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Volunteer Conference 2022

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Saturday, August 6th, 2022, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

In-person at Chapman University

\$30 per person - Includes continental breakfast, box lunch* & Parking!

Join Girl Scouts of Orange County for a day of inspiration, networking, interactive workshops, and community exhibitors.

Choose from **45 information-packed workshops** to help you prepare for a totally fun Girl Scout year.

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Morning Activities on the Lawn

- ▶ Enjoy a Continental Breakfast
- ▶ Take a selfie at the Trefoil photo spot.
- ▶ Pick up your VolCon 2022 Ribbons
- ▶ Network with other Girl Scout Volunteers

TIME TO RISE AND SHINE! All Service Unit Managers are invited to a breakfast mixer on the Memorial Hall Lawn before the conference. Let's get this fun day started by celebrating our service units – connecting and networking with each other!

For more information, please contact customercare@girlscoutsoc.org.

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Conference Schedule

Check-in	8:00 - 8:45 AM
Opening	9:00 - 10:15 AM
Exhibitors	10:30 - 10:50 AM
Session 1	11:00 AM - 12:15 PM
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Session 1: 11:00 am to 12:15 pm

Español:

Cómo Planificar una Aventura Girl Scout (Girl Scout Journey)

Las series de Aventuras Girl Scout son una parte importante de cómo las niñas aprenden a marcar una diferencia en el mundo, ¡y se divierten mientras lo hacen! Aprenda cómo ejecutar una aventura Girl Scout de manera eficiente, como combinar sesiones, crear un fin de semana de pijamada para su aventura Girl Scout, cómo mantener a las niñas comprometidas y emocionadas durante las actividades de la aventura Girl Scout. También dedicaremos tiempo al énfasis principal de cualquier aventura Girl Scout: el Proyecto de Tomar Acción.

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Girl Led Leadership Opportunities for Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors

The Girl Scout program offers incredible opportunities for girls to develop their leadership skills and be recognized for their achievements. You will learn about GSOC's diverse leadership opportunities for girls, including programs like Program Aide (PA), Counselor in Training (CIT), Celebrate Leadership, Board Girl Advisors, Take Action Awards, GSOC Girl Awards, National Gold Award Girl Scouts and more!

How to Run a Journey from Start to Finish

Girl Scout Journeys are an important part of how girls learn to make a difference in the world—and have fun while doing it! Learn how to run a Journey efficiently, such as combining sessions, knowing what parts are important to emphasize, and how to keep girls engaged and excited throughout the Journey activities. We will focus on the main emphasis of any Journey—the Take Action Project. You will leave this session with the confidence to lead a Journey and give your girls a strong foundation for Taking Action and moving on to the next step, the Highest Awards.

Into the Outdoors with Girl Scouts: Progression, Skills & Activities

Why take girls outside? Learn about outdoor progression—from parks to simple hikes to backpacking. Learn about bugs, critters and plants that live in different biomes, coastal chaparral to sub alpine and alpine. Review the 10 essentials, as well as dressing for the outdoors (moisture, wicking, wool, SPF). Additionally, learn easy-to-make food recipes for the outdoors, including GORP and bomb shelter food.

Kickstart Your Girl Scout Year with the Fall Product Program: A Preview of Magazines & Nuts

Get a preview of our 2022 Fall Product Program! Meet our magazine vendor—M2 Media—and get reacquainted with our nut vendor, Trophy Nuts. Join us to hear about what is being planned for the Fall Product Program, see what items will be available, play a game, and have FUN!

Managing Conflict with Courage, Confidence & Character

The Girl Scout Promise and Law is shared by every Girl Scout member and is our starting point for managing conflict. We will learn skills to effectively manage (rather than confront) situations and proactively communicate as a way to mitigate conflict.

Open Session

If you prefer to take a class session off, you can use this time to explore the Exhibitor's Hall, the GSOC Shop, or make a fingerprinting appointment during this time. You will be notified when fingerprinting appointment sign ups open and they will be first come, first served.

