

## Troop News: May 2026



Ready for a summer of fun? Register for camp!

Imagine it's a perfect summer day in Northern California. You are out on a sparkling lake with your friends connecting with nature. Tomorrow you'll have the chance to try out archery, the ropes course, horseback riding, ceramics, performing arts, woodworking, or more! We invite you to join us for an unforgettable summer! [Check out our camp website](#) to see all the summer camp opportunities and register today!

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## Happy Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Heritage Month



May is Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage month! To honor this special month, we have an [AANHPI Fun Patch](#) designed for Girl Scouts of all levels. This is a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and learn about all the great contributions, experiences, and voices from the AANHPI community.

## Space to Breathe. Room to Grow.

This Mental Health Awareness Month, GSNorCal is raising funds to send more girls to camp this summer. At a time when 1 in 2 California high school girls reports symptoms of depression, camp gives girls something increasingly rare: a space to breathe in nature, real friendships, and freedom to be themselves. [Make a gift today](#), and [spread the word](#).

## Council and National Award Nominations

Nominate by June 30

Do you know a volunteer who goes above and beyond to support your service unit? Explore the [National & Council Awards Packet](#) to see if they're eligible and nominate them for recognition at our Council events this fall.

For support, connect with your Service Unit Team or Volunteer Support Manager to submit a nomination or endorsement. You can also refer to our [National and Council Awards gsHelpCenter article](#) for more.

## Early Bird Renewal Perks End Soon



Renewing your Girl Scout membership early has extra perks, so act quickly as it won't last long! Every youth member who renews during Early Bird qualifies for a patch. Girl Scout troops that reach 80% of youth members renewed by May 31 will earn an additional \$0.05 per box sold during the 2027 cookie season. Spread the word and [renew your membership now!](#)

## Girl Scouts Mental Wellness Patch Program

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to pause, reflect, and prioritize emotional well-being. Dive into our [Mental Wellness Patch Program](#) to discover free activities designed to help you understand your feelings, build resilience, and strengthen self-care habits. Remember: you're not alone, and caring for your mental health is an important part of every day.

## Upcoming Events

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

- [Taste Buds Kitchen Badge Programs](#)  
May 17-November 22 | San Jose & Palo Alto | Various Grades
- [Oakland Roots SC Girl Scout Nights](#)  
May 30 & August 15 | Oakland | Everyone
- [GSNorCal Gold and Silver Award Ceremony](#)  
June 13 | Campbell | Ages 11+
- [Golden State Valkyries Girl Scout Night](#)  
June 28 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [BroadwaySF Presents: Beauty and the Beast](#)  
July 15 & 25 | San Francisco | Everyone
- [Star Party Campout & Planetarium Visit](#)  
July 17 | Redding | Grades 6-12
- [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
- [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:

- [LGBTQ+ Pride Month](#) | June
- [National Outdoor Month](#) | June
- Juneteenth | June 19
- [Early Bird Membership Renewal Deadline](#) | June 30

## 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.