

# Sunny Trails Service Unit

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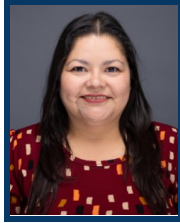
Girl Scouts San Diego

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## About Sunny Trails Service Unit

We are honored to be part of Sunny Trails Girl Scout Service Unit #668. We hope to be a source of information and communication, while continuing to help you with local activities and support.

You are invited to join other leaders, troop volunteers and parents of independent registered Girl Scouts at our service unit meetings on the third Thursday of each month (except for December, June, and July) at 7pm. Contact DBJ@gssunnytrails.com to get on our mailing list.

# Service Unit Meeting



Sunny Trails Service Unit meetings are hosted the third Thursday of each month (except for December, June and July) .

### Next SU meeting date:

Thursday, Nov 18, 2021

**Time:** 7pm - 8 pm

### Location:

- Virtual Meetings - Zoom Link

### Join our virtual meeting using this link -

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88185744550?pwd=cFVNUFFjcjVvOERpaEYrem1tTUhSUT09>

- Meeting ID: 881 8574 4550
- Passcode: ST668

### Save the Date for future meetings:

- Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM - TBD
- Feb 17, 2022 07:00 PM - Virtual
- March 17, 2022 07:00 PM - Virtual
- April 21, 2022 07:00 PM - TBD
- May 19th, 2022 07:00 PM - Virtual

## Recognitions

### Congratulations to Sunny Trails!



## The President's Award for service units

The President's Award recognizes the efforts demonstrated by a service unit to enhance Girl Scouting in its community during a membership year. This year long achievement requires teamwork, dedication and focus from every member of the service unit team, as well as the support of troop leaders.



Marilou Thomas, our recent Service Unit Manager (C/S/A) and currently our Recognitions Chair, recently posted on the Sunny Trails Service Unit Facebook page that the service unit has earned The President's Award. Here is what Marilou posted:

"Congratulations Sunny Trails. You have earned the President's Award. I just want to say thank you to the leadership team for working so hard to make this happen. This has been one of the toughest years but nothing was gonna stop us. And to all the Troop Leaders and Volunteers without you we would not be deserving of this amazing award. We have the best leaders/volunteers. We will celebrate next year at our end of the year celebration."

This is such great news and we should all be proud. Way to go, Sunny Trails!

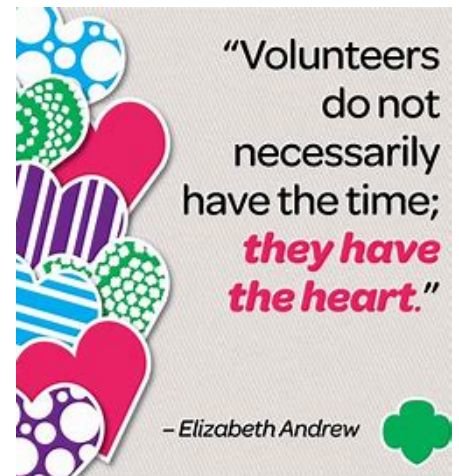
## NOMINATIONS for the 2021 Girl Scout Year

Nominations for the **2021 Volunteer Celebration** are live on **Sunday, June 20, 2021**.

Although the nomination period has not yet opened, keep an eye out for amazing adult volunteers who you feel go above and beyond and consider nominating them when the time comes for receiving a council award. Please note that submissions will only be accepted online. Submit a nomination or endorsement on the GDSD Council [Volunteer Celebration Page](#). If you need help nominating or finding endorsements for a volunteer, please reach out to Marilou Thomas - Sunny Trails Recognitions Chair - [recognitions@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:recognitions@gssunnytrails.com)

### Sunny Trails Newsletter Recognitions

**Nominate a volunteer to be recognized in next month's newsletter.** Do you have any outstanding volunteers in your troop or amazing troop leader? We'd love to celebrate their Girl Scout spirit! Please contact our Recognitions Chair, Marilou Thomas at: [recognitions@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:recognitions@gssunnytrails.com)



## GS Volunteer Training

Girl Scouts San Diego has many training opportunities for leaders and adult volunteers. There are so many options available right now. First Aid/CPR training, Outdoor training (Let's Camp, Let's Have a Campfire, Let's Cook Out and Let's Tent) and Troop Tripping training are scheduled for November and December. Some training should be taken in progression, such as Outdoor Training. Not sure where to start? Please check out GSSD Training for Volunteers page for more information:

[Training for Volunteers | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.girlscouts.org/en/training-for-volunteers)

### Troop Tripping \*Balboa\*

Date: Tue Nov 30, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM PST

Make advanced travel a reality! Troop Tripping is required for leaders whose troops are planning trips out of state, trips involving air travel, or trips lasting 3 or more nights. This workshop addresses group and safety management, paperwork requirements, money-earning tips, planning timelines, and keys to managing girl and parent expectations. Take this course at least 3 months prior to your troop's trip.

Register here: [Event Detail \(girlscouts.org\)](https://www.girlscouts.org/en/training-for-volunteers)

### Outdoor Skills Weekend

Outdoor Skills Weekend 2021 will be postponed until spring 2022. At that time, we hope to be able to ather for our traditional learning and fellowship getaway.