Program in a Box: Gigglebot Robotics

Learn how to build and program your own robot with Gigglebot Robotics! You'll gain hands-on experience so you can guide your girls through the process. This new Program-in-a-Box contains a programmable robot and pictorial guide to assist Girl Scout Brownies, Juniors and Cadettes in earning their Robotics badge.

Stress Busters for Youth

During this workshop, you will learn how to identify the signs and symptoms of toxic stress in youth. In addition, you will be educated on some coping strategies that can help youth cope with stress in their day to day lives.

Teaching Leadership Through Games & Activities

In this workshop, you will gain an understanding of how leadership games and activities for skill development can increase engagement and learning outcomes for girls and leaders. When girls play fun leadership exercises, they are more likely to learn and retain leadership skills that they can use in their school, community, and future workplace.

Tips & Tricks to Achieve Your Service Unit Membership Goals

Interested in finding out how you can recruit more girls to Girl Scouts in your area? Ever wonder what resources are available to help support you recruiting more girls? Join the Recruitment team in this workshop to learn important and fun tips and tricks on how Service Units can achieve their membership goals.

Lunch: 12:20 pm to 1:20 pm

Take a break for lunch and stop by the SWAP Spot, network with fellow volunteers, and visit with local community exhibitors and Girl Scouts of Orange County program providers who will share ideas and resources with you for new adventures, activities, and fun.

2022 Exhibitors: Aquarium of the Pacific, BioNerds, Disney-Youth Education Series, Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan’s Purse, Society of Women Engineers, and more.

Session 2: 1:30 pm to 2:45 pm

A Glimpse of Cookies

Get a preview of our 2023 Cookie Program! Hear from our ABC Bakers representatives and meet our new cookie. We will play a game, learn about the cookie program, and have FUN!

Community Service & Take Action: What's the Difference?

During this workshop, you will learn the difference between Community Service and Take Action projects. You will also learn how this insight can help you guide girls in making a difference and making the world a better place. Meet girls to hear about their exciting community service and take action efforts and get ready to plan with your girls to make a difference.

Diversity & Inclusion in Action: Creating Brave Spaces

Join the Girl Scouts of Orange County IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility) Volunteer team as they share personal experience, successes, and challenges with promoting these important values in Girl Scouts. This workshop will provide a space to ask tough questions, share your own experiences, and learn how to begin productive.

Engaging Troop Meetings Post-Pandemic: How to get your girls to connect and thrive

Throughout the pandemic, Girl Scouts struggled with making meaningful connections due to the limited ability to meet in person. Thus, girls and leaders had difficulty connecting, engaging, and thriving. In this workshop, hear from experienced volunteers about how they overcame the struggles that the pandemic presented for them and their girls. In addition, gain new techniques on how you can reengage your girls, provide meaningful opportunities for them to make these important connections, and continue facilitating a thriving troop.

Español:

Girl Scouts y Los Premios Bronce, Plata y Oro

¡Las Girl Scouts de todos niveles están tomando medidas para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor! Vea cómo las niñas, desde Daisy hasta Ambassador, ya están en camino a “Go Gold” cuando participan en Girl Scouts. Durante este taller, aprenderá cómo guiar a sus niñas sobre los Premios Bronce, Plata y Oro.

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Healthy Relationships

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Planning Events Big & Small

This workshop will provide you with an outline of the necessary steps to deliver a quality, safe, and meaningful event—from brainstorming ideas, theme and location, budgeting and required paperwork, to completion and evaluation of your event. Planning Large Events training is a required training for Troop Leaders, therefore by attending this session, you will receive training credit.

