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Girl Scouts...
Building girls of courage,
confidence, and
character for 100 years.



2011 - 2012 Girl Leadership and Volunteer Opportunities

.....Spring Edition.....

Introducing... Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting!

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As we celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting and begin the next 100 years, GSUSA will debut a new resource for girls. It is *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting* will include three sections: handbook, badge, and My Girl Scouts. Sections are customizable to each girls' interests allowing girls to determine their own journeys in Girl Scouts.



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Girl Leadership Opportunities Book

Event & Series Pathways for Open Registration

February – September 2012

Welcome to another exciting year of Girl Scouts. A wide variety of opportunities are available to provide girls adventures and teach girls new skills. Activities contained within *Girl Leadership Opportunities* are open to all girls to attend as an individual or with a Girl Scout Troop. There are even opportunities that girls can attend with a parent or the entire family. If you see an opportunity that looks fun, you can attend even if your troop has not planned to attend together.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Girl leadership opportunities are open to all girls. Girls can attend as individuals, with family members or with a Girl Scout troop. If you are not currently registered, register online at gsgcf.org. Anyone may attend opportunities in any county.

Register online at: www.gsgcf.org

For family opportunities, complete the [Family Registration Form](#) and email to clareb@gsgcf.org or mail to:

Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Inc.
4780 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota, FL 34233

If you don't have online access, call 941-921-5358 or 800-232-4475 for help.

FEES AND REFUNDS

Fees are stated "per girl or child" "per participant" and "per adult." If an opportunity is canceled, your fee will be refunded; refunds cannot be made for no-shows. ***You must cancel your registration in writing by the deadline date to receive a refund. You may fax your refund request to 941-923-5241 or email petersa@gsgcf.org***

PREPARATION AND CONFIRMATIONS

Always check the opportunity listing for special instructions or equipment. Closed toe/heel shoes with socks are required at all opportunities held at council camps. Confirmations will be emailed upon registration.

If the opportunity is full you will be notified immediately. Unfortunately, **if the minimum has not been met, the opportunity may be canceled after confirmations have been sent.** In the event of a cancellation, you will be contacted and fees will be refunded.

TROOP LEADERS BRINGING NEW GIRLS TO GIRL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If bringing an unregistered girl to an opportunity, complete her membership registration online then complete the activity registration. If using paper registration, please attach a girl membership registration form along with the \$12 membership registration fee to the [Girl Leadership Opportunity Registration Form](#).

ADULT PARTICIPANTS

Family events are designed for family fun and adult family members are welcome. For other opportunities, the number of adult participants is restricted to the minimum numbers required by GSUSA [Safety Activity Checkpoints](#) in order to enhance girl leadership and to allow maximum participation by girls.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The adult in charge of Girl Scout groups or individual attendees are required to obtain parental permission slips and have completed a Consent Form for each girl at all times. Girls attending without an adult must submit a Consent Form at the event. Consent Forms are included in confirmation packets and available online at www.gsgcf.org.

Q: What if my daughter has physical, psychological, emotional or medical needs that require daily support?

A: We are ready to partner with you. Our goal is to prepare each girl for success. In order to lay the foundation for success, parents, volunteers and staff must share information. Some parents hesitate to provide personal information about their daughter's health history. With this in mind, if your child's needs cannot be met at a Girl Scout event, series or activity, we would like the decision to be made with you before the registration process begins. Girls attending Girl Scout events, series or activities should meet the following essential functions:

- Move independently or with limited assistance from place to place
- Effectively interact in a group based on program opportunity content
- Be able to meet personal needs (bathing, toileting, dressing, diet management, etc.)
- Capable self-manager of chronic illnesses

QUESTIONS?

Each opportunity has a contact person who can answer your questions via email or phone. If you have questions about opportunity specifics, please contact one of the staff listed below.

Ann-Marie Mathews, Pathways Specialist
941-921-5358 or 800-232-4475, ext. 318
annmariem@gsgcf.org

Amy Gainey, Pathways Specialist
239-561-1800 or 800-232-4475, ext. 402
amyg@gsgcf.org

If you have questions about registration including e-Biz, contact:
Alisa Peters, Director, Administrative Services
941-921-5358 or 800-232-4475, ext. 314
petersa@gsgcf.org

FREQUENTLY ASKED GIRL (AND PARENT) QUESTIONS

Q: I am not a Girl Scout. Can I still attend the opportunities in this book?

A: Sure you can! You can join Girl Scouts on the Individual Girl Leadership Opportunity Registration Form or online at www.gsgcf.org. Registration is a yearly \$12 fee in addition to activity fees and is valid from October 1 to September 30.

