

## La Cañada Girl Scouts Events Guide

"Girl Scouts is focused on building leadership and life skills in girls and young women, and providing opportunities to utilize and sharpen these skills through community service."

We think the Girl Scout experience can be neatly categorized into these three goals: leadership, service to others, and unique opportunities. Our younger girls get to participate in a variety of Service Unit events to earn badges, learn girl scout traditions, and begin to take part in camps, hikes, and other outdoor pursuits. As our girls age and mature, they get to give back to the Service Unit by leading these events. As leaders, you will have the opportunity to watch your girls grow into competent and thoughtful leaders.

Please take a minute to look through the following list of Service Unit events. We have provided a general description of each event. We have also listed what age is best for leading each event.

The events are organized into four categories, which might help you decide which events to lead.

Take Action Project	
<b>Daisy Fun Day</b> 5th Grade Junior and up	Plan an afternoon of fun for Daisy Girl Scouts as they get ready to become Brownies, and give them a glimpse into their future as a Brownie. Teach them some wonderful Girl Scout songs.
<b>Brownie Fun Day</b> 5th Grade Junior and up	Plan an afternoon for 2nd Grade Brownies to learn skills and earn one or more "Try-Its", while having fun with other La Cañada Brownies.
<b>Brownie Skills Day</b> 5th Grade Junior and up	Teach important camping skills to 3rd Grade Brownies, including how to pitch a tent, outdoor cooking, and how to pack. Not only is it fun, but this helps Brownies to prepare for their first Encampment with the La Cañada Service Unit.
<b>Junior Badge Day</b> Cadette and up	Provide activities and fun while helping Junior Girl Scouts earn one or more Junior Badges. It's a great day to make new friends and help these girls add more badges to their vest/sash!
<b>Elementary School Overnight</b> 6th Grade troop at each school	All elementary school troops are invited to camp out overnight on campus. This event is hosted by the 6th grade troop at each school and includes Girl Scout crafts, songs, and s'mores! It's a great way to celebrate the end of the year, and for younger troops to get their first "camping" experience.
<b>Fall Encampment</b> 7th Grade Cadette and up	It's time to pack up the gear and go camping! Organize a weekend filled with outdoor adventures and Girl Scout fun. Camping is the most memorial experience in any Girl Scout's life. Participants are 4th grade troops and older.

<p><b>Girl Scout Sunday</b> 4th Grade Junior and up</p>	<p>Organize this event and help participants celebrate Girl Scouts and their faith on the same day. Each year, St. Bede the Venerable Church celebrates Girl Scouts. Everyone is welcome to come, regardless of your faith. Earn a patch when you wear your Girl Scout uniform to your favorite church.</p>
<p><b>Secret Safari</b> Senior and up</p>	<p>Pick a theme and take Cadette Troops (6th-8th grade) on an all-day adventure adhering to your theme. Your participants won't know the next stop on the Secret Safari, but there is great fun in store for everyone!</p>

## Ceremonies

Ceremonies help Girl Scouts mark special events throughout the year, such as bridging to another level, earning a National Leadership Journey award, or getting a Girl Scout pin. Ceremonies can commemorate accomplishments, or simply make the beginning or end of a group's meeting special. Whatever its purpose, every Girl Scout ceremony enables girls to share Girl Scout history and traditions and create their own special memories.