STEM for Every Level

Today's girls live in an exciting, fast-paced digital world where STEM is second nature. Discover how you can cultivate girls' natural interest in STEM with badges for every Girl Scout level. We'll provide fun, hands-on activities you can take back to your troop for each area of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Sister Troops to Enhance Your Troop Experience

Leading a Girl Scout troop is a truly rewarding experience that requires planning, patience, and the ability to learn along side your girls. However, sometimes the job of being a leader can be challenging, and you may end up with questions to which you do not know the answers. In this workshop, learn how you can partner with a sister Girl Scout troop in order to enhance your leadership experience as well as your girls' experience. In addition, you will discover ways that you can find a sister troop, what you can do with your sister troop, and how you can make the connections with your sister troop meaningful for you as the leader, as well as girls in both troops.

Wilderness Survival Skills

What does it take to survive in the wilderness due to an unforeseen injury, drastic change in weather, or getting disoriented? Learn how to stay safe as we review in-depth why the Ten Essentials for hiking, backpacking and outdoor adventures are the minimums to take while out and about. We will review the basic types of fire building, go over the three components of building a campfire, and learn how to start fires without matches. You will also receive a brief introduction to Wilderness First Aid basics.

Session 3: 3:05 pm to 4:20 pm

Adventures Await with Girl Scout Travel

Whether you are planning to bridge over San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge or take older girls on an international experience, learning to travel with Girl Scouts is a must. This workshop will give you all the information you need prior to taking travel training. You will leave this workshop with a great understanding of what it takes to put together a girl-led trip that is a fun adventure for all. Please Note: This workshop does not count as the Travel Training course.

All About Girl Scout Traditions, Ceremonies & Recognitions

Traditions give Girl Scouts a sense of history and inspire them to be the best they can be. Sharing these traditions with millions of Girl Scouts—and our vast network of Girl Scout alum—reminds girls they belong to a powerful sisterhood. Learn to lead girls in creative Girl Scout ceremonies such as Investiture, Court of Awards, Girl Scouts' Own, Rededication and Bridging ceremonies, as well as time-honored traditions like Girl Scout Days, SWAPS, and sit-upons.

Basic Knots & Lashing

Learn how to tie eight basic knots used in common Girl Scout outdoor activities (overhand, figure-8, square, sheet bend, bowline, half-hitch, clove hitch, and lark's head) and temporary whipping to keep the ends of a rope from unraveling. Class includes tips and ideas for teaching knots.

Be a Girl Scout Champion

For over 100 years, Girl Scouts has given girls the tools to lead, break barriers, and create positive change. These are the girls and young women who dream big and do bigger! Thanks to our volunteers' incredible support of the Girl Scout Champion initiative in the past, we have been able to reach more schools, families, and girls than ever before! Yet, we know there are still families who we aren't reaching. Accordingly, we are bringing back the Girl Scout Champion initiative to help support our year-round recruitment activities for each season. We need your help to make sure every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout has the opportunity to benefit from our life-changing program. When attending this session, you will learn how your Service Units can become Girl Scout Champions in your communities, and obtain credit for the completion of your required training.



Bouncing Up to Bronze

The Girl Scout Bronze Award is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can achieve. During this introductory workshop, we will discuss how to guide Girl Scouts as they combine their passion for an issue with their developing leadership skills. When a girl and her team plan and complete a project, she meets new people, accomplishes something incredible, and has the kind of fun that happens when Girl Scouts work together to make a difference. This workshop does not replace Bronze Award training.

Bullying Prevention & Intervention

Join our partner, Western Youth Services, to learn about what bullying is, how you can prevent it, and what to do if you see someone being bullied. This session will provide leaders with tools on how they can have impactful conversations about bullying with their girls.

Español:

Planifique Su Año de Girl Scouts

Aprenda cómo planificar su año y edite sus planes. Venga a este taller con ideas sobre lo que sus niñas quieren lograr en Girl Scouts este año. ¡Aprenda lo fácil y flexible que es la planificación!

