



Stay in the Know on All Things GSOC!

Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) and share all the amazing things your Girl Scouts are doing by tagging us @girlscoutsoc.

GSOC will be closed Monday Monday, February 19th, for President's Day.

RENEW EVENTS TRAINING



Member News

February 2024

Message from Vikki

Happy Valentine's Day, Girl Scout family! This is the week we celebrate love. I hope you know how much you are deeply cared for. You are the heartbeat of our organization—the reason we do what we do.

Girl bosses are out in full force right now, taking part in the Girl Scout cookie program. Booth cookie sales started on Friday. We hope you're having fun learning how to run your very own business and honing important leadership and entrepreneurial skills. We are here to [support you!](#)

We've got lots of fabulous [activities and experiences](#) coming up that only Girl Scouts can provide. Just in time to celebrate National Engineers Week, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts who LOVE rockets can enjoy out-of-this-world fun with [Rockin' Rockets](#) event (Feb. 21st and Feb. 24th). Participants get a model rocket kit to build at home and see lift-off at STARBASE Los Alamitos at the Joint Forces Training Base. Registration closes on Friday at midnight.

Join us for [Girl Scout Night](#) at Angel Stadium on April 6, 2024. We're planning an amazing pre-game ceremony. Girl Scouts who purchase game tickets can be part of the Troop Banner Parade! Tickets are on sale now.

Mark your calendars. GSOC's 2nd Annual [Trefoil Trot 5K Walk](#) is happening Sunday, April 14th at Wild Rivers in Irvine. This 5K fun walk is for our entire community—troops, family, friends, and supporters. I love seeing some of the friendly competition out there and can't wait to see who helps us raise the most money this year!

Lastly, a huge thank you to the 154 Girl Scouts who participated in January's Nurdle Patrol Beach Cleanup... in the rain. They scoured the sand at Bolsa Chica State Beach picking up the small pieces of plastic preventing the trash from polluting our ocean. This activity was the perfect collaboration between STEM and Life Skills.

2024 is off to a great start!

Yours in Girl Scouting,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vikki Shepp'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Vikki Shepp, EdD
CEO, Girl Scouts of Orange County

News From the Council

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Celebrate Black History Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



Celebrate Black History Month – February

Level: **All**

February is Black History Month, where we honor the incredible contributions, the Black and African American communities have made throughout U.S. history — from civil rights leaders to artists, politicians to inventors. Take this opportunity to learn more about the community's central role in U.S. history and the world. We've got plenty of activities to choose from, so you can make new discoveries and have tons of fun while earning your patch.

[LEARN MORE & EARN A PATCH](#)

O.C. Girl Scout Week | March 10-16th, 2024

<p>3/10 "STEM Sundae" Girl Scout Sunday</p> 	 <p>3/11 Make New Friends Monday</p>	<p>3/12 Girl Scout 112th Birthday & Take Action Tuesday</p> 	 <p>3/13 We Love Girl Scouts Wednesday</p>
 <p>3/14 Throwback Thursday</p>	<p>3/15 Green Out for Girl Scouts & Girl Scout Jummah</p> 	 <p>3/16 Civics Saturday & Girl Scout Shabbat</p>	<p>Don't Forget To Tag Us @girlscoutsoc</p> 

OC Girl Scout Week – March 10-16th, 2024

All OC girls, adults, and alumni are invited to share their Girl Scout spirit to celebrate Girl Scout Week from Sunday, March 10th to Sunday, March 16th with sister Girl Scouts in Orange County and beyond! Check out these fun and easy ways you, your family and friends, and your troop and service unit can celebrate all week long!

Girl Scouts Week is also a great time to celebrate Girl Scouts and faith. Visit the GSOC [Faith](#) page to get started planning now with faith leaders in your community. GSOC provides resources for girls and adults to plan, promote, and host faith events. Girl Scouts are encouraged to earn My Promise, My Faith Awards, plan events to connect with faith communities, and celebrate faith on Girl Scout Sunday, Jummah and/or Shabbat during Girl Scout Week and throughout the year! View the [Faith Program Toolkit and Girl Scout Week 2024 Faith Days flyer](#), get the [Faith Program Toolkit](#), and celebrate and connect faith and Girl Scout activities this March and anytime throughout the year!

