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RENEW EVENTS TRAINING

# Volunteer News

September 25, 2023

#### News From the Council

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by having fun learning about all the communities it represents while earning a new patch!



Celebrate! It's Hispanic Heritage Month! – September 15 -October 15 The United States is home to about 60 million Latino and Hispanic people. That's a lot of culture (and people) to celebrate! You can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with your family and friends by recognizing all the histories, cultures, and contributions that Hispanic and Latino people have made and earn the Hispanic Heritage Month Patch!

#### LEARN MORE

New! Apply to Be a GSUSA Delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) – Apply by September 30, 2023 Girl Scouts of Orange County (GSOC) has been selected as one of only four councils nationwide to offer this exciting opportunity!

GSOC Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors (currently in grades 9 - 12) can apply to serve as Delegates representing GSUSA/GSOC at the United Nations conferences in New York. Engage with GSUSA's global advocacy teams, learn about global issues, experience firsthand how global entities function, and speak on key global issues affecting girls and young women.

Learn more and apply for this historic opportunity! Applications due September 30, 2023 and in-person interviews will be scheduled in early October.

Questions? Contact: <u>customercare@girlscoutsoc.org</u>.

APPLY TODAY

#### Renew Today! Troop Leaders

Don't forget to renew your troop for 2023-2024! The new membership year begins next week, so be sure everyone in your troop is properly renewed. Any open spots in troops may become available to a new Member starting October 1.



#### Hello Leaders!

We are excited about the new membership year starting October 2023. We would like to remind you of a few requirements to complete by September 30, 2023 to start off the New Membership Year successfully:

- 1. Renew your membership before September 30, 2023.
- 2. Complete Mandated Reporter training, upload a certificate in gsLearn, or register for training on the calendar. This is required by law to be a volunteer with Girl Scouts of Orange County.
- 3. Arrange for Fingerprinting. This is also a state mandated requirement to volunteer with Girl Scouts of Orange County.

GET STARTED TODAY

Oso Creek Trail Tree Planting – September 30 CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! Join us on Saturday, September 30, 2023 at the Potoki Center for the Arts in Mission Viejo to plant Laurus Nobilis and Crepe Myrtle trees and Tecoma Capensis shrubs. Shovels will be provided as well as water.

THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT; Anyone under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. TO REGISTER, please fill out the registration form.

# LEARN MORE & REGISTER

HERstory: Investiture/Rededication at Knott's Berry Farm – October 7 Level: All Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Venue: Knott's Berry Farm; 8039 Beach Blvd, Buena Park, CA 90620 Cost: \$110 GSOC members; \$120 nonmembers or out-of-council A Girl Scout investiture ceremony welcomes all new members to Girl Scouts, while a rededication ceremony is a great way for returning members to kick off the troop year and renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Both ceremonies are traditions that allow us to reflect on the ideals of the Girl Scout Movement and the empowering journey girls, and the millions of Girl Scouts who came before them, will undertake.

The <u>International Day of the Girl</u> focuses on the challenges girls face worldwide and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights.

Let's Honor Herstory and your milestone and observe this day together with a meaningful ceremony and interactive Knott's Berry Farm activity highlighting women who impacted history!

Registration includes breakfast, ceremony, investiture or rededication pin, event patch, International Day of the Girl patch, 4 activities, exclusive tour, and park admission until 5:00 PM. Parking not included.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

Girl Scout Performers Wanted Level: All

Girl Scout performers wanted! Do you sing, dance, or play an instrument and like to perform? We may have opportunities for you to showcase your talents at Girl Scout events. Please submit a short video here.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

# News from GSUSA

NEW! You Got This – Girl Scouts Mental Wellness Patch Program Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador Life can be filled with all sorts of ups and downs. The good news is you never have to face challenges alone, especially when you have a welcoming community to uplift and support you along the way.

Get started by downloading our FREE activity sheet for girls in grades 4 through 12, explore our patch program for resources to support you along your journey, and remember—you got this.

EXPLORE ACTIVITIES

**NEW!** Calling All Troop Leaders!

Planning for the new troop year? We've got you covered. From Troop Year Plans and customization services to official adult uniform apparel, it's all here.

TROOP YEAR PLANS

#### **Girl Scout Program Opportunities**

Register Today! STEM Expo 2023 – October 21 Level: Junior, Cadette When: Saturday, October 21st, 2023 Where: Orange Coast College Cost: \$20 for in-council Girl Scouts and \$25 for out of council Girl Scouts.

Juniors and Cadettes are invited to join us for the 8th annual STEM Expo! Explore STEM at interactive booths, meet STEM Professionals, and complete badge requirements. New for 2023, This year's event will be held at the Orange Coast College Planetarium! Your event admission includes all the interactive booths, planetarium shows, solar telescopes, and an opportunity to visit the OCC aquarium!