Q: Do I have to be in a Girl Scout Troop to be a Girl Scout?

A: Absolutely not. Girls have many pathways to participation in Girl Scouts including:

- **Environmental Leadership** – an option for girls with an interest in all things outdoors including the environment, camping, and challenge courses.
- **Events** – an option for busy girls. Come to one, two or as many Girl Scout events as your schedule allows.
- **Series** – an option for girls who want to focus on an in-depth look into one topic such as dramatics, STEM (science, technology, engineering, & math), leadership or any topic – there are no limits.
- **Travel** – an option for girls who want to see the world or explore more of their own backyard.
- **Troop** – an option for girls who have the time and desire the camaraderie of the same group of Girl Scout friends throughout the school year.



And you don't have to choose just one! Once you join Girl Scouts you can participate in as many pathways as you want. Regardless of the pathway or pathways you choose, you can earn the leadership awards found in Girl Scout Journeys and the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting including the highest awards in Girl Scouts – the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Check the website frequently, www.gsgcf.org, and sign-up to receive [Cybernews](#), the monthly newsletter, to stay connected and informed about new opportunities.

Q: How do I sign-up for Cybernews?

A: On the website, www.gsgcf.org, click the contact us button. Complete the requested information and include "sign-up for [Cybernews](#)" in the comment box.

Q: If I really want to be in a troop but one isn't available, should I just wait to register when I find a troop?

A: No, register now and begin participating in the other pathway or pathways of your choice. Perhaps you will meet new friends who will invite you to join their troop.

Q: Help! I don't know what these grade levels mean?

A: Grade levels are the way Girl Scouts ensures that the Girl Leadership Experience meets all girl's needs. We know that an eleventh grader has very different needs and interests than a second grader and the Girl Scout program portfolio is designed to meet girl's age specific needs.

Girl Scout Daisy ♦ Grades K – 1

Girl Scout Brownie ♦ Grades 2 - 3

Girl Scout Junior ♦ Grades 4 – 5

Girl Scout Cadette ♦ Grades 6 - 8

Girl Scout Senior ♦ Grades 9 – 10

Girl Scout Ambassador ♦ Grades 11 - 12

Q: If I am in a troop, does my troop have to attend the opportunities listed in this book or can I attend alone?

A: You are welcome to attend on your own.

Q: If I am not in the troop pathway, can I sell Girl Scout Cookies?

A: Of course you can! All girls can participate in the Cookie Program, regardless of pathway. Daisies and Brownies need to be part of a group, but Juniors and older can sell on their own as long as there is an adult parent/volunteer to be their Cookie Manager. No matter how a girl participates, she can use her cookie proceeds to help fund and support her Girl Scout experience. Contact the Director, of Sales - Corinne Wright at corinnew@gsgcf.org for more information.

Q: I am a teen and need an opportunity to earn the money to attend Girl Leadership Opportunities. What can I do?

A: Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors can earn Girl Leadership Bucks for volunteering at council opportunities. Girl Leadership Bucks can be used to pay for or offset the cost of activity registration fees. Girl Leadership Bucks cannot be earned at all council opportunities, and limited volunteer spaces may be available. For more information about earning Girl Leadership Bucks for volunteer work at a specific opportunity, please contact the staff person in charge of that opportunity.

Girl Leadership Bucks are generally earned in the following amounts:

\$5 for a one-day opportunity

\$10 for a one-night overnight

\$20 for a two-night weekend opportunity

Exclusions: Girl Leadership Bucks cannot be redeemed for any opportunities with a total cost of more than \$100 per girl. All earned Girl Leadership Bucks must be used within the same Girl Scout year that they are earned – October to September. Girl Leadership Bucks are not transferable, and cannot be applied to adult trainings. Lost or misplaced Girl Leadership Bucks cannot be replaced. Girl Leadership Bucks have no cash value. No refunds or change will be given for fees paid with Girl Leadership Bucks.

WELCOME TO THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

DISCOVER + CONNECT + TAKE ACTION = LEADERSHIP

Discover, Connect and **Take Action** are the **3 Keys** to leadership. There are five expected short / medium term outcomes for each key to leadership. Each outcome is further explained by how it relates to girls at each program age level. A glance at the outcomes shows you what Girl Scouting is really all about. You can see some of these outcomes referenced throughout this book – each program listing indicates which outcome(s) it will focus on to meet the mission of Girl Scouts. For example, C1 indicates girls will develop healthy relationships as an outcome of this experience.