Share what you're doing each day of Girl Scout Week! Remember to tag us on Facebook and Instagram! You could be featured on our social media. Tag @girlscoutsoc and use hashtags #GirlScoutsOC and #GirlScoutWeek



LEARN MORE

Register Today! GSOC Trefoil Trot 5K Walk – April 14, 2024

Level: All

We're so excited to be hosting our second annual community walk. Join us for a 5K walk with your troop, family, or friends, while enjoying the spirit of Girl Scouts and community.

Funds raised will support Girl Scouts of Orange County, ensuring that every girl can be a Girl Scout, regardless of socio-economic barriers. Together, we can champion girl ambition and build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place!

For questions please contact fund.dev@girlscoutsoc.org.

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2024 GSOC Poetry Webzine – Entries Due by March 31, 2024

Level: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

In honor of National Poetry Month in April, GSOC invites our Girl Scouts to submit an original poem to be included in our [2nd Annual Poetry Webzine](#)! Each Girl Scout is permitted to submit one original poem which can also be illustrated.

See [Poetry Submission Guidelines](#) for details.

One original entry per Girl Scout. Parent permission required.

SUBMISSION FORM

GSOC Board of Directors Girl Advisory Members

Level: Senior, Ambassadors

Applications due annually on February 15, 2023

Girl Scouts in grades 9-11 apply to serve as a [Girl Advisory Member](#) for the GSOC Board of Directors! This is an exciting leadership opportunity for girls who are interested in planning for the future of Girl Scouting and have the time to prepare for and participate in approximately 12 meetings/events per year. Contact [Customer Care](#) to request an application.

Check Out New and Updated Scholarships

SoCalGas Scholarship Program - Deadline is March 19, 2024

The SoCalGas Scholarship Program encourages students to pursue higher education and supports their academic endeavors. Up to \$315,000 will be awarded to high school seniors attending four-year university, community college or trade school. [Learn more.](#)

Taco Bell Ambition Accelerator - Deadline is March 19, 2024

Taco Bell Foundation's Ambition Accelerator aims to fuel the next generation's bold ambitions for creating change. Youth ages 16-26 with an idea to impact your community for the better or an already established social impact initiative can apply and win total cash prizes up to \$25,000. Applications will be accepted until March 14 (US) and March 15 (India), 2024! [Learn more.](#)

[MORE SCHOLARSHIPS](#)

[News From GSUSA](#)

Calling all Gold Award Girl Scouts:



Get ready to apply
for a **\$5,000**
scholarship!

Now that you've earned the Gold Award—the highest award in Girl Scouting—did you know that you can apply for a \$5,000 scholarship? The GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship will be awarded to one remarkable Girl Scout per council who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and sustainable impact while addressing a national or global issue—and you could be the one!

Apply between March 15 - April 17, 2024, for the GSUSA Gold Award Scholarship Program.

[LEARN MORE](#)

World Thinking Day 2024 – Open Up Their World

Every year, Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from over 150 countries around the world join together to celebrate a beloved annual tradition, World Thinking Day. This year's theme "Our World, Our Thriving Future: The environment and global poverty" explores how these issues are especially challenging for girls and women, both at home and around the world.

Your Girl Scout Troop doesn't need to wait until February 22 to start earning their awards. They can download their FREE activity guides today and begin their journey to making a better future!

[GET ACTIVITY](#)

Virtual, Flexible Community Service Hours Available for Girl Scouts

The Library of Congress is seeking virtual Girl Scout volunteers to help transcribe materials to make them searchable and accessible for all. Girls can work on their own flexible schedule either making original transcriptions or peer reviewing the transcriptions of others.

