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Ready? Set! GIRL!

Dear GSGLA Girl Scouts & Families,

I hope your summer is off to an adventurous start! We have plenty of outdoor programs to spark your inner nature lover, from Fourth of July camps to family-friendly outdoor skills training days. I hope you'll join us and take advantage of these warm summer days—it'll be back-to-school time before you know it.

I know many of our older girls are making huge strides on their Gold Award projects during these months away from school. Find inspiration in our three G.I.R.L. profiles, all of whom, in addition to earning their Gold Award, were nominated to be selected from thousands as one of the 10 spotlighted National Gold Award Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) is also hosting Gold Award Workshops at many of our service centers throughout July, August, and September. Take a look at our online events calendar (www.girlscoutsla.org/events) to find the workshop nearest you.

GSGLA has an amazing opportunity coming up for our beloved volunteers: our annual volunteer conference. Volunteer University: Learn for the G.I.R.L. will be hosted in Woodland Hills, Aug. 17. This is a rare chance to collect programming ideas, take advantage of four workshops, be inspired by a keynote speaker over lunch, and wind down the day socializing and swapping trade secrets with other volunteers.

Whatever your summer plans, I hope they are being powered by Girl Scouts.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lise L. Luttgens
Chief Executive Officer

Go-Getter: Improving public health globally

“Every teen deserves a healthy life.”

— Lisa L., Gold Award Girl Scout

National Gold Award Girl Scout nominee Zhuojing (Lisa) L. undertook a massive project: She sought to prevent teenage smoking on a global scale through legislative reform and educational awareness. Her project grew into the nonprofit organization International Youth Tobacco Control, with 200 student members representing countries around the globe, including Canada, China, Korea, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and the United States. Internationally, 3,000 youths were exposed to the campaign. Lisa testified at the California State Capitol as an advocate for tobacco prevention bills, both of which passed and went on to impact 3.5 million adolescents in California. Lisa advised other Girl Scouts not to get overwhelmed by grand visions; rather, continue taking small steps toward your goal.

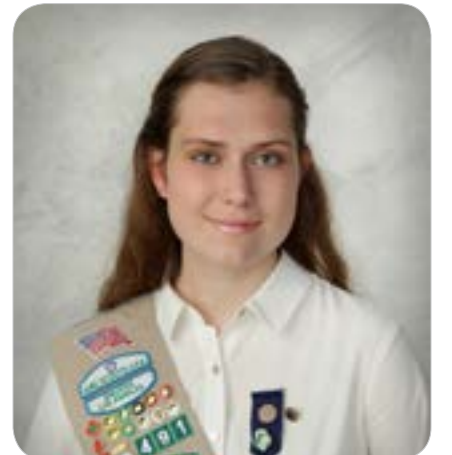


Leader: Sharing a love of literacy

“These are kids who could really benefit from reading.”

— Elaina M., Gold Award Girl Scout

National Gold Award Girl Scout nominee Elaina M. shared her passion for reading with youth who previously had no access to books—juvenile inmates. Her project involved creating a library and reading room for Los Angeles' largest juvenile hall. The project not only helps promote juvenile literacy, it also aims to lower recidivism rates, as literate juveniles are less likely to be re-incarcerated. The process involved collecting more than 1,200 book donations from local libraries, schools, clubs, and businesses. Elaina organized the transformation of an existing prison room into a library and reading space. She also met with teachers and mentors that work with youth inmates at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall to ensure the program would be sustainable. Elaina faced an unusual obstacle in trying to complete her project—she was not allowed inside the juvenile hall because she was younger than 21. Most of the work, including collecting book donations and building shelving units, was done outside. Elaina said this allowed her to hone problem-solving, communication, leadership, and delegating skills. She said she is proud of the space, even if she cannot see it physically.



Innovator: Spreading environmental stewardship

“Burbank's contribution to ocean plastic pollution will be dramatically reduced.”

— Sarah A., Gold Award Girl Scout

National Gold Award Girl Scout nominee Sarah A.'s Gold Award project spreads awareness about plastic pollution in the ocean and works to ban single-use plastic items. The project is now a nonprofit organization called Plastic Hazards Awareness Team (PHAT). She was invited to speak at several environmental summits, and Sarah received two awards from the City of Burbank for her work. During the project, Sarah implemented education in Burbank about the hazards of containers made from polystyrene and plastic straws. Sarah created a Debris Science Investigation Kit for schools in her community. She also made her case to city, state, and federal elected officials, and petitioned for a ban on #6 Polystyrene single-use products in the City of Burbank, on which the city council will vote in October.



July 2019

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OSITO RESIDENT CAMP, SESSIONS 4–6 Big Bear | \$700 per girl

JULY 15 (SESSION 4)

Explore camp like only a Girl Scout can: Sleep under the stars, learn what it takes to survive outside, and understand what it means to leave no trace.

JULY 22 (SESSION 5)

Discover the art within nature, and explore the inspiration all around you. Flex your creativity as you design, build, dance, or sing while developing an imaginative appreciation for the outdoors.



JULY 29 (SESSION 6)

Uncover the mysteries of the world after dark, and expand what you know about the night sky. See the stars like never before while investigating the moon, exploring nature at night, and discovering the enormity of space.



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STARTUP WEEKEND July 26 Santa Monica | \$50 per member, \$75 per non-member

Take an idea from pitch to product! Girls will form teams around top ideas, research their customers, and build a prototype that demonstrates the potential of their business. The event culminates in a Shark Tank-style pitch competition before a panel of judges.



