

# Sunny Trails Service Unit

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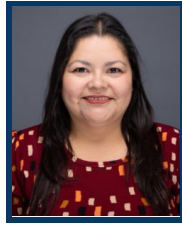
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## About Sunny Trails Service Unit

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 [csa@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:csa@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:

- May 19th, 2022 In-Person

**Time:** 7pm - 8 pm

### Location:

Elks Lodge, 901 Elks Ln, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Our last meeting was a success! It was the first in-person meeting since February 2020. Thanks to all who attended. We have changed our May meeting from virtual to **in-person**. We hope to see you there. Please note that we will not have a meeting in June or July. Please be sure to check our website and Facebook book page for the next meeting. We'll be sure to send out a reminder to all.



## Thank You GS Volunteers!

We will recognize our Troop Leaders and Co-leaders at our Service Unit Meeting on **Thursday, May 19, 2022** at 7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Chula Vista.

In order to receive a Leader pin and rocker you must fill out the form below and RSVP to the meeting by **Friday May 13, 2022**. If you already received the Leader pin in the past you will only receive the rocker.

<https://www.gssunnytrails.com/sunny-trails-volunteer-appreciation-night/>

Everyone is invited as we celebrate another great Girl Scout Year and get excited for next year.

Contact Marilou at [recognitions@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:recognitions@gssunnytrails.com) for any questions.

Here are a couple of ideas to show your appreciation to a Girl Scout Volunteer in your troop:

- Send them an e-card through GSSD.
- If they are on social media, tag them in a "Thank You" post.
- Get crafty and make them a unique gift!
- Find a fun patch at the GSSD store, they have different ones for TCMs or Fall Sale volunteers.

Thanks for all you do!

## Council-Level Awards

Outstanding Girl Scout Adult Volunteers can also be recognized by the GSSD Council. To make a nomination or to learn more about what awards or recognitions council has, please visit: [Volunteer Awards and Recognitions | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/Volunteer-Awards-and-Recognitions) Training on how to complete a nomination or give an endorsement is available on gsLearn. Nominations and endorsements are due by Monday, June 13, 2022. Please contact Marilou at [recognitions@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:recognitions@gssunnytrails.com) for questions regarding the process.

## IT'S TIME! Troop Financial Reports are due.

The Annual Financial Tracking is due on **June 1, 2022**.

It covers the period from May 1, 2021-April 30, 2022. The Treasurer will complete the report, and the Troop Leader will submit it through the Volunteer Toolkit.

Here are some tips for Troop Leaders and Treasurers. Doing these things will help make the process of completing their report easier when the time comes.

- Make sure that your Troop Treasurer (and all bank account signers) have completed the Troop Treasurer Learning Path on gsLearn.
- Log in to your account at <https://mygs.girlscouts.org>, click on "My Account", click on gsLearn, click on Content Library, and access the Troop Treasurer Learning Path.
- Download the troop's monthly Wells Fargo bank statements from May 1, 2021-current.
- Review each bank statement. Make a note for each transaction.
- Gather all receipts for troop-related expenses in one place. Make sure to get receipts from anyone that makes purchases on behalf of the troop.
- A laptop or a personal computer (Not a Mac) is needed to load the report. Google Chrome or Firefox browsers are highly recommended.

Not sure where to start? What forms are needed? Check out the forms on the GSSD website. [Forms | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/Forms) There are forms for Troop Finances. Under Annual Financial Report for Troop Leaders there is a How to Guide. [AD-0433W-How-To-Annual-Financial-Report.pdf \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/AD-0433W-How-To-Annual-Financial-Report.pdf)

The [Troop Financial Tracking Worksheet](#) (available on GSSD website in forms) is used to help your Troop Treasurer keep track of troop funds. This is the best way to get the information that is needed to complete the Annual Financial Report.

Please reach out to us at the Service Unit Team if your troop needs assistance:

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## Early Bird Registration 2023

Now is a good time to talk with your Girl Scouts and their families about the next Girl Scout year, 2022-2023. Early Bird registration has started and there

are some incentives.