[LEARN MORE & SIGN UP](#)

Girl Scout Program Opportunities

2024 Juliette Cookie Series Opt In – January - March 6

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Arts Patrol Meeting – February 13

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Girl Scout Nights With the Anaheim Ducks – Games Nights February 9 through March 24

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Jewelry Workshop – February 20 & March 26

Level: **Junior**, **Cadette**, **Senior**, **Ambassador**, Volunteers

[Learn more & Register](#)

Rockin' Rockets – February 21 - February 24

Level: **Junior**, **Cadette**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Junior Mechanical Engineering Workshop with Dreams for Schools – February 22

Level: **Junior**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Year of Service: Letters Against Isolation – February 29

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Community Clean Up – March 2

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Gold Award Project Proposal Support Meetings – March 3 - October 6

Level: **Senior, Ambassadors**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Honor HERstory: Celebrate International Women’s Day with Girl Scouts
At Knott's Berry Farm – March 9

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Comic Artist Badge – March 10

Level: **Cadette, Adult**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Diocesan Mass & Awards Reception – March 16

Level: **Cadette, Senior, Ambassador**

Celebrate Mass with Girl Scout sisters across Orange County! Submit the [Diocesan Mass & Awards Reception Interest Form](#) to share interest in specific roles.

[Learn more & Register](#)

Year of Service: Little Free Library – March 28

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Tidepool Exploration with OC Habitats – April 4 & April 6

Level: **Junior**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Horizon Junior Jam – April 5 - 7

Level: **Junior**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Girl Scout Night at Angel Stadium, Baseball & GSOC Parade – April 6

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Daisy Shapes in Nature Badge – April 7

Level: **Daisy & Adult**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Silk Jewelry – April 7

Level: **Brownie, Junior**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Arts Patrol Meeting – April 9

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

San Francisco Travel Patrol – April 12 - 14

Level: **Junior, Cadette**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Trefoil Trot – April 14

Level: **Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, Adult**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Junior Mechanical Engineering Workshop with Dreams for Schools –
April 16

Level: **Junior**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Year of Service: Block The Blaze – April 25

Level: **All**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Girl Scout Bridging at Disneyland Resort® – April 27

Level: **All Bridging Level**

[Learn more & Register](#)

Daisy Petal Program: Use Resources Wisely – April 27

Level: [Daisy & Adult](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

Art of Feelings – April 28

Level: [Brownie](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

Destination Dash – May 15

Level: Adults and [All Girl Scout Levels](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

Dreams To Reality - Career Exploration & Inspiration Event – June 1

Level: [Cadette](#), [Senior](#), [Ambassador](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

Presidential Inauguration Travel Patrol – January 17 - 21, 2025

Level: [Cadette](#), [Senior](#), [Ambassador](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

Savannah, GA Travel Patrol for World Thinking Day – February 21-25, 2025

Level: [7th Grade Cadette](#), [Senior](#), [Ambassador](#)

[Learn more & Register](#)

[EVENT CALENDAR](#)

Entrepreneurship – Girl Scout Product Program

Girl Scout Cookie Weekend Direct Ship Promo!

Celebrate National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend with \$5 off shipping on orders of 9 or more packages (excludes cookie donations).

- Promo begins 2/16/24 and runs through 10 PM on 2/19/24.
- Shipping will cost customers the applicable shipping fee less \$5.00.
- Emails through digital cookie starting on 2/16/24 will advertise the promotion.

Product Program Website

The Product Program website contains many resources for girls and their guardians, troops, and service units. You can find resources on how to get started in the cookie program, booth sales, contests, cookie share, Digital Cookie, latest and past versions of the Cookie News, and much more. Stay current with all thing's cookies by visiting the product program website frequently!

[LEARN MORE](#)

Nominate a Troop for the MYFM \$5000 Cookie Buy

The Valentine In The Morning \$5,000 Girl Scout Cookie Buy is back! Nominate your troop and then rally your supporters to VOTE! The troop with the most votes will receive a \$5,000 cookie order.

All the cookies purchased will be donated to The USO at LAX, strengthening the well-being of the people serving in America's military and their families.

