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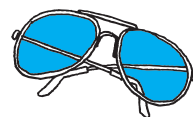
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Costume 5K & 2K Run/Walk!
Fitness Stage!
Exhibit & Game Area!



When: Oct. 17, 2015
10 a.m.–2 p.m.



Where: El Dorado East Regional Park
Long Beach *(parking \$7)*

Who: Girl Scouts, tagalongs,
family/friends welcome!

Cost: \$20 through 6/10
\$25 after 6/10
Medal & fun patch included



Register: www.girlscoutsla.org
Deadline: Sept. 23

New! Enroll in GSGLA's Golden Miles walking program and meet criteria while at Family Fit Fair! Plus, get a cool pedometer! More info on the Fit Fair web page.



Visit the GSGLA website for details



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We can't wait to see you!

Dear GSGLA Girl Scouts
and Girl Scout Families:

Summer is calling us, but here at Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, we're already thinking about fall—"back-to-troop" time! We have so many fun and energizing programs planned for all of you, September through December.

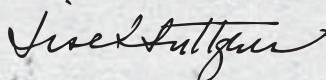
Which events will you choose to attend and celebrate the beginning of a new year of Girl Scouting? Our staff has worked hard to create a variety of programs to meet the interests and passions of every girl—whether she's beginning her Silver or Gold Award journey (check out our monthly workshops), looking to dabble in comic book creation (Comic Artist Badge Day), putting her outdoors skills to the test (TAMBU, a Girl Scout tradition!), launching her first rocket (Rocket Whiz), or even catching a football game with the family (USC vs. the Utah Utes).

I personally hope to see you all at our second annual Family Fit Fair 5K & 2K Run/Walk in Long Beach on Oct. 17. It's the cornerstone event of our healthy living programs. Last year, more than 700 Girl Scouts and their families gathered—many wearing awesome Girl Scout spirit

costumes!—for a day of exercise, laughs, and making new friends. It's the perfect fall kick-off event.

I hope this guide helps you plan an eventful year of learning, growing, and making memories. And don't forget to check out our GSGLA News and Gabbing with Girl Scouts sections. Upholding our "girl-led" ethos, now more than ever girls are submitting their own tales of triumph and exploration. This is your council and these are your stories.

Yours in Girl Scouting,



Lise L. Luttgens
Chief Executive Officer





WOW! Moments in Girl Scouting

CHANNELING WING SCOUTS: AVIATION WORKSHOP RECAP

By Taylor C.,
Senior Girl Scout

GSGLA's Aviation Workshop at Whiteman Airport was incredible! The event was led by the San Fernando Valley Ninety-Nines (SFV 99s)—and they were all so kind, helpful, and more than happy to introduce all of us girls to aviation! I learned that there are so many careers and recreational opportunities for women in aviation, which was really exciting.

At the workshop, we were able to step inside and learn about Anne

Marie Radel's airplane, AKA "The Tiger." She explained to us how aviation works, communications, the rules of the sky, and all about the plane. There were so many different airplanes on the lot, such as low wings and upper wings, each having a different flying experience.

We were also able to go into the control towers and see how everyone's safety and guiders work—at one point, we watched an airplane from the Burbank



Airport be transferred to Whiteman through flashes on the air control screen. The guy in the control tower showed us how they deal with a transfer or a “pass-over,” as it was called. We also saw how they help land planes back to back on the runway.

Now, I’m thinking about flying! The Aviation Workshop opened another door of opportunity for not only me, but also the other girls there. Thank you to everyone who made this event happen—and to all the women who showed us their planes. I’m so grateful I had this opportunity.

GSGLA’s Aviation Workshop typically takes place annually in March. Keep checking your Greater program guide and program calendar at girlscoutsla.org.



Flying Facts

Only **7%** of pilots in the U.S. are women.

Just **23%** of women represent non-pilot careers in aviation (mechanics, flight navigators, flight attendants, etc.).



Girl Scouts has a strong history of supporting girls in underrepresented fields. As early as 1916, Girl Scouts could earn an aviation badge. In the early 1940s, the Wing Scout program was established for Senior Girl Scouts interested in aviation.

GS SHOP NEWS

Stock up this June!



There will be a **national** price increase for Girl Scout uniforms, insignia, and earned badges, effective July 1, 2015. This is a great time to plan ahead if you will be bridging (or gearing up for back-to-troop this fall) and needing these essential pieces! Come into any of our seven GSGLA stores to pre-purchase your items for your next Girl Scout year before the prices go up! If you have any questions, please contact your local GSGLA shop.

