

## MEDIA ALERT

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **GIRL SCOUTS BUILD ROBOTS, COMPETE IN REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, DEC. 14-15** ***FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL®) Los Angeles Region Championship Tournaments take place at South High School in Torrance**

**WHAT:** After three months of competition and intensive designing, building, programming, and testing robots, four Girl Scout robotics teams will vie for a regional trophy at the *FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL®) Los Angeles Region Championship Tournaments in Torrance on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14–15. The events, which are free and open to the public, will feature 96 teams from various elementary and middle schools as far west as San Luis Obispo and as far east as Riverside. The Girl Scout teams, girls ages 9–14, are *Shooting Stars* and *Cookie Bytes* (competing Saturday), and *Random Distractions* and *schlllaaa* (competing Sunday).

Girl Scouts has a strong history of developing pioneers in the fields of science and technology. Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs—including its FLL® robotics teams, rocketry workshops, video gaming patch programs, and more—encourage girls to discover how the world works around them and how they can explore careers in the sciences.

#### **WHO:**

- Enthusiastic Girl Scouts joined by hundreds of elementary and middle school children programming robots they have built in a competitive environment
- Los Angeles Region *FIRST*® LEGO® League (FLL®) engineers (coaches, mentors, judges, volunteers)
- Torrance Unified School District officials
- Los Angeles Robotics (nonprofit) representatives

**WHEN:** **Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013** and **Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013** (Media recommended to attend on Sunday)

8 a.m.	Team check-in
9:30 a.m.	Opening ceremony
10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	<i>Practice</i> matches and judge interviews
1:15–5:15 p.m.	Performance matches and judge interviews
5:30 p.m.	Awards ceremony

**WHERE:** South High School – Main Gymnasium, 4801 E. Pacific Coast Hwy, Torrance, CA 90505

#### **MORE:**

- The competition is hosted by *FIRST*® (*For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*), a global program created to get kids excited about science and technology.
- Partners are Los Angeles Robotics and the Torrance Unified School District.
- The nonprofit organization Los Angeles Robotics is the regional *FIRST*® partner and promotes STEM education in the greater Los Angeles area.

#### **About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles**

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles serves more than 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 23,000 volunteers throughout the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. The council's programs engage girls in the areas of Leadership, Arts & Culture, Business Smarts, Environment & Outdoor Adventure, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), and Wellness & Healthy Living. To join, volunteer, reconnect, or support, visit [www.girlscoutsla.org](http://www.girlscoutsla.org) or call 1-888-GSGLA-4-U.