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RENEW EVENTS TRAINING



# Volunteer News

September 11, 2023

News From the Council



**New!** Apply to Be a GSUSA Delegate to the Commission on the

## Status of Women (CSW) – Apply by September 30, 2023

Wow! Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) has been selected as one of only four councils nationwide to offer this exciting opportunity!

GSOC Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (currently in grades 9 - 12) can apply to serve as delegates representing GSUSA/GSOC at the United Nations Women's events at the UN conferences in New York!

Learn more and apply for this historic opportunity! Applications due September 30, 2023 and in-person interviews will be scheduled in early October.

Questions? Contact: [customercare@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsoc.org).

**APPLY TODAY**

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## Back to School & Back to Troop!

All girls and adults participating in Girl Scouts this year must be properly registered as Members for 2023-2024. Double-check your troop roster and make sure everyone is renewed by September 30th.

**RENEW TODAY**

For renewal instructions, watch our [tutorial video](#).

For renewal assistance, reach out to [customercare@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:customercare@girlscoutsoc.org).

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## Hello Leaders!

We are excited about the new membership year starting October 2023. We would like to remind you of a few requirements to complete by September 30, 2023 to start off the New Membership Year successfully:

1. Renew your membership before September 30, 2023.
2. Complete Mandated Reporter training, upload a certificate in gsLearn, or register for training on the calendar. This is required by law to be a volunteer with Girl Scouts of Orange County.
3. Arrange for Fingerprinting. This is also a state mandated

requirement to volunteer with Girl Scouts of Orange County.

GET STARTED TODAY

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### New! Accommodations Request on GSOC's Website

GSOC is excited to announce that there is a new way to request Disability Accommodations and Language Translation on our website! We are currently working with a vendor that offers language translation for the following languages: Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Hindi, and Farsi.

You can scan the following QR Code:



You can also complete the following steps when you are on the main GSOC website page:

1. Select 'Discover'
2. Select 'DEI Resource'
3. Select 'Learn More' under the accessibility tile.
4. Select the link on the Accommodations Request form drop down menu

If you have any questions or would like to discuss disability accommodations, please email Noelle Hales at [nhales@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:nhales@girlscoutsoc.org).

If you have any questions about language translation accommodations, please email Maria Alderete at [malderete@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:malderete@girlscoutsoc.org).

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### New! Girl Scout Performers Wanted

Level: All

Girl Scout performers wanted! Do you sing, dance, or play an instrument and like to perform? We may have opportunities for you to showcase your talents at Girl Scout events. Please submit a short video here.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

## News from GSUSA

**NEW!** You Got This – Girl Scouts Mental Wellness Patch Program

Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

Life can be filled with all sorts of ups and downs. The good news is you never have to face challenges alone, especially when you have a welcoming community to uplift and support you along the way.

Get started by downloading our FREE activity sheet for girls in grades 4 through 12, explore our patch program for resources to support you along your journey, and remember—you got this.

[EXPLORE ACTIVITIES](#)

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**NEW!** Calling All Troop Leaders!

Planning for the new troop year? We've got you covered. From Troop Year Plans and customization services to official adult uniform apparel, it's all here.

[TROOP YEAR PLANS](#)

## Girl Scout Program Opportunities

Adult Outdoor Skills Training Retreat at Camp Scherman –  
September 29 - October 1

When: Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1, 2023

Where: Camp Scherman

Cost: \$125 for in-council volunteers and \$150 for out of council

volunteers.

Join us and other leaders for a weekend of adult learning and training in the great outdoors with other leaders.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER](#)

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Jewelry Workshop – September 13

Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

[Learn more & Register](#)

STEM Career Exploration Lunch and Panel Discussion – September 23

Level: Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

Membership Required.

Financial aid is available for this event.