Have a timely troop triumph or "Wow!" moment in Girl Scouting you want to share? Send your story (and photos) to pr@girlscoutsla.org, and it might be featured in an upcoming issue of the *Greater* program guide.



make new friends & keep the old

Love Girl Scouting? Share it with others! At Girl Scouts, we believe every girl everywhere should have the opportunity to experience fun, friendship, and adventure through Girl Scouting. Make sure you visit the Resources & Tools page at girlscoutsla.org where you can download tons of cool recruitment tools, including “Join My Troop” peer-to-peer invites, giveaways (stickers, bookmarks, bracelets), business cards, and more. (Click on “For Volunteers.”) Here are some ways you can help recruit more girls to join Girl Scouting during “back-to-troop” season this fall:

Help spread the word about Girl Scouting!

- ☐ Set up a booth at a back-to-school event
- ☐ Volunteer to do a flag ceremony at school
- ☐ Talk to incoming Daisy parents about what you love about Girl Scouting
- ☐ Wear your Girl Scout uniforms at school the day of your meetings
- ☐ Older troops, host an event or “get-together” for kindergarten girls and parents

Each troop should have a minimum number of girls, per level:

10

Daisies

12

Brownies and Juniors

8

Cadettes

5

Seniors and Ambassadors

Want to become more involved to ensure that all girls in your community have an opportunity to become a Girl Scout? Become a recruiter by emailing Lara Branch at lbranch@girlscoutsla.org.

gabbing with girl scouts





"DRIVING MY FINANCIAL FUTURE" LAUNCH EVENT EXPERIENCE

By Joan S., Cadette Girl Scout

Picture this: CEOs, financial service advisors, and financial managers all gathering to teach you personally how to budget, finance, save, and invest.

Talk about a special opportunity! Well, that's just what I was able to experience at the "Driving My Financial Future" launch event at the Toyota Campus in April. And, 26,000 more girls across the country will also be able to gain access to the tools necessary to feel confident in their financial decisions, thanks to this new program.

"Driving My Financial Future" is a program created and sponsored by Toyota Financial Services (TFS) to teach Girl Scouts how to budget, build their credit, research, and comparison shop. Toyota Financial Services recently pledged \$2.1 million to Girl Scouts to help us develop our financial knowledge. Not only was our Greater Los Angeles

CEO, Lise L. Luttgens, at the event, but our national CEO Anna Maria Chávez, was also there for the fun. It was awesome!

Before coming to this event, I had already learned about saving money and budgeting through the Girl Scout Cookie Program. In my Cadette troop, we work toward specific financial goals, right down to the pennies spent on food for trips. This has helped me budget in my personal life by saving for new electronics and budgeting how much I spend on Christmas presents.

"Driving My Financial Future" takes it steps further: At the kick-off event, financial experts from TFS (most of them were Girl Scouts as girls—super inspiring!) helped me along with 140 other Girl Scouts in my area learn how to research and comparison shop. What I discovered: Simply taking the time to investigate my favorite buy on the internet could save me a lot of money! And, I need to remember to check

shipping costs before making my final purchasing decision. We also learned about putting together a monthly budget and the importance of anticipating emergencies. I need to know ways I can save money if in the future I miss work because of these emergencies. And I don't want to ever forget my responsibility to give to charities I believe in—especially Girl Scouts!

The skills I learned at "Driving my Financial Future" will be helpful to all Girl Scouts when we are looking for a car and home or making our college budget. I really liked the fact that the TFS volunteers leading the badge workshops with us were Girl Scouts as girls—it confirmed to me that Girl Scouts definitely builds leaders of tomorrow. The advice they gave us really stuck with me—like keep saving so you can pursue your dreams and help others! Every Girl Scout should get this experience because it is a necessity to our future generations.

TROOP 12815'S GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT

*By Abigail B.,
Cadette Girl Scout*

The most common question I've received as a Girl Scout for the past two years is, "What's the Silver Award?" As Girl Scouts, most of you know this answer. But just in case, let me tell you: The Girl Scout Silver Award is given when a Girl Scout troop works on a specific Take Action project for at least 50 hours. It is the highest award a Cadette can earn.

