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GEAR UP FOR THE MOST GIRL-TASTIC  
EXPO AND CONFERENCE NOV. 9, 2013



For Girltopia 2013, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is transforming the Los Angeles Convention Center into "the world of girl," showcasing Girl Scouts' commitment to discovery, friendship, leadership, and fun through six themed "villages." Girls (grades K-12) can explore interactive exhibit booths, listen to inspirational speakers, and rock out at the main stage.

**New at Girltopia:** Teen Summit, exclusively for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors! Enjoy workshops and seminars related to teen topics, beauty and health, career exploration, leadership, and more.

**Here's a bonus:** Girls who register for Girl Scouts during Early Bird membership renewal get a 20-percent discount code for Girltopia. Visit [girlscoutsla.org](http://girlscoutsla.org) to renew online.

**Register now!** Go to [girltopia.org](http://girltopia.org) for registration information, frequently asked questions, news updates, and more.

WHAT THE GSGLA VOLUNTEER  
CONFERENCE MEANS FOR GIRLS

Girl Scouts exists for girls, but it exists because of volunteers. That's why Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is bringing volunteers together to discuss fun and effective ways to help girls stand up, stand out, and stand tall. The 2013 Volunteer Conference takes place Aug. 17, 2013 at the Pomona Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Go to [girlscoutsla.org](http://girlscoutsla.org) for registration details and complete information.

**Hey girls!** Here are some of the things your troop leader and other adult volunteers can learn and share from the Volunteer Conference:

- How to use and share innovative engineering activity kits with girls
- New ideas for awesome nature crafts and cool, unique photo albums
- Fun, effective ways to host a lively Girl Scout Cookie Kick-off
- How to share your stories with the media and the community



WHY CAMP?

TIP: ALWAYS USE A GUIDE  
FOR A JOURNEY

Get ready for the new Girl Scout membership year by picking up *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting and Leadership Journeys* at a nearby Girl Scout shop or online at [girlscoutsla.org](http://girlscoutsla.org). (Click on the tab that says "Shop.")

These Girl Scout resources make up the core of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience in which girls have fun learning to Discover the world around them; Connect with others; and Take Action to make the world a better place. Every girl should have a guide—which comes in a convenient customizable binder complete with an awards log, badge information, and activities and ideas—as well as a Journey book. Plus, your guide becomes a really cool keepsake when you customize it.

GOING GOLD IN A BIG WAY

## Girl Scout Gold Award

This year, a record number of 298 girls in greater Los Angeles earned the Girl Scout Gold Award. These girls collectively spent more than 26,000 hours working on bettering their communities locally and even globally. Some girls' projects addressed issues out of the country—in places like Haiti, Swaziland, India, the Dominican Republic, and Mexico.

Congratulations to these Gold Award recipients who have created lasting, positive impacts in greater Los Angeles and beyond! Visit [girlscoutsla.org](http://girlscoutsla.org) for a wrap-up of the 2013 Gold Award Ceremony.

Ah, camp. Summer wouldn't be the same without it. And Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles wouldn't be the same without Camp Osito Rancho Resident Camp—or the amazing day camps at El Ranchito, Marine Landing, Camp Mariposa, Camp Montrose, Camp Covina, and Camp Johnstone.

Girl Scout day and resident camps are not only fun—they come with lifelong benefits. According to an American Camp Association (ACA) study, camp engages youth to learn about themselves while gaining practical life skills such as leadership, self-esteem, friendship skills, and exploration.

Each camp has a focus, but is also designed to have a wide-range of activities so girls can sample a little bit of everything: from science and high adventure to drama and horseback riding. Find the perfect fit before it fills—go to [girlscoutsla.org](http://girlscoutsla.org) and click on the button that says "Summer Camp 2013."

HEY LEADERS:  
WE NEED ROBOTICS COACHES!

GSGLA robotics teams require a coach to organize and coordinate team logistics. But don't worry, coaches are not required to be robotics experts. This summer, attend a free training and become a coach. Both trainings take place at the Montrose Program Center.

Email Tony Ayad to register: [tony.ayad@gmail.com](mailto:tony.ayad@gmail.com).