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Get to Gold with the NEW Service Unit Honor Award

The Service Unit Honor Award is a tool to help guide your Service Unit in creating a quality Girl Scout experience for your girl members and volunteers. Throughout this session, GSOC Troop Support Specialists will review the NEW Service Unit Honor Award for the 2022-2023 Membership Year and provide tips and tricks on how your Service Unit can work throughout the year to achieve tasks in order to earn GOLD!

How to Progress in Girl Led Leadership

Girl-led activities are the "secret sauce" of Girl Scouting. When girls step up and take ownership of their decisions, they grow into confident leaders who can make informed and empowered decisions—a valuable skill they will carry throughout their lives. This workshop will focus on including girls in the planning process, building troop practices and structures to include girls' voices, and giving girls space to create and run their programs. Using the tools and strategies shared, leaders will be able to increase girl investment, program engagement, and girl satisfaction.

Ins and Outs of Planning Additional Money Earning Events

Does your troop have travel plans on file? Are your girls earning their Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Awards and need funds? If so, attend this workshop to learn procedures and hear advice for completing the money-earning application. We will also brainstorm ideas for troop-funded events and share first steps to planning a large event.

Making It Work: Multi-level Troops & Other Non-Traditional Troop Structures

Are you considering starting or becoming a multi-level troop? Having a hard time finding additional volunteer help? Come join the discussion about the pros and cons of multi-level and other non-traditional troop structures. Explore co-op troops, perpetual troops, and other ways to make Girl Scouts work for you, your troop families, and the girls.

Organizing & Spending Troop Money: How Experienced Leaders Organize Troop Finances

Budgeting is one of the most important tools for financing your Girl Scouts' dreams, and it can be a rather challenging task at times. Learn from experienced Girl Scout leaders about how to manage troop/group funds to support your girls' goals for the year, and how to make budgeting a girl-led experience. Explore helpful tips you can use to get the most of your troop finances.

Program in a Box: Astronomy and Telescope Fun

Ever look up at the sky at night and wonder what the stars and planets look like up close? Come to this Astronomy and Telescope Program in a Box Session where Service Units and Leaders will learn how they can check out GSOC's newest telescope, and explore the night sky with their girls at a location in your own community. The STEM Patrol, along with our staff will help you explore their newest Program in a Box opportunity while providing you with knowledge on how you can reserve the telescope for a viewing.

Songs for Every Girl Scout

Girl Scouts and songs go together like marshmallows and graham crackers. Learn to lead girls in creative Girl Scout songs, both traditional and modern. Be prepared to get silly, sing loud, and make some new friends.

Volunteer Conference 2022 Presenters

Maria Alderete is the IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) Director for Girl Scouts of Orange County. She was Troop Support Specialist for the North Central Region, has been a member of GSOC's Global Action Team and has participated on the Troop Travel team as the TSS for traveling troops.

Collene Anderson has been planning events since 2005. Some of the events she has helped organize include: Cadette O Rama (800 Person), Angel Game Parade (2000 person), SU campouts (150 person) Jam at the Summit (800 person, 34 states, 20 Councils).

Katie Casey-Anderson has been a GSOC volunteer as a troop leader from Brownies to Ambassadors, an adult Highest Awards trainer and as a member of the Older Girl Committee which oversees the Gold Award. In 2010, she founded Workshops4girls, a company that offers Journey programs for Juniors, Cadettes & Seniors and Ambassadors. She has guided thousands of Girl Scouts across the country through journeys.

Annie Barnes has been a Girl Scout for 13 years, from Daisy through Ambassador. Her Gold Award website centers on disability awareness activities.

Ann Crane is a longtime Girl Scout who loves Older Girl Program! A First Class recipient herself, she is a Gold Award trainer, Gold Award interviewer and member of the Older Girl Committee. "I love the opportunity to pass on all the great Girl Scout knowledge I've collected over the years, and to learn about innovations in the program that make it even better for our girls."