My troop, Troop 12815, worked on protecting and saving our oceans. The oceans are in danger because of all the plastic we use and put in it. The oceans aren't the only things in danger, either. The animals that live in it are and so are we.





For our project, we decided to promote less plastic usage in our Palisades community and greater Los Angeles. At public venues, we delivered a presentation showing people the dangers of plastics and handed out reusable bags made out of old T-shirts to the listeners. We also used a PowerPoint presentation to drive home the issue.

Has the world been saved yet? Not quite. But to celebrate the work we've done so far, we received our Silver Award in a special ceremony. Each girl in my troop was recognized and received a certificate from Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, California Senator Diane Feinstein, US Congressman Ted Lieu, and U.S. President Barack Obama.

My troop would like to encourage you to make a difference in reducing plastic pollution, too. Be creative and don't be careless with how you use plastic. Better yet—don't use it at all.



PROGRAM GUIDE

General Information

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles programs through December 2015 are listed in this program guide. Registration open and close dates all vary per program. You must register at least two weeks prior to each event.

Find details about these events and all GSGLA programs through December 2015 at girlscoutsla.org. Click on "Calendar" under the "Activities & Events" tab. Check the program calendar frequently, as pop-up programs are often added throughout the year. Stay up to date on the latest program information by signing up for GSGLA's monthly e-newsletter, *Great News!* as well as your grade-level specific newsletter. The sign-up form is on the home page of girlscoutsla.org.

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- D** DAISY
- B** BROWNIE
- J** JUNIOR
- C** CADETTE
- S** SENIOR
- A** AMBASSADOR



I can't wait for

September!

MARINE LANDING J C S A OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Sept. 5–6, Overnight

Grades 4–12 (\$85 registered girl/\$95 non-registered girl, \$85 adult)

Marine Landing

Say goodbye to the last days of summer with a fun-filled weekend on the bay! Explore all that Marine Landing has to offer, including kayaking, canoeing, and swimming. No day at camp would be complete without games, songs, and crafts, too! This is a great activity for both troops and Mom & Me's.

COMIC ARTIST BADGE DAY C S A AT THE LONG BEACH COMIC CON

Sept. 12, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Grades 6–12 (\$35 registered girl/\$40 non-registered girl, \$25 adult)

Long Beach Convention Center

GSGLA and the Long Beach Comic Con have teamed up so girls can earn the Comic Artist badge during the convention! Experience an entire day of young adult panels with professionals answering questions about the comic book industry. Plus, participate in a Girl Scouts Laser Tag session! Cadettes will work directly with comic book pros in rotations, fulfilling requirements for the Comic Artist badge. There will also be a superhero costume contest. Price includes the Comic Artist badge for Cadettes and admission to the Long Beach Comic Con for both Saturday and Sunday (GSGLA program is on Saturday only).

Girl Scouts under 10 years old are also invited to attend for free with the purchase of an adult Saturday-only pass, and the link to purchase that pass will be provided on the registration page when it becomes available (limited to three Girl Scouts per adult).

GIRL SCOUT FAMILY NIGHT D B J C S A WITH THE LA GALAXY – PRE-GAME SOCCER CLINIC

Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m.

*Grades K–12 (Upper Sideline \$20, Endline/Sideline \$25)
StubHub Center*

Kick off the new school year with the LA Galaxy. Arrive early for a great pre-game soccer clinic put on by LA Galaxy trainers and coaches (clinic is for registered Girl Scouts only). Then stay after the clinic to watch the Galaxy take on the Montreal Impact. All attendees will receive a commemorative Galaxy patch. Family and friends are welcome to take advantage of the special ticket pricing. Tickets will go fast.

GIRL SCOUT FAMILY DAY D B J C S A WITH THE LA ANGELS

Sept. 13, 12:35 p.m.

Grades K–12 (View All Star \$17, Terrace Box \$25, Field Box \$31)

Angel Stadium

Bring your troop, family, and friends to Angel Stadium to watch the Angels play the Houston Astros. The Angels are packed with star power (including 2014 American League MVP Mike Trout), and they're ready to make another run at the playoffs. Tickets must be ordered by Aug. 21. All girls will receive a commemorative Angels Girl Scout Day patch! Plus, each ticket comes with a voucher for a hot dog and a drink. Seating is limited.

