



Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center – Frequently Asked Questions

Now open in Newport Beach's Marina Park, the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center (GSLC) serves Orange County's 21,000 Girl Scouts as the hub for Girl Scout STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs. Through INSPIRE, the Leadership Center's signature multimedia program, girls have life-changing opportunities to explore exciting 21st century careers and learn how to take action on issues they care about, while developing an understanding of the importance of STEM education to their lives. In addition to INSPIRE's focus on Career Exploration and Take Action, girls create lifelong memories while exploring the Balboa Peninsula, kayaking from the bayfront property, and toasting marshmallows for S'mores on the sprawling patio as the sun sets over the ocean.

Visiting the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center

Where is the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center (GSLC) located?

The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is located at 200 18th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92661 (corner of 18th Street and Bay Ave.).

How do I park at the GSLC?

Parking space is limited and carpooling is highly recommended. Available parking in front of the building and in the Marina Park parking lot is not guaranteed. Please use the mobile parking app [Parkmobile](#) (available for Android and iPhone) to pay for parking. If you do not wish to download the app, use the stationary pay station located on site at Marina Park.

How do I make a reservation for my troop at the GSLC?

The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is reserved for the sole use of Orange County Girl Scouts. Visit GirlScoutsOC.org/GSLC to make a reservation for your Orange County troop at the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center. Reservations are limited to one per troop, per membership year.

All GSLC reservations run from 2:00 pm until 12:00 noon the next day. Your troop has the option to stay overnight at the GSLC. Bring your popcorn and s'mores fixings!

Is my troop able to hold meetings at the GSLC?

The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is not a traditional program center and is reserved for the sole use of Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) members who are participating in our INSPIRE program. It is not available to troops for recurring troop meetings, but troops can hold a meeting during their reserved time at the Leadership Center.

How can I visit the GSLC if I am not a member of Girl Scouts of Orange County?

The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is reserved for the sole use of Girl Scouts of Orange County members. Reservations are not currently available to non-GSOC visitors. To become a Girl Scouts of Orange County Member, visit www.girlscoutsoc.org/JoinGS. We have several other wonderful properties in Orange County that may be available to accommodate your reservation request, including our Laguna

Beach and Seal Beach Program Centers. Learn more about GSOC's other properties at GirlScoutsOC.org/programcenters.

If my troop qualified for the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center Renewal Incentive for the 2016/2017 Membership Year, when will we receive our troop reservation date?

An email was sent 7/17/17 to one troop leader per qualified troop with the troop's reservation date. If you have questions related to the renewal incentive, please contact customercare@girlscoutsoc.org.

History of the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center

Where did the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center get its name?

The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is named in honor of philanthropist and community leader, Julia Argyros. Ambassador and Mrs. George L. Argyros provided Girl Scouts of Orange County with a generous and historic \$2.5 million presenting donor gift to bring the Leadership Center to Orange County Girl Scouts. Read the press release about the Argyros family's transformative gift and investment in girls [here](#).

How does the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center serve Orange County?

Girls can't be what they don't see. The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center boldly addresses the shortage of female leaders by providing Orange County's nearly 21,000 Girl Scouts and 13,000 volunteers and adult members a state-of-the-art, safe learning environment where girls embrace challenges and expand their world by exploring 21st century careers and learning to take action that has a sustainable impact. They also have the opportunity to create lifelong memories while enjoying the waterfront surroundings of the Balboa Bay Peninsula.

Programs at the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center Facility

What is the INSPIRE program?

INSPIRE is Girl Scouts of Orange County's signature interactive, multimedia learning experience offered exclusively at the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center. It is where **Career Exploration** and **Take Action** come to life. The Career Exploration program invites girls to explore exciting 21st century careers through multimedia interactions with dynamic female leaders spanning diverse careers and learn the vital role STEM plays in what these women do. Girls participating in the Take Action program will hear from Girl Scout Gold Awardees across the nation who have taken action using STEM skills to tackle important issues – and learn how they can do the same!

Why would my troop want to participate in INSPIRE?

INSPIRE is an opportunity for girls to become excited about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) at an early age, understand the role STEM plays in their life, and how STEM is a part of all careers – beyond those of scientists and engineers. Through INSPIRE, girls will gain knowledge about careers they may or may not have heard of, learn how to identify and solve issues in their communities, and build healthy relationships as they work together and have fun along the way.

Are water activities offered at the GSLC? If so, how can I sign up my troop?

Yes! Beginning this fall, we will have a kayaking program and likely be able to offer opportunities to participate in the city's sailing program. Operational details will be announced once they are finalized.

Will GSOC provide information about other Girl Scout experiences and opportunities available in the area (i.e. use of the adjacent Marina Park Community Center, local excursions, restaurants, etc.)?

Yes! We are working on a list of opportunities and facilities in the surrounding areas—as well as their connection to the Girl Scout program. If you know of local agencies that may be interested in offering programs at or around the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center, please contact Shellie Massick at smassick@GirlScoutsOC.org or (949) 461-8853.

Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center Facility

What facilities are offered at the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center (GSLC)?

The building features two large program areas, Innovate and Explore, separated by a spacious atrium with views to the bay. The Leadership Center has a 2,000 sq. ft. patio (with a gas fire ring for making S'mores), kayaks, personal flotation devices, and paddle storage. The facility is equipped with a kitchen, bathroom, and shower facilities to accommodate overnight visits.

Is the GSLC a green building?

Yes! The Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center is designed to be a Silver level LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building and will feature Girl Scout-created artwork on permanent display highlighting the building's energy efficiencies.

How is the building funded?

The City of Newport Beach unanimously approved a \$1-per-year, 50-year ground lease in June of 2013. With the ground lease approved, Girl Scouts of Orange County launched a \$5M Comprehensive Campaign to fund construction of the building and provide an operational endowment. The campaign is still underway. For more information, or if you know companies or individuals who may be interested in funding the GSLC, please contact Michelle Duro mduro@girlscoutsOC.org or (949) 461-8814.

Contributing to the Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center

Can we donate supplies to the GSLC?

You bet! We have launched a campaign to supply the GSLC with all the utensils, tools, and equipment our girls will need during their visit. Please help us by shopping through the Amazon Smile shopping portal and purchasing items needed to complete the girls' memorable experiences. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3! View the [GSLC Gift Registry here](#). For information about additional sponsor/donor opportunities, contact Monica McDade at (949) 461-8812 or mmcdade@girlscoutsoc.org.

Have additional questions?

Contact marcom@girlscoutsoc.org.

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