Support Girls Going to Camp This Summer

Camperships offer scholarships for girls to attend sleep-away camp in the summer. Girls learn and discover so much at our three unique resident camps which feature diverse adventures and leadership opportunities for everyone, from sailing and canoeing to horseback riding, art, outdoor survival, drama and more. In 2018 almost 400 girls attended camp thanks to a Campership. GSSJC relies on generous contributions from the community to make Camperships happen. Please visit gssjc.org/camperships for more information or to donate today.

Raising Awesome Girls

GSSJC Board Member Dr. Helene Sheena kicked off our Raising Awesome Girls speaker series in November with insight on raising girls with healthy minds and bodies. Since attending medical school at Tulane University’s School of Medicine and completing a three-year residency at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Sheena is a practicing pediatrician at Kelsey-Seybold and is affiliated with both Texas Children’s Hospital and The Woman’s Hospital Texas. She is also a proud mother of three adult Gold Award Girl Scouts. At the event Dr. Sheena discussed the essentials of girl’s health, school and extracurricular balance, warning signs a girl needs help and some of the biggest challenges facing girls today.

Thank You for Supporting the Cookie Program

We are still calculating this years’ numbers, but here are some of the highlights from last year:

- Average number of Cookie Packages sold per girl: 198.8
- Cases of cookies donated through Cookies4Heroes: 6,889
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Mark Your Calendars

Interested in learning more about Girl Scouting or the issues affecting girls today. Contact Diane Likeness at dlikeness@sjgs.org.

Tea for Mom & Me, Mother’s Day Tea Party
May 4, 2019
10 a.m. - noon

Success to Significance
May 10, 2019
Hilton Americas Houston
10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Alumnae Summer Happy Hour
June 11, 2019
Crisp Houston
6 – 8 p.m.

Lunch with the CEO
June 19, 2019
11:30 a.m.
Latrice Thibodeaux: The Comeback CIT

Latrice T. sat with the breeze in her hair, the ocean to her back and her Girl Scout membership pin proudly displayed on her lanyard. Through a campership, financial aid for summer camp, she was able to enroll in the Counselor in Training (CIT) program. However, while sitting in sunny Camp Casa Mare, Latrice explained that her Girl Scout journey began under dark circumstances. “I was in the detention center. I was in a rough situation,” said Latrice. “I felt I cannot be in here. I need to be doing something productive with my life.”

The community outreach program Girl Scouting in Detention Centers provides Girl Scout curriculum to residents of juvenile probation facilities. Meetings focus on relevant topics such as self-esteem and conflict resolution. “They believe that even though you’ve made some bad decisions, you can still be a Girl Scout. You can turn it around and do something good,” said Latrice.

Community outreach staff encouraged Latrice to contact them after her release, so her Girl Scout journey could continue at home. “I thought, it’ll keep me out of trouble, so I guess that’ll be a good start for me to turn my life around,” said Latrice.

Community outreach staff immediately got to work on finding a way for Latrice to go to camp. “We signed up for a campership, and I got it, and I was like – woah! This is really happening,” said Latrice. That summer, Latrice got a crash course in Girl Scout camp, visiting all three resident camps and participating in tons of outdoor activities. “I’ve become more of an outside person. Being outside is really fun,” said Latrice. “I’ve been in a canoe. I was so hyped! That was my first time being in a canoe. I got a bull’s-eye the first time I did archery. Yeah!”

Girl Scouts changed Latrice’s life. She hopes other girls will hear her story and join too. “When most people think of Girl Scouts, they think of goody two shoes and cookies. I’ve seen a totally different side of it now,” said Latrice. “It makes you a better person.”

To meet more of the Many Faces of Girl Scouts, visit manyfacesofgirldscouts.com.

2018 Highlights From Around the Council

Total Members: 71,145

Total girls: 53,598
Total adults: 17,547

Total number of girls who have earned highest awards

- Bronze: 1,227
- Silver Award: 473
- Gold Award: 124

What do Girl Scouts do? Girl Scouts discover, connect and take action to make the world a better place through unique programs that promote: entrepreneurship, life skills, the outdoors and STEM.

- Cookie Program: 23,344
- Travel: 3,091
- Visits to Camp: 53,946
- STEM: 4,343
- Fall Product Program: 6,803
- Sports: 1,114
- Conservation: 2,473
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Thank you for Joining us at Just Desserts

GSSJC hosted its annual donor thank you event and dessert competition, Just Desserts, at the Junior League of Houston on January 16. Nine chefs from across Houston went head-to-head to create the most delicious desserts using Girl Scout Cookies, and All The Crave Cheesecakes received the coveted People’s Choice award. This year’s Around the World theme recognized the impact Girl Scouting has around the globe at the Girl Scout World Centers on four continents.

More than 200 guests enjoyed the event as media judges and their Girl Scout partners deliberated on which dessert would be the best in each of the following categories: Best Dessert Presentation—Smallcakes Houston, Best Table Display—lìck’d, Best Theme Interpretation—Michael’s Cookie Jar, Best Use of Cookie—Arte Pizzeria, Celebrity Judges Favorite—All the Crave Cheesecakes, Girl Judge’s Favorite—Cupcake Kitchen Houston, Most Camp Friendly—The Cupcake Cowgirls Cypress, Most Creative Recipe—HTX Nitro Creamery, Most Delicious—Mainely Sandwiches and People’s Choice—All the Crave Cheesecakes.

Donors who give $250 or more annually are invited to this event each year. Guests are also invited to purchase tickets to attend. We hope to see you at Just Desserts 2020! Keep an eye on gssjc.org/justdesserts for event details next fall.

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Each February, corporate volunteers join GSSJC at our cookie drops where troops pick up Girl Scout Cookies to deliver to cookie customers. This year, UPS joined us at one of our six cookie drops across the Houston area. We appreciate their help in making the largest girl-led business in the world run smoothly for our cookie entrepreneurs.

We Can’t Wait to See You at Success to Significance

Join us at our 9th annual Success to Significance Luncheon. On May 10 we will celebrate those who exemplify the values of Girl Scouting and help raise tomorrow’s generation of women leaders.

We are excited to be joined by distinguished and decorated military veteran, Girl Scout Alum and First Class recipient (now known as the Gold Award) Admiral Michelle J. Howard. In 1999 Admiral Howard became the first African American woman to command a ship in the Navy. In 2014, she was the first woman to become a four-star admiral in the U.S. Navy and the first woman to be appointed to the position of vice chief of naval operations. In addition to receiving countless awards, Admiral Howard is also the first African American woman to reach the rank of three and four-stars in the Armed Forces. We are excited to welcome her as she is the true definition of what it means to be a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk taker and Leader).

To join us at Success to Significance, visit gssjc.org/s2s or contact Emily Kelley at ekelley@sjgs.org or 713-292-0358

Agenda:
10:30 a.m. – noon Registration and Networking Café
Noon – 1:30 p.m. Program and Lunch

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