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Girl Scouts are Green By Nature!



West Contra Costa Service Unit held a Litter Bug Event where girls learned about recycling and made their own creations out of recycled materials!

Girls Around the Bay Area are 'Going Tech' After School

"I'm so proud of myself," announces Jada after soldering a resistor onto her circuit board. She and other Girl Scouts at Edna Brewer Middle School in Oakland know the difference between resistors, transistors, and capacitors. They are learning about circuits as they solder their Blinky robots, one of the many activities offered through our Girls Go Tech 101 program (GGT 101).

Girl Scouts of Northern California has embarked on an exciting new partnership with Techbridge, a program of Chabot Space & Science Center, whose mission is to encourage girls in technology, science, and engineering. This pilot program, GGT 101, is introducing middle school girls to Girl Scouts and technological activities they might never experience at school or at home. Hands-on projects like the Blinky robots get girls excited about science and engineering. Field trips to places like Google and UC Berkeley's PATH Richmond Field Station introduce girls to the idea of engineering as a career choice. Role models, brought in during the after school troop meetings, demystify female engineers and exemplify how cool a girl can be while also being an engineer. It's learning new skills and opportunities while building confidence that makes for the success of GGT 101.

During the 2008–2009 school year, this program was delivered to 133 girls at five middle schools in Oakland, El Cerrito and San Francisco: Edna Brewer Middle School, Elmhurst Community Prep, Alliance Academy, Portola Middle School and Francisco

Middle School. This was made possible through generous grants to Techbridge from the Noyce Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Girl Scouts of Northern California received additional funding for this project from **the RGK Foundation, Lockheed Martin, the Wells Fargo Foundation, and the Fritz B. Burns Foundation**. With continued support from our funders for the 2009–2010 year, including the **Thomas J. Long Foundation**, we will be providing even more opportunities to last year's schools and expanding our efforts to new schools.

For girls unable to participate in our GGT 101 after school program, we are proud to offer three programs-in-a-box containing supplies, lesson plans, and career exploration resources. The programs provide hands-on activities in:

- Designing "green" rooms, renewable energy, and sustainable housing technologies.
- In circuitry using simple projects like creating an LED butterfly and soldering Blinky robots.
- Engineering design culminating in a toy design project.

Today, only 11 percent of engineers are women. However, through GGT 101 and our Techbridge programs-in-a-box, we are learning, like the girls, that once you get the hang of something, it gets a whole lot easier. Girl Scout Jordan used to think of a guy when she thought of engineering, but not anymore. After working on the Power it Up! program, Jordan thinks, "It's cool that a girl can do it."



Michelle and Jada learn to solder components to a blank circuit board.

Go Nuts for Girl Scouts Fall Sale!

Aren't the holidays nuts? They can be even nuttier when you support Girl Scouts of Northern California's Fall Nut and Magazine Sale Oct. 2–Nov. 22.

Returning favorites include chocolate toffee almonds, butter toasted peanuts, salsa mix, and cranberry nut mix, priced \$4.00 to \$8.00, plus subscriptions to your favorite magazines.

The Girl Scout Fall Product Sale provides an opportunity for troops to earn money and also learn goal setting, financial literacy, and teamwork. All proceeds support local Girl Scouting. To buy from a nearby troop, call 510.562.8470 x 190.

Leaders Emerge Every Summer in Camp Counselor in Training Programs

“Mooetta” and “Noel” were so shy and fidgety when they first joined the Girl Scout Kamp Konocti Counselor in Training (CIT) Program that it was hard to get them focused or involved. That didn’t last long—there were songs to be led, homesick campers to befriend, and leadership opportunities aplenty at the week-long community resident camp in Mendocino County.

After challenging themselves and working as a team with the other amazing, resilient, dedicated, and fun-loving Girl Scout CITs over the past three years, Mooetta (aka Shelby) and Noel (aka Nicole) are now positive, strong young women, ready to meet their future and bring all the skills they’ve learned into their adulthood.

Noel and Mooetta are just two examples of the many 9th-11th grade Girl Scouts who develop their leadership potential to the fullest through the CIT programs at our camps, which have continued to grow over the years thanks to generous donations from financial supporters of the Girl Scouts of Northern California.



CITs dress up and act silly at Kamp Konocti.

Jeff Stover Celebrity Golf Tournament Set for September 28

Sunday, September 27

Evening pre-tournament party & auction.

Monday, September 28

Tournament & dinner at Sevellano Links in Corning, CA.



For the 11th year running, Jeff Stover, a former San Francisco 49er, is supporting the Girl Scouts of Northern California through a partnership tournament. Jeff recruits sports celebrities to play with the foursomes for a fun-filled day at Sevellano Links that raises funding needed to further the Girl Scout program. This year’s top sponsors are **Premier West Bank, Sierra Central Credit Union, and St. Elizabeth’s Community Hospital**. A tournament-eve party will feature exciting auction items and a chance to mingle with the sports stars!

