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GOING GOLD AS A TEAM



Every spring, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles honors an admirable group of girls who have worked hard to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest achievement in Girl Scouting. To earn it, girls lead individual projects that solve or build awareness of a community problem—not only in the short term, but for years to come. It's a lot of work, but, as many Gold Awardees can attest, it is totally attainable and incredibly rewarding.

Ambassador Girl Scout Troop 6235 from San Pedro found a great way to achieve their Gold Award ambitions: Develop a support system. Thirteen members of the troop all worked simultaneously on going Gold. Even though all of their projects were completely unique, it was helpful to have their sister Girl Scouts—many who had been in the same troop since first grade!—to talk to about challenges and successes. Collectively, the girls logged close to 1,400 hours dedicated to making differences in San Pedro and beyond through projects focused on bully prevention, literacy, science education, and so much more. Way to go, girls!

HEY THERE, EARLY BIRD!

Early Bird membership renewal begins April 1! Early Bird renewal gives current Girl Scouts and troops the opportunity to re-register early for the upcoming Girl Scout Year (October 2014 through September 2015) before the fall rush! Look for the Early Bird Registration button at girlscoutsla.org for details.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN US AT THE ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Girl Scout members ages 14 and up—let your voice be heard and applaud outstanding volunteers at the 2014 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Ceremony (AMVR), Saturday, April 5, at the Pacific Palms Hotel & Conference Center. Vote for the new Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles board of directors slate as well as the National Girl Scout Council delegates.

Afterward, we'll award and honor all of our amazing volunteers nominated by their peers at the volunteer recognition ceremony. Hosted by KTLA5's Lynette Romero (a former Girl Scout!), the ceremony will include a delicious lunch, mingling, and lots of celebrating. Cost is \$30. **Deadline to register is March 27.** Register online at girlscoutsla.org.

GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

April 22 is Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Day! Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is thankful for the more than 20,000 wonderful volunteers who serve as the leaders behind our girl leaders! Surprise your troop leader or other Girl Scout volunteer with a big thank-you on Volunteer Appreciation Day! Stop by one of our Girl Scout shops (you can even shop online at girlscoutsla.org) to find the perfect gift. Or, check out Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles' Pinterest page for some cool crafty ideas: pinterest.com/girlscoutsla.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES FUND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Talk about paying it forward: Cadette Troop 13481 from Pasadena is using its 2014 cookie funds toward building a sustainable, organic vegetable garden for the Ronald McDonald House of Pasadena. They are doing this in conjunction with the fourth grade Brownie troop at Chandler School in Pasadena so that it will be a Girl Scout legacy passed on from troop to troop at the school for years to come.

As a tradition since Brownies, these girls always set aside a portion of their cookie funds to give back to the community. Does Troop 13481's project spark any ideas for ways you can use cookie funds to Take Action and better your neighborhood?



FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR SERVICE SATURDAY

A 2013 nationwide food insecurity study found that **Los Angeles County has the most hungry families in the nation with 643,640 children struggling to eat on a daily basis.** Help lower this number by joining Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles' council-wide community service project, Feed Your Neighbor. You'll earn the Feed Your Neighbor patch and complete fun activities that weave in the three keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Discover, Connect, and Take Action. The program culminates on Saturday, April 12, with a one-day food drive across L.A. County, including Ralphs/Food 4 Less stores, and Girl Scout day of service at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Food will be donated to the LA Food Bank and their affiliates. Visit girlscoutsla.org and click on the Feed Your Neighbor button for details.

FAMILY FIT FAIR

Girl Scouts and their families are invited to participate in Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles' Family Fit Fair, at Cal State University Long Beach. Sponsored by Ralphs/Food 4 Less, this event is set for Spring 2014. Run the fitness challenge and stay for the Fit Fair and enjoy troop-led activities, visit health and fitness exhibitors, get your rhythm going at the center stage, and much more. Plus, you'll get a shirt and patch. Visit the program calendar at girlscoutsla.org for more information.

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SAT APR 5 C S A 2014 ANNUAL MEETING & VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

Girl Scout members ages 14 and up and adults will vote for our new national delegate and board of directors slate. Then, we'll honor all of our amazing volunteers in an awards ceremony. Let your voice be heard! Make sure to register by March 27 on girlscoutsla.org.



SAT APR 12 D B J C S A FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR 2014

Fight hunger in your community and earn the Feed Your Neighbor patch by completing activities that weave in the three keys of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Discover, Connect, and Take Action. The program culminates with a one-day food drive at participating Ralphs/Food 4 Less stores and day-of service at Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Sign up for a food drive booth at girlscoutsla.org.



FRI-SUN APR 25-27 S A GAM - GATHERING OF ALL MARINERS

Grab your troop and head over to Castaic Lake for a fun and challenging water skills tournament—a Girl Scout tradition! Compete in watercraft, swimming, boating, and more. It's all about creative teamwork. New teams welcome—all girls will receive their own copy of the "Gam-O-Gram" to prepare and hone their skills beforehand.