Kathleen Dyke is a lifetime member of Girl Scouts. She joined Girl Scouts as a Brownie, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award and led her daughter's troop for 13 years. She has been part of the GSOC training team for more than 10 years. With her troop and her service unit Kathleen has organized and participated in money earning events. She is thrilled to be able to share her knowledge and experience with leaders who are looking for ways to lead their girls through an additional money earning experience.

Lesley Finch is an OC Girl Scout Lifetime Member, Gold Award Girl Scout, member of the Promise Circle and Gold Award Alliance, and Girl Awards Specialist at GSOC. She is passionate about helping all girls to know the benefits of Girl Scouts through the fun and friendship of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, to celebrate faith through earning the national Girl Scout My Promise, My Faith religious awards and recognitions, and to take action to improve their community through earning the Girl Scouts' Highest Awards: Bronze, Silver,

and Gold, to be recognized as Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award Girl Scouts, community problem-solvers and leaders who change the world.

Nicole Gaylord is a Girl Scout Multi-Level Troop Leader and Service Unit Lead coming from Huntington Beach, CA. Throughout the pandemic, Nicole strived to continue giving her Troop the confidence to grow, change, and challenge. Girl Scouts has given Nicole the opportunity to show girls and Volunteers that they can do anything they put their minds to!

Lorraine Grob has worked for GSOC for the past 3.5 years as a Troop Support Specialist in the Northwest Region. Previous to her employment with Girl Scouts, she was a Troop Leader of a multi-level Troop for 13 years and a Service Unit Team member.

Peg Gunn is the Troop Support Specialist for the South Coast Region of Girl Scouts of Orange County and has worked for the Council for over four years. She began as a Girl Scout Daisy troop leader and continued on as Manager for two service units in Irvine. Peg loves finding innovative solutions to help her volunteers feel more engaged and passionate about Girl Scouts.

Flor Hernandez is a Community Program Specialist serving Spanish speaking preferred volunteers at Girl Scouts of Orange County. As a bilingual Community Program Specialist, she supports troops and GSOC program opportunities in underserved communities. She also brings years 8 years of experience as a co-helper for her daughter's troop, and later joined Girl Scouts staff as a Volunteer Coordinator. Flor's belief and passion for Girls Scouts mission exudes in everything she does to help build girls of courage, confidence, and character.

Siobhan Hickey has been a Girl Scout/leader for 20+ years, on the Gold Liaison team for 10+ years and a member of the GSOC Global Action Team since its formation. The mother of an Eagle Scout and Gold Award Girl Scout and partner to her spouse of 30+ years. She follows Ralph Waldo Emerson's quote — "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Lisa Hinshaw has been a proud Girl Scout volunteer for almost 50 years. She has served at every level of the Movement and sharing her passion for traveling with girls remains at the top of her list of favorite activities.

Brad Hontz is a member of the GSOC STEM Patrol. A retired owner of a data analytics software firm, Brad has been actively supporting the GSOC STEM Expo, developing STEM “program in a box” troop activities, and supporting GSOC coding and robotics events.

Terre Hradnansky is a part-time faculty member for the University of Phoenix in the College of Education and was a Special Education teacher for 37 years. Terre has been a Girl Scout leader, co-leader, and volunteer for 25++ years for her two daughters troops (both girls earned GS Gold Awards!).

Julie Jackson is the Director of Volunteer Experience at Girl Scouts of Orange County, focusing on supporting all volunteers. Julie is a third-generation Girl Scout and Girl Scout Silver Award recipient.

Adrienne Kerfoot has been a Girl Scout for 40 years. She is currently a Cadette troop leader as well as teach lifeguarding, and small craft safety for council. She has also worked at Camp Scherman, in a variety of roles, and the former Council Sponsored Day camps at Newport Dunes, as boating staff and director.