3 KEYS TO LEADERSHIP

DISCOVER: Understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

1. *Girls develop a strong sense of self.*
2. *Girls develop positive values.*
3. *Girls gain practical life skills.*
4. *Girls seek challenges in the world.*
5. *Girls develop critical thinking.*

CONNECT: *Care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.*

1. *Girls develop healthy relationships.*
2. *Girls promote cooperation and team building.*
3. *Girls can resolve conflicts.*
4. *Girls advance diversity in a multicultural world.*
5. *Girls feel connected to their communities, locally and globally.*

TAKE ACTION: *Act to make the world a better place.*

1. *Girls can identify community needs.*
2. *Girls are resourceful problem solvers.*
3. *Girls advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally.*
4. *Girls educate and inspire others to act.*
5. *Girls feel empowered to make a difference in the world.*

3 CORE PROCESSES

GIRL LED: Girl led is just what it sounds like – girls play an active part in determining what, where, when, how and why of their activities. They lead the planning and decision making as much as possible. This ensures that girls are engaged in their learning and experience leadership opportunities as they prepare to become active participants in their local and global communities.

LEARNING BY DOING: A hands-on learning process that engages girls in continuous cycles of action and reflection that result in deeper understanding of concepts and mastery of practical skills. As they participate in meaningful activities and then reflect on them, girls get to explore their own questions, discover answers, gain new skills, and share ideas and observations with others. Throughout the process, it's important for girls to be able to connect their experiences to their lives and apply what they have learned to their future experiences.

COOPERATIVE LEARNING: Through cooperative learning, girls work together toward shared goals in an atmosphere of respect and collaboration that encourages the sharing of skills, knowledge, and learning. Working together in all-girl environments also encourages girls to feel powerful and emotionally and physically safe. It allows them to experience a sense of belonging even in the most diverse groups.

One girl can make a difference. Girls together can change the world!



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~ GIRL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ~



Girls Protecting Girls

Join us and the community for an afternoon of workshops and speakers for girls and parents. This event aims to increase awareness of human trafficking and social media risks – domestically and abroad. Information will be provided on how girls and parents can protect themselves, their friends, and their families and communities. Workshops for girls will include self-defense, signs of human trafficking and self-awareness, and empowerment and advocacy.

GSLE Outcomes:	D3, C5, TA1, TA3, TA4
Recognition:	Topics will cover areas from the Journeys <i>it's Your Story-Tell It!</i>
Location:	Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota
Grade Level:	6 - 12 and parents/guardians
Date:	February 18, 2012
Deadline:	RSVP required
Time:	1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Fee:	FREE
Minimum:	None
Maximum:	250 participants
Note:	Check-in opens at 12:00 p.m. – lunch NOT included
Contact:	Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

To register online for this event please [CLICK HERE](#) or go to:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e59wy2zd284aed6c&llr=pz4emtbab>

Aloha Pajama Sleepover

Come join us for a Hawaiian themed all night event. Hula Hoop contest, hula dance contest and much more. Get your nails painted, temporary tattoos, and try on a temporary hair color. Don't miss out on a night of roller skating, games, dancing, and movies. It will be fun, fun, fun!

GSLE Outcomes:	D1, C2, D2
Recognition:	All girls will receive a skating fun patch. Brownies will cover a portion of the My Best Self badge, Juniors will cover a portion of the Staying Fit badge, and Cadettes will cover a portion of the Sportsmanship badge.
Location:	Bamboozles Skating & Event Center, 2095 Andrea Lane, Fort Myers
Grade Level:	K - 12
Date:	February 19 - 20, 2012 (President's Day)
Deadline:	February 14, 2012
Time:	7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.
Fee:	\$25 per girl / \$10 per adult
Minimum:	100 girls
Maximum:	200 girls and 100 adults
Note:	Fee includes skates, slice of pizza, small drink and breakfast in the morning! Bring sleeping bags and toiletries.
Contact:	Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Animal Exploration at Mote

Do you love animals? Do you know how they help you? Come out to a day of programming at Mote Marine Aquarium where you will learn about how animals keep people safe, check out how they can help humans with disabilities, meet the veterinarians on staff and of course visit with the animals! This program is designed to meet all requirements for earning the "Animal Helpers" badge from the *MEdia* Journey.

GSLE Outcomes: C2, TA2
Recognition: Girls will complete requirements for the Animals Helpers badge.
Location: Mote Marine, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota
Grade Level: 6 - 8 grade and parents
Date: March 3, 2012
Deadline: February 16, 2012
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25 girl / \$25 per adult
Minimum: 25 girls
Maximum: 40 girls and 10 adults
Note: please bring a bagged lunch or money for the Snack Shack
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariam@gsgcf.org

What If Bullies Grow Here?

