

Troop News: March 2026



GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship - Apply Now!

If you earned your Gold Award as a high school senior or recent high school graduate, 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 14, 2026. Apply today!

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

We also invite you to attend our highest award events, including our [GSNorCal Gold and Silver Award Ceremony on June 13](#), to learn more and be inspired!

Check out all the highest award events out on [ActiveNet](#).

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Read our 2025 Impact Report!

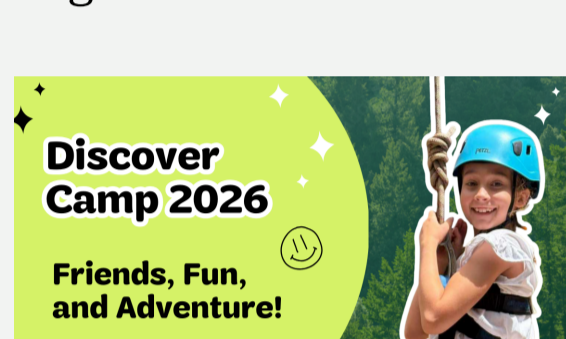
Check out our [2025 Impact Report](#) to read more about our accomplishments and future goals. All of this was made possible by the generous support of our families, volunteers, staff, and incredible donors. Thank you for standing with us to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make our world a better place.

Shop Announcements

Good news! We have expanded our Alameda Girl Scout Shop hours to be open Monday through Friday and the first Saturday of the month. Check out the [updated shop hours on our website](#).

Plus, all members of the Girl Scouts of Northern California are able to receive a limited time offer of 40% off at valid Columbia Bay Area employee stores from March 20 to April 12! For more details, [view the flyer](#).

Register for Summer Camp



Camp registration is open for all to register, and we invite you to check out the [2026 Camp Guide](#) to secure a spot this summer! Take a glimpse at what this camp season has to offer and register for camp today! Non-Girl Scouts are also invited to join us for a fun-filled camp season and financial aid is available. For everything camp related, visit our [camp website](#).

Happening Soon: Golden Gate Bridging

Event is April 25 | San Francisco

Can you believe we're about a month away from the iconic Golden Gate Bridging event on April 25? Now is a great time to sign up to join this event! In and outside of council Girl Scouts are invited to celebrate with us!

From crossing the iconic Golden Gate Bridge to supporting the celebration at Crissy Field, there are many ways for troops and volunteers to get involved:

- **Additional spots for adult chaperones are now available for Bridge & Field category**
If you are currently registered for the Field-only experience and would like to change your experience to the Bridge & Field experience*, you can make this change in your ActiveNet account. Please refer to the email you received from the program registration team that includes step-by-step instructions.
- **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. Register by April 10.
- **Volunteer with Us:**
Volunteers are needed to support participants, help with logistics, and assist with event operations throughout the day. Register by April 10.
- **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.

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

Entrepreneurship Updates

While we are wrapping up the Girl Scout Cookie Program, there is still so much to look forward to! Read below for more.

- **Risk Free Week Reminder**
For those who took advantage of the Risk Free Week during March 5-15, please make sure you return your unused cookies to [your local cupboard](#) by March 18.
- **Cookies to Castle Giveaway**
Girl Scouts who sold 150+ packages will be entered to win an all-inclusive family 4-pack to our GSNorCal Disneyland Trip! One winner will be notified week of March 23. Learn more at [gsHelpCenter](#).
- **Girl Scout Day at the San Francisco Zoo & Bridging**
Not only is this event a cookie program reward and an event open to all, but it's also a special bridging ceremony for Daisies and Brownies. Join in on the fun with animal encounters, swaps, and more! [Register by April 24](#).
- **Make Money Moves: Financial Literacy Workshops**
All levels are invited to learn everything about finances, earn financial literacy badges and more! [Register by April 24](#).
- **Cookie CEO: Pitch Program**
Learn how to write and deliver a business pitch to real corporate partners at this event for Cadettes and above! Plus, you can earn up to two Adventure Points. [Register by April 27](#).

Share Your Girl Scout Cookie Program Story

Have a memorable story from this year's Girl Scout Cookie Program? Perhaps it's a picture of your awesome Girl Scout Cookie booth set up, a memorable customer interaction, a savvy business tactic you learned or a special accomplishment during Girl Scout Cookie sales. Share your story with us via the [Share Your Story form](#).

Volunteer Screening Status Updates

Thank you, all Troop Leaders/SU Volunteers who've helped support screening compliance for troop participation — your support makes a meaningful difference for girls. Please continue to check your rosters in myGS and be aware of members who are not screened.*

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of every Girl Scout, we require all volunteers complete a mandatory fingerprint background check. This crucial step is fast, easy and currently free to all members! Please encourage volunteers who have not completed their screening yet to do so. Learn more at [gsHelpCenter](#).

*An individual pending screening or one who has been classified as not-screened (someone who has not completed the process within 90 days) may not: volunteer with a troop, manage troop funds, supervise Girl Scouts or be counted toward required supervision ratios. They may attend events, but may supervise only their own youth.

Partner Museum Programs

Did you know that the Girl Scouts can gain hands-on learning experiences and earn badges with the Girl Scout programs run by various local museum partners? Check the various programs at [The Tech Interactive Museum](#), the [Hiller Aviation Museum](#) and the [New Museum Los Gatos](#).

Upcoming Events

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

- [Crafting Our World Together by Teens Take Over \(TTO S.J.\)](#)
March 28 | San Jose | Grades 4-12
- [San Jose Barracuda Hockey](#)
- [San Jose Sharks Girl Scout Night](#)
April 4 | San Jose | Everyone
- [Midnight Madness by Teens Take Over \(TTO Chico\)](#)
April 10-11 | Chico | All Grades
- [Stanford Softball: Girl Scout Day](#)
April 12 | Stanford | Everyone
- [San Jose Dance Theatre: Dance Workshop](#)
April 19 | San Jose | Grades K-3
- [Mental Health & Self Care Day](#)
May 2 | Palo Alto | All Grades
- [Renaissance Faire](#)
May 3 | San Jose | All Grades
- [Stanford Baseball: Girl Scout Day](#)
May 10 | Stanford | Everyone
- [San Jose Dance Theatre Presents: Alice in Wonderland](#)
May 30 & 31 | San Jose | Everyone

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:

- [National Volunteer Appreciation Month](#) | April
- [Early Bird Renewal Starts](#) | April 1 | Current Members
- [Extended Year Membership](#) | April 1 | Prospective Members
- [Deadline to register for Golden Gate Bridging event](#) | April 10
- [GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Due](#) | April 14

Have a question or need help?

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