Contest Timeline:

Nominations: Monday 2/12 6:00 AM – Wednesday 2/21 10:00 AM Voting:
Friday 2/23 6:00 AM – Thursday 2/29 11:59 PM Winner announced
Friday 3/1 with Valentine in the Morning

[ENTER NOW](#)

Camping & Outdoor Adventures

Save the Date! Catalina Island Weekend Camp – September 13 - 15
More information and registration coming soon

Camping Skillz Events – March
Level: [Daisy](#), [Brownie](#), [Junior](#), [Cadette](#)
Location: O’Neill Regional Park
Learn outdoor camping skills!

YES! You can bring SWAPS to pass around.

Register today!

[Daisy/Brownie Skillz Event](#) – March 24

[Junior/Cadette Skillz Event](#) – March 22 - 24

2023 Explore Summer Camp – Adventure Begins Here

Summer is coming and Camp is waiting for you.

Camp has something for everyone. Summer Sleepaway Camp at Camp Scherman is an enriching outdoor experience for Girl Scouts in grades 2 - 12.

Session 1: July 1 - 5, 2024

[Artrageous](#)

[Axes Knives and Arrows](#)

[Brownie Blast; Fairies and Friend](#)

[Camper Explorer](#)

[Camper Sampler](#)

[LEAP I](#)

[Swim Paddle Play](#)

Sessions are starting to fill up - Don't miss out.

[EXPLORE CAMP](#)

SU Weekend Camps

Interested in hosting an all inclusive Service Unit weekend camp at Camp Scherman? Fill out the emailme form for more information.



FILL OUT FORM

2024 Weekend Camps – Registration is Open

Registration is now open for 2024 Camp Scherman weekend camps. Enjoy the magic of Camp Scherman as troop, or family. At Camp Scherman, all campers get to try their hand at favorite camp activities, which may include archery, canoeing, hiking, songs and games, and low ropes, led by trained camp staff. Excitement is waiting just for you!

VIEW WEEKEND CAMPS

GAM 2024 – May 3 - 5, 2024

Level: [Senior](#), [Ambassador](#)

From sailing and canoeing to knot tying and flag folding, this annual volunteer-led event provides Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors opportunities to have fun and build their nautical skills.

REGISTER TODAY

Calling All Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors!

Girl Scout Mariners are looking for you.

Level: [Cadette](#), [Senior](#), [Ambassador](#)

Meetings: 2nd Sunday of the month, 3:00 - 5:00 PM

To attend planning meetings, please contact gsocmariners@gmail.com.

Activities Include: All things related to water! Boating, land skills (knots, code flags, compass), marine science & conservation, field trips, overnights, and more! No troop leader involvement is required. Join on your own or with a friend! [Learn more](#).

GSOC Shop

Come Celebrate
Valentine's Day with
Girl Scouts of Orange County!

Take 14% off your Purchase!



Celebrate Valentine's Day with US and Get 14% Off Your Purchase!

Stock up on Cookie Essentials and other gift finds for your loved ones.

Promotion excludes sale items and other discounts. Please ask our retail team for more information.

Discount Only Available In-Store on February 14, 2024.

Prices do not include sales tax. All sales for cookie merchandise are final, no returns or exchanges. Kits and items are available while supplies last.

Upcoming Closures

The GSOC Shop will be closed on
Monday, February 19th, for President's Day

Thank you for your patience and understanding.
If you have any additional questions, please email us at
shopgs@girlscoutsoc.org or call 949-461-8802.

Your purchase supports our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Upcoming Meetings & Trainings

[Girl Scout Essentials for New Leader](#): Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Brownie Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Junior Essentials Training](#): Thursday, February 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Senior/Ambassador Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

[Daisy Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Girl Scout Essentials for New Leader](#): Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Analytics for All!](#): Thursday, March 14, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

[Brownie Essentials Training](#): Thursday, March 14, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities

GSOC Job Opportunities

We are currently accepting applications for multiple positions; please review all open job positions.

[View All Job Opportunities](#)

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Facilitators Needed

We are in search of new facilitators for GSOC learning opportunities. If interested, please fill out this [brief survey](#).

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



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