A troop that renews 70% of their girl members by **Wednesday, May 18 2022** will have the opportunity to attend one fun-filled event:

**Daisies through Juniors:** Explore Balboa Park or Escondido Program Center

**Cadettes through Ambassadors:** We've partnered with Alie Makk Esthetics for girls to gain tools on skin care with natural items around your home.

As a leader you can register your troop early through MyGS [HomePage \(girlscouts.org\)](https://www.girlscouts.org). While renewing the girl members in your troop, be sure to have your adult volunteers renew their membership too. For more information about renewing a membership please visit: [Renew \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org)

## Upcoming Council Events For Girl Scouts

Event registration and Details found here:  
<https://www.sdgirlscouts.org/en/events/event-list.html>



### 2023 SHARE Patch Contest

ShareCalling all Girl Scouts, Daisies through Ambassadors, to help design the 2023 Share Patch. Show your

creativity with concepts of sharing and caring. Download the official [Share Patch Contest form](#) or create your own on white paper (be sure to include, name, age, grade, parent's name, phone and email). Submit your design to the address or email below by **Friday, June 3**. Winning design will be revealed on

Monday, Oct. 3. Please note the winning concept may be altered slightly for embroidery purposes. Questions? Contact Barbara Kramer at [bkramer@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:bkramer@sdgirlscouts.org)

Mail to: Girl Scouts San Diego, ATTN: Barbara Kramer, 1231 Upas St. San Diego, CA 92103 or email [bkramer@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:bkramer@sdgirlscouts.org)

The 2022 Share patch is still available with a donation of \$15 or more. The Share patch is available at the GSSD store or visit the SHARE page on GSSD website. Be sure to let them know that you are from 668-Sunny Trails Service Unit.

[SHARE | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org)



### **OTM Send-off & Family Festival Date: Sat May 14, 6:00 - 9:00 PM**

Everyone (family, friends, troops, and more!) is invited aboard the USS Midway Museum for an exciting evening on the flight deck, where we will all enjoy music, interactive booths, and a patriotic pep rally honoring the Operation Thin Mint (OTM) Program, our military troops, and our 2022 Cookie Program Entrepreneurs. Salute our military as we celebrate shipping over 3.7 million packages of Girl Scout Cookies to deployed troops and veterans! Bring a picnic dinner or enjoy delicious food from the concession stand, take photos with costumed cookie characters, shop at the onsite Girl Scout pop-up store, visit community partner booths, and explore the Midway Museum after hours! Click on the link below for more information on how to get there and what to bring. [OTM Sendoff | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://www.sdgirlscouts.org)



## Paint Your World Purple!

Paint your world purple and join us for a virtual event on **Thursday, May 19** with actor, producer, parent, and Girl Scout alum Kristen Bell, co-author of #1 New York Times bestseller *The World Needs More Purple People*, as she chats about what it means to be a Purple Person and completes fun activities to show off those Purple People skills.

Register at: [Kristen Bell and Girl Scouts: Paint Your World Purple | Girl Scouts](#)

Do you know someone who would love this program who isn't a registered Girl Scout yet? No worries, they can register as a new member and also sign up for the event. Please register for this event by May 13th.

## Ability Awareness and Inclusion

Date: Sat May 21, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$10 per Girl Scout/\$0 per Adult for all levels for Girl Scouts

Join Girl Scouts and ConnectMed in earning the Ability Awareness and Inclusion Patch. This program will take place at Girl Scouts San Diego Balboa Campus. Ability awareness is focusing on what somebody can do, not what they can't. When girls have earned this patch, they'll have developed an appreciation of the uniqueness and commonalities of themselves and others. Girls will also deepen their understanding and respect for people who may be different from them and learn how to better be inclusive of ALL. This is a drop off event. Patch is included. For more details or contact Claire Maunsell at [cmaunsell@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:cmaunsell@sdgirlscouts.org) or 619-610-0813.

