

# Girl Scouts of Orange County



## Native Lands Acknowledgment

In countries such as New Zealand, Australia, Canada and among tribal nations in the U.S, it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land.

We call on all artists, cultural workers, public officials, educators, administrators, community leaders, organizers, and engaged community members to open all public events and gatherings with acknowledgment of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land.

In the words of Gold Award Girl Scout and Cahuilla member, Sophia Madrigal  
“Land acknowledgments are important because it is a way of showing respect and honoring Indigenous people and their homeland in the Orange County area. Acknowledging the Indigenous peoples in a way of resisting erasure of their histories. This allows us to work towards honoring these people and the truth and history of this land. We have the privilege of being on the Achjachemen and Tongva People’s land. We would like to acknowledge the ancestors, who are the caretakers of this land. The Tongva people have rights to these lands today, and continue to live here. We would also like to acknowledge the plant and animal relatives who make this place their home. As people on this land, today we commit to respect and support the Achjachemen and Tongva peoples. Thank you.”

Resources for Native Land acknowledgments:

For more information on native lands, <https://native-land.ca/>

Please, email Maria Alderete for a copy of the [Honor Native Land: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgment](#).

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