

True North Youth Leadership Conference



Career Inspiration, Championing Girl Ambition, and Turning Dreams to Reality* in a High-Energy Conference!

- **True North Award** -earn your prerequisite to Silver or Gold Awards!
- **Keynote Speaker** – inspiration for your future decisions!
- **Career Worlds** - meet women in a career you could love!
- **Campus Chat** – lunch with alums, real conversations on campus life!
- **Reality Town** – game for a fun hands-on adulting reality check!



January 10, 2026

10:00 am – 3:00pm

(optional campus tour following)

Chapman University

1 University Drive, Orange

\$25 per OC Girl Scout; grades 6-12

\$0 with Event Scholarship! Apply by 12/27!

(\$33 per girl registered outside of OC)

\$12 optional lunch add-on available

Adults registering will be asked to help at the event.

Includes: True North Award, patch, snack, swag bag, materials, and activities designed to **make your dreams a reality!**

**Learn more and register at
girlscoutsoc.org/calendar**



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your phone



*Event formerly known as “Dreams to Reality” produced by the GSOC True North Conference volunteers, with support from corporate volunteers in partnership with Girl Scouts of Orange County. Thank you!

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TRUE NORTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE – FAQs

When and where is the event?

The True North Conference takes place on **Saturday, January 10, 2026, at Chapman University** in Orange, CA., from **10:00a to 3:00p**

What is True North Youth Leadership Conference?

True North Conference is for Girl Scouts in **grades 6–12** to gain insight and inspiration learning about careers, as well as hands-on life skills games, award earning, and alumni conversations about college life.

What is the schedule like?

The day includes an inspiring keynote, interactive award workshop, Reality Town, alum chats, and networking. The event ends with a closing session to celebrate earning the **True North Award**.

Do I need to bring lunch or is it provided?

Snacks are provided, but **lunch is not included** with registration. There is an option to preorder a boxed lunch for a small fee. Vegetarian options are available. You may bring your own lunch & snacks.

What should participants wear?

It is recommended that Girl Scouts wear their **vest or sash** with comfortable, school-appropriate clothing and shoes for walking between sessions.

Why was the name changed for this event?

The event now aligns with GSUSA's new True North Award, a **prerequisite for Silver/Gold Awards**, while still inspiring girls through career exploration, skill-building, and alum chats. Participants earn the True North Award during the conference.

Which award will Girl Scouts earn?

Girl Scouts will earn the **True North Award** for their level, included with registration.

Will the True North Award be earned at the event?

All steps required for the award are built into the conference. Girls will leave with the True North Award completed as part of their experience.

Is this event an annual event for GSOC?

Yes! The True North Conference happens annually, with new speakers, mentors, alum panelists, and Reality Town scenarios that give girls fresh insights and growth each time they attend. **We recommend attending every year.**

Is there a service project at this event?

We are hosting an optional “accessories drive” for [Working Wardrobes](#) employ/reentry program.

What should participants bring?

A refillable water bottle, and an accessory item for the service project (scarves, ties, handbags, jewelry, etc. for Working Wardrobes).

Is this event lecture style or interactive?

This event is hands-on, interactive, and as high energy as a Girl Scout pursuing her dreams! Girls will have many chances to ask questions, develop plans, create relationships and more.

Do adults attend too?

This is a **girl-focused program**. Troop leaders or caregivers are not part of the sessions, but adults who wish to engage can register (free) as event volunteers.

Are girls supervised if they attend independently?

Independent participants (Juliettes or girls not attending with their troop) will be placed in small cohorts with Girl Scout volunteers and staff leading rotations.

Where can I find information on careers?

Many websites give career path information. For this event, we consulted: [Career Clusters](#)

How can I reach a career woman I met?

We recommend using [LinkedIn](#) for networking.

Does this event accept product sales credits?

Yes! Please register for the event first, then complete a GSOC [redemption form](#) to be reimbursed.

Is a scholarship for this event available?

Yes! The [GSOC Council Event Scholarship](#) is awarded to GSOC members in good standing, for events with a registration fee of \$25 or more, four times per year. Register first, and apply by 12/27/25 for this event.

Can I recommend a professional woman to be a guest presenter at True North Conference?

Yes! We welcome professional women in a variety of careers to guest volunteer. Please share: [True North Conference Interest List](#)

Can I volunteer for the event planning team?

Yes! Learn more and apply at: [True North Conference Planning Team Application](#)

What happens after the event?

Participants receive resources to keep building their career and leadership skills. Seniors and Ambassadors will also be introduced to the **workforce development pilot launching this spring** for continued involvement.

I have additional questions about this event.

Please email customercare@girlscoutsoc.org with additional questions. Thank you!