Join us as a player or sponsor! Contact Jane Ziad, Director, at (530) 343-1904 or jziad@girlscoutsnorcal.org.

Remembering our Girl Scout Friends

Girl Scouts treasure friendships – both new and old. We lost some longtime friends this year, but we will always remember their profound impact on the Girl Scout Movement.



Rachel Kwong

Rachel Kwong of Redwood City, California

Longtime troop leader, volunteer, and member of the San Francisco Bay Area Heritage Committee.

Liz Gonzalez of Greenbrae, California

Former San Francisco Bay Board Member in the 1990s, morning news anchor for CBS 5 News.

Joe Carboni of San Jose, California

Longtime volunteer and camper at Camp Butano Creek. His family was instrumental in acquiring this camp property. The family name is represented in the famous Carboni’s Killer Trail.

Dorothy Higbee of Quincy, California

Former staff member of Silver Sage Council, longtime volunteer in the Quincy area, trainer in Chester, CA. She also worked with Wilma Lang in Europe with Troops on Foreign Soil.

Virginia Marshall of Hoopa, California

Longtime volunteer who first started Girl Scouting in the Hoopa area in the 1950s.

Carol Meyers of Eureka, California

Longtime volunteer and the first Intermediate Girl Scout troop leader in Eureka in 1961.

Clinton C. Reeder of San Jose, California

29-year Girl Scouts member and volunteer.

Sharon Wagner of Palo Alto, California

Alumna, longtime troop leader, assistant leader, and service unit team member.

Donor Spotlight: San Francisco Elks Lodge

San Francisco Lodge #3, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E)

Supporting Girl Scouts is one of the core missions of the B.P.O.E. of the USA. The San Francisco Lodge #3 has been faithful to that mission for Girl Scouts in San Francisco for decades. Their generous donations have enabled hundreds of low-income, diverse girls to participate in exciting writing, science, and financial literacy programs.

The key connection between Lodge #3 and Girl Scouts of Northern California is Richard Engelhardt, a member of the Elks' Youth Activities Committee who has

championed Girl Scouts for a number of years. He is enthusiastic about Girl Scouting because, "We see the good it does for girls. We see results."

Mr. Engelhardt noted that the Elks like to fund important youth development programs that "might not get done without us." They have funded Write On! for San Francisco outreach troops for more than three years because writing helps girls to "express themselves and to heal."



Elks Lodge Write On! program helps Girl Scouts speak up and speak out.

Girl Spotlight: Girl Scouts Going Places

Girl Scouts opens doors and helps girls experience the world. We congratulate **Shannon Galvin** and **Ashley Carter**, winners of this year's national **Girl Scout Global Citizens Essay Contest**.

Shannon Galvin won an eleven day tour of London, Paris, and Switzerland this summer together with six other girls (ages 15-17), for her essay on Girl Scouts Save the Bay about how Girl Scouts are taking action on some of the most compelling issues of our time. Shannon's essay begins: "A group of girls giggle as they scoop up samples of mud near the San Francisco Bay.

They bring the samples back to the lab to look under the microscope and discover the many creatures that live near the shores. From mollusks to microorganisms, they discover how each animal interacts with the ocean's ecology. The girls learn how these creatures affect their environment and brainstorm ways to protect the bay they call home."

Ashley Carter was one of just twelve girls (ages 12 -14) who won a trip to New York City this summer for her essay reflecting on how her Girl Scout experiences have broadened her horizons and increased her

cultural sensitivity. Ashley wrote about her participation in World Thinking Day during the past eight years, starting with her Brownie troop exchanging a care package with a Girl Guide troop in Tasmania, Australia. As a Junior, Ashley collected books and sent them to Botswana, Africa to start a library and earned her Bronze Award. Ashley wrote: "My project inspired the entire Junior Troop that came after me to do the same project for their Bronze Award. Participating in World Thinking Day has helped me to become a global citizen and inspire other Girl Scouts around me to become the same."

Congratulations to our 2008-2009 Gold Awardees!

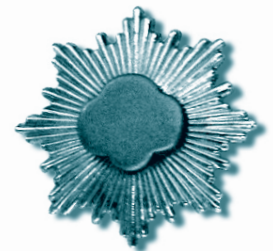
We are proud to recognize the 76 Girl Scouts who earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Gold Award. Congratulations!

Madelyn Arbios
Amanda Bains
Alexandra Blits
Emily Block
Katherine Butler
Kayla Butler
Nicole Calson
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Resham Ramsay
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Laurel Schandelmier
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Portola Middle School girls took a trip to Gemmiti Model Art in San Francisco and learned about creating working scale models of everything from the White House to antibodies. (See full story on page 1)

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