



Be a Voice for

***Support and champion
their full potential***

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.

Girl Scouts: Now More Than Ever

This is a time like no other. As together we navigate unprecedented challenges, Girl Scouts' mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, has never been more vital. We are here to support every girl across Orange County in developing the skills she needs to take on whatever challenges come her way.

I am so proud of how our girl and adult members, our staff, our board, and our inspiring network of supporters have risen to new challenges and are staying connected with each other, our community, and our global sisterhood during these trying times. From [building bridges between cultures](#) and [celebrating accomplishments](#) while physically distancing, to [taking Girl Scout traditions online](#), [exploring their world virtually](#), and [showing appreciation to front line workers](#), Girl Scouts are courageous, confident, resilient, and dedicated to making our world a better place!

We also know that many girls' routines have been disrupted by the pandemic. We've launched [Girl Scouts At Home](#) to keep *all girls* engaged and inspired as they continue their leadership journey. This online resource is stocked full of free, low-cost, self-guided badge and patch activities that girls can use in ways that work best for them.

Never before have the life-changing opportunities that Girl Scouts provides to connect, give back, and change the world been more important. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you do to support our mission to prepare girls for a lifetime of opportunity and leadership.

Together, we are Girl Scout Strong!

Warm Regards,

Vikki Shepp

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Voice For Girls Event Update



We deeply appreciate your investment in girls who will change the world and your support of our annual **Voice for Girls** forum planned for **September 18, 2020**. Girl Scouts of Orange County is closely monitoring guidance from local and national health authorities during the pandemic, and has made the decision to convert our event into an online experience. We will have more details to share with you soon!

**Stand with us
against racism.**

Sign the pledge.



Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. In this moment of suffering in our nation, Girl Scouts commits to taking action to support Black girls, their families, and their communities. We want to reiterate to all girls, volunteers, alums, supporters, families, and staff that we do not tolerate racial injustice and we know that Black Lives Matter.

We are asking for all Girl Scouts—girls, volunteers, alums, supporters, families, staff, and our suppliers and service providers—to commit to taking action to make the world a more equitable place. We have a lot of work to do—join us. You can start by signing below.

Sign The Pledge

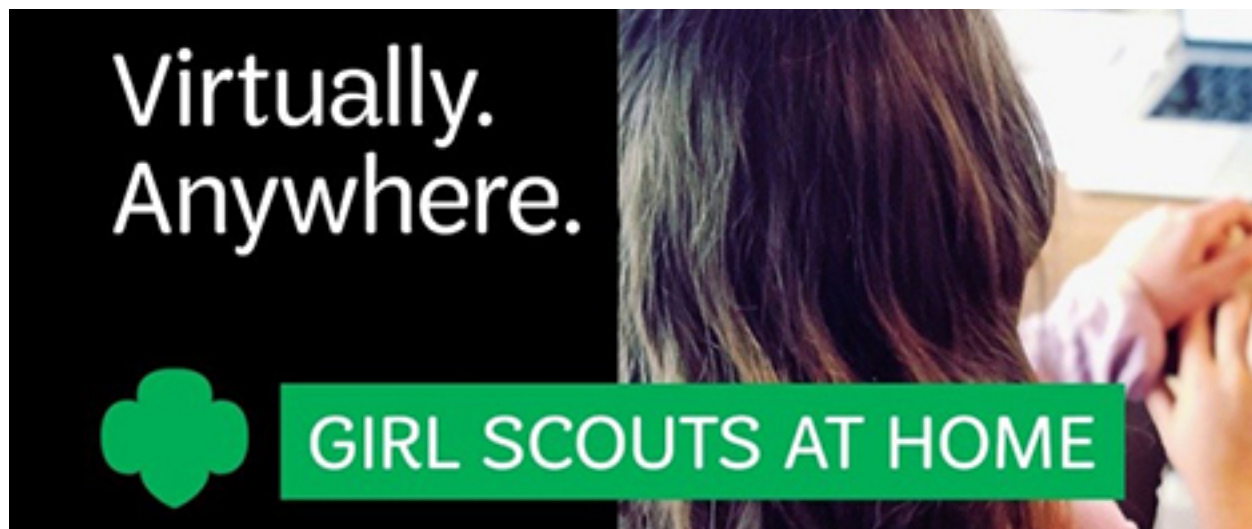
Silver Award Girl Scouts Build Bridges of Understanding



Girl Scout Cadettes Dana, Jumana, and Nahar from Troop 3408 in Anaheim saw a need to improve relationships between law enforcement and the Muslim community. They believed that through communication and education, a bridge of trust could be formed, providing a foundation for improved relationships, safety, and inclusion.