MALL MADNESS: J C S A HOLLYWOOD FASHIONISTA

Sept. 19–20, Overnight

Grades 4–12, (\$35 registered girl/\$47 non-registered girl, \$20 adult)

Sherman Oaks Fashion Square Mall

Grab your glam squad for a fun night of fashion and shopping! Junior, Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts will have paparazzi follow them as they enjoy music, crafts, games, and so much more. Make sure to dress in your most (Girl Scout-appropriate) Hollywood fashions.

GOLD AWARD WORKSHOP S A

Sept. 24, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Grades 9–12 (\$12 registered girl/\$7 registered adult)

Woodland Hills Service Center

All new for the 2015–16 program year! Trainers will guide you through a new interactive workshop to discover the requirements for a Gold-worthy project, how to choose a project, and how to design that project to be measurable and sustainable. The workshop covers the new online Go Gold proposal process, booking your interview, executing the project, and pre- and post-paperwork and scrapbooking. Girls should be near completion of their pre-requisites (within three months) to attend and ready to submit their proposal within the program year (Oct. 1, 2015–Sept. 3, 2016). Leaders, advisors, and parents are encouraged to attend. **It is highly recommended to retake this workshop if you have not yet submitted your proposal and took your workshop before Aug. 1, 2015.**

TAMBU S A

Sept. 25–27, Overnight

Grades 9–12 (Price TBA)

Camp Lakota, Frazier Park

A long-standing tradition, TAMBU is an exciting and fun backpacking/camping skills competition for Senior and Ambassador girls only—new troops are welcome! The weekend features a friendly competition demonstrating skills in cooking, orienteering, fire building, knots/lashing, compass, first aid, and more. All girls will receive their own copy of the “Bug-a-Boo,” which will have all the information they need to know. Compete against past goals or set new ones! Event is for troops only—troops are welcome to combine into one unit for this event.

EXPLORING YOUR FUTURE C

Sept. 26, 9 a.m.

Grades 6–8 (\$35 girl, \$30 adult)

GRAMMY Museum/Regal Cinemas at L.A. LIVE

Are you a go-getter? Creative type? Event planner? Explore the world of entertainment and hospitality careers! With the help of AEG, you’ll have a chance to network with a few industry professionals through fun and interactive workshops. After a morning of exploring and connecting, head over to Regal Cinemas for an afternoon movie. Package includes: admission to the GRAMMY Museum, movie ticket, zap pack (soft drink, popcorn, and fruit snack), GRAMMY Museum patch, and an event fun patch.





**I can't wait for
October!**

THE SOUND OF MUSIC (D)(B)(J)(C)(S)(A) **GIRL SCOUT DAY**

Oct. 3, 2 p.m.

Grades K–12 (Pricing starts at \$36 for groups of 15+)
Ahmanson Theatre, Downtown LA

Launching a North American tour at the Ahmanson, three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien will direct a lavish new production of the world's most beloved musical. 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the film version, which continues to be the most successful movie musical in history. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the Von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with such songs as "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," and "The Sound of Music." For an additional \$5 per person in your group, you will receive a patch and an invitation to the post-show Q&A with select members of the production. Call 213-972-7231 for reservation information or visit the Community Activities page at girlscoutsla.org for more information.

SILVER AWARD WORKSHOPS (C)

Oct. 6, 6–8 p.m. Marina Del Rey Service Center

Oct. 13, 4–6 p.m. Santa Clarita Service Center

Oct. 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Arcadia Service Center

Grades 6–8 (\$10 registered girl/\$5 registered adult)

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GOLD AWARD WORKSHOP (S)(A)

Grades 9–12 (\$12 registered girl/\$7 registered adult)

Oct. 7, 4–6 p.m. Palmdale Service Center

Oct. 17, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Johnstone Program Center

Oct. 20, 6–8 p.m. Marina Del Rey Service Center

Oct. 24, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Montrose Program Center

Oct. TBA, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Woodland Hills Service Center

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ROCKET WHIZ (B)(J)

Oct. 10, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Grades 2–5 (\$25 registered girl/\$30 non-registered girl)

Montrose Program Center

The sky is the limit as Girl Scouts experience rocketry firsthand. Build and decorate model rockets, and qualify to launch a rocket during a launch event at the Santa Fe Dam on Nov. 7, 8 a.m.–12 p.m. Program registration includes all materials and supplies as well as a rocketry patch. Parking fee (\$10) at the Santa Fe Dam and extra launches beyond the first two are not included. Extra launches can be purchased at the Santa Fe Dam for under \$10. Please note: there is a separate, one-time \$2 launch fee (per girl) payable to the Southern California Rocketry Association the day of the event.

