



# Girl Scouts of San Geronio



Welcome to the start of a new cookie season!

This year, our girls flexing their entrepreneurial skills in new, innovative ways. The Girl Scout Cookie Program has long taught girls how to run a business both in-person and online through the Digital Cookie platform, and last cookie season, girls faced the same challenges as other small businesses during the pandemic. In true Girl Scout fashion, they quickly pivoted their sales methods and executed some creative ideas.

With cookie season just a few days away, be sure to keep sending out those e-cards, QR codes, and Social links! Get excited girls, we are almost there.

[Cookie Resources](#)

## PROGRAMS

### COOKIE CROSSOVER PERSONALIZED AVATAR PATCH

Don't forget that girls that participated and met the requirements in the 2020 Fall Program (\$50+ in total sales and 15 Emails) are eligible to earn a unique Making a Difference personalized patch as well!

To earn this one-of-a-kind patch with your name and avatar on it, sell 24+ packages of cookies and send 15+ Direct-Ship emails through ABC Smart Cookies during our council's 2021 Cookie Program. After the Cookie Program has concluded, we'll submit an order for all earned patches. Once created, your personalized patch will be mailed directly to you from our partners at M2 Media Group.

Great job working toward your goals and thanks for participating in our Product Programs!

### RALLY IN A BOX

As of 1/19 pre-purchased Rally in a Box will be available for you to pick-up in the Shop location you chose when you paid online, but only during that location's scheduled operating hours. You can check the shop schedule on our website. Please refer to your Doubleknit receipt for your location and girl details.

*"If you paid for shipping: Once your box has been mailed, you will be sent an email with your tracking information and carrier details."*

### SAFETY FIRST

When making your early online marketing deliveries, remember to wear a face mask/shield at all times! Practice contactless delivery procedures and touchless transactions. Clean/Sanitize your hands often and don't touch your face.

## CAMP

**Claim your Spot for Camp Skyland Ranch Summer 2021:** Camp Days Are Here AGAIN! Claim your spot for Summer 2021. We do not have insider knowledge on where the pandemic will take us next, but we have hope for in-person camp for this summer. We want to get kids in as this summer is more important for girls than any other. Our kids have been isolated and camp brings so many girls a chance to be themselves without technology. No deposit is required or allowed at this time. Deposits will be due in mid-April and final payment will be due 4 weeks prior to their camp date. Due to the expectation of limited space, payment deadlines will be strictly followed. Claim your Spot today! Visit [gssgc.org/outdoors](https://www.gssgc.org/outdoors) to learn more or find the dates/prices at [gssgc.org/calendar](https://www.gssgc.org/calendar).

**Camp Anywhere Registration Opens January 29<sup>th</sup>!** Same tune – Camp Days Are Here Again! There is nothing like getting outside but socially connecting online with a quality outcomes driven program for girls was very successful for many of our girls this summer. Join us as we launch the second year of Camp Anywhere! We know we will be operating these fantastic programs. Registration starts opening January 29th for Camp Awesome our 5-day sessions with more single-day programs added throughout the year. The deposit for Camp Awesome will be \$30 to hold your spot. Visit [gssgc.org/virtual](https://www.gssgc.org/virtual) to find out more or find the dates/prices at [gssgc.org/calendar](https://www.gssgc.org/calendar).

**Buy some Girl Scout Fun! AKA Program in a Box Kits,** troops and girls can buy downloadable kits or ready to use kits. The Ready to Use kits include all the directions and materials (except food and common household items) to do a variety of themed activities. Some of the kits help girls earn badges while others are only for fun. The download kits have the shopping list and materials to print. Learn more by visiting [gssgc.org/virtual](https://www.gssgc.org/virtual). If you are interested in online troop programming ideas make sure to also check out the blueprint for troop leaders.

**More Girl Scout Fun!** We are adding things to our Girl Scout Calendar throughout the month. The calendar might include everything from the dates/times for our free Facebook lives (twice a week), to events like thinking day (February 22nd), to business partners that have offered programs to our members. Check out the calendar for the latest happenings. Visit [gssgc.org/calendar](https://www.gssgc.org/calendar) to check out the fun.

