**Girl Op-Ed Sample – 2015**

*Note that what follows is only an example—i.e., one way we envision girl writers and councils approaching their op-eds. Please do not use this language verbatim in your version, as your personal perspective is what will resonate with your particular audience.*

**Changing the World with Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles**

My entire Girl Scout career has been an exciting roller coaster full of learning and laughter with some of my absolute best friends. The opportunities we receive as Girl Scouts are much greater than people realize.

Obviously everyone knows about our famous Girl Scout Cookies and our extensive knowledge of the outdoors, but being a Girl Scout is so much more than just cookies and camping. I’ve learned things I never would have otherwise, and been given opportunities to impact my community with projects I developed and executed on my own.

[ANECDOTE ABOUT HOW THE OP-ED WRITER HAS BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD THROUGH GIRL SCOUTS, OR AN EXPERIENCE THE GIRL MEMBER HAD THAT POINTS DIRECTLY TO THE POSITIVE BENEFITS OF LEARNING BY DOING. REFER TO THE GSRI RESEARCH FACT SHEET TO FURTHER ELUCIDATE POINTS APPLICABLE TO YOUR COUNCIL. PLAY UP FUN AND EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES THE GIRL SCOUT WRITER HAS RECEIVED THROUGH GIRL SCOUTS.]

And being a Girl Scout is FUN! I get to spend tons of time with some of my best friends, and we all learn from each other and continue to grow into future leaders of our communities and the world. We laugh and play just as much as we get down to business trying to save the world, one Take Action project at a time.

Girl Scouts are tenacious, well-rounded, and undisputed leaders in our communities. Whether we are running summer camps to share our knowledge, selling cookies to fund impactful community projects, or lending a helping hand to younger members, we all make up an exceptional group of future leaders. With positive benefits like these, I think every girl should be a Girl Scout!

To join or volunteer, please visit: [www.girlscouts.org/join](http://www.girlscouts.org/join.asp?tab=j&utm_campaign=ICantWaitTo&utm_medium=PR&utm_source=girloped).