\*This is NOT a drop off event. Please follow girl/adult ratios\*

Art of Musical Games (Adult & Me Training) – September 26 Level: Pre-K, Daisy, Brownie, Volunteer <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Virtual Year of Service: Binky Patrol – September 27 Level: All <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Honor HERstory: Investiture/Rededication at Knott's Berry Farm – October 7 Level: Pre-K, Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Learn to Surf – October 8 Level: Junior, Cadette, Senior, Ambassador <u>Learn more & Register</u>

2023 Cadette-O-Rama: Cadettes of the High Seas – October 20 - 22 Level: Cadette <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Cadette-O-Rama Lookie Loos – October 20 - 22 Level: 4th, 5th grade Juniors or 6th grade Cadettes <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Cadette-O-Rama Red Hat – October 20 - 22 Level: 9th-12th grade Senior and Ambassador <u>Learn more & Register</u>

American Marital Arts Academy - Halloween Safety Workshop – October 2 Level: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Register Today! STEM Expo 2023 – October 21 Level: Junior, Cadette Membership Required Learn more & Register

Artrageous Creativity (An Adult & Me Training) – October 24 Level: Pre-K, Daisy, Brownie, Volunteer <u>Learn more & Register</u>

Hero Princess Day – October 28 Level: Junior, Cadette, Volunteer <u>Learn more & Register</u>

2023 Operation Happy Holidays – Card Donations Due Friday, November 24 Hosted by: Girl Scout Troop 4651 Level: All <u>Learn More</u>

Fancy Nancy Splendiferous Christmas – December 17 Level: Pre-K, Daisy, Brownie, Volunteer <u>Learn more & Register</u>

EVENT CALENDAR

#### Entrepreneurship – Girl Scout Product Program

Order Due October 15 for Gluten Free Cookies Troops interested in selling <u>Gluten Free Caramel Chocolate Chip Girl</u> <u>Scout cookies</u> must complete our <u>order form</u> by October 15, 2023.

Fall Product Program Troop Bonus Rewards! Troops have the opportunity to earn a Troop bonus reward by participating in the 2023 Fall Product Program. <u>View more details!</u>

#### Earn Troop Proceeds

Troops earn \$1.00 for all nut/chocolate items and \$3 for each magazine, Tervis Tumbler, and Bark Box sold! Girls can participate online even if their troop is not, but a Troop Product Coordinator is required for troops to earn proceeds. Don't let your troop leave money behind. <u>Get started</u> today!

Juliette/Troop Parents Support Your Girl Scout Girl Scouts are learning & earning and parents can help them succeed. Juliettes (GSI) can <u>sign-up</u> to participate and troop girls can participate online even if their troop does not have troop product volunteer, so help her get started today! <u>Sign-up Today</u>!

Save, Share, Spend - October is Financial Literacy Month! Girl Scouts of Orange County and leading financial experts are celebrating with FREE virtual workshops for Girl Scouts of all age levels to earn Financial Literacy badges! <u>Visit the calendar to learn more and</u> <u>register!</u>

Camping & Outdoor Adventures

2023 Explore Camp – Adventure Begins Here

EXPLORE CAMP

SU Weekend Camps

Interested in hosting an all inclusive Service Unit weekend camp at Camp Scherman? Fill out the emailme form for more information.

FILL OUT FORM

2023 - 2024 Weekend Camps

Registration is open now for 2023 - 2024 Camp Scherman weekend camps.

Excitement is waiting just for you!

VIEW WEEKEND CAMPS

Crash Course Camping – November 11 Presented by Troop 3204 Nervous about camping? Don't know what you don't know about camping? Here is your chance to learn. We will teach your girls and leaders everything they need to know to have a successful, enjoyable camping experience!

# MORE INFORMATION

# GSOC Shop



Get With the Program – Here's What is New for Back to Troop Dive into the troop year with exciting new badges and handbooks. Get ready for amazing adventures in art, science, innovation.

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Please view our <u>Shop Hours</u> for in-store pickup and FAQs.

If you have any additional questions, please email us at <u>shopgs@girlscoutsoc.org</u> or call 949-461-8802.

Your purchase supports our mission to build girls of courage,

confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## **Upcoming Meetings & Trainings**

Cadette Essentials Training: Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Girl Scout Essentials for New Leaders: Thursday, September 28, 6:30 -8:30 PM Mandated Reporter Training: Tuesday, October 3, 10:00 - 10:30 AM Daisy Essentials Training: Wednesday, October 4, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Senior/Ambassador Essentials: Thursday, October 5, 6:30 - 8:30 PM Girl Scout Essentials for New Leaders: Tuesday October 10, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Brownie Essentials Training: Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

## UPCOMING TRAININGS

## Jobs & Volunteer Opportunities

GSOC Job Opportunities

We are currently accepting applications for multiple positions; please review all open job positions.

View All Job Opportunities

#### Volunteer Opportunities

2023 Fall Kickoff Volunteer Opportunity – October 14 Level: All Register as a Fall Kickoff volunteer! Earn Community Service hours for school & Girl Scouts at the same time! Fun for troops or parent/caregiver & daughter teams. Adults and girls are needed to help with check-in at our Fall Kickoff (2 shifts: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM or 12:30 – 4:00 PM). Fun for troops or parent/caregiver & daughter teams. Questions? Email rsussman@girlscoutsoc.org. Learn more & Register Volunteer Facilitators Needed We are in search of new facilitators for GSOC learning opportunities. If interested, please fill out this <u>brief survey</u>.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



Have a question? Don't be shy! <u>Contact us</u> for more information.

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