This fun program helps girls identify and understand different types of bullying, which can happen inside or outside of school, as well as how to handle it. Girls will have the opportunity to role-play with our child size robot "Wendy"!!

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D2, D4, C1, C3
Recognition: Brownies will cover a portion of the Making Friends badge and Juniors will cover a portion of the *aMUSE* Journey.
Location: The Kleist Health Education Center on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University, 10501 FGCU Blvd South, Fort Myers
Grade Level: 2 – 5
Date: March 9, 2012
Deadline: March 6, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Fee: \$5 per girl / adults - FREE
Minimum: 50 girls
Maximum: 60 girls and 15 adults
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

SPF: Sun Party with Friends

What is an Edison & Ford Winter Estates Sun Party? It is solar necklaces, solar s'mores, and solar panels. It is water balloon sling shots, 50 foot solar bags, and solar power challenges. This Sun Party is just about having fun in the sun.

GSLE Outcomes:	D2, C2, C5, TA 4, TA5
Recognition:	All girls will receive the estates patch as well as Portions of <i>Get Moving</i> and the <i>Breathe</i> Journey will be covered.
Location:	Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
Grade Level:	4 - 8
Date:	March 10, 2012
Deadline:	March 6, 2012
Time:	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$25 per girl / adults - FREE
Minimum:	10 Girls
Maximum:	50 Girls and 10 Adults
Note:	Girl Scouts are encouraged to bring sunscreen, bottled water, and wear clothing appropriate for outdoor activities.
Contact:	Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Great Women in History

There is no denying more opportunities are available to girls and women today because of influential, powerful women of the past. This is a great opportunity to learn about local women who have done recognizable contributions to change the lives of future generations of women.

GSLE Outcomes:	D1, C1
Recognition:	All girls will receive an estates patch, along with girls in grades 4-5 will cover a portion of the <i>aMUSE</i> Journey.
Location:	Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
Grade Level:	4-8
Date:	March 10, 2012
Deadline:	March 6, 2012
Time:	1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fee:	\$20 per Girl / Adults - FREE
Minimum:	10 Girls
Maximum:	50 Girls and 10 Adults
Note:	Girl Scouts are encouraged to bring sunscreen, bottled water and wear clothing appropriate for running and gardening.
Contact:	Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Get Moving! A Girl Scout Series

Girls: Do you love our planet? Of course you do! Get together with other Juniors for five exciting, fun-filled meetings to learn what energy is all about --- your energy, the energy in your places & spaces (buildings), and energy of getting here to there (transportation). If you think that sounds boring, think again! Each of the five meetings will be packed with awesome activities like making paper, getting up and moving by making a "human perpetual motion machine" with other girls, and creating beads from old magazines and newspapers. You'll earn your Energize Award and be prepared to earn the other two awards from the *Get Moving!* Journey. Get moving Juniors --- go green and register for this new series today!

Adults: Trying to figure out how to use the Journeys with your girls? Participating in this Series is a GREAT way to experience first-hand how you can work with our National Program Portfolio! Watch your girls discover how fun doing activities from a Journey can be, connect with Juniors from other troops, and take action to earn their Energize Award! Troop leaders will DEFINITELY want to take advantage of this special opportunity.

GSLE Outcomes: D3, D5, T1, T4, T5
Recognition: Juniors cover the Energize Award from the *Get Moving!* Journey.
Location: Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota
Grade Level: 4 - 5
Date: March 19 & 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2012
Deadline: March 9, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15 per girl (fee includes the *Get Moving!* Journey) Adults - FREE
Minimum: 15 Girls
Maximum: 40 Girls and 40 Adults
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Slumber Party With Science

The Science Center of Pinellas and Girl Scouts of West Central Florida and Gulfcoast Florida have teamed up to create an exciting sleepover hosted at the Science Center of Pinellas. This event will provide girl scouts in both locations the opportunity to collaborate and work together in a science based atmosphere focused on "energy." Program includes a 90 minute hands on Energy Workshop, dinner, planetarium show movie, and breakfast.