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PROGRAMS

August 2019

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OSITO RANCHO FAMILY CAMP Aug. 9 (Session 1) | Aug. 16 (Session 2) Big Bear | \$182 per girl, \$182 per adult

Enjoy nighttime stargazing and daytime activities, such as a horse (Grade 4 and older) or pony (Grade 3 and younger) ride, zip lining, archery, canoeing, and swimming.

B J C S FF

LAKOTA STELLAR ADVENTURE WEEKENDS Aug. 9–11 & Aug. 30–Sept. 1 Camp Lakota | \$60 per girl, \$60 per adult

Escape the city lights and tent camp under the stars. Spend the weekend exploring the night sky and spotting shooting stars.

J C FF

JUMP INTO OUTDOOR JOURNEY WEEKENDS Aug. 23–25 (Juniors) & Sept. 6–8 (Cadettes) Camp Lakota | \$60 per girl, \$60 per adult

Learn essential outdoor skills while tent camping at Camp Lakota. Work toward earning your Outdoor Journey badge and leave equipped with the tools to finish the Journey at home.

B J FF

EL RANCHITO OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY Aug. 24 El Ranchito | \$40 per girl, \$15 per Adult

Join us for a full day of outdoor skills and adventures! For the first time ever, this event is brought to you by El Ranchito's very own program aides and counselors-in-training (CITs), who will help you learn new skills and make new friends.



September 2019

B J C S A FF

OSITO RANCHO WORK PARTY WEEKEND Sept. 6 Big Bear | \$20 per girl, \$20 per adult

Give back while enjoying the great outdoors—we need troops, groups, and individuals to help us winterize Camp Osito Rancho.

B J C S A FF

ADVENTURES IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS Sept. 13 (Session 1) & Sept. 20 (Session 2) Big Bear | \$140 per girl, \$140 per adult

Escape city life, and enjoy a weekend full of adventure, including conquering a rock wall, hiking a new trail, learning archery and survival skills, or maneuvering a canoe.

B J C

ENGINEER FACTORY — SIERPINSKI PYRAMID Sept. 14 Inglewood Service Center | \$25 per girl

Construct a Sierpinski pyramid—a large structure made up of each girl's smaller, uniquely designed triangular pyramids. Learn about geometrical construction, equilateral triangles, and fractals.

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ENGINEER FACTORY — STEAM GLIDER Sept. 14 Inglewood Service Center | \$20 per girl

Design and build a functioning glider while learning about the four forces that affect flight: weight, lift, thrust, and drag.

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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE Sept. 14 Montrose Program Center | \$25 per girl

Walk through the college admissions process—from test prep to financial aid. Plus, receive college application tips, and learn about tuition and expenses, healthy study habits, and how to leverage your Girl Scout experience.

Coming in October

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CYBER CHALLENGE Oct. 19 UCLA | \$5 per girl

The first-ever Girl Scouts Cyber Challenge, sponsored by Raytheon, is a full-day immersive event! Gain cybersecurity skills as you identify hackers, trace the origin of a cyberattack, and re-establish safety. Spots are limited.

Be sure to check girlscoutsla.org for more awesome events!

VOLUNTEER/TROOP LEADER ORIENTATIONS

GSGLA's support team gives new leaders and volunteers the tools they need to run a successful Girl Scout troop.

Arcadia

July 12, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Aug. 23, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 14, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 24, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Inglewood

July 13, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
July 16, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
July 31, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Aug. 10, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Aug. 13, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Aug. 22, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 14, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 17, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Sept. 26, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Long Beach

Aug. 13, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Aug. 23, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 4, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Sept. 13, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 30, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Palmdale

July 10, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Aug. 5, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm
Sept. 17, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Santa Clarita

July 16, 10:30 am–12:30 pm & 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Aug. 6, 10:30 am–12:30 pm & 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Sept. 10, 10:30 am–12:30 pm & 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Upland

July 18, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm
Aug. 22, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Sept. 12, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Sept. 18, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 21, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm

Woodland Hills

July 24, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Aug. 14, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Sept. 14, 10:00 am–12:00 pm
Sept. 18, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

ADULT TRAININGS

ADULT ARCHERY TRAINING

Aug. 18
El Ranchito | \$60 per adult

Get all necessary tools to lead safe beginning archery programs to a variety of ages and abilities.

INDOOR OVERNIGHT & CAMPING SKILLS

Sept. 21–22
Mariposa | \$25 per adult

Want to take girls camping the Girl Scout way? This special training has you covered.

TRAIN-THE-TRAINER

Sept. 21
Woodland Service Center | \$10 per adult

Are you interested in becoming an Adult Educator for GSGLA? If so, come to this training to learn training skills, review our curriculum, and learn how to become a trainer for our council. Check the events calendar for updated registration information at www.girlscoutsla.org/events.



VOLUNTEER CONFERENCE 2019

VOLUNTEER UNIVERSITY: LEARN FOR THE G.I.R.L.

Aug. 17
Marriott Warner Center, Woodland Hills | \$60 per adult

Enjoy dynamic workshops on how to get girls outdoors, programming ideas, STEM, travel, traditions, and more. This adults-only event consists of four workshop sessions, an inspiring keynote speaker and luncheon, and a social hour with a signature drink.

Don't Forget! Deadlines

JUNE 30

Don't miss out on robotics fun with FIRST LEGO League Jr., FIRST LEGO League and FIRST Tech Challenge. Get more information and access application forms by visiting www.girlscoutsla.org/robotics. Applications are due **June 30**.

SEPT. 30

Be prepared when the fall product program begins, and renew your membership now. Parents, troops, and volunteers can easily renew membership for themselves or their girls online using MyGS—just go to www.girlscoutsla.org/renew. The current membership year ends **Sept. 30**.