GS ADVOCATES CREATE POSITIVE CHANGE!

Girl Scout Advocates is a vibrant and inclusive alliance for teens passionate about advocacy, community engagement, and making a the world a better place!

Monthly meetings, quarterly outings, include:

- Youth Advocacy Certification: Showcase your commitment to leadership and advocacy—perfect for your resume!
- Networking: Connect with mentors, professionals, and peers passionate about making a difference.
- Fun: Girl-led field trips, travel option & year end party!

\$5 per GSOC Girl Scout

* \$10 per Girl Scout registered in councils outside of OC. Learn more and register at girlscoutsoc.org/calendar



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of orange county This girl-led program is designed by the Girl Scout Board Advisors.



How was the GS Advocates program designed?

The three Girl Advisors to the GSOC Board of Directors reviewed program options designed to engage Girl Scouts, blending education with hands-on activities and real-world applications, empowering young women to become active, informed, and confident advocates in their communities. When and where are the GS Advocates sessions?



GS Advocates meet online and in-person, for one year. Online: the first Monday of the month, at and following each GS Lounge session. In-person: quarterly field trips with an optional travel opportunity. (trips & travel cost extra) **What is the GS Advocates program about?**

The GS Advocates program is dedicated to empowering teenage Girl Scouts by engaging them in meaningful advocacy and community-focused initiatives. The program is designed to develop young leaders who are passionate about addressing critical social issues, promoting media literacy, and building resilience in themselves and others. GS Advocates emphasizes diversity and inclusion, ensuring that every member feels valued and heard. Participants will gain valuable skills and certifications in leadership and advocacy, equipping them to make a real difference in their communities. The program also balances serious work with fun and camaraderie, including field trips that enhance understanding of the topics explored. GS Advocates is about learning, leading, and making a positive impact while forming strong bonds with like-minded peers.

What does the GS Advocates program include?

Program Features:

- Youth Advocacy Certification: Upon completion, receive a prestigious certificate of completion, showcasing your skills and commitment to leadership and advocacy—perfect for your resume!
- Interactive Workshops: Learn from experts in advocacy, public speaking, and media literacy.
- Field Trips & Activities: Visit government offices, media outlets, and community organizations.
- Engagement Opportunities: Interact with industry professionals at monthly GS Lounge sessions.
- Personal Growth: Develop confidence, leadership skills, and a deeper understanding of civic responsibility.

What will my Girl Scout do?

Benefits:

- Skill Development: Enhance public speaking, critical thinking, and advocacy techniques.
- Leadership Opportunities: Lead projects, collaborate with peers, and engage with community leaders.
- Networking: Connect with mentors, professionals, and peers passionate about making a difference.
- Resume Boost: Earn Youth Advocacy Certificate to stand out in college applications and future careers.

What is Youth Advocacy Certification?

Affiliated by the California Coalition for Youth, and each GS Advocate will receive resources and a 1-year membership as part of their Youth Advocacy certification through the program. See for more membership benefits: <u>https://calyouth.org/join/</u>

Can Juliettes participate in this program?

Yes! Girls can attend with their troop, or independently and will enjoy bonding discussion and events through the program.

Does this program accept GSOC cookie dough or product sales credits?

Yes! Please register for the program first, then complete a redemption form to be reimbursed.

Who can I contact with additional questions about this program?

Please email customercare@girlscoutsoc.org, reference: GS Advocates, with additional questions.

For more Girl Scout experiences, see our calendar at GirlScoutsOC.org/calendar

GS ADVOCATES 2024-2025 SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

OCTOBER 7		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
NOVEMBER 4		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
DECEMBER 2	ONLINE	5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC) (Q1 FIELD TRIP - TBD)
JANUARY 6	ONLINE	5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
JANUARY 11		Q2 FIELD TRIP: DREAMS TO REALITY 10-3PM; CHAPMAN U.
FEBRUARY 3	ONLINE	5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
MARCH 3		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC) (Q3 FIELD TRIP - TBD)
APRIL 7	I, ONLINE	5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
MAY 5		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
JUNE 2		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
JULY 7		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC) (Q4 FIELD TRIP - TBD)
AUGUST 4		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)
SEPTEMBER 1		5:30-6:30PM (PACIFIC)