**July 13 or July 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**FOR NEW ROBOTICS COACHES:**  
Introduction to FLL

**July 20 or Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**FOR NEW & RETURNING ROBOTICS COACHES:**  
Advanced NXT-G





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## JULY

### MON-FRI JULY 8-12 PEACE, LOVE, AND MOTHER NATURE

Spend a groovy week at our Santa Clarita Day Camp learning about nature in a fun and creative way. Visit with Hart Park Nature Center's resident animals, sing, and make new friends.



### MON-FRI JULY 15-19 HOMEMADE HEROES

It's the ultimate DIY day camp! Grow herbs you can use in a recipe of your own creation. Serve that recipe on a trivet you'll make during a woodworking session. Knit a scarf, hat, or potholder; learn how to sew, make homemade spa products, and more!

### MON-FRI JULY 15-19 CAMPER'S DELIGHT

Sample the best of what day camp has to offer: Sing, play group games, cook, and craft—all in the great outdoors. Master your team-building skills while working on badges. Create your own summer adventure and bring a friend along to share it with you!



### MON-FRI JUL 29-AUG 2 LITTLE CAMP ON THE PRAIRIE

Travel in time and step into Laura Ingalls Wilder's shoes for this special day camp. Experience the life girls led in the old west by making candles and soap, crocheting and knitting—and even making butter and ice cream! Play games like hopscotch, Jacks and stick ball, and sing camp songs.



### MON-FRI JUL 29-AUG 2 NEW! PIER INTO THE FUTURE

Explore new adventures at the historic Santa Monica Pier. Learn about marine life and conservation through hands-on activities 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 and enjoy the rides. Find out what it takes to run a restaurant with cuisine experts from Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. Earn badges along the way!

### THROUGH SEPT. 30 WALKING PROGRAM

Walk the walk with GSGLA. We'll send you a pedometer in the mail so you can get stepping. This year, your virtual destination is up to you. Help GSGLA log 15,000 miles by Sept. 30, 2013—getting there is only going to be half the fun!



Donate to GSGLA's campership fund to help girls discover adventure, friendship, and independence.

GIFTS & AWARDS  
End-of-Year Gifts & Awards for All Grade Levels!  
SHOP NOW → VISIT GIRLSOUTSLA.ORG



### MON-FRI AUG 5-9 HER MAJESTY'S COURT

A land of merriment awaits day campers in kindergarten through sixth grade. Make princess hats, decorate candles, and create your own family crest. Cheer on your champion in the castle jousting tournament and earn games badges.



## AUGUST

### MON-SAT AUG 5-10 FOOTPRINTS ON THE LAND

Look high and low as your footsteps take you to old and new parts of Camp Osito Rancho, our overnight resident camp. Investigate the forest for animal habitats, and bring the science of archaeology to life by identifying what our ancestors left behind. Learn "Leave No Trace" principles as well as the art of camouflage.



### FRI-SUN AUG 9-11 ROCK 'N' ROLL ROBOTS SUMMER CAMP

A weekend overnighter with everything you love about Girl Scouts, plus—robots! Build and program a robot, compete with other campers in a mini-tournament, learn about competing in the FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) robotics competition, and bond with future FTC teammates and mentors.



### MON AUG 19 destinations CLUB INTEREST MEETING

Want to travel to another state or country and experience new cultures? Dive into the world of Girl Scout destinations at this interest meeting at the Woodland Hills Service Center. Explore what travel and personal growth opportunities are available through Girl Scouts and find out how you can apply to a destination.



## September

### FRI-SUN SEPT 6-8 OCEAN FUN ON CATALINA ISLAND

Join us for an exciting opportunity to snorkel, swim, learn about marine life, and accomplish badge work in a beautifully preserved area of Catalina Island.



### SAT SEPT 21 ATHLETE BADGE CLINIC WITH THE LA GALAXY

Kick off the Girl Scout year by working toward earning the Athlete badge. Galaxy trainers and coaches will teach nutrition, fitness, and soccer skills in this awesome pregame clinic.



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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.



MY NOTES

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