Songs and S'Mores

Camp Scherman is the perfect place for Girl Scouts to enjoy all the songs and s'mores they can handle in a weekend at camp. Sing your way through a day full of fun activities and enjoy a smores'gasbord of delicious s'mores.



Learn More!

Gold Award Project Proposal Support Meeting

Girl Scouts (and adults: Volunteers, Project Advisors, and Parents/Caregivers welcome) meet with a member of the Girl Scout Gold Award Support Team prior to submitting the Project Proposal using <u>GoGold</u> and participating in a required council interview. This is a great way for a Girl Scout to prepare for the interview where they will have the opportunity to pitch their proposed plan to request approval for their Gold Award Take Action Project.

Halloween Spooktacular

This October, Girl Scouts and the Culbertson Kingdom Literary Universe are teaming up for a Halloween and Founder's Day Spooktacular. Includes Halloween fun, activities tied to Girl Scout values, a special patch, plus a signed copy of PART 1 in Geanna's new release <u>HALLOWED</u> and Costume contest too! So dress to the nines (or tens to go the extra mile).

STEM Expo 2025

Juniors and Cadettes, get ready for the 10th Annual STEM Expo - our biggest and most thrilling celebration yet! This milestone year brings even more mind-blowing STEM adventures, now at the exciting OC Fairgrounds! Dive into hands-on discovery with interactive booths, captivating showcases, live experiments, and surprise presentations that will spark your curiosity. Explore the wonders of robotics, animal sciences, astronomy, engineering, and more. Early Bird pricing available until 9/25!

Year of Service: Operation Happy Holiday!

Girl Scouts from Troop 4651 Liesel Blau and Mia Graham started Operation Happy Holidays in 2016 to make cards for senior citizens living in skilled nursing facilities who might not get any other gifts for the holidays. Partnering with Smilemakers, a company who delivers gifts to over 6,000 seniors, it is our goal to accompany each gift with a handmade card. But that's a lot of cards, so we need your help!





Juliette Journal



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Girls Weekend at Camp!



Camp Scherman is the perfect place for a weekend getaway to have fun and discover the outdoors with a special person - whether it's moms, grandmas, aunts, or any other special gal! This unique experience allows you to create lasting memories while strengthening your bond.

Let's Talk Travel!

Traveling with Girl Scouts builds leadership and life skills while providing the chance to explore new cultures, gain independence, and form lifelong friendships. In this session, you'll learn how to set and achieve travel goals, understand progression and safety, explore both group and individual travel opportunities, and fund your adventures through product programs. Plus, meet the dedicated Global Action Team volunteers behind the Travel Patrol, hear inspiring stories from Girl Scouts who have traveled near and far, and get your questions answered in a live Q&A session.



Travel Patrol

Host Year of Service!



Want to share your Award Project? Reach out to ahillstrom@girlscoutsoc.org to get involved. It's a great way to earn community service or award hours!

Email an idea for a topic and activity, choose event speakers, or suggest a Girl Scout awardee and agency. We'd love to support your hard work!

Robot Building with Child Creativity Lab

In this challenge with Child Creativity Lab, Girl Scouts will will design a robot that serves a function or a purpose – stretching their imaginations and practicing their creativity. Girl Scouts will learn about upcycling, STEM, and design while creating a robot of their very own!







News to Note

August 2025



<u>Leadership Awards</u>

Journeys will officially be retired on October 1, 2026, to make way for an exciting new leadership exploration path: the Leadership Awards. These awards offer more flexible, interest-based ways for Girl Scouts to build their leadership skills—whether they're leading themselves, their team, or their community.

Want to know more? Check out our new Leadership Awards.



Personal Leadership

For Girl Scout Juniors dettes, Seniors, and





Leadership

For Girl Scout



Teaching Awards

For Girl Scout Juniors ettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors,



Advocacy Awards

lettes, Seniors, a Ambassadors,



Girl Scouts Love State Parks

By heading out to explore your local state parks during this year's Girls Scouts Love State Parks Weekend! Every year, on the second weekend of September, you can participate in self-guided tours, family hikes, watersports, stargazing, and more, all while fostering a clean environment for everyone to enjoy with Pick Up America.

Learn More!

Beyond the Reflection: Save the Date!

Girl Scouts of Orange County is excited to partner with Dr. Usha Ganesan again to offer body appreciation workshops for our membership! Dr. Ganesan's pediatric practice specializes in the treatment of eating disorders. These workshops are online, fast paced, impactful, and include the new badges! Registration coming soon based on level.

All Bodies are Good Bodies: Daisies and Brownies Thursday 10/16/2025 My Body is Powerful: Juniors Tuesday 10/21/2025 Honoring Mind, Body, and Health: Cadettes Tuesday 11/4/2025 Finding your Authentic Beauty: Seniors & **Ambassadors**

Thursday 11/6/2025



NEW Body Appreciation Badges!

The new Body Appreciation badge line is designed to transform the way girls think about their bodies. Through fun, age-appropriate, and progressive activities, Girl Scouts build confidence, practice selfcare, and develop healthy habits that support both physical and emotional well-being. Along the way, they'll explore how to set healthy boundaries and respond thoughtfully to pressures from society, media, and peers—all while learning how to lift others up and create a culture of kindness and respect.



Learn More!







Level Spotlight



DAISY

Cookie Decorating: Wicked September 21st, 2025 Master a new culinary skill and make tasty art! Learn how to decorate the most delicious, Wicked sugar cookies with easy step-by-step instruction led by a cookie decorating expert.

Patch included!



BROWNIE

<u>Girl Scouts Love State Parks:</u>
<u>Bolsa Chica</u>
September 19th - 21st, 2025

Join us for a full day of family-friendly fun, discovery, and outdoor adventure as we celebrate Girl Scouts Love State Parks at Bolsa Chica State Beach and Bolsa Chica Wetlands!



JUNIOR

<u>Paddleboat Workshop</u> September 9th, 2025 Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop hosted by Child Creativity Lab! Juniors will use upcycled materials to design and build a paddleboat, applying the Design Thinking Process to tackle real engineering challenges and fulfill their Mechanical Design Challenge badge requirements.



CADETTE

Heroes and Villains
October 17-19th, 2025

Girl Scout Cadette-O-Rama is our annual outdoor skills weekend camping event for Cadette Girl Scouts. Celebrate your favorite Heroes and Villains at a fun filled weekend with outdoor skill-building and themed fun events.



SENIOR

You GLOW Girl Scout September 27th, 2025 A Maker Night is your chance to dive into creativity and innovation at the Makerspace with all the tools and support you need from our amazing STEM Patrol Volunteers. We invite you to a glow-in-the-dark themed Maker Night. Use your imagination to light up the night and create some illumination magic!



AMBASSADOR

<u>GS Advocates: Youth Advocacy</u> <u>Certificate Series</u> September 1st, 2025 GS Advocates is a vibrant and inclusive alliance for teenage Girl Scouts who are passionate about advocacy, community engagement, and making a difference. The mission is to empower young women to tackle critical community issues, like environmental sustainability, mental wellness, and career exploration, all while ensuring every member feels included.

Featured Juliette

If your Juliette would like to be featured in the newsletter, let us know! Share an exciting event she was a part of, her Award project, whatever you'd like! Email Annabel at ahillstrom@girlscoutsoc.org
with a photo and brief description.





^{**} some events open to multiple levels, check out the link for more info!