ROCK IT! C S A

Oct. 10, 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Grades 6–12 (\$30 registered girl/\$35 non-registered girl)
Montrose Program Center

Push your construction skills to the limit and rock your rocket! Build advanced-level model rockets, and qualify to launch your rocket during a launch event at the Santa Fe Dam on Nov. 7, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Program registration includes all materials and supplies, as well as a rocketry patch. Parking fee (\$10) at the Santa Fe Dam and extra launches beyond the first two are not included. Extra launches can be purchased at the Santa Fe Dam for under \$10. Please note: there is a separate, one-time \$2 launch fee (per girl) payable to the SCRA the day of the event.

GIRL SCOUT FAMILY D B J C S A DAY WITH USC FOOTBALL

Oct. 24, Time TBA

Grades K–12 (Package w/ Food Voucher \$43.50, Package w/o Food Voucher \$36)

LA Memorial Coliseum

The turf has been cut, yard lines painted, and the buzz of college football is in the air! Bring the troop, family, and friends to the Coliseum for a great day of football. Pre-game girls will have a special on-field experience. Then, watch the USC Trojans battle PAC 12 rivals the Utah Utes. Girls will receive a commemorative USC patch. Tickets are limited. Both ticket packages offer a savings of \$15 per package from regular price.

2015 FAMILY FIT FAIR 5K D B J C S A

& 2K RUN/WALK

Oct. 17, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Grades K–12 (\$20 through June 10, \$25 starting June 11)

El Dorado East Regional Park (Golden Grove area), Long Beach / Parking \$7

Girl Scouts and their families are invited to participate in GSGLA's Second Annual Family Fit Fair. Come dressed in a creative costume and run/walk the 5K & 2K challenge course, which includes fun "obstacles," like an inflatable course, jump rope station, and aerobic workouts! At the fit fair, enjoy troop-led activities, visit exhibitors, get your rhythm going at the center stage, and much more. Event includes a medal and a patch. Many activities at Family Fit Fair help you complete requirements for GSGLA's new walking program, Golden Miles. For only \$8, you will receive a Golden Miles fun patch and pedometer. Sign up for the Golden Miles Walking Patch Program on the Family Fit Fair registration page.





I can't wait for

November!

SILVER AWARD WORKSHOPS

Nov. 3, 6–8 p.m. Long Beach Service Center

Nov. 3, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Montclair Service Center

Nov. 16, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Woodland Hills Service Center

Grades 6–8 (\$10 registered girl/\$5 registered adult)

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GRAMMY MUSEUM DAY

Nov. 7, 9 a.m.

Grades K–12 (\$16 girl, \$16 adult)

The GRAMMY Museum, Los Angeles

Experience a state-of-the-art celebration of the power of music with an exclusive speaker workshop (speaker TBA), and a special activity showcasing the museums cutting-edge exhibits, interactive stations, and a host of musical genres. This event is open to family and friends. Girls will receive a commemorative GRAMMY Museum patch. Only 200 spots are available in each workshop.

GOLD AWARD WORKSHOP

Grades 9–12 (\$12 registered girl/\$7 registered adult)

Nov. 17, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Arcadia Service Center

Nov. 19, 4–6 p.m. Santa Clarita Service Center

Nov. 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Johnstone Program Center

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AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Nov. 14–15, Overnight

Grades 4–12 (\$85 registered girl/\$95 non-registered girl, \$85 adult)

El Ranchito

Enjoy a beautiful fall weekend of outdoor adventure. Experience all that El Ranchito has to offer including gaga ball (a kinder and gentler version of dodge ball), arts and crafts, and team building on our low ropes course. Challenge yourself on our fabulous archery range and awe-inspiring 34-ft climbing tower, and spend some quality time with sister and adult Girl Scouts around the campfire.

HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY PART 2 **(ADVANCED SCREENING)**

Nov. 18, 5 p.m.

Grades 6–12 (\$24 girl, \$24 adult)

Regal Cinemas at L.A. LIVE

See the final installment from *The Hunger Games* series, *Mockingjay Part 2*, at the beautiful Regal Cinemas at L.A. LIVE in Downtown Los Angeles, two days before its public release. Plus, enjoy a special pre-event, TBA. May the odds be ever in your favor to attend this Girl Scout-only screening (family and friends are welcome), as tickets are limited. Ticket package includes a ticket to the advanced screening, access to the pre-event, and a zap pack which includes a soft drink, popcorn, and fruit snack.

