

Acclaimed Author Susan Bulkeley Butler Joins Community Leaders at Sold Out Girl Scout Teen Conference

Susan Bulkeley Butler, acclaimed author of *Women Count: A Guide to Changing the World* and *Become the CEO of You, Inc.* joins a host of community leaders as the keynote speaker for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' Inspire Teen Conference from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at Rockford University. Inspire is based on Butler's book *Become the CEO of You, Inc.* and will focus on her 12 Important Guidelines for Career Success.



Other event speakers include:

- Farrahn Hawkins enhanced the livelihood and education system of Malagasy students during her Peace Corps service in Madagascar. During her service, she started her own non-profit organization to help countryside students reach the resources necessary to improve their education and their own overall state of living.
- Laura Lindwall built a speaking platform on No More Pockets, her personal story about overcoming the insecurities of living with a birth defect. No More Pockets delivers a timeless message about overcoming perceived shortcomings and persevering through these insecurities to find the freedom of living and loving who we are.
- Joe Rosner is a nationally recognized expert on personal safety, workplace violence, and self-defense. He has authored several books, including *Street Smarts & Self Defense for Children*. His credentials include multiple black belts, military, law enforcement, and bodyguard experience. Rosner founded Best Defense USA after the attacks of 9/11 and has provided training to thousands of children.
- Angela Schmidt founded Potentialcity in 2015 to help people feel empowered and develop the confidence to be the agents of change in their own lives. She is a licensed psychologist, trained professional coach, facilitator, and has worked as a counselor, career adviser, and educator at major universities, community colleges, domestic violence shelters, and community agencies.
- Xavier Whitford is the Founder and Executive Director of Tommy Corral Memorial Foundation and Each Breath of Faith. She has spoken at many schools, churches, and organizations inspiring groups of all ages to end the stigma surrounding mental health by sharing her insights and story in an effort to “end the silence.”

Over 100 Girl Scout Cadettes (grades 6–8), Seniors (grades 9–10), and Ambassadors (grades 11–12) are registered to attend the sold-out event and will gain insight from successful role models and learn why female leadership is important to the success of our region. Girls will fulfill requirements towards earning their Public Speaker Cadette badge, Business Etiquette Senior badge, or Bliss Live It! Give It! Ambassador Journey.

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