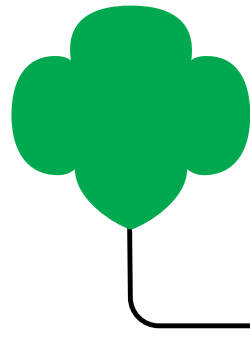


from the heart

introducing
GSHCC's



STEM CENTER
+ MAKERSPACE
Powered by Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the USA made headlines this summer by unveiling new badges and journeys for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities. With challenges ranging from robotics to cybersecurity, the new badges have been developed in response to girls' desire to expand their repertoire in these areas.

GSHCC is creating opportunities for girls to work together to earn the new badges and gain experience in STEM.

"We're all innovators in our own way," observes Teevyah Yuva Raju, 17,

a co-chair of the all-girl task force responsible for shaping the development of the STEM Center + MakerSpace.

This unique facility will host a variety of structured and open-format maker and design-thinking activities that encourage girls to connect with their inner innovators.

Activities at the STEM Center + MakerSpace will focus on three key aspects of STEM: Engineering, Biology & Environmental Science and Programming. The center also includes a MakerSpace that encourages design thinking and collaborative problem solving.

Through a variety of cooperative learning opportunities and hands-on

experimentation, girls will hone key STEM-related skills while having fun and gaining confidence. Plus, they'll learn about STEM careers and meet female STEM professionals while they're at it.

The STEM Center + MakerSpace is an investment in the next generation of Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders (G.I.R.L.s.), and will help girls embrace the spirit of scientific discovery in their lives.

Interested in joining us in celebrating girls, innovation and discovery through the STEM Center + MakerSpace? We're always adding new partners and collaborators. Please contact Lynne Van Tilburg at lynne.vantilburg@girlscoutshcc.org for more information, or visit girlscoutshcc.org/STEMCenter.

Dear friend of Girl Scouting,

This is an exciting time to be a part of our council's Girl Scout Movement.

While traditional activities such as summer camp and community service will never change, we've entered a remarkable time of growth as we welcome new STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) badges and journeys to motivate girls in our region.

We're delighted to report that our Sacramento STEM Center + MakerSpace is nearly complete! Next month, we'll welcome girls into this state-of-the-art creative space where they can innovate, collaborate and change the world while engaging in activities in mechanical engineering, computer programming, coding and more! In the coming year, we'll also begin expanding our high-adventure programs to offer girls more one-of-a-kind opportunities through Girl Scouting.

We know that when we combine unique experiences with Girl Scouts' proven leadership program, we provide girls with the tools to succeed in school, career and life—that's *The Girl Scout Advantage*. This year, we're bringing that advantage to even more girls throughout the council—at last count, we were serving more than 18,000 girls.

Our donors, volunteers and partners play a key role in helping to broaden our reach throughout GSHCC's 18 counties, and we thank you! In the past year, our financial assistance fund has helped bring *The Girl Scout Advantage* to 17,437 girls. Thank you for your support of our mission!

In our communities, Girl Scouting is as strong and relevant as ever. Your support means so much to every girl we serve. I'd love to hear how *The Girl Scout Advantage* has impacted your life or the lives of your loved ones. Reach out to me at linda.farley@girlscoutshcc.org.



Linda E. Farley, Ed.D.
Chief Executive Officer



Menzies Cabin Dedicated to Winnie Maynard

In July, GSHCC honored the memory of lifelong Girl Scout Winnie Maynard by dedicating a special cabin at Camp Menzies. Thanks to support from Winnie's estate, the cabin was built by Girl Scouts through Under Construction, a program that gives girls an opportunity to explore the engineering and construction fields that culminates with the pride of helping to create a structure at GSHCC's beloved camp.

"We feel it's so special, what she has done to support our programs in her legacy and also with her volunteerism and her time," said Lynne Van Tilburg, Chief Development Officer at GSHCC.

Winnie was a Girl Scout for nearly 85 years, including time spent as a member, troop leader and as the Executive Director of Girl Scouts Tierra del Oro (now GSHCC) for 16 years. Members of Winnie's family came from as far away as Oregon to attend the dedication ceremony.

"She was an inspiration to all of us," said Marilyn Helton, Winnie's niece. "She lived the virtues of Girl Scouting from dawn to dusk. This cabin will serve as a lasting memory of her time in Girl Scouts."

If you'd like to join Winnie's family and cement your legacy by helping empower girls, please visit girlscoutshcc.org/why-give.



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A Legacy for Leadership, STEM and Girl Scouts

Kristin Anne Elbon was in kindergarten when her grandmother (her guardian) signed her up for Girl Scouts. The leaders of her troop 429, Kathy Shay and Anna Davis, led a troop of 28 girls in those early years. Kristin and a handful of her friends in the troop stayed with Girl Scouts from kindergarten through sixth grade. Even as Kristin graduated from college and became an engineer, she stayed close with her friends from Girl Scouts.