PROGRAM AIDE (P.A.) TRAINING

Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Marina Del Rey Service Center

Nov. 21, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Montclair Service Center

Grades 6–8 (\$25 registered girl/\$35 non-registered girl)

Be a role model and deepen your understanding of leadership development! Program aides guide younger girls to be leaders in their own lives and in the world. The training helps girls gain skills needed to work with younger girls, peers, and adult volunteers. Program aides may put their skills into practice at council programs, summer programs, and at troop- and service unit-led events. This training is a prerequisite for all Cadettes wishing to complete the Program Aide Award. It is recommended that girls complete the Leader in Action (LiA) during sixth grade and attend the PA training in seventh grade. Note: Summer camp aides have additional requirements. Please check the current camp guide for more information.





GOLD AWARD WORKSHOP S A

Grades 9–12 (\$12 registered girl/\$7 registered adult)

Dec. 5, 1–3 p.m.

Montrose Program Center

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TEDDY BEAR PICNIC D B

Dec. 5, 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Grades K–3 (\$35 registered girl/adult, \$40 non registered girl/adult)

Mariposa Day Camp

Join us for a fun-filled day at camp! Bring along your favorite fuzzy stuffed animal friend as we make teddy bear-themed crafts, sing classic Girl Scout songs, and make snacks for our very own Teddy Bear Picnic! We provide snacks, lunch, and a fun patch!

DISNEY ON ICE: FROZEN D B J C S A

Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m. (100 Level, \$40)

Dec. 12, 3 p.m. (200 Level \$40)

Grades K–12

STAPLES Center

The heartwarming Academy Award®-winning film is now live and skating into your town with dazzling special effects, astonishing skating, and inspiring songs like “Let It Go.” Join Anna and Elsa, Olaf, Kristoff and Sven as they journey to discover that true love is the most magical power of all, with special guest appearances by your most beloved Disney princesses and favorite Disney characters. Tickets are very limited. Price includes a commemorative patch (not official Disney on Ice patch).

***Future Fun** we can't wait for!*

Check the program calendar for these events coming soon:

- **LA Lakers Game**
- **LA Kings Game**
- **LA DFenders Game and Laker Girls Dance Clinic**



Ayanna N.

2015 GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARDEE

What did you do for your Gold Award project?

I worked alongside Peggy Nguyen and her team at Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) as well as the advisory board that I created called Friends of the LAX Dunes (FOLD) to help restore the previously neglected LAX Coastal Dunes. I organized three volunteer days that were sponsored by local corporations, and with the help of more than 65 volunteers, we helped remove the non-native plants located on the dunes to make room for the incoming native plants.

What was your biggest "take-away" from working on your project?

I learned how to be an effective leader. I had to make my event exciting, and I needed to be friendly and relatable so that people would listen and participate. I also learned that it is important to plan ahead!

What was your proudest moment working on your Gold Award?

Definitely the last volunteer day when more than 30 volunteers joined us in removing almost 80 bags of non-native plants. It was our most successful event and some people even described it as one of the best community service events they had ever been to because they were able to see the difference they were making in their community. I was also interviewed by KABC and our volunteer day was featured on the evening news.

What advice do you have for a girl just starting on her Gold Award journey?

Start early! The earlier you start, the easier it is to find solutions to obstacles. Also, pick a project and an issue that you are passionate about. If you choose something that you love, it will make the Gold Award even more fun to work on than it already is.



Sharon Lei Hager

GOLD AWARD
COMMITTEE MEMBER

Years as a committee member:

Nine.

What makes a Gold Award project stand out?

When you can truly see the growth in a girl. I smile when I see girls overcome hurdles and handle situations outside their comfort zones, ending up with projects that are fulfilling to all involved.

What does "sustainability" mean?

The Gold Award workbook states: "You must make arrangements (such as collaborating with community leaders and/or organizations; building alliances with mentors, etc.) to ensure that the project creates lasting change and is not a one-time event." Start with what you want people to remember from the project. How can you leave your "stamp" on it for the world to remember? Do you want people to continue passing on the message?

What is your favorite thing about being on the Gold Award committee?

