girl scouts of northern california

Troop News: November 2025

Guess what? Golden Gate Bridging is back in 2026 and better than ever! Act soon, as Girl Scouts of Northern California members get exclusive early registration until November 16. After this exclusive council-only registration date, registration will be extended to all non-council members. Secure your spot for this highly anticipated event of the year!

On April 25, 2026, this event will take place in San Francisco. It's a celebration of Juniors ceremonially moving up to Cadette with an unforgettable walk across the iconic Golden Gate Bridge. All current Girl Scouts bridging to Cadette are invited to join this special milestone together, and if you missed bridging between 2020 and 2025, now's your chance to be part of the celebration! This day is all about fun, friendship, and marking a new chapter in every Girl Scout's journey. Plus, the excitement continues with a festive party, activities, and lunch waiting for everyone after the bridge. Don't miss out and register for your spot before it's gone!

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Discoveree

Registration Opens December 3
January 24 | Hayward | Adult Volunteers
Are you an adult volunteer who is ready to learn new skills? Join us at Discoveree, a one-day learning event for all Girl Scout volunteers. You'll learn a mixture of training, skills, and crafts that will enrich your troop's Girl Scout experience. This event is run by volunteers, for volunteers! Explore the Discoveree catalog of events and learn more on the Discoveree website.

Service Unit Delegate Self-Nominations Are Open

Nominations/self-nominations close November 30
Nominate yourself, other Girl Scouts, or volunteers to be a service unit delegate. As a delegate, you'll attend our Annual Meeting to represent your SU, share ideas, vote on important matters, and influence our council's strategy.

Lead The Way (South Bay)

Early Bird Registration Open Until December 12
January 30 - February 1 | Milpitas | Grades 9-12
Ready to grow your confidence and leadership skills? Join us for the Lead the Way for Girl Scouts! Get empowered to build communication and leadership skills through interactive workshops, recreation, and meaningful discussions. From Friday's fun activities to Saturday's inspiring keynote dinner and Sunday's celebration of youth leaders, this is an experience you won't want to miss. Special Early Bird pricing ends soon, so register today!

Girl Scout Cookie Program Updates

Girl Scout Troop cookie materials should be landing in mailboxes soon so keep your eyes peeled! Troops without a Troop Cookie Chair, materials have been sent out to Troop Leaders. Troop Cookie Chair Training will be live December 1 in gsLearn.

Live Performances to Watch

Some amazing shows are collaborating with the Girl Scouts to bring you special perks like exclusive behind-the-scenes access, patches and unforgettable experiences. Get ready for unique opportunities that celebrate creativity, teamwork, and the adventure of trying something new.

- Cirque du Soleil ECHO
  December 7 | San Francisco | Everyone
  All Girl Scouts receive a fun patch. Post-show talk included in the late afternoon show.
- San Jose Dance Theatre's Nutcracker
  December 13-14 & 20-21 | San Jose | Everyone
  All Girl Scouts receive a fun patch. First weekend includes backstage tour.

Explore the World with Girl Scout Destinations!

Girl Scout Destinations are once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences designed just for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors (ages 11+). Whether you're trekking through national parks or exploring cultures abroad, these council- and partner-led trips empower girls to grow, gain independence, and see the world from a new perspective.

Financial assistance is available through GSNorCal, but don't wait! Destination applications remain open on a rolling basis until the trip is listed as "closed" on the website.

Volunteers Needed for the Program Department

The program department is in need of volunteers for some of our programs! We're looking for crafting leads or general help at the Renaissance Faire that will take place in San Jose on May 3, 2026. If you'd like to help, please reach out to mhash@gsnorcal.org.

Upcoming Events

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

- Stanford Volleyball: Girl Scout Day
  November 16 | Stanford | Everyone
- New Museum Los Gatos: Girl Scouts Badge Program
  November 16 & December 13 | Los Gatos | Grades 2-5
- Santa Clara University Volleyball Game
  November 22 | Santa Clara | All Grades
- New Troop Leader Training Webinar
  December 3 | Virtual | Troop Leaders
- Girl Scout Night Out: Y2K Party
  December 5 | Alameda | Grades 6-12
- Snowflakes & Stuffies
  December 6 | Palo Alto | Grades K-3
- The Tech Interactive Museum Programs
  December 14 & January 17 | San Jose | Grades K-8
- Charles M. Schulz Museum: Art and Adventure Brownie Sleepover
  January 31 | Santa Rosa | Grades 2-3

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 ahead:

- Giving Tuesday | December 2
- Discoveree: Registration Opens | December 3 at 7:00 am
- National Cookie Day | December 4
- Lead The Way: Early Bird Registration Ends | December 12
- Hanukkah | December 14 - 22
- Christmas | December 25
- Kwanzaa | December 26 - January 1
- New Year's Eve | December 31

Have a question or need help?

Check out our gsHelpCenter with articles and resources for volunteers and members.