



## Brown Girl Surf Fall 2018 Newsletter

Dear Brown Girl Surf Community,

We have so much exciting news and developments to share! In this newsletter, you'll find information about:

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### Upcoming events

At Brown Girl Surf, we believe in shredding, speaking our truth, and creating a better world! That's why we're co-hosting a ["Civics is Sexy!" workshop](#), led by our fearless volunteer Jamila Hubbard (below). Join Brown Girl Surf, Levi Strauss & Co, and the Surfrider Foundation on **Sept. 8** in San Francisco for this free, hands-on civic engagement workshop! Share issues you care about and, in return, we'll show you how to get involved in a meaningful, effective way!



Jamila shredding in Costa Rica last week

Speaking of creating a better world, on **Sept. 15** we are running our annual [Creek to Bay Kayak Cleanup](#), in partnership with the City of Oakland and the California Canoe and Kayak Company. Our event is part of the California and International Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest volunteer day in the world! Last year, nearly 800,000 volunteers removed more than *20 million pieces of trash* from beaches and waterways in about 100 countries. Together, we really can make a difference. Join us in Jack London Square and have a blast while taking care of our planet!



Registration is now open for our **Fall Surf Sister Saturdays**, open to girls and women ages 9-99. No experience is required, and we provide all of the necessary equipment as well as transportation from Oakland. Can't swim? We'll provide a safe and supported environment for you to be in the ocean. Registration is on a sliding scale. This fall, we are revamping our program so you can get more time in the water. Come out and share the stoke!

Sept. 8 – Civics Is Sexy! Register [here](#)

Sept. 15 – Creek to Bay Kayak cleanup. Register [here](#)

Oct. 6 – Surf Sister Saturday #1. Register [here](#)

Oct. 13 - Surf Sister Saturday #2. Register [here](#)

Oct. 27 - Surf Sister Saturday #3. Register [here](#)

Nov. 3 – Surf Sister Saturday #4. Register [here](#)

Nov. 10 – Surf Sister Saturday #5. Register [here](#)

Dec. 1 – Brown Girl Surf Year End Celebration!

All of the registration links can also be found at <https://www.browngirlsurf.com/register-for-programs/>

Save the date – our annual Year End Celebration will be on Dec. 1! It will be our biggest event of the year, with a female hip hop showcase, an all-female community cypher, auctions of custom surfboards / handmade jewelry and art, local food, drinks, new merchandise for sale, and more! Details and tickets are coming this fall!

## Summer highlights

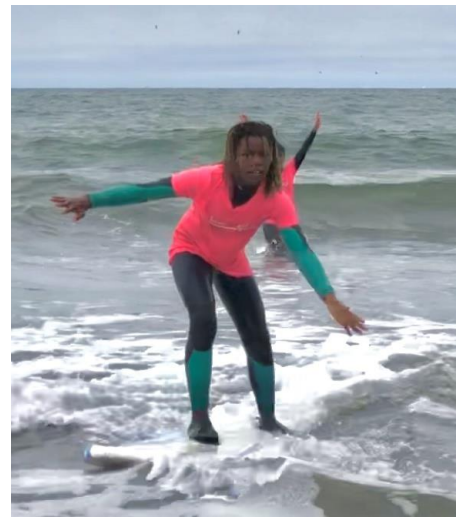


Surf Sister Summer Camp: We held 4 sessions of Youth Summer Camp. Thanks to your support, we were able to offer the 3-day sessions, including transportation, all equipment, and lunch, starting at just \$15 per week. 26 girls, 17 volunteers, and 4 youth leaders joined us to total 824 hours of participation!

It was amazing to see girls who have never surfed before developing into confident water women through the 3-day camp. We also talked about the indigenous origin of surfing, held mini-lessons on ocean science, had dance parties, and played a jump rope game using a 12 ft strand of bull kelp!

At the end of our last summer camp session, a 12-year-old participant from Oakland shared her feelings during the closing circle. “I’m grateful for Brown Girl Surf and how safe you make it feel here. Lots of places say they are safe spaces but don’t actually feel safe. This one does, so thank you.”





Brown Girl Surf's Surf Sister Summer Camp 2018!