SAT APR 26 D B J C S A DODGERS GIRL SCOUT FAMILY AND FRIENDS NIGHT

The boys in blue are back and better than ever! Bring your troop, family, and friends to Dodger Stadium to watch the Dodgers take on the Colorado Rockies. Groups who purchase their tickets by March 28 will be able to participate in a special pre-game parade around the field. Plus, you get a sweet commemorative patch!

THURS MAY 1 B J C S A ROBOTICS REGISTRATION OPENS

Build and program a robot to go on missions, research real-life problems, and create unique, inspiring solutions on one of GSGLA's FIRST Lego League teams. There are teams for girls ages 6-9 years old, 9-14 years old, and competitive teams for high schoolers. Ready to be a STEM rockin' robotics star? Register for a team starting May 1 at girlscoutsla.org.

SAT MAY 10 D B J C S A SHE & ME DAY AT THE ROSE BOWL

Enjoy a special girls' day out with your mom, aunt, grandma, or other loved one. Take a tour and scavenger hunt throughout the historic Rose Bowl Stadium, viewing awesome sights like the original 1922 locker room and press box. Visit activity booths and end the day by watching an outdoor movie on the huge screen inside the atrium.

SAT MAY 10 J THE WORLD OF FLOWERS FOR JUNIORS

Flowers are beautiful—we bring them inside our homes to add cheer to a room, but there is so much more to flowers than you can imagine! Discover the amazing science behind these beautiful plants and earn your Flowers badge.

SAT-SUN MAY 24-25 B J STARGAZING & STORYTELLING OVERNIGHT

Join GSGLA and Celestron for an overnight you won't forget! Gaze at the stars and learn the legends about constellations! Special guest speakers will share all of their knowledge about the night sky and also talk about different careers in astronomy and space exploration. Brownies will earn the Starry Skies patch and Juniors can earn their Camper badge.

JUNE



SAT JUN 21 J C THRILL BUILDERS!

Welcome to the crazy carnival of your own creation! Create your own playground or miniature amusement park while learning the cool physics behind it. Explore simple machines all around us as you design and build parts of your ultimate playground with levers, pulleys, screws, and gears.



MON-THURS JUN 30-JULY 3 D B J C FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

Explore the world by land and sea! Discover new coves around Marine Landing while putting into action the Leave No Trace principles of responsible stewardship. Put these new skills to use as you go on kayak and paddleboard excursions throughout the week. Enjoy daily kayaking, dress-up themes, and fun activities to build lasting memories! Plus, earn an extra Leave No Trace patch.

MON-FRI JUN 23-27 D B J SHOPPING FASHIONISTA

Become your own wearable art designer during this fabulous fashion diva week! Explore different textiles, needlework styles, and elements of design, and jewelry-making. Hear from a special guest from the fashion industry, then create your own wardrobe to showcase in the Mariposa Day Camp Runway Show!



MON-FRI JUN 23-27 J C S PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE

Join girls for a week of international exploration while learning about countries to visit in the future! Climb aboard the Skyland camp bus and be transported to a destination filled with treasured international experiences. Learn traditions, songs, games, and dances from around the world, and enjoy Skyland Ranch favorites like archery, hiking, and outdoor cooking.

MON-FRI JULY 28-AUG 1 B J PIER INTO THE FUTURE

Discover what's beneath the waves, high in the sky (or at least as high as the Pacific Wheel), and lots in between at the Santa Monica Pier. Become a citizen marine biologist and explore the ocean at the Santa Monica Aquarium and on the beach, go behind the scenes at Pacific Park to see how the world's only solar-powered Ferris wheel works, learn what it takes to run a restaurant with cuisine experts from Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., and so much more!

THURS JULY 24 S A INVESTING IN ME: LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Seniors and Ambassadors, step into the leadership limelight and be part of this inaugural signature event! Spend a day at the Federal Reserve in Downtown Los Angeles with leaders representing Girl Scouts, the Federal Reserve, and Congress! Go on a tour, discuss career options in government with a Congresswoman's office representative, and take a useful personal finance workshop. Plus, learn résumé-writing and interview skills in cool workshops.

MON-FRI, JULY 7-11 B J SUMMER SAFARI

Don't just hear the call of the wild, answer it! During this animal-themed day camp in Antelope Valley, you'll get special surprise visits from the animal kingdom as you learn about wildlife, their habitats, and endangered species. Discover what the finned, feathered, and furry friends need to feel healthy and safe, then plan and enjoy a party to celebrate and share your new animal knowledge!

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- Daisies
- Brownies
- Juniors
- Cadettes
- Seniors
- Ambassadors

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Find details about these events and other GSGLA programs at

girlscoutsla.org

Click on "Calendar" under the "Activities & Events" tab. You must register at least two weeks prior to each event.

New for spring!

I can't wait to shop!



Camp ignites new passions, builds confidence, and gives her the chance to be independent.

To support GSGLA's campership program so that all girls can have this remarkable experience, visit girlscoutsla.org

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