Lori Kosakura is a previous Girl Scout volunteer from the Tustin area with a BA in Business Administration from CSUF. Lori has worked in multiple departments at GSOC, and currently is the Facilities Manager.

Donna Lack has been involved with Girl Scouts both as a Girl Scout volunteer and as a GSOC Staff member for a combined total of 21 years.

Emily Lawrence is a lifelong Girl Scout and has served as a co-leader & Cookie Mom, supporting multiple troops. She is also a full time GSOC Staff member. She also regularly volunteers with other youth organizations and schools, and believes that volunteering is the number one way to make our world a better place.

Addy Lerner is the service unit manager planner for the Tustana Service Unit, a troop leader and a volunteer council trainer for the Girl Scout Gold Award, Planning Large Events, Travel Training and more. She believes strongly in Girl Scouts’ Discover, Connect, Take Action philosophy and enjoys helping girls and leaders reach their full potential.

Janely Lopez has been with GSOC’s Community Programs department for three years. As an aspiring teacher, she left GSOC for one year and because of her love of the program she came back to Girl Scouts meanwhile she completes her credentialing program. She has been a troop leader for every single level of Girl Scouts. Janely has also played a role in our outreach work in the Hispanic community. Janely has a passion for teaching and education drives her creation of a safe and fun space for all Girl Scouts.

Shellie Massick is the Life Skills Manager at GSOC and holds a Master’s Degree in Instructional Leadership. As a former teacher, a lifetime Girl Scout, and a past troop leader for all three of her daughters’ troops, Shellie is committed to relevant, interesting leadership and skill building opportunities for Orange County’s Girl Scouts.

Rachel Mohan is a copy and technical writer on a wide range of science and technology topics, and mother of four. She is a Girl Scout Alumna and has been a Girl Scout leader for over a decade.

Amanda Moore is the STEM Manager at Girl Scouts of Orange County. Before this position, she served as a Troop Support Specialist in the North Central Region. In her role, she works to make all programs accessible and exciting for both volunteers and girls. Amanda has a Masters in Business Administration and Master’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Chapman University. She has a background in education and event planning at the Disneyland Resort. She was a teacher and Robotics Coach in Orange Unified School District. Amanda believes that STEM can be FUN and is excited to share that enthusiasm with our volunteers at VolCon!

Katie Morad is the Volunteer Development Specialist at GSOC specializing in content development and training presentations. As a girl growing up, she was a Girl Scout in Orange County and earned her Silver Award. Currently, Katie is an active member of her service unit team as well as the leader for three different troops in the Los Alamitos/Rossmoor area. Katie has a Master’s Degree in Educational Psychology and Teaching Credential from CSULB. Formerly a teacher, Katie, is passionate about learning and Girl Scouts, and thoroughly enjoys being able to share both of those passions with girls and volunteers in Orange County.

Lisa Nevares has been a GSOC staff member for 23 years, specializing in Product Sales for the past 11 years. Top that with 8 more years of volunteer roles and you’ve got one smart cookie!

Ted Oyama is a practicing licensed Architect and college lecturer by trade, but that doesn’t stop him from volunteering! Ted has been a Volunteer Instructor – Red Cross in CPR/FA/WRFA for 34 years and a Volunteer Trainer and troop leader for 13 years! Ted has also served as a National Delegate to GSUSA’s convention in Atlanta, GA in 2005.

Chrysti Polito was a Girl Scout for 12 years and earned her Silver Award. She enjoys being a member of the HB Pierside SU team and holds many hats. Chrysti has two daughters and runs two multi-level troops including is a special needs troop that has been her joy to lead for over 6 years. Chrysti is currently her own boss, running a learning center she started to help create a community for homeschooled children to thrive in.

Michelle Priest is in SU206 leadership, Booth Manager and can-do person. She has a multi-level troop and combines her troop with a Sister troop. She is high energy and always looking for ways to improve and make the GS experience better for Volunteers and the Girls who participate.

