

Troop News: September 2026



The Annual Program Guide is Here!

The moment you've been waiting for is here! Our Annual Program Guide is available! With hundreds of activities and events for you to choose from, the Annual Program Guide makes it easy to discover all the ways to learn, connect, explore, and grow your Girl Scout experience. **Plus, there's a special retail store coupon inside!**

Start planning an unforgettable Girl Scout year by checking out the [digital guide](#). You can also pick up a physical copy at your [nearest GSNorCal office](#)!

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Volunteer Recognition Events

Various events September-November | Everyone

Join us as we celebrate this year's GSUSA and GSNorCal volunteer award recipients with cheers, treats, and heartfelt appreciation! It's our chance to give a BIG thank-you for the time and effort they pour into our Girl Scout community. [Find an event near you!](#)

Troop Leadership Support Sessions

Every first Wednesday | Virtual | Troop Leadership Roles

Whether you're brand new to Troop Leadership, taking over an existing troop, or have been leading for years, our monthly [Troop Leadership Support Sessions](#) are a place to get support when you need it. These sessions are a chance to ask questions, get timely tips and helpful reminders, connect with other volunteers, and share ideas and resources you can use with your troop.

Fall Product Program Starts This Month

September 28–October 25

Get ready to explore! This year's Fall Product Program kicks off September 28 and runs through October 25, featuring the theme, *Ready to Explore*, and a new mascot, the kangaroo! Rewards submissions are due October 26. Fall Product Program is a great first step for Girl Scouts building skills they'll carry right into cookie season. Training opportunities are available to help volunteers hit the ground running! [Learn more in gsHelpCenter](#).



Cookie Program News & Reminders

- **New 2027 Cookie Lineup, Including Two New Flavors!**
Get ready to add some new favorites to the mix: Patch Pals™, our first-ever cookie made just for dogs, and Girl Scout Sparkables™, our first allergy-friendly cookie. Both will be available exclusively online for direct shipping during the 2027 season, **January 11–March 21, 2027**. Learn more about the new lineup at ilovecookies.org.
- **Roster Troop Cookie Chairs by October 15**
If you're planning to support your troop as a Troop Cookie Chair, check your [myGS account](#) to make sure you're rostered properly in this role by **October 15, 2026** to receive access to your required training in December. If you need additional support getting properly rostered, [complete this form](#) by the deadline.

Golden Gate Bridging: Registration Opens October 1

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Golden Gate Bridging is back! Join Girl Scouts from across the council and beyond on Saturday, May 1, 2027, for a special day celebrating achievements, leadership, and the next step in every Girl Scout's journey. Get ready for an unforgettable day of bridging, activities, connection, and celebration at this milestone event! Learn more about Golden Gate Bridging 2027, how to register, and what to expect on [our website](#).



Youth Board Participant Applications Open Soon

Applications open October 1 | Grades 9-11

Each year, Girl Scouts of Northern California appoints two Youth Board Participants to serve on our Board of Directors. This is an excellent opportunity to take part in council governance, advocate for their peers, and see first-hand how an organization is run. Learn more about how to be involved on [gsHelpCenter](#).

Ignite & Inspire

Register by October 31 | Oakland | Grades 4-12 & Adults

November 14 is our second [Ignite & Inspire](#) event! We invite you to join us for an unforgettable event honoring the leadership, creativity, and impact of Girl Scouts. Celebrate older Girl Scouting through fun activities and a special ceremony recognizing Bronze and Silver Girl Scouts. There will also be a silent auction for adult participants. All are invited to support the next generation who are making a real change in their communities and beyond.

A Note About the Use of Artificial Intelligence

AI-generated artwork is not allowed for council-run events and is strongly discouraged for troop and service unit materials. It doesn't resonate with youth and families, and it gets brand details wrong. Using AI to brainstorm is fine, but never let it create or alter any Girl Scout brand element, including the logo, trefoil, uniforms, insignia, or fonts. Add those yourself using official assets from our brand center, and follow GSUSA color standards. Better yet, use real photos of your troop in action (with photo permissions on file). Real girls doing real things always beat generated artwork! Learn more in our [brand center](#).

Committees for Girl Scouts to Join

Girl Scouts can participate in various committees where they gain experience in leadership, planning Girl Scout events, and more! Check out some of the committees that are available:

- [Teens Take Over Committees - Various Locations](#)
Multiple dates in September | Grades 6-12
Join a community of older Girl Scouts and supportive adults to plan and host engaging events for Girl Scouts.
- [Lead the Way Committee - South Bay](#)
Register by November 1 | Grades 9-12
Help plan the 2027 Lead the Way Conference in the South Bay from start to finish, coordinate activities and recruit professional presenters.

Upcoming Events

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

- [One Council, One Mission Patch Program](#)
Ongoing–September 2027 | At-home | All Grades
- [Silver & Gold Award Project Development Work Sessions](#)
Various dates in October | Chico, Palo Alto & San Jose | Grades 6-12
- [Flood the Food Banks](#)
October 1–December 1 | At-home | Everyone
- [Business Jumpstart Badge Workshop](#)
October 3 | Concord | Grades 4-5
- [California Historical Radio Society Badge Programs](#)
October 3 & various dates | Alameda | Grades K-10
- [New Museum Los Gatos - Junior Art & Design Badge](#)
October 4 & various dates | Los Gatos | Grades 4-5
- [Be a Friend Fest - Disability Awareness Fair](#)
October 10 | Palo Alto | Grades 2-5
- [International Day of the Girl 2026](#)
October 11 | Palo Alto | Grades 6-12
- [Trunk or Treat](#)
October 24 | San Jose | All Grades
- [The Tech Interactive Museum](#)
November 1 & other various dates | Grades 2-8
- [NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet](#)
Various dates in November & December | Hayward, Redding, San Jose & Santa Rosa | Everyone

Ready for more events? Visit our [events page](#). We have a variety of events for members and non-members to enjoy!

Looking Forward

A sneak peek ahead:

- [New Girl Scout Membership Year](#) | October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027
- [International Day of the Girl](#) | October 11
- [Fall Product Program Ends](#) | October 25
- [Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday](#) | October 31

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.