

# **2015 Elite 1000 FAQs**

## **Disney YES (Youth Education Series) Program**

### **Disneyland's Magic Kingdom**

### **May 30, 2015**



#### ***Who is invited to attend?***

This event is exclusively for girls who sold at least 1,000 boxes of cookies during the 2015 Girl Scout Cookie Program. Each girl must bring one (and only one) parent/guardian.

#### ***How do I know that my daughter is eligible?***

GSGLA will email an invite to all eligible girls' parent by mid-April, regardless of any choice that was made in eBudde. Please watch your email for complete details including parent permission, and girl health history. If you have not received the email invitation by April 27, please contact your Product Sales Manager immediately. Council pays for every accepting RSVP, and we must be accurate. **RSVPs must be received by May 6, 2015, and cannot be changed after this date.** Thank you for your cooperation.

#### ***Where does the event take place?***

The exclusive 2015 Elite 1000 event will take place in Disneyland's Magic Kingdom this year and at the Disneyland Hotel. All attendees will receive park-hopper tickets for flexible fun all day long (after lunch) in both Disneyland and California Adventure.

#### ***Are Tag-alongs permitted at this event?***

Tag-alongs are NOT permitted. This is a very special event for those girls who earned the privilege to attend.

#### ***Will parents be allowed to accompany each girl?***

**One parent/guardian is REQUIRED to accompany each girl.** Transportation is on your own. Staff will be on hand, but we ask that parents assist by using common sense if asked to be a chaperone. Staff may ask for a little help depending on the circumstances. Thank you for being there for your Girl Scout and being a sister to every Girl Scout. Non-parental adults may attend with parent/guardian permission. Parents not asked to help will be free to enjoy both parks before lunch while the girls are experiencing their YES Program.

#### ***Will the girls receive any special recognition at this event?***

Girls will receive the gold 2015 Elite 1000 pin along with their other Rewards, and not on the day of the event as in the past. Other "swag" items are currently in development and will be available to the attending girls on the day of the event. This is our most special Cookie Reward event, and we make it as special as possible. We try to keep the surprises coming!

#### ***Will transportation be provided?***

No. Every girl needs her own transportation to Disneyland. Let us know and we may help connect you with other Elite 1000 parents to make carpooling arrangements if you would like. Keep in mind that you are welcome to stay and enjoy the park after the YES Program concludes, so departure times are variable and an individual decision.

### ***Parking?***

Each Parent/guardian should park in the Mickey and Friends Parking structure, and use Disney transportation to the main gate pavilion between Disneyland and California Adventure. **Parking fees are \$17** and are paid when you enter the parking area.

### ***What is going to happen? What is the schedule for the day?***

Look for the Girl Scout registration table near the main gate entrance. After your registration is complete, girls will be divided by grade so that they receive an age appropriate YES Program, and they will meet their YES Program Facilitator. **Please view the instructions for your specific YES Program below.** The grades below are the school grade the girl has just completed, not the grade she will be next year. We have staggered the start time to better facilitate registration. Every Facilitator is specifically trained in the Program they will deliver. The YES Program takes between 2 and 3 hours, depending on the Program.

The plan is for parents/guardians to have free time before 12 PM while your girls are experiencing the YES Program. We may ask some parents to join the YES Program to adhere to proper girl/adult ratios.

Girls will be reunited with their parent as we gather for lunch at the Disneyland Hotel at the other end of Downtown Disney between 12 and 12:30. For lunch, we have a very special "all American Picnic" planned. Once we conclude lunch, all girls are welcome to enjoy both Disney parks until they close that evening.

### ***What are the girls doing during the YES activity?***

Disney is a leader in so many ways. They have harnessed the magic of Disney to produce the Youth Education Series (YES). Some Disney staff are specially trained to deliver the YES Programs as an adjunct to their regular roles within Disney. Based on the number of girls who qualified, we have chosen several YES Programs to be run concurrently. Girls will attend one of four different YES Programs, based on their grade level.

Age	YES Program Title	Arrive/Garage	Registration
Grades K-2	Energy & Waves 101 Lite	8:30 AM	9:00 AM
Grade 3-5	Energy & Waves Physics Lab 101	7:30 AM	8:00 AM
Grades 6-8	Disney's Approach to Leadership & Teamwork	7:00 AM	7:30 AM
Grades 9-12	Marketing the Story of Your Visual Brand	7:30 AM	8:00 AM

### ***What is for lunch?***

Elite 1000 girls will be honored at an outdoor lunch hosted at the Disneyland Hotel. We will have a buffet style All American Picnic, with a variety of food choices, including a vegetarian meal option. Lunch will include Garden Greens, Mac N Cheese, Crispy Fried Chicken, All Beef Hot Dogs, Ranch Style Baked Beans, Roasted Corn with Bell Peppers and Onions, Organic Garden Crudités, Freshly Baked Cookies & Rocky Road Brownies Sliced Seasonal Melons, Fruits & Berries and Cinnamon Crème Fraiche.

### ***What options do I have if there is a scheduling conflict?***

GSGLA addressed this issue by contracting the date last summer, and publishing the date from Day 1 of the Cookie Program to avoid as many scheduling conflicts as possible. We also understand that it is a busy time of year with other spring events. Any girl who knowingly cannot attend this event for any reason should request the optional \$100 Camp/Program Credit in lieu of attending the event when she completes her online RSVP, no later than May 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the ONLY available option to attending.

### ***What is an appropriate dress code?***

We suggest that parents plan accordingly depending on the anticipated weather for the day. Every girl will receive an event T-shirt which must be worn until after lunch. Girls will be walking a lot – comfortable shoes – and no flip flops, are a must. Girl Scout uniforms are not needed, but insignia or sashes are good to demonstrate to the public at large the girls' achievements. Bring sunscreen.

### ***Will the girls need to bring extra money?***

No additional money is needed for the YES Program or lunch itself. All food and beverages are included at the picnic. They earned it!!! However, if a girl is staying later in the park, you may want to anticipate dinner expenses. And it is Disneyland, so you will want to plan for souvenirs. Any discretionary spending before, during or after the conclusion of the Elite 1000 event is, of course, NOT included.

### ***What measures will be taken to ensure the girl's safety?***

Girl safety is always a priority at every Girl Scout event. The 2015 Elite 1000 will be held in only two places: Disneyland Park and the Disneyland Hotel. Parents need to check in and out with staff, especially if you need to leave suddenly. Standard parent permission and girls' health forms are required. Girls are required to wear the official blue Elite 1000 T-shirt during the event to help us keep track of girls.

Keep in mind that Disneyland is a big place with lots of people. Appropriate girl to adult ratios will be in place and all girls will be accompanied by parents at all times, including bathroom breaks.

We have made arrangements for each YES group to be in radio contact with each other and with Council Management. Help for any situation is readily available.

### ***Can we stay at a local hotel?***

GSGLA has secured a limited number of rooms at a special rate of \$209 per night at the Disneyland hotel, for those who may want to stay the night before or night of the event. Reservations need to be made directly by calling 714-520-5005 Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM PST or by email to [dlr.convention.groups@disney.com](mailto:dlr.convention.groups@disney.com). All room reservations must be made by April 30, 2015 or before our guest room block is sold out.

Outside of this limited offer, parents are welcome to make other local arrangements.

***Still have questions?*** For questions regarding Ebiz registration for the event, please contact Vanessa Gomez at 626-677-2271 or email [Vgomez@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:Vgomez@girlscoutsla.org).

General event questions can be directed to [cookies@girlscoutsla.org](mailto:cookies@girlscoutsla.org).