GSLE Outcomes: D5, C2, TA2
Recognition: Workshops and activities based on the *Get Moving!* Journey.
Location: Science Center of Pinellas County, 7701 22nd Ave N, St. Petersburg
Grade Level: 4 - 5
Date: March 31- April 1, 2012
Deadline: March 22, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. March 31 - 8:30 a.m. April 1
Fee: \$40 per Girl / \$10 per Adult
Minimum: 25 Girls
Maximum: 30 Girls and 5 Adults
Note: This is a collaborative overnight with Girl Scouts of West Central – look forward to making some new friends with our Sister Council Girl Scouts!
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Furry Friend Fun

Have a dog-gone fun time learning all about healthy, smart, and nutritious ways to feed your furry family members. We'll be discussing good and bad ingredients, allergies, and what to look for on dog food labels. Best of all, we'll be making peanut butter from scratch AND a pooch pleasing recipe called P-BOBS, that you'll take home with you. Don't miss out!

GSLE Outcomes: D4, C2, C4, T3
Recognition: All girls will earn a Pet Care patch. K-1 will cover a portion of the *5 Flowers, 4 Stories, and 3 Cheers for Animals* Journey. Brownies will cover a portion of the pet badge and Juniors will cover a portion of the animal habitat badge.
Location: Collier Scout House, 601 Park Street, Naples
Grade Level: K - 5
Date: March 25, 2012
Deadline: March 20, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per Girl / Adults -FREE
Minimum: 10 Girls
Maximum: 30 Girls and 10 Adults
Note: **The attendees cannot be allergic to handling peanuts, oats or nonfat milk.**
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Journey to Healthy Living - Family Event

WOW! Ever wonder how all this water on earth helps you and the planet stay healthy? Journey through the food pyramid, *Get Moving* towards a healthy lifestyle with activities and community opportunities, and find out how to live a healthier life *Between Earth and Sky*. Meet a real chef, learn menu planning and tour the Suncoast Blood Bank mobile.

GSLE Outcomes: D2, D3, D4, C4, T4
Recognition: Activities will cover areas from *It's Your Planet-Love it!* Journey
Location: Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd, Sarasota
Grade Level: K - 5 and families
Date: April 1, 2012
Deadline: March 21, 2012
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$7 per participant
Minimum: 100 pre-registered participants
Maximum: 180
Note: Please complete the Family Registration Form to register for this event. Please adhere to registration deadline as this event does include a light lunch.
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Love'n Life: A Healthy Decision

Come out for an evening of activities designed to engage, educate, and empower YOU to make better decisions to lead a healthier life. Create a fresh meal with Chef Jerry. Learn how your cell phone can help you make more informed decisions, and how to recognize when technology can harm through the messages you receive. Engage in activities to have FUN and keep fit!

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D3, C1, TA2
Recognition: Activities will cover areas from the *It's your Planet-Love it!* Journeys
Location: Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota
Grade Level: 7 - 12
Date: April 13, 2012
Deadline: March 29, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per participant
Minimum: 35 Girls
Maximum: 75 Girls and 25 Adults
Note: Fee includes dinner, please bring or wear closed-toed shoes.
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Creating A Girl's World, Just Write!

A day of writing and illustrating for girls in grades 2 - 5, based on the Journey *A World of Girls*. Come hang out with college illustrators on Ringling College of Art and Design campus. Create your own story to change the world (based on pgs 30-31 of *A World of Girls*), and after lunch, create a toy-version of the characters in your story.

GSLE Outcomes: D1
Recognition: Workshops and activities based on *A World of Girls* Journey.
Location: Ringling College of Art and Design, 2700 N Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Grade Level: 2 - 5
Date: April 15, 2012
Deadline: March 29, 2012
Time: 11: 00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20 per Girl / Adults - FREE
Minimum: 20 Girls
Maximum: 30 Girls and 15 adults
Note: Fee includes customized programming with Ringling College, materials and supplies, pizza lunch.
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

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GSLE Outcomes: D2, D3, D5, C2, C5, T1, T2, T4, T5
Recognition: Juniors earn the Energize Award from the *Get Moving!* Journey.
Location: Service Center in Fort Myers, 12651 Girl Scout Ln, Ft. Myers
Grade Level: 4 - 5
Date: April 5, 12, 19, 26 & May 3, 2012
Deadline: March 30, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$15 per girl (fee includes the *Get Moving!* Journey) / Adults - FREE
Minimum: 15 Girls
Maximum: 40 Girls and 10 Adults
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

U R BE- U- T- FULL, "Sei Bella"

If you could change one thing about your face what would it be? Would it be your eyes, your lips, your eyebrows or what? What if you could learn to "love your body" just the way it is??? Some makeup artists are trained to play up your already beautiful features and enhance your beauty; they see through the glam of magazine ads to your real beauty. But even then ingredients in makeup, color and other cosmetics could pose a problem to your health. Join us and in the spirit of believing that You ARE Beautiful! Watch our makeup artist help to "play up your strengths," and learn the secrets of what to look for and what to avoid when you buy cosmetics.