**Girl Scout Speak Up!** We want to hear from every Girl Scout Adult (parents, troop leaders, alumni) to find out where you are and how program can support you (or if you want to support program too). Even if you don't think you have anything to say please take this short one page survey and speak up so your voice is heard! Go directly to the survey or find it at [gssgc.org/virtual](https://www.gssgc.org/virtual)

[SEE 2021 CAMP OPTIONS](#)

## Silver Award Ten Year Graduating Senior Gold Award



### Silver Award Review Team

Are you currently a Junior troop leader or a newly bridged Cadette troop leader? Have you already incorporated the Silver Award into your troop plan? Fantastic! Are you interested in getting a leg up on who, what, how and when the Silver Award works? If so, we have a group that's just for you. I know, you're saying, "Not another meeting.," "I'm Zoomed out." Another meeting is not what we're looking for either. What we're looking for is a little help. Thankfully, the number of Silver Award Notice of Intent's or Silver Award Request for Approval's that are submitted is astronomical. So many in fact, that it's difficult to respond to the requests in a timely manner. What Council is looking for is a diverse group of registered adult volunteers – you don't necessarily have to be troop leaders – to help the Council by reviewing and providing approval to troops who've submitted their Silver Award Notice of Intents. All you need to do is take the online Silver Award Training, have an orientation with Cindy Chapman, Director of Adult Learning & Volunteer Services and off you go. If you're interested or need more information, please email [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org)

### Gold Award Committee

Over time our Regional Gold Award Committees have started to see a decline in membership. Ideally, each region should have 5-7 members who have rolling term-out dates. This ensures that we don't lose an entire committee on the same date. If you're preparing to bridge your girls to Senior Girl Scouts or maybe you're already there, your local Regional Gold Award Committee would be a perfect fit for you to not only serve the movement beyond leadership, but will also provide immense tricks, tips and tools for you to help your Senior/Ambassadors pursue the highest award in Girl Scouting – the Gold Award. If you're interested, or know someone who would be a good fit, click on the link below to get more information or email [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org)

<https://www.gssgc.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards/gold-award.html>

### Ceremony/Celebration Committee

We know that it's been almost a year of constant changes, pivoting and re-mixes of our events, activities and celebrations. But what you may not have known is that Council already had one change in the works prior to the pandemic lock down. We had formed a Ceremony Committee, working with volunteers in each region to ultimately shift the Silver Award/Graduating Senior/10 Year Celebration to the local level. This eventually would be combined with the Bronze Award ceremony. If you've attended any of the Silver Award Galas in the last few years, you may have noticed that the number being recognized, while phenomenal, doesn't allow for the girls to have their moment in the spotlight. We were working to change that. Allowing more persons to attend, allowing the girls to be truly celebrated and applaud their amazing accomplishments.

What does that mean this year? Well, we're looking to expand the committee and have it be more demographically balanced to truly represent the region they'll be coordinating with. The committees role initially is to shadow council staff as they coordinate and launch the Silver Award/Graduating Senior/10-Year Ceremony 2021 with the future plan of combining them with the Regional Bronze Award Ceremony – hopefully in 2022. The goal is to have each Region host their own ceremony, with consistency across the council, for the Bronze, Silver, Graduating Seniors and 10 Year recipients. From wufoos to invites to RSVP's to venue, etc.

The goal is to have a core committee of 5 persons per region, who hopefully don't serve on a load of other committees/groups, that will work as a team with the Regional Team which includes the Regional Chair, Regional Finance Chair and Regional Events Chair. If you are interested or have questions, please email [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org)

### Scholarship Development Team

We need your help to reach out into your communities, pound on the virtual door, call the foundations/organizations, service groups, fraternities/sororities who may offer these scholarship opportunities, research online for those obscure, off the grid opportunities that we can provide to our girl members. We'd also like your help in developing a form for submission of scholarship information to be included on our website and to ensure the most up to date contacts are on our website.

If this sounds like it fits your skill set, please email [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org) with your name and contact information.

### Silver/Gold Award Final Report Deadline

Just a reminder that in order to be recognized at the spring Silver Award Gala, final reports must be turned in via email to [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org) no later than midnight PST on February 1, 2021. Approved Gold Award Projects, if complete, must turn in their Gold Award Project Final report via GoGold Online no later than midnight PST on February 1, 2021 to be recognized at the Gold Award Gala to be held this spring.

Any Silver or Gold Award final reports received after that date will be held over until the 2022 celebrations.

### Bronze Award Deadline

Just a reminder that in order to be recognized at the Regional Bronze Award Ceremony, final reports must be turned in via email to [awards@gssgc.org](mailto:awards@gssgc.org) no later than midnight PST on March 1, 2021. Any Bronze Award final reports received after that date will be held over until the 2022 celebration.

### Graduating Senior/10 Year Girl Scout Form

Did you know the form required to advise Council if you are eligible for the Graduating Senior chord or the 10 Year Girl Scout pin opened up in December? The link was posted all over social media and emailed personally to the address of record for all registered 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Now, it's possible the email went into your junk/spam folder, it's also possible that you've changed your email address and didn't advise Council. No worries, it's still open. In fact, this year it will be open until March 31, 2021. Click on the link below to be taken to our Higher Awards page where you'll find a link to the form.