[Read More](#)

Girl Scouts Launches At-Home Programs to Serve OC Girls During Pandemic



Girl Scouts is committed to serving all girls across Orange County– especially during uncertain times like we are currently experiencing with the COVID-19 Pandemic. In March, Girl Scouts launched *Girl Scouts At Home* –a free resource library of online and at-home K-12 activities and events tied to Girl Scout patches and badges in the areas of STEM, Outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship. From using STEM to cook a meal, to tapping into Community Service resources as she makes the world a better place, there’s an opportunity through these resources for every girl to learn new skills, practice leadership, and make the world a better place.

[Explore Girl Scouts At Home](#)



Join Girl Scouts for our Campfire Chats, which bring together powerful Girl Scout alums and supporters at the top of their fields to educate and inspire people who are striving for a better world. These virtual events showcase a wide variety of topics, from cooking and financial literacy, to career advice and more!

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 27 – **Setting Long-Term Goals and Working Towards Them**

Recordings of past events are available online.

[View More](#)

Girl Scouts is for Every Girl - Jamboree Housing Troop 8912



Troop 8912 out of Jamboree Housing in Brea formed in February 2020. For many of the girls, this was their first time learning about Girl Scouts; but by the end of the first

troop meeting, there was a stack of enrollment forms from girls who wanted to have fun and make friends—and parents who wanted their daughters to have the opportunity to develop skills that prepare their girls for a lifetime of leadership, adventure and success. Now with several meetings under their sashes, the troop, ranging in age from 5-12, has earned their detective badge and studied the stars as part of earning their space science badge. These go-getters are already making a difference and recently made blankets for a local animal shelter and hygiene kits for people facing homelessness. The girls have continued to meet virtually during the pandemic and learned about chemistry by making slime and elephant toothpaste!

To date, Girl Scouts of Orange County has established nine community partnerships through its [All Girl Initiative](#) to serve 1,000 girls across Orange County. Thanks to incredible partners like Jamboree Housing, we are expanding the ways Orange County girls can participate in Girl Scouts, so every girl from every social, cultural, economic and developmental sphere can experience the life-changing benefits Girl Scouts provides.

To learn how you can get involved, contact Liliana Real, Girl Scouts of Orange County's Director, Community Programs, at lreal@girlscoutsoc.org.

Congratulations 2020 Cookie Entrepreneurs!



It is always important to celebrate accomplishments. With your support, girls participating in the 2020 Cookie Program, which ended just prior to the pandemic, sold an incredible 2,555,904 packages of cookies in six weeks and increased their sales from the prior year by 64,000+ packages of cookies council wide! A total of 39,204 packages of cookies were donated to local military and foodbanks, and the average troop earned \$1,697 to fund amazing adventures chosen by their girls.

Three Girl Scouts sold more than 5K packages each and are headed to New York in 2021 with GSOC CEO Vikki Shepp. These stellar sellers are: **Kara from Troop 8561 in Irvine, Hailey from Troop 3115 in Anaheim, and Ashley from Troop 2509 in Rancho Santa Margarita!** Girl Scout Ambassador Alanah J. from Troop 486 in Irvine will be traveling with them as Girl Scouts of Orange County's Lifetime Top Seller – the first Orange County Girl Scout to reach the 40,000+ Club by selling 42,154 packages over her twelve years in Girl Scouts!

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Cookie Program! Because of you, Girl Scouts across Orange County set and achieved goals, developed confidence, and practiced vital business and life skills that put them on the path to a lifetime of leadership and success.

Girl Scouts Congratulates Sharon Z. Barry on 60 Years of Extraordinary Service



Sharon joined Girl Scouts in 1938 and went on to earn the First Class Award (now called the Girl Scout Gold Award). The lifelong friendships and leadership skills Sharon learned in Girl Scouts gave her the courage and confidence to dream big and live her best life – including raising her own Gold Award Girl Scout! Sharon has held volunteer roles as a Service Unit Leader in Huntington Beach, Service Unit Manager,

and ran the Holiday Craft Workshop for 24 years and the Backyard Cooking Event for nine years –both of which were a big hit. Among her many fond Girl Scout memories, Sharon shares “My favorite part of my volunteer experience has been the opportunities I’ve had to inspire other women to help change girls’ lives through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.”

As a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society, Sharon will leave a legacy of her passion for Girl Scouts through an estate gift. She invites you to join her and many other change-makers in demonstrating your commitment to building resilient girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, by including Girl Scouts of Orange County in your will or trust. To learn about the many ways you can make a planned gift, please reach out to Barbara Powers, VP of Fund Development, at bpowers@girlscoutsoc.org or 949-525-8775.

Girl Scouts of Orange County applauds Sharon for her countless contributions to Girl Scouting and her relentless commitment to preparing girls for a lifetime of leadership.

Read More About Sharon's Inspiring Journey

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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