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D2, C1, TA1
Recognition: Girls in grades 6 – 8 will cover a portion of the *MEdia* Journey and girls in grades 9 and 10 will cover a portion of the *Mission Sisterhood* Journey.
Location: Collier Scout House, 601 Park Street, Naples
Grade Level: 6 -12
Date: April 21, 2012
Deadline: April 13, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Fee: \$8 per Girl / \$5 per Adult
Minimum: 10 Girls
Maximum: 40 Girls and 10 Adults
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Slip, Slide, and Splash - Family Event

Come bring your whole family to Sun Splash Family Waterpark in Cape Coral. The park will be open just for Girl Scouts! This is a great opportunity to celebrate the Girl Scout year by inviting the families in the troop to spend the evening having fun.

GSLE Outcomes: D1, C1, C2, C3, C5
Recognition: Sun Splash patch
Location: Sun Splash Family Waterpark, 400 Santa Barbara Blvd., Cape Coral
Grade Level: K-12 and families
Date: April 21, 2012
Deadline: April 13, 2012
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$7 per person.
Minimum: 700 participants
Maximum: 1,650 participants
Note: Please complete the Family Registration Form to register for this event. There is an additional \$2.00 parking fee collected at the gate.
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Pump It Up

Spend the whole night bouncing around in seven gigantic and interactive bounce houses. Run through obstacle courses and slide down giant blow up slides. This year we will offer time for a glow in the dark bounce-session! This is your chance to bounce the night away. Who knew that exercise could be so much fun!

GSLE Outcomes: (D1, D3, D4, C1, C3)
Recognition: All girls will receive a Pump it Up patch. Brownie girls will cover a portion of my Best Self badge, Juniors will cover a portion of the Staying Fit badge, Cadettes will cover a portion of the Sportsmanship badge.
Location: PUMP IT UP, 4331 Veronica S. Shoemaker Blvd. 1, Ft. Myers
Grade Level: K - 12
Date: April 27-28, 2012
Deadline: April 20, 2012
Time: 8:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Fee: \$25 per Girl / \$15 per Adult
Minimum: 35 Girls
Maximum: 150 Girls and 50 Adults
Note: Girls must bring signed waiver to event, along with a change of clothes, sleeping bag, and socks.
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org.

Party for the Planet - Family Event

It's Earth Day, so Naples Zoo is partying for the planet! This celebration across the Nation is hosted annually by *Association of Zoo and Aquarium* accredited institutions. Millions of these party-goers create one of the biggest parties in the world! Naples Zoo invites everyone to come join the fun. Along with all the daily shows and cruises, you will enjoy fun bonus activities!

GSLE Outcomes: (D4, C5, TA1, TA4, TA5)
Recognition: All girls will receive a zoo patch for participation, and there will be many environmental workshops making it possible for girls to cover portions of the *It's Your Planet Love It* Journey series.
Location: Naples Zoo, 1590 Goodlette Rd, Naples
Grade Level: K – 12 and families
Date: April 28, 2011
Deadline: April 20, 2011
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Fee: \$9.00 per Child / \$7 per Adult
Minimum: 15 Girls
Maximum: 200 Girls and 100 Adults
Note: Please complete the Family Registration Form to register for this event.
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Camp 5th Avenue Open House

Camp 5th Avenue is our very own themed day camp at the Girl Scout House in Naples. At the open house, you can learn about the themes for summer 2012, meet some of the staff, get questions answered, and tour the facility. Drop in anytime during the open house, and feel free to bring a friend.

Location: Collier Girl Scout House, 601 Park Street, Naples
Grade Level: Girls entering grades K - 5
Date: April 28, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Fee: FREE
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Healthy Habits: Journey to Healthy Living - Family Event

This event is offered as a part two follow-up to the original program Journey to Healthy Living. Discover healthy habits *Between Earth and Sky*, *Get Moving* with fun activities and friends, and create an action plan to start living a healthier lifestyle.

GSLE Outcomes: D2, D3, TA2
Recognition: Activities will cover areas from *It's Your Planet-Love it!* Journey
Location: GECC, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota
Grade Level: K - 6 and families
Date: May 4, 2012
Deadline: April 12, 2012
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Fee: \$7 per participant
Minimum: 35 participants
Maximum: 100 participants
Note: Please complete the Family Registration Form to register for this event. Fee includes dinner, please bring or wear closed-toed shoes.
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Powerful Plants

What does making slime have to do with plants? More than you might think. In Edison's Environmental Challenge you and your team will navigate your way through 6 activity zones where all the answers can be found. You have to be swift, work as a team, and be ready to run. The teams that solve the puzzle presented in Edison's Challenge will earn the chance to make and take home slime of their very own.