Working with girls, Gold Award volunteers, and staff. I enjoy having discussions about proposals or final reports, sharing opinions, and coming to conclusions. I love guiding girls as they pursue their goals and working with them as they formulate projects and tackle problems. Most of all, I love watching the girls become confident, responsible young women ready to take on the world!

What advice do you have for a girl considering Going Gold?

Don't wait! Start early and get your prerequisite Journey done. Teens are busy these days, but taking the time to Go Gold has many rewards beyond looking good on college applications. Girls acquire skills to help them navigate life in college and beyond. How many women who may someday lead our nation have earned the Gold Award?



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SEPTEMBER

- 9/7** Monday | **International Troop Travel**
- 9/8** Tuesday | **Daisy Level**
- 9/9** Wednesday | **Basic Leader**
- 9/16** Wednesday | **Cadette Level**
- 9/24** Thursday | **Special Events & Money Earning**
- 9/25** Tuesday | **Indoor Overnight**

OCTOBER

- 10/8** Thursday | **Brownie Level**
- 10/14** Wednesday | **Junior Level**
- 10/15** Thursday | **Basic Leader**
- 10/20** Tuesday | **Domestic Troop Travel**
- 10/22** Thursday | **Indoor Overnight**

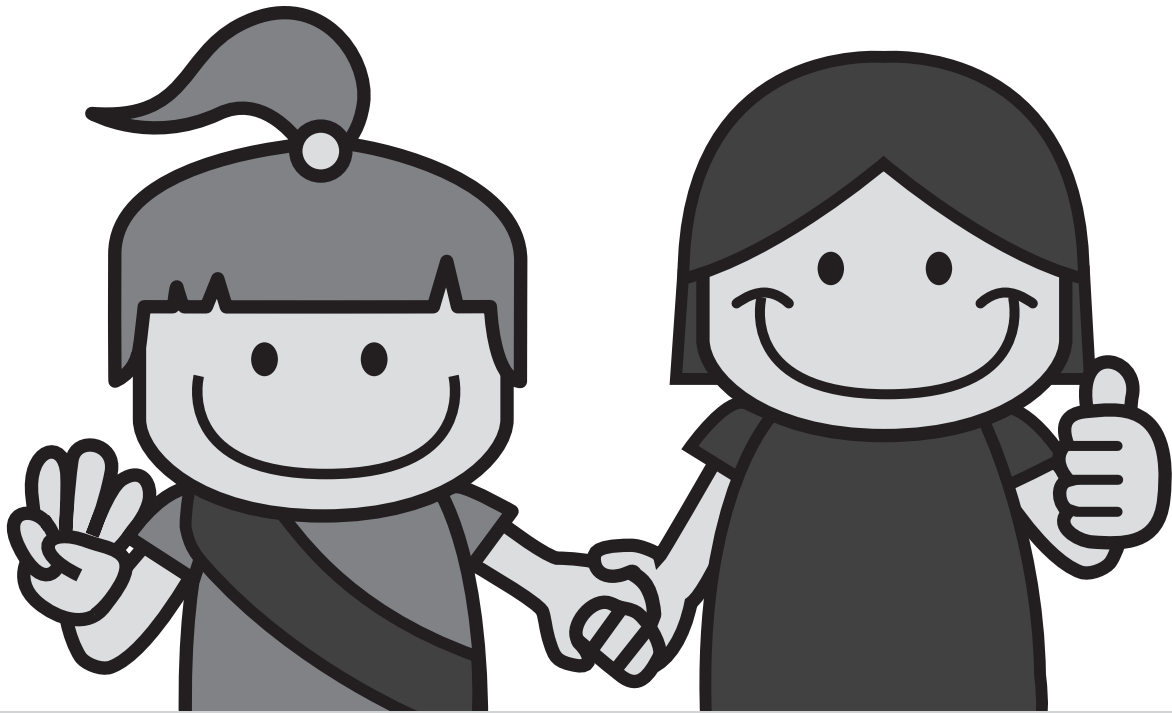
NOVEMBER

- 11/2** Monday | **Basic Leader**
- 11/10** Tuesday | **Cadette Level**
- 11/12** Thursday | **Daisy Level**
- 11/18** Wednesday | **Indoor Overnight**

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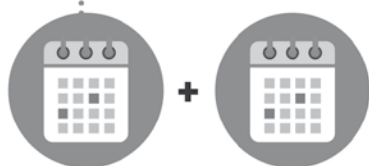
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