Melissa Rodriguez is the Community Volunteer Manager at Girl Scouts of Orange County. Additionally, she is a Girl Scout alum, was a troop leader for 13 years, and a service unit manager.

Cynthia Roe, LCSW, is a Master Trainer with Western Youth Services. As a social worker for over 30 years, Mx. Roe has served in a variety of settings and capacities, including residential treatment for children and youth, the Orange County Social Services Agency, non-profit outpatient mental health and more recently, as a Psychiatric Social Worker for Kaiser Permanente. Currently, in addition to her duties as a trainer for WYS, Mx. Roe has a small private psychotherapy practice, enjoys spending time with her family and traveling (now that we can do that again!). Mx. Roe was a Girl Scout, starting as a Brownie at age 7 and ending as a Girl Scout who loved camping, horseback riding, roasting marshmallows, hiking and adventuring. I owe much of my adventurous spirit to my time as a Scout!

Page Rogalski is an active Girl Scout Volunteer who is a member of the GSOC STEM Patrol.

Amy Rosete has facilitated trainings for students and parents for over 15 years and currently works as a Parent Education Coordinator and Behavior Health Trainer. Amy enjoys engaging and connecting with people and finds satisfaction and joy in helping parents, youth and families find healthy ways to strengthen their relationships so they can create a safe, secure, and loving family environment. Outside of work, she is committed to having hiking, travel, and new experiences.

Arlyn Shelton has been part of Girl Scouts for five years. She is currently a Cadette troop leader, the school liaison for St. Joachim Catholic School, the Recognitions Coordinator for Newport-Mesa Service Unit 404, and part of the GSOC Religious Awards Task Force. Arlyn is the proud mother of Junior Chloe and Cadette Avery.

Dianna Sundell is a lifetime Girl Scout who has held numerous volunteer roles in Orange County. Currently a member of the Gold Award Support Team and Recognitions Committee.

Ronda Sussman is GSOC's Director of Girl Experience where she manages staff in Entrepreneurship, Girl Awards, Life Skills, Outdoors/Camp, and STEM. A lifetime member, Ronda has served in multiple departments as a staff member and fulfilled volunteer roles from Leader to National Delegate. She is living the dream of being "Mimi" to her 2-year-old granddaughter

and loves to spend time with her husband and son who are both "man enough to be Girl Scouts." In her free time, Ronda is fond of crafting, reading, playing games, and singing around campfires.

Jena Smith, also known as Giggles when at Camp, has been a Girl Scout volunteer for 8 years. She is a Troop Leader and SU Program Lead in Garden Valley. Jena loves making learning fun and has music in her heart wherever she goes.

Josanna Tiettmeyer is a multi-level Girl Scout Troop Leader and a "make-it-happen" Mom to six kids, ages 5-14. After her two middle sons were diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder, both at 4 years old, she knew her role of Mom had to include being an Advocate and Champion. Josanna likes to share her personal experiences and knowledge on this subject, and Champion for all kids.

Cindy Warren has been a Service Unit volunteer for 6 years, implementing sister troops during Covid and continuing the partnership afterwards. She has lots to share after 15 years of troop leadership experience!

Bradley Wedekind-Flores has been with the Girl Scouts of Orange County for over 13 years. He has worked in Program, Volunteer Management, and served as the Fund Development Director for six years. Recently, he has taken on a new role at our organization as the Director of Retail Sales and Activity Centers.

Heidi White has been working with Girl Scouts as a Volunteer Coordinator for the past 4 years. She has been leading Multi-level Troops (from daisies through cadettes). Heidi has a background in teaching as well as in Psychology. Girl Scouts has been the perfect venue for teaching girls in a fun way and empowering them to reach their personal goals, which in turn helps them increase their personal growth. Heidi believes Girl Scouts can make a positive change in a girl's life, as well as promoting positive changes within her family unit.

Melissa Wong is the Member Experience Manager at GSOC.