GSLE Outcomes: D5, C2, D2
Recognition: Girls will cover a portion of the Get Moving and Breathe Journey and receive an **Estates Patch**.
Location: Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
Grade Level: 4 - 8
Date: May 5, 2012
Deadline: May 1, 2012
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. noon
Fee: \$25 per Girl / Adults - FREE
Minimum: 10 Girls
Maximum: 50 Girls and 10 Adults
Note: Girl Scouts are encouraged to bring sunscreen, bottled water and wear clothing appropriate for running and gardening.
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Smarts In Arts

Take break from the norm and get art smart. Feel the freedom of expression while creating new ways to apply paint to a canvas. Use all kinds of materials like post it notes, pictures, postcards to create masterpieces as a group. Find the joy in the process of creating while make something completely brand new.

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D5, C1, C2, TA2
Recognition: All girls will receive an estates patch. Juniors will cover portions of the *aMUSE* Journey and Cadettes will cover a portion of the Comic Artist badge.
Location: Edison & Ford Winter Estates, 2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers
Grade Level: 4 - 8
Date: May 5, 2012
Deadline: May 1, 2012
Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fee: \$25 per Girl / Adults - FREE
Minimum: 10 Girls
Maximum: 50 Girls and 10 Adults
Note: Girl Scouts are required to bring two t-shirts and wear clothing appropriate for painting. Don't forget about your shoes!
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Birds On The Beach

You are never too young to learn about the wonderful wildlife on our Florida beaches. Join Kyle Miller, award winning author of the popular book, *Snowy Pea and the Ghost Crab*, for a fun walk on Lighthouse Beach at Sanibel Island and learn about common shorebirds. Discover how to identify and protect them, where they go in the summer, and how they nest and raise their young. You will also learn how Ms. Miller wrote the story of Snowy Pea. She will give you tips on writing your own wildlife storybook. April is snowy plover season, so you might even be able to see snowy plover nests and babies.

GSLE Outcomes:	D1, C2, D2
Recognition:	Girls will receive the water bird Patch and cover a portion of the Brownie Journey <i>Wonders Of Water</i> .
Location:	Lighthouse Beach, Sanibel Island
Grade Level:	2 - 5
Date:	May 12, 2012
Deadline:	May 4, 2012
Time:	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Fee:	\$25 per Girl / Adults - FREE
Minimum:	15 Girls
Maximum:	100 Girls and 10 Adults
Note:	Fee includes an autographed book: <i>Snowy Pea and the Ghost Crab</i> , by Kyle L. Miller. Binoculars are suggested, not required.
Contact:	Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Brownie/ Junior Sea Snooze Overnight

Have you ever wondered about the creatures of the sea? How do manatees find their way around the ocean? What does a sting-ray feel like? How many teeth do sharks really have? Join us for an entire night as we explore the various marine animals at MOTE through hands-on experiences, games, and activities. Then, dive into your sleeping bag to spend the night inside Mote.

GSLE Outcomes:	C1, C5
Recognition:	Mote Fun Patch
Location:	Mote Marine Aquarium, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota
Grade Level:	2 - 5
Date:	May 12 - 13, 2012
Deadline:	April 10, 2012
Time:	Arrive 6:15 p.m. Saturday Depart 8:30 a.m. Sunday
Fee:	\$40 per Girl / \$20 per Adult
Minimum:	15 Girls
Maximum:	50 Girls and 8 Adults
Note:	Fee includes Mote patch, all program activities, and visit to Aquarium, Goldstein Mammal Canter, pizza dinner, and continental breakfast. A complete packing list will be included with your confirmation. Follow safety activity checkpoints for girl-adult ratios. Do not go over please!
Contact:	Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariam@gsgcf.org

Horsin' Around!

Have fun grooming and decorating real live horses and feeding them a treat! Learn about horse safety, feed room basics, and parts of the tack. Create a framed Thumbprint Pony. Now that you're ready to ride it's time to learn riding basics and navigate your way through an obstacle course!