<p><b>Daisy Bridging Ceremony</b> 4th Grade Junior and up</p>	<p>Help 1<sup>st</sup> grade Daisies cross the bridge to Brownies. Traditionally, this ceremony is held in May at Glenola Park to make use of a wooden bridge in the park that was built to honor the memory of Marisa Lupica, an LCF Girl Scout who tragically passed away in 2004 at the age of 15. Marisa's Troop and her family constructed the bridge for Girl Scout ceremonies.</p>
<p><b>Brownie Fly Up Ceremony</b> 5th Grade Junior and up</p>	<p>Plan a traditional ceremony for Brownies to "Fly-Up" to Juniors with their fellow La Cañada Brownies. Girls receive the Girl Scout pin along with their Brownie wings.</p>
<p><b>Gold, Silver, Bronze Award Ceremony</b> Leaders</p>	<p>The La Cañada Service Unit celebrates and recognizes the achievements of all local Girl Scouts who have earned a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award.</p> <p>This ceremony is incredibly inspirational and moving. The amount of service our girls give to the world is monumental. We also honor all girls who have been in Girl Scouts for 10 years and/or who have earned their Leadership Award. This fast moving ceremony also serves as a bridging ceremony for the girls entering the rank of Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, or Adult Scouts.</p> <p>All leaders of girls participating in the ceremony serve on the ceremony committee.</p>

## Traditions

<b>Career Day at LCHS 7/8</b> Senior and up	Work with the 8th Grade Counselor to organize speakers from several different career categories to make presentations to the kids during 4th, 5th and 6th periods. This event can be held any time from February to May.
<b>Father Daughter Dances</b> (there are TWO) 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Junior and up	<p><b>There are now TWO dances: one for Girls Scouts in grades K-3, and the other for grades 4-6.</b></p> Host the most popular party in town! Invite each local girl scout to enjoy an evening of desserts and dancing with her dad.
<b>Glenola Tree Lighting</b> 5th Grade Junior and up	On the first Wednesday in December, help the La Cañada Community kick off the Holiday Season with songs and the official lighting of the Glenola Park tree. This is the only official Girl Scout event that occurs in conjunction with the City of La Cañada. The hosting troop also collects canned and dry food for the Red Cross or Salvation Army to give needy families all the fixings to celebrate their holiday of choice.
<b>International Tasting Bee</b> (World Thinking Day) Cadette and up	The International Tasting Bee is scheduled to honor Girl Scout Thinking Day. This event is the only La Cañada Service Unit fundraiser and it's a great way to participate in the Juliette Low Fund. Each troop selects country to represent by presenting its food, decorations, and cultural dress. Each troop decorates their serving area and brings samples of their country's food for all participants to taste. Siblings are welcome.
<b>Santa's Workshop</b> (there are TWO) 5th Grade Junior and up	Plan an afternoon of fun, providing Girl Scouts the opportunity to make their own gifts to give to family and friends during the holidays. Each girl will make 4-6 different gifts and wrap them.  <b>There are two events: one for Brownies and the other for Juniors.</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome</b> 8th Grade Cadette and up	Coordinate a tour of LCHS for incoming 7th graders and answer questions. Usually held in the spring.

<b>Leaders</b>	
<b>Memorial Day Parade</b> Leaders	Coordinate the participation of La Cañada Girl Scouts in the LCF Memorial Day Parade. In the past, the scouts have had the option of riding on Fire trucks or walking in the parade. However, the Fire Department stopped allowing the riding of Fire trucks in 2015. Maybe they'll change their minds in the future!
<b>San Francisco Bridging</b> Troop Leaders	Each year, 5th Grade Troops head up to San Francisco to “bridge” from Juniors to Cadettes. Your troop can join the approximately 3,000 other girls from all over California.
<b>LCF Day Camp</b> Leaders Cadette and Senior Counselors	Sheer Fun! Held for a week in Hahamonga Park, girls enjoy singing, crafts, cooking, and badge work. Camp runs Monday through Friday from 2:30-7:30p.m. The entire week’s activities are planned and executed by older scouts who are working on their leadership skills. Adults attend for guidance and safety.
<b>Leader Recognition Dinner</b> Leaders	Celebrate the Service Unit’s accomplishments for the year! We recognize all La Cañada Girl Scout Leaders and all they have achieved throughout the year. Toast yourself and your fellow leaders! We also provide a tentative Girl Scout schedule for the next school year. Make sure you use troop dues to pay for this dinner – you deserve it!