



Troop News: November 2023



The world of STEM is filled with endless opportunities for Girl Scouts, from exploring computer coding to space exploration to building next generation robotics. The new STEM Playbook offers ideas, guidance, and access to the resources and tools you need to grow your Girl Scouts' interest and skills in STEM. There are over 100 STEM badges and experiences available. So download your new STEM Playbook and discover how to help them build the future with STEM.

[DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

This issue includes lots of great opportunities for you and your troop as well as some updates and reminders. Read on for more!

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Alameda & San Jose Shop Updates

Our new Alameda shop opens and our San Jose shop begins extended hours on November 15! Both shops will be open Wednesdays from 11AM-7PM, Thursdays and Fridays from 10AM-5PM, and first Saturdays 10AM-2PM. (They will be closed for lunch breaks 1:30-2PM Wed-Fri).

Our shops will also be closed for holidays. For more information, check out our Shop page.

[SHOP PAGE](#)

Mandated Reporter Reminder

In compliance with California's AB506 law, all volunteers must complete child abuse and neglect mandatory reporter training every 2 years. Volunteers should complete this before beginning to volunteer with the troop or service unit.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Trip or High Adventure Reminder

Trips and high-adventure requests should be submitted a minimum of 7 days before your activity for local trips, 1-2 months for out of state trips, and 6-12 months for international trips. Email travel@gsnorcal.org with any questions about this process.

[ACCESS FORM](#)

Program Advisory Brunch

Our Program Team wants to hear from YOU! What program events have been your favorite and what activities are you most excited to see in the future? Join our team for a fancy brunch while we chat about plans for next year and we build our activity and events calendar together. Bring your brainstorm from your troop and Service Unit, all ideas are welcome!

[BRUNCH!](#)

Fun Winter Events

Join us at one of our winter-themed events for crafts, activities, and fun! Click the links to register.

- [Craftapalooza](#), San Jose, December 9
- [Winter Wonderland](#), Camp Bothin in Fairfax, December 10
- [California's Great America Winterfest](#)

Gather your troop and head over to California's Great America and experience the magic of ❄️🎪 WinterFest. Girl Scouts of Northern California families can enjoy \$26 discounted evening admission during select nights between Nov. 24 - Dec. 31. Don't forget to pick up your Girl Scout Day patch at Guest Services!

Earn your Brownie Hiker Badge at the Chabot Space & Science Center!

Did you know troops can earn the Brownie Hiker Badge at Oakland's Chabot Space & Science Center?! Book a 60-90-minute evening hike in the enchanted redwood forest on a Friday or Saturday evening. You'll learn about native plants, animals, trees, and the history of the forest. Upon return you'll enjoy telescope viewing at our historical observatories. Be sure to check out other unique programs like the Odyssey Overnights for all levels!

[BOOK NOW](#)

Cadette Comic Artist at the Charles M. Schulz Museum

Earn your Cadette Comic Artist badge on Saturday, Dec. 2 in this special hands-on workshop at the Schulz Museum! Museum staff will teach you how to develop stories and characters and create a four-panel comic strip from beginning to end. Girl Scouts can attend in person at the Museum, or online.

[COMIC ARTIST](#)

Events to Celebrate Valentine's Day!

Galentine's Sleepover

Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Barbies are invited to join us for the Galentine's Sleepover of your dreams. We will be doing some crafting before kicking off our evening slumber party complete with manicures, face masks, and a PG-13 movie.

[SIGN UP](#)

Valentine's for Veterans

Join your Girl Scout friends to let your creativity soar while we create Valentine's card for Veterans and loved ones. We will have abundant craft supplies for you to decorate as many cards as you like. At the end of our program you can choose which cards you would like us to donate to local Veterans' homes.

[CRAFT AWAY](#)

Valentine's Party

Are you ready to party? Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes are invited to join us for a Valentine's soiree! We will have music to dance the night away and fun Valentine's themed snacks to enjoy throughout the party. Not to mention there will be crafts you can take home and games to play with friends. This is a party you don't want to miss!

[PARTY](#)

Don't Forget: Get Your Glow-in-the-Dark Patches!

Complete the Opt-In, Update, and Grow Your Troop form and add new members to your troop to earn the exclusive glow-in-the-dark patch! If you've already completed the form, make sure to add new members to your troop by February!

[GET YOUR GLOW ON](#)

Have a question or need help?

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