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D3, D4, C2
Recognition: Horse Fun Patch Junior Girls will cover a portion of the Animal Habitat badge and Cadettes will cover a portion of the Animals Helper badge.
Location: Providence Equestrian Center, 13731 E Terry Street, Bonita Springs
Grade Level: 4 - 8
Date: May 12, 2012
Deadline: May 2, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$25 per Girl / Adults -FREE
Minimum: 12 Girls
Maximum: 50 Girls and 15 Adults
Note: Please bring refillable water bottle, signed waiver, and wear long pants (leggings are great). Closed toe shoes with a small heel, Polo or T-shirt, longer hair in a low pony tail. Please no gum or dangling jewelry
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Get Moving, Get Going, Get Fit - Family Event

This will be an evening packed with activities and non-stop energy! Learn about acro-batiks, try ballroom dancing, de-stress with yoga and other techniques. Bring your family and friends, and don't forget your sister scouts, as YOU have fun learning how to stay fit and are empowered to keep healthy.

GSLE Outcomes: D3
Recognition: Activities will cover areas from *It's Your Planet-Love it!* Journey
Location: Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, Sarasota
Grade Level: K – 6 and families
Date: May 13, 2012
Deadline: May 1, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$7 per participant
Minimum: 35 participants
Maximum: 100 participants
Note: Please complete the Family Registration Form to register for this event. Please be sure to eat before event and wear closed-toed shoes
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Silver Award* Workshops

The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest award for girls in grades 6 - 8. The award recognizes girls' efforts in a range of Girl Scout and community experiences as well as their commitment to working to enhance their lives and the lives of others. Girls grades 6 - 8, their leaders and advisors are encouraged to attend.

Date:	Time:	Location:
May 15, 2012	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout House, Charlotte
May 16, 2012	5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.	Boardroom in Headquarters, Sarasota
Grade Level:	6 – 8	
Deadline:	Two weeks prior to dates listed above	
Fee:	\$5 per girl	
Contact:	Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org or Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org	

Adult Volunteer training is required for the role of the Troop Leader and Project Advisor. Please see the volunteer learning section of the Opportunity Book.

Gold Award* Workshops

Are you ready to go for the Gold? Do you need a better understanding of the requirements? Would you like to know more about the resources available to help you? Then come to the Gold Award Workshop! You must attend a Gold Award Workshop as a part of the requirements to complete the Gold Award. A parent or leader/advisor cannot attend in place of a girl; however, adults are welcome.

Date:	Time:	Location:
May 15, 2012	7:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.	Girl Scout House, Naples
May 16, 2012	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Boardroom in Headquarters, Sarasota
Grade Level:	9 – 12	
Deadline:	Two weeks prior to dates listed above	
Fee:	\$5 per girl	
Contact:	Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org or Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org	

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Girl Recognition Ceremony

All Girl Scouts, parents, volunteers and friends are invited to celebrate the Girl Scouts who have achieved the highest awards in Girl Scouting. This is a celebration of “The Year of the Girl” featuring girls who have achieved the highest honors in Girl Scouting, cookie sales, and a celebration of 100 year of Girl Scouting Traditions. Bring your troop out to be inspired by girls who display courage, confidence, and character in our community and are making our world a better place!

Location: Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center
Grade Level: K – 12 and families, friends, advisors, mentors
Date: May 20, 2012
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Deadline: All final paperwork for awardees **MUST** be SUBMITTED by MARCH 20, 2012 to GSCGF, **ATTN:** or Ann-Marie Mathews or Amy Gainey
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org

Amazing Weekend

Relationships can be a maze. Navigate their twists and turns and learn all about true friendships, meaningful relationships, and gain lots of confidence. Spend the weekend hanging out with your girl-friends, laughing, learning, and having fun in a world just for girls!

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D2, C1, C3, TA4
Recognition: Girls will cover portions of the *Amaze* Journey
Location: Service Center in Ft. Myers, 12651 Girl Scout Ln, Ft. Myers
Grade Level: Entering grade 6 only
Date: June 1 - 3, 2012
Deadline: May 29, 2012
Time: Friday 7:00 p.m. – Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Fee: \$25 per Girl (fee includes the Amaze Journey) / Adults - FREE
Minimum: 15 Girls
Maximum: 40 Girls and 10 Adults
Contact: Amy Gainey, amyg@gsgcf.org

Or

GSLE Outcomes: D1, D2, C1, C3, TA4
Recognition: Girls will cover portions of the *Amaze* Journey
Location: Gulfcoast Event and Conference Center, 4740 Cattlemen Rd., Sarasota
Grade Level: Entering grade 6 only
Date: June 15 - 17, 2012
Deadline: May 31, 2012
Time: Friday 7:00 p.m. – Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Fee: \$25 per Girl (fee includes the Amaze Journey) / Adults-FREE
Minimum: 15 Girls
Maximum: 40 Girls and 10 Adults
Contact: Ann-Marie Mathews, annmariem@gsgcf.org