [YouTube video](#) or email awards@gsnocal.org. Gold Award proposals are due April 1, 2025.

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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Celebrate Volunteers!

April
Next month is Volunteer Appreciation month! We encourage all members to recognize their troop volunteers for their amazing efforts this year. Plus, connect with your service unit team to find out when nominations for SU level awards are due. Check out our [GSUSA's volunteer appreciation toolkit website](#) for resources about how to celebrate those who make your Girl Scout experience what it is today.

Property Reservations

Did you know our council is home to eleven unique properties located throughout Northern California? You can [reserve our properties](#) for troop overnights and campouts! Each site offers something unique, from old-growth redwoods and the Pacific coast to trails with sweeping views of the San Francisco Bay. Reservations are available on a 6-month rolling basis (185 days in advance from your departure date). Start planning your next adventure today!

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, which is currently \$37.50 per person through our vendor. [Get started today!](#)

Lead the Way (East Bay): Sisterhood and Self Care

May 16-17 | Walnut Creek | Grades 6-12
Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are invited to join us at our exciting sleepover event! Girl Scouts will make new friends participating in fun and games, hear from interesting speakers, develop confidence while completing badgework, and come away understanding how to be a better friend to themselves and others. [Register now!](#)

New Monthly Troop Leader Training Webinars

First Wednesday of every month | 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 monthly webinar that will cover how to get your troop up and running! The next webinar is Wednesday, April 2.

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Safety Activity Checkpoints

With spring around the corner, troops are gearing up for fun and exciting adventures. Remember to consult the updated [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) for activity planning details!

Camp Research

Calling all members who have attended Girl Scout camp as a camper, counselor, director, youth volunteer, adult volunteer, and otherwise attendance! Please [share your input](#) to support a youth-led research project created to better understand and support the love of camp.

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!

- [Bright Brave Bold, presented by Teens Take Over San Jose](#)
April 5 | San Jose | Grades 6-12
- [Midnight Madness, presented by Teens Take Over Chico](#)
April 11-12 | Chico | Grades K-12
- [Paint an Animal Succulent Jar](#)
April 12 | San Jose | Grades K-12
- [Earth In Focus: Shapes in Nature](#)
April 19 | Hayward | Grades K-3
- [Redwood Coast Expedition: Trees, Tents, and Tails](#)
April 26 | Klamath | Grades K-12
- Charles Schwab Financial Literacy Workshops: [Save for Adventure](#) and [Financial Independence Workshop](#)
April 26 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Cirque Du Soleil Presents: ECHO](#)
April 27 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Period Empowerment: Menstrual Hygiene and Health Day](#)
April 27 | Alameda | Grades 4-12
- [Get Ready for the Capitol: Democracy Badge](#)
May 3 | San Jose | Grades 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 into next month:

- [Volunteer Appreciation Month](#) | April
- [Early Bird Renewal Starts](#) | April 1 | All Current Members
- Extended Year Membership | April 1 | Prospective Members
- [Mandatory LiveScan Fingerprinting](#) | Free until April 2025 | Volunteers

Have a question or need help?

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