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Girl Scout Leader's Day – April 22

SACRAMENTO – Women and men who are positive role models and who help build girls of courage, confidence and character will be celebrated on April 22 – Girl Scout Leader's Day. Girl Scout leaders have their own day of recognition because they help girls develop their values and use their knowledge, compassion and inspiration to make the world a better place.

"We wouldn't have successful Girl Scout program or events without adult volunteers to lend support, time, experiences and skills," said Loretta Kitch, director of program for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. "Most people don't realize that we are mostly a volunteer run organization."

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is always in need of volunteers to help teach girls to discover, connect and take action – the three keys to leadership. There are currently more than 4,000 girls on a waiting list to be placed in a troop. Without adult volunteers stepping up to be troop leaders, new troops are unable to form. We currently have 10,000 adult volunteers giving their time to Girl Scouts.

The Girl Scout organization absorbs the cost of training Girl Scout leaders so they have the tools to enable girls to figure out the who, what, when, where and why on their own. Girl Scouts call this girl-led. Volunteer troop leaders use the girl-led method of leading to empower girls to make their own decisions about their activities.

According to a survey by the Girl Scout Research Institute, girls value a more inclusive and empowering approach to leadership and believe leadership is about being a good listener, building consensus and ensuring happiness for others. This is why Girl Scout Leader's Day is celebrated, to recognize the volunteers who give their time to help girls become the leaders of tomorrow.

About Girl Scouts

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is still the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The local council, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is headquartered in Sacramento and serves nearly 29,000 girls in 18 counties* in Central California. For more information, visit www.girlscoutshcc.org.

* Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Mariposa, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

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