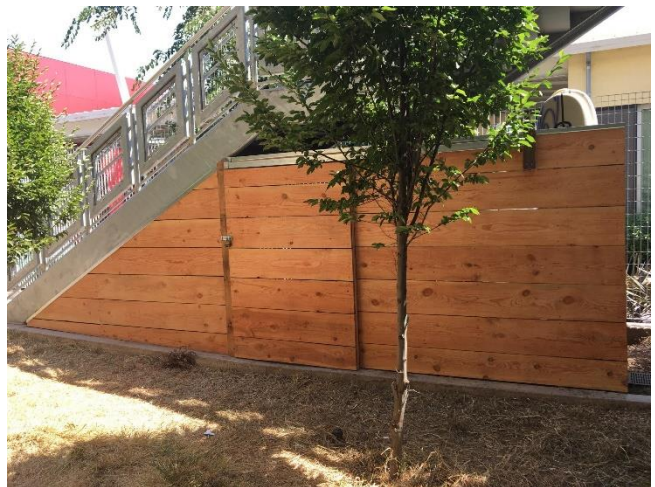


Volunteers: On June 23-24, 10 Brown Girl Surf volunteers and staff went to Santa Cruz for an overnight surf trip! We took over the lineup, scored some amazing waves, and bonded over good food, drinks, and beach sunsets.

We had our new summer volunteer training on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Two of our youth leaders, Jessica and Shaunti, attended as Counselors-In-Training. Many of the new volunteers were participants from this spring and last fall!



Shed building: We built a storage shed at MetWest High School, where we store our equipment! Special thanks to Principal Michelle Deiro, Israel Mora, Jessica Arechiga, and Ms. Vida Byrd for facilitating this partnership with MetWest! Our carpenter, Graham Ansell of East Bay Residential, did a great job directing and teaching our volunteers how to do construction. Tucker Gorman of Tucker Gorman Designs also provided us with valuable guidance. Juvel Madrigal and Joinery Structures generously donated all of the wood! We worked hard for 4 full days, and we are so happy with how it turned out!



The Vans US Open of Surfing: Brown Girl Surf was at the 2018 Vans US Open of Surfing in Huntington Beach this August! [Art3mis Prime](#), our volunteer, represented us in a partnership with Peet's Coffee, a sponsor of the event. She met with professional surfers, including Brianna Cope, and helped amplify the voices of women of color surfers in the largest surfing competition in the world!

## Staff Updates

We are excited to welcome Brown Girl Surf's first intern, Nishan Jones! Nishan is a senior at UC Berkeley, majoring in Economics with a minor in Public Policy. Nishan comes to us via the Berkeley Public Service Internship Program.

Nishan was born in Oakland, and went to Albany High School. She attended Chabot Community College before transferring to UC Berkeley as a Kruttschnitt Aspire Scholar. Nishan is a founding member of Students of Color in Economics, and the Community Service Chair of the Alumni Scholars Board at UC Berkeley. She is also a Research Ambassador for Underrepresented Researchers of Color, and is a member of the ASUC Committee on Transfer and Non-Traditional Students.

Nishan learned how to swim recently, and surfed for the first time when she joined us for our summer volunteer training! Since, then, she's gone surfing multiple times with our volunteer community this summer!



## Development

Brown Girl Surf was chosen to be a 2018 Cairn Project grant recipient! The Cairn Project elevates outdoor adventure for women of all ages, and we're stoked to partner with them! Speaking of new partners, Evo, an outdoor gear company based in Seattle, connected us with Billabong to get us 12 brand new women's wetsuits! Billabong is sending us more youth suits as well. Combined with a big donation of used suits from City Surf Project, various individual donations, and more partnerships in the works, we are ready to tackle the fall season in warm, hole-free wetsuits!

We have also received in-kind donations from Carve Designs, Peets Coffee, Patagonia SF, and Traveler Surf Club this summer. Thank you for supporting our work!!

## **Organizational needs**

Fall volunteers: We are actively recruiting volunteers for our fall programs. Whether you are a non-surfer who wants to help drive girls to the beach, a novice surfer, or a skilled shredder, we have a spot for you. Volunteer training is on September 22. Please contact [marley@browngirlsurf.com](mailto:marley@browngirlsurf.com) if you are interested.

Items for Year-End Auction: We're collecting items that can be auctioned at our year-end celebration! If you have something that you think is a good fit, please contact [maya@browngirlsurf.com](mailto:maya@browngirlsurf.com)!

*Over 40% of our operational funds come from individual contributions!*

*Thank you for being a member of our community. Please help us grow the movement by spreading the word and supporting our work!*

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