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Local Girl Scout Camp Continues to Redefine Camping

SACRAMENTO – Girl Scouts Heart of Central California (GSHCC) has launched eight new summer camp programs and now offers 53 different camping options.

GSHCC has taken advantage of the innate fun the outdoors has to offer and uses it as a unique way to educate girls about a variety of career options such as space phenomena, geology, comic book making, western history, photography and more. Girl Scout camp is also the best way for girls to make lifelong friends, gain leadership experience, learn a new skill or just get a little dirty playing outside.

“Girl Scout camp gives girls a chance to interact with nature, enjoy the outdoors and meet new friends,” said Heidi Truitt, Camp Menzies director and senior program specialist for Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. “Camp offers girls a safe place to take new risks, whether it be riding a horse, paddling a canoe, using power tools, or being away from home for the very first time.”

Newly added programs include Camp Surprise, Tahoe Trekkers and High Tech Hide and Seek. Other programs include Under Construction, which allow girls to have fun while learning how to use power tools, Camp Swell, which is a surf camp, and for only \$15 a Girl Scout can attend Camp Menzies Close-down Party, where girls can enjoy the fun of camp while helping to close down the grounds for the winter.

GSHCC’s summer camp programs range in price and are offered from June 15 to August 15. Any girl entering second grade or higher may attend Girl Scout camp, and older girls can gain leadership experience by becoming a counselor in training.

“Girl Scout camp is all about expanding your horizons and trying things that you may have never thought you could do,” said Morgan McIlwain, Girl Scout member for 12 years and camp participant for 7. “For each girl the experience is different, but all girls leave camp with new songs, games and confidence.”

If your girl isn’t a Girl Scout member, registration is \$12 per year. For more information about how to join, visit

http://www.girlscoutshcc.org/gshccadmin/site1/adult/onlineForms/recruitment_events.asp.



GSHCC strives to provide programs, such as summer camp to every girl everywhere. Unfortunately, there are many girls whose families cannot afford camp, which is why GSHCC developed camperships that work like scholarships and give individuals the opportunity to make a donation toward sending a girl to camp. For more information about camperships, visit

www.girlscoutshcc.org.

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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