Troop leader Anna Davis recalls, “The girls were family to each other. We were all a family. They have all stayed close even through college, and into adulthood.” So, it was particularly devastating when Kristin became ill with cancer, and passed away this past spring. She leaves two daughters, aged four and six, and a husband.

Kristin’s grandmother Judy Guthertz wants people to remember her as the incredible person she was in life: “She was kind, considerate, and had a wonderful personality—it was as big as her heart. The biggest things she wanted out of life were to be happy and to have a loving family. She had that with her children and her husband. And, she made everything so fun.”

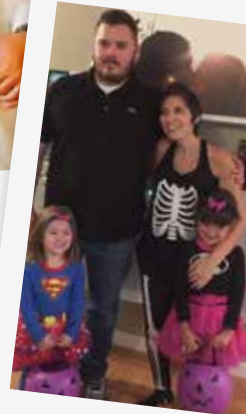
Kristin’s passing has impacted her Girl Scout troop leaders and sisters in Girl Scouts in profound ways. They are all still grieving, and yet they have come together in a way to support her legacy. Kristin’s grandmother Judy recalls

“At Kristin’s memorial service, Anna Davis came up to me with this idea. I said ‘yes’ immediately.”

Anna’s idea was to create a memorial scholarship in Kristin’s name, benefiting a girl who receives her Gold Award, pursues a college degree in a STEM-related field, and has requested to receive a scholarship. “I funded the scholarship to start it out, but I really want other people to contribute—to think of her and the impact that a scholarship can make for Girl Scouts,” said Anna Davis. “The younger generation of girls need to have access to the impact of Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts teaches girls to be leaders.”

As soon as the scholarship was started, the first award was made, just a few months after Kristin’s passing. Julia Zasso, a gold awardee, was the scholarship’s first recipient. “I was just thrilled to meet Julia,” said Judy. “This is the way that Kristin’s impact on the world will live on, through people like Julia.”

Julia’s Gold Award project was a conservation station designed for fourth through sixth grade students to use and recycle the trash generated during lunchtime. The station has containers for recycling, compostable trash and items for the landfill, which makes it easy for students to sort items into the appropriate bin. “I knew I wanted to do a project that would change people’s lives



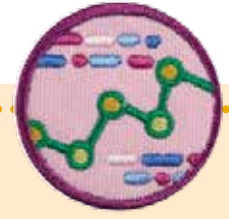
and help them take care of themselves,” said Julia, who is heading to college this fall. “It’s so worth it to work on large projects that can really impact your community.”

Kristin’s legacy will also live on through her two daughters. They are now attending a California Montessori project school, and Anna is checking to see if they can join a Girl Scouts troop there.

To other Girl Scouts, Julia Zasso says, “Find something that you are passionate about. Go in with your whole heart, and you’ll be pleasantly surprised.”

If you would like to contribute to the Kristin Anne Chapman-Elbon Scholarship Fund, please visit girlscoutshcc.org/donate, or send a check to 6601 Elvas Avenue, Sacramento CA 95819. Please designate that you want your donation to go to the Kristin Anne Chapman-Elbon Scholarship Fund.

New Badges Encourage Girls in STEM and Outdoor Skills



In a world where technology is constantly evolving, Girl Scouts is also changing with the times and developing new journeys and badges that excite modern girls.

In July, Girl Scouts introduced 23 new badges focused on the areas of STEM and the outdoors. Girls can now earn badges in robotics, coding, racecar design and troop camping, among many other options.

This is the largest rollout of new badges for Girl Scouts in almost a decade, and is designed to encourage interest in STEM and environmental stewardship in girls from an early age. Girls aren’t usually encouraged to explore these areas outside of Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts partnered with leading organizations in the STEM and outdoor industries to create the new badges, including Code.org,

GoldieBlox, the Society of Women Engineers, SciStarter, WGBH/Design Squad, and the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics. The rollout follows the introduction of 18 new badges in cybersecurity in June, which will be available starting in September 2018.

Watch for more information on these new STEM and outdoor badges, and how they support Girl Scouts’ commitment to empowering girls and building their leadership skills.

That's a Wrap!

Camp Menzies wrapped up an amazing summer, serving just shy of 1,000 girls. GSHCC Staff, "Shasta" and "Bones" (aka Heidi and Leah) worked with dozens of counselors and hundreds of girls each week, giving many of these girls their first experiences with camp, horses, canoeing, archery, and more. In studies done by the Girl Scouts Research Institute and in focus groups with girls, outdoor skill-building and adventure continue to be important for Girl Scouts.

If you would like to support the GSHCC Camp Fund, please visit girlscoutshcc.org/donate, or send a personal check indicating your wish to designate funds to Girl Scout Camp.



Letters from Camp!

Did you know that families of campers going to Camp Menzies this summer received letters from their counselors? When their girls got home, they brought home cherished memories, an envelope full of letters from their counselors, and any patches or badges they earned! The photo above shows some of the letters from the counselors.

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