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Nov. 2-4 | Camp Lakota, Fraser Park
$80 per girl/adult
Spend the weekend tent-camping under the stars and exploring nature’s best.

CYBERSECURITY SUPERHEROES
Nov. 3 | Fullerton College, Fullerton
$10 per girl
Learn how to protect yourself online in this hands-on program. Earn the Cybersecurity Basics badge, the first in a series of three.

PROGRAM AIDE WORKSHOP
Nov. 3 | Arcadia Service Center
$20 per girl
Find out what it takes to be a program aide and be a mentor for younger Girl Scouts.

REAL BEAUTY
Nov. 10 | Mariposa Outdoor Program Center, Altadena
$25 per girl
Learn simple, age-appropriate beauty basics that emphasize the features you love most about yourself.

GO FOR THE GOLD PANEL
Nov. 14 | Santa Clarita Service Center
$5 per girl/adult
What is the Gold Award? Only the most prestigious award in the world for girls! Learn what it’s all about, and hear from girls who have earned the award.

ENGINEER FACTORY – WIND-POWERED CAR
Nov. 17 | Montrose Outdoor Program Center
$25 per girl
Want to build a car? How about one that moves with the air? Discover engineering through a hands-on project, and earn a fun patch.

DARE TO DREAM
Dec. 1 | Bonelli Park, San Dimas
$30–$45 per person
Dare to Dream extravaganza. Package comes with an activity or performance at the show and a complimentary Disney on Ice: Dare to Dream experience.

DINING IN DREAMLAND
Dec. 2 | Disneyland Resort, Anaheim
$5 per girl/adult
Join in the fun and discover the world of luxury dining in Dreamland.

DARE TO DREAM FREE BEING ME
Dec. 1 | Upland Service Center
$15 per girl
Learn how to be free to be yourself!

SELF-CARE IN THE FRESH AIR
Dec. 8 | Mariposa Outdoor Program Center, Altadena
$25 per girl/adult
Enjoy a day of self-care with healthy snacks, yoga, hiking tips, and more. Learn how getting outdoors can help you recharge.

FREE BEING ME
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Free Being Me empowers girls to become leaders by recognizing global beauty pressures and becoming more body confident.

DIAGNOSING ON ICE: DARE TO DREAM
Dec. 15 | Staples Center, Los Angeles
$30–$45 per person
Join your Disney friends for this ice show extravaganza. Package comes with an activity book and ice-skating vouchers!

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$10 per person
Learn how to easily create small dishes and snacks with minimal help from an adult and how to identify healthy vs. unhealthy foods.

PROJECT MIGHTY MINIMALISM
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$17 per person
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