<https://www.gssgc.org/en/about-girl-scouts/our-program/highest-awards.html>

## MEMBER SERVICES

### Request a Zoom License for your Troop!

Zoom licenses are now available through our council for troops that want to meet or continue meeting virtually. Your girls can stay connected, continue building their skills, and have a blast no matter where they are. The license cost is only \$36 per year and if you already have a zoom license, consider converting it and saving a lot of money. Visit the Troop Leader Blueprint section of our website to locate all of our council gsZoom information and find details about how to submit your requests. If you have any questions, please contact [customercare@gssgc.org](mailto:customercare@gssgc.org).

### Raising Happy Girls

#### Girls Benefit from Mental Health Support — GSSGC is Here to Help

Here are resources on managing stress and anxiety and leading your troop through the pandemic, while focusing on positive mental health:

- **Support Resources for Parents or Caregivers**
  - [Guide to Helping Families Cope with COVID-19](#), National Child Traumatic Stress Network
  - [Fighting the Big Virus: Trink, Sam, and Littletown Work Together](#). A story and companion booklet to help young children and their families talk about their experiences and feelings related to the global coronavirus pandemic.
  - [Tips for Quarantined Parents](#), Emotions and discussion tips, including activities, American Psychological Association
  - [Girl Scouts' online content, Raising Awesome Girls, is continually updated with resources for parents/caregivers. Here are some select resources.](#)
    - [Tips for talking to girls about COVID19](#)
    - [Cómo hablar con su niña sobre el coronavirus](#)
- **Grief Resources for Parents & Those Working with Children**
  - The [National Alliance for Grieving Children](#) offers many resources to help adults understand grief in children and tips to help them cope with loss. The [Hero Toolkit](#) has activities targeted for younger children and teens. [Find Support](#) links to local support professionals.
  - The [National School Crisis Center](#) offers resources for talking to children about grief. These are targeted to parents but could work for any caring adult.
- **Need Additional Information?**
  - The [American Psychological Association](#) is collecting COVID-19/pandemic-related research and information, including resources of self-care, mental health, the economic impact, parenting, schooling, and other timely topics
  - The [Child-mind Institute](#) is updating their COVID-19 resources for families, including parenting guides, and connections to mental health clinicians.

## FUND DEVELOPMENT

Since 2004, Student Leaders has been part of our ongoing commitment to youth employment and economic mobility. Preparing a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students with the leadership training they need to be successful in the workforce is vital to our approach to driving responsible growth and helping to build thriving communities. Through our Student Leaders program we connect more than 300 community-minded high school juniors and seniors from nearly 100 communities to employment, skills development and service. They're awarded paid summer internships with local nonprofits such as Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Habitat for Humanity and participate in a national leadership summit in Washington, D.C. The Student Leaders Summit focuses on skill building and creating a more civically engaged society. Note: in-person events will be in line with local and national guidelines around gatherings and travel and may be subject to change.

If you or someone you know have a passion for improving the community, click [here](#) to see where the Student Leaders program operates and learn more about our eligibility criteria. Click [here](#) for FAQs on our Student Leaders program. The application period for the 2021 Student Leader program is November 2 – January 29, 2021.

Click [here](#) for more information.

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## PROPERTIES

### Start Planning Today — Download the Updated & Revised Field Guide

Experts agree — camps should continue consistent implementation of both cohort strategies and nonpharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to limit the introduction of infected persons and the spread of COVID-19 within camp. Diligently and consistently adhering to the recommendations outlined in the recently updated Field Guide, alongside local public health requirements, will provide a robust foundation for preventing and mitigating COVID-19 at camp in summer 2021.

[Learn More](#)

### #SaveNextSummer — Statewide Call for California

In the past year, we have experienced some of the most challenging times in camping history. Without state industry guidance, resident camps were not able to open. Camps support the critical social and emotional needs of children in California and provide necessary support for working parents. We are advocating for appropriate rules for the safe operation of camps for summer 2021.

ACA and [California Collaboration for Youth \(CCFY\)](#) can be strong public health partners with the California Department of Public Health in the development of appropriate rules for the safe operation of camp in 2021.

Advocate on behalf of Summer camps by visiting <https://www.savenextsummer.com/> and request that the State of California and California Department of Public Health provide guidance to summer camps for safe operation

## STAFF DIRECTORY

The GSSGC website contains a list of staff members that can be contacted via email. You can access that directory through this link: <https://www.gssgc.org/en/our-council/staff-directory.html>

[Learn more](#)