## Girl Scout Day at Petco Park

Date: Sun Jun 26, 1:10 - 4:00 PM

The Padres invite all Girl Scouts and their families to Petco Park for a fun-filled afternoon. Your Theme Game package includes a limited-edition themed giveaway item. For questions, contact Logan Washburn of the Padres at [lwashburn@padres.com](mailto:lwashburn@padres.com) or 619-795-5137 Tickets can be purchased online at: [Padres Theme Games | San Diego Padres \(mlb.com\)](#)

## Updates From Sunny Trails



**Rawhide  
Ranch-Sunny  
Trails  
is going Horse  
Camping!  
Sept. 16-18, 2022**

Registration is closed for this event. We are not sure if the Service Unit will have this camp available next year. If you are interested in Rawhide Ranch for your troop and what they offer, please contact them at: [The Original Rawhide Ranch](#)

## Camp Surf October 7-9, 2022

Camp Surf is back! Have fun at the YMCA Camp Surf in Imperial Beach. The cost is \$180 for both girls and adults. This includes the surf, fun activities, meals for Saturday (3 meals) and Sunday morning. A fun patch is also included. Safety-wise ratio only. Space is limited and spots for Sunny Trails are available until March 15, 2022. After that, it will be opened to all San Diego Girl Scouts. For more information or questions please contact Marilou Thomas at [recognitions@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:recognitions@gssunnytrails.com).

[Camp Surf | Sunnytrails Girl Scout Service Unit \(gssunnytrails.com\)](#)

## Fall Sale and Cookie Awards

The Fall Sale patches from 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 are available for pick up. The large penguins are still not in. To pick up patches or for any questions regarding the Fall Sales incentives please contact Julia at [nuts@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:nuts@gssunnytrails.com)

No word yet on when Cookie incentives will come in. Once there is an update, we'll be sure to make an announcement.

## Sunny Trails Recruitment Event

Sunny Trails will be hosting a recruitment event in our community on Saturday, May 14, 2020, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. The event will be held at Horizon Park, 970 E Palomar St, Chula Vista, CA 91913 (near Hedenkamp



Elementary). Anyone interested in joining Girl Scouts is welcome to attend this event. If you have any questions please reach out to Karen Pickens at [membership@gssunnytrails.com](mailto:membership@gssunnytrails.com)

## Training For Registered Volunteers

There are many training opportunities for registered volunteers throughout May and June. All troops need an adult volunteer that has CPR/First Aid/AED training. Classes are available in-person or as a blended in-person/virtual session. If you are looking to get outdoors with your troop there are many classes available in person. Please be sure to check out the "Outdoor Series Training Progression".

For more information on upcoming training visit: [Event Search | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://sdgirlscouts.org/event-search/)

If you would like to see what different type of training is available for volunteers please visit: [Training for Volunteers | Girl Scouts San Diego \(sdgirlscouts.org\)](https://sdgirlscouts.org/training-for-volunteers/)

## Mandated Reporter Training

California Law AB506 NOW requires all staff & regular volunteers of youth serving organizations complete child abuse prevention training & fingerprint-based background screening (LiveScan). Troop Leaders, Co-Leaders and regular adult volunteers who will have direct contact or supervise a group of children for more than 16 hours per month or 32 hours per year will need this training and screening.

Right now only the Mandated Reporting Training is available through GSSD. We are waiting for GSSD guidance on how to complete the LiveScan.

Many of you have completed the training already and we appreciate it. If this training has been completed already as a requirement for a job or another volunteer role, then the training has been completed. Please be sure to upload your training certificate through gsLearn. For more information on how to upload a training certificate, please contact GSSD Customer Care at [customercare@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:customercare@sdgirlscouts.org).

If anyone still needs to complete the training, it is available through gsLearn. Training is about 2 hours long and can be taken over time (training can be paused and completed later, you'll just need to log

back in to complete it.)

### **Here are the steps:**

1. Login to MyGS/VTK
2. Go to gsLearn
3. Then go to Content Library
4. Search for 623 Mandated Reporter

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the training, please contact GSSD Customer Care at [customercare@sdgirlscouts.org](mailto:customercare@sdgirlscouts.org).