



Be a Voice for Girls

Support and champion girls in reaching their full potential as leaders in society.

You are receiving this newsletter because Girl Scouts of Orange County recognizes you as a voice for Girls in Orange County (donor, alum, or Voice for Girls event attendee). You may have previously received separate donor, alum, or Voice for Girls newsletters from us. This new streamlined format is sent quarterly and includes inspiring stories and opportunities to be a champion for girls' and women's leadership in Orange County.

Message from Vikki

Life feels a bit like a rollercoaster these days, doesn't it? One minute we are celebrating top cookie sellers at our Girls Day Out Event and the next we are adjusting plans for other activities amid a surge in COVID-19 cases. These are, to say the least, challenging times for troop leaders and girls in our program. As they look to us as role models, we steel ourselves for the strength to demonstrate the compassion and adaptability that they may emulate.

What we have learned is that no matter what comes their way, Girl Scouts can navigate it. From girls pursuing our highest award – the Girl Scout Gold Award – and adapting their Take Action projects, to younger girls becoming expert online marketers of all things cookies, it's the courage, character, and confidence they develop through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience that prepares them to tackle anything. Preparing girls for a lifetime of leadership and success is what we can do better

than anyone else – and why our program is more vital than ever.

Girls are ready to PRESS PLAY this fall, in whatever form that takes, and we are here for them. Friendship. Adventure. Making a difference. Thank you for joining with us to pave the way for our next generation of female leaders.

Warm regards,



Vikki Shepp

Save the Date! Voice For Girls 2022



Stellar Girl Scouts



Check out this great photo of Saturn (746 million miles from Earth!) that was taken a few weeks ago from our new Unistellar eVscope, made possible by a Girl Scouts of the USA grant funded by NASA and the Seti Institute. Girl Scout Seniors from Troop 3070 learned how to use and set up the telescope. They then led an evening program, broadcasting from Seal Beach, which included projecting images for Girl Scout Cadettes to view virtually through Zoom. It was spectacular to see space and equally spectacular to see our girls in action, outdoors and under the night sky. Kudos to our remarkable STEM Patrol volunteers for coaching the girls and to the **STEM Consortium** for their ongoing support! This is such a great example of a girl-led event, and a reminder of the impact of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience on girls' lives.

Los Angeles Chargers Share the Fun of Flag Football with Girl Scouts



Collaborations with our local sports organizations continue to grow! Girl Scouts across Southern California were invited to get active and play flag football with the Los Angeles Chargers Football organization on August 21st. Over 150 girls gathered at the Los Angeles Chargers training facility in Costa Mesa to learn practice drills, sportsmanship and coaching skills, and pictured themselves charging towards a future in sports!

Promise Circle Brunch



Nearly 70 supporters came together on August 28th at Balboa Bay Resort for a brunch event to celebrate the inaugural year of the **Promise**

Circle of Giving, a community of donors investing in and championing girl ambition. Co-Chairs Jeff Winston and Martha Fluor led the program, which included a panel conversation with GSOC's three Girl Advisors to the Board, moderated by GSOC CEO Vikki Shepp. The girls, who give a voice to the nearly 15,000 Girl Scouts from across Orange County to the GSOC Board of Directors, discussed how Girl Scouts helped them stay connected during the early "shelter at home" stage of the pandemic. Sabine L., an outgoing Girl Advisor to the Board, also led an inspiring conversation with Girl Scout Daisy Sierra S., during which Sierra revealed her secret to selling over 1,000 cookies and what Girl Scouts means to her.

Girl Scouts of Orange County is deeply grateful for Promise Circle members' generous commitment to bringing the time-tested and proven Girl Scout Leadership Experience to Orange County Girl Scouts, especially as we navigate unprecedented times and the challenges they've posed to girls' wellbeing. Support from our Promise Circle members and others means that we can engage girls in STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship with caring mentors and volunteers, whether in-person or virtually. To learn more about the Promise Circle of Giving, contact Barbara Powers at bpowers@girlscoutsoc.org.

Gold Award Girl Scouts



Gold Award Girl Scouts throughout Orange County persevered over the

past year to complete extraordinary Take Action projects in our community. The Gold Award is the highest achievement a Girl Scout can earn, available to girls in high school who create sustainable change on a community or world issue, from climate change to female empowerment. Gold Award Girl Scouts address the root cause of a problem, plan and implement innovative solutions to drive change, and lead a team of people to success. As they take action to transform their world, Gold Award Girl Scouts gain tangible skills and prove they are the leaders our community and world need.

In fact, one such Orange County Girl Scout – Girl Scout Ambassador Sophia Madrigal – was recently awarded a national scholarship from Girl Scouts of the USA, thanks to **Arconic Foundation** and **Kappa Delta Foundation**. Sophia's journey started at the beginning of the global pandemic, with the sudden loss of her father. Her Gold Award project focused on revitalizing the healing art of storytelling for people experiencing loss. She founded the Luke Madrigal Native Storytelling Nonprofit, partnered with the Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, was selected to perform **a Ted Talk**, created the Social Justice: Art as Healing club at her school, and was featured at the United Nations' **International Day of the Girl - Girls Speak Out 2020**. And there's more. Sophia directed, acted in, and wrote the play Wildflower: Indigenous Spirit. She estimates her project has impacted over 6,000 people. That's the power of a Gold Award Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Volunteers – The Heart and Soul of Girl Scouts



Volunteers are integral to how we deliver the extraordinary Girl Scout program. This year's Volunteer Conference, held virtually throughout the month of August, featured over 40 workshops to inspire nearly 250 new and experienced volunteers. The workshops offered skill-building and information on topics spanning from creating outdoor adventures to supporting the mental wellbeing of girls. Special thanks to SeneGence and Blue Sky for sponsoring the conference.

We were especially excited to kick off our new "Allies for All" patch program, a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) themed program for girls of all ages. This patch program will help Girl Scouts appreciate differences in others and treat people fairly and with empathy. Girls will gain tools to enable them to be an ally to others.

Axe Throwing Debuts at Camp Scherman



GSOC launched an exciting activity at Camp Scherman this summer – axe throwing (safely, of course)! One of the best parts of Camp Scherman is when campers experience independence as they explore the world around them, challenge themselves to try something new, and build self-confidence, all while making new friends. The axe throwing program was part of a new unit called “Axes, Knives and Arrows” for older girls (6th grade and up). Outdoor adventure activity to the extreme!

Fall Product Sale



Girl Scouts Fall Product Program begins September 25th – another great way for you to show your support for our little entrepreneurs! Nuts,

candies, and more make great holiday gifts for colleagues, friends, and neighbors. Girl Scouts across Orange County will be building confidence and business savvy, developing skills in Goal Setting, Decision Making, People Skills, Money Management, and Business Ethics.

If you need help getting connected to a girl entrepreneur, please contact customercare@girlscoutsoc.org with "Fall Product" in the subject line.

Invest in Girls. Change the World.

Donate Now

Your gift in any amount will support Girl Scouts of Orange County in bringing life-changing experiences to more OC girls.

Many Ways to Give

Learn more about our Juliette Gordon Low Society for estate gifts, matching gifts program, in-kind donations, and more. Help bring the life-changing leadership development programs only Girl Scouts provides to more girls all across Orange County!

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