**Be Prepared...**  
for new adventure!

## Upcoming Council Events

Event registration and Details found here:

<https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/en/events/event-list.html>

### Schooner Bill of Rights - Family Day with Girl Scouts San Diego \*Juniors\*

Sat Nov 13, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM PDT

**REGISTER NOW -**



<https://wesailthedream.org/girl-scouts-family-day/>

All aboard! Schooner Bill of Rights is pleased to introduce the 136-foot sailing ship, Schooner Bill of Rights as a meeting, training and community resource to Girl Scouts San Diego members. To commemorate, the tall ship's preservers are inviting Girl Scouts and their families to experience a family-friendly tour that will include a morning of interactive and hands-on activities inspired by the ocean, sailing, and maritime history. Registration cost is \$45 per girl with no charge for accompanying family members. Registration to close when max capacity is reached. Visit [wesailthedream.org](https://wesailthedream.org) for more information.

### STEM Speed Mentoring Session for Seniors and Ambassadors

Date: Sun Nov 14, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM PST

Join us at Girl Scouts Balboa for an in-person mentoring session with women who are at the leading edge of technology. These STEM professionals with careers at Qualcomm want to share their career path and experiences with you!

## Wilderness Hiking Course \* Balboa\*

Date: Sun Dec 05, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM PST

Take the first step in your wilderness adventure! Designed for individuals, our three-step progression safely takes girls and adults out of the campground and into the woods. Wilderness Hiking covers outdoor skills and knowledge and is a prerequisite for the Basic Backpacking course and Advanced Backpacking trips. Level: Cadettes, Ambassadors, Seniors & Volunteers

## Day Camp Aide (DCA) Training \*Balboa\*

Date: Sat Dec 11, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM PST

Day Camp Aides (DCAs) are campers in grades 7-12 who support younger girls in partnership with adult staff. These teen mentors help lead activities and guide younger campers. Current training is required for all teen mentors.

DCAs: Help campers with crafts, games and songs and assist unit counselors. Learn about leadership from Counselors in Training (CITs) and staff.

## Updates From Sunny Trails

### 2021 Troop Camping Schedule

Sunny Trails troops have the opportunity to participate in individual troop camping! Here are the dates that are available for the remainder of 2021. You may sign up on the form to reserve a spot for your troop. Within a few days of your reservation, you will receive a phone call from the Sunny Trails Encampment Director to review further details.

- **NEW!!** Balboa Campus, November 19 - 21
- Camp Winacka, December 3 – 5

**Visit the Sunny Trails Website for more details:**

<https://www.gssunnytrails.com/2021-2022-encampment-schedule/>



## Important Date for GSSD Fall Products Sale

We hope the troops who participated in the 2021 Fall Products had a successful sale! We are looking forward to picking up products on Saturday, November 13th. **Adult Volunteers are needed to help with the distribution of products on November 13th. Starting at 8 a.m. through 10 a.m.** (Must be 18 or older to volunteer). To volunteer and get more information please contact Julia Robles at [nuts@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:nuts@gssunnytrails.com)

Saturday, Nov. 13

- Product delivery day

Friday, Dec. 3

- Troop funds due in troop bank accounts by end of business day
- Troop paperwork due to SUFCs

January

- Rewards distributed via SUFC

## Welcome Aboard!



We are pleased to announce the newest member of the Service Unit Team, Karen Pickens. Karen has volunteered to fill the position of Registrar/Recruitment Chair for our Service Unit.

Karen has been a Girl Scout volunteer for over 7 years and is currently a Co-Leader for Cadette Troop 6034.



She has also served as the Troop Cookie Manager and Troop Treasurer.

What does Karen enjoy about being a Girl Scout Volunteer? "I love watching our troop grow up together. They are challenging each other, trying new things, and finding their places in their communities and the world."

The Service Unit looks forward to having Karen join the team. Also, we'd like to thank Cathy Ecija for staying on as our Interim Registrar/Recruitment Chair.

## Welcome our NEW Troop Leaders



### **Troop 9811 - Daisy/Brownie Levels**

Diana Castro - Troop Leader

### **Troop 6886 - Junior Level**

Donna Hawkins - Troop Assistant Leader

Thank you for volunteering to help your girls build courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place!

## **Welcome to Girl Scouts!**

## Girls Seeking Troops

**We have girls waiting to join a troop. We currently need troops for:**

- **6th grade Cadette**

**Who's ready to welcome a new girl?**



## Girl Scout Cookie Season Starts Soon

Troop cookie manager online training -

<https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/en/cookies/for-cookie-volunteers/quick-start.html>

**Delivery day - Volunteers** needed to help load cars - can you help? IF you want to volunteer, please contact:

**Claudia Ortega Roth**

**[cookies@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:cookies@gssunnytrails.com)**

## Coming Soon!

Join us at our next service meeting where we will be having breakout rooms for new and veteran leaders to meet, share experiences and collaborate. This will be our first time having a breakout session so we hope to see you there!

Also, the Early Bird patches have arrived!! An email will go out to troop leaders that have patches for their Girl Scouts who registered early for the 2021-2022 membership year. Please check your email for details on how to pick up the patches. Any questions, please contact Susanna King at [csa@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:csa@gssunnytrails.com).