[Learn more & Register](#)

Cadette Screenwriter – September 24

Level: Cadette

[Learn more & Register](#)

First Tee Of OC - Free Gold Clinic – September 16

Level: Brownie, Junior

[Learn more & Register](#)

Arts Patrol Meeting – September 19

Level: Adults & Girl Scouts of All Levels

[Learn more & Register](#)

Cadette Book Artist Badge – September 17

Level: Cadette

[Learn more & Register](#)

Art of Musical Games (Adult & Me training) – September 26

Level: Pre-K, Daisy, Brownie, Volunteer

[Learn more & Register](#)

**Virtual** Year of Service: Binky Patrol – September 27

Level: All

[Learn more & Register](#)

Learn to Surf – September 24 & October 8

Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador

September 24 - [Learn more & Register](#)

October 8 - [Learn more & Register](#)

2023 Cadette-O-Rama: Cadettes of the High Seas – October 20 - 22

Level: Cadette

[Learn more & Register](#)

Cadette-O-Rama Lookie Loos – October 20 - 22

Level: 4th, 5th grade Juniors or 6th grade Cadettes

[Learn more & Register](#)

Cadette-O-Rama Red Hat – October 20 - 22

Level: 9th-12th grade Senior and Ambassador

[Learn more & Register](#)

**Save the Date** STEM Expo 2023 – October 21

Level: Junior, Cadette

Membership Required

[Learn more & Register](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

## Entrepreneurship – Girl Scout Product Program

Fall Product Program Begins on Saturday!

On September 17, parents will receive a Girl Launch email from their Troop Product Coordinator with a link to our new Fall Product Online program where girls can set-up their site, send emails & even design & earn their own custom patch! Didn't receive an email? No problem!

Beginning September 17, girls can access our online program by going to [gsnutsandmags.com/gsoc](https://gsnutsandmags.com/gsoc).

Even if your troop is not yet meeting, girls can embark on this unique

entrepreneurial experience and begin earning fun [patches & prizes!](#)

### Girl Scout Independents (Juliettes) Invited!

Juliettes (girls not in troops) and girls waiting for a troop to form are welcome to join our Fall Product Series! This series allows Girl Scouts to learn [new skills](#) while [earning patches and prizes](#) and badge credit. Find out more by registering for the [Juliette Series](#).

### Order Due October 15 for Gluten Free Cookies

Troops interested in selling [Gluten Caramel Chocolate Chip Free Girl Scout cookies](#) must complete our [order form](#) by October 15, 2023.

### Save, Share, Spend – October is Financial Planning Month!

Girl Scouts of Orange County and leading financial experts are celebrating with FREE virtual workshops for Girl Scouts of all age levels to earn Financial Literacy badges! [Visit the calendar to learn more and register!](#)

Note: This event will not be live on our event calendar until Wednesday, September 13th.

## Camping & Outdoor Adventures

### 2023 Explore Camp – Adventure Begins Here

[EXPLORE CAMP](#)

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### 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](#)

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### 2023 - 2024 Weekend Camps

Registration is open now for 2023 - 2024 Camp Scherman weekend camps.

Excitement is waiting just for you!

Upcoming Weekend Camps:

Girls Weekend – October 6 - 8

Level: All

[Learn more & Register](#)

Songs and S'Mores – October 13 - 15

Level: All

[Learn more & Register](#)

Boo Bash – October 27 - 29

Level: All

[Learn more & Register](#)

[VIEW WEEKEND CAMPS](#)

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Crash Course Camping – November 11

Presented by Troop 3204

Nervous about camping? Don't know what you don't know about camping? Here is your chance to learn. We will teach your girls and leaders everything they need to know to have a successful, enjoyable camping experience!

[MORE INFORMATION](#)

[GSOC Shop](#)



## Back to Troop

## Checklist

- ✓ Purchase your uniform
- ✓ Customize with core insignia
- ✓ Pair uniform with official uniform apparel
- ✓ Select your handbook



Back to Troop is an exciting time for Girl Scouts, full of fun, friendship, and discovery.

We have everything you need to start her year strong.

[SHOP NOW](#)

Please view our [Shop Hours](#) for in-store pickup and FAQs.

If you have any additional questions, please email us at [shops@girlscoutsoc.org](mailto:shops@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

[Brownie Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, September 13, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Bronze Award Training](#): Monday, September 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Daisy Essentials Training](#): Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Junior Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, September 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Gold Award Training](#): Tuesday, September 26, 6:30 - 9:30 PM

[Cadette Essentials Training](#): Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

[Girl Scout Essentials for New Leaders](#): Thursday, September 28, 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](#)

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#### Volunteer Opportunities

2023 Fall Kickoff Volunteer Opportunity – October 14

Level: All

Earn Community Service hours for school & Girl Scouts at the same time!

Fun for troops or parent/caregiver & daughter teams.

[Learn more & Register](#)

#### 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.



Have a question? Don't be shy!

[Contact us](#) for more information.

Our address is 9500 Toledo Way, Irvine, CA 92618

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