



We're going    because you haven't registered for the Volunteer Conference yet!

It's not too late – Deadline to Register is March 1

Where to Register – www.westpacificgirlscouts.com and check out Latest News

You'll also find **Lodging Information** here and the form for **Financial Assistance**

Need Access to Yokota Air Force Base – Contact Dianna at 314-735-1008 or diannakaszuba@hotmail.com

Girl Scout Uniforms are not required to attend any part of the Conference.

You will enjoy food, fun and friendship throughout the conference with sister Girl Scouts from around the world. You will hear from guest speakers that will inspire and motivate you, and you will have an opportunity to enjoy the thrill of a live auction with all proceeds going to our Girl Scout community.

Lots of Choices for Attending

- Full Conference West Pacific Girl Scouts Entire conference March 18-20 \$185.00 + Lodging
- Full Conference Non West Pacific Girl Scouts Entire conference March 18-20 \$225.00 + Lodging
- Friday Only - \$100.00 Day Cost
- Saturday Only - \$100.00 Day Cost
- Banquet and Auction Only Saturday - \$40.00 Banquet & Auction Only Saturday 6 to 9 p.m.
- Girl Scout Shop Available and we'll be Introducing the New West Pacific Polo Shirt for \$22.00

Lots of Great Workshops* to Choose From

This conference will provide you with an opportunity to attend up to six workshops that include topics to enhance your Personal Life, add to your Girl Scout expertise, and boost your Professional Development.

Friday Schedule 10:30 - Noon	Media Connections	Stress Management	Partnerships/Panel Discussion with Youth Groups and Funders
1:30 – 3:00	Take Action	All Things STEM	Japanese Customs and Holidays
3:30 – 5:00	Ice Breakers	Party with the Stars-Astronomy-Together We Inspire	Difficult Conversations
Saturday Schedule 10:15 – 11:45	Take Action	Zink Goes to Camp	Scrapbooking
12:45 – 2:15	SWAPS	Planning an Event from Start to Finish	Outdoors and Rainy Days"
2:30 – 4:00	Arts & Crafts Project	Girl Scout Customs & Traditions	Pathways

*Complete Workshop Descriptions can be found on the registration page www.westpacificgirlscouts.com

Now what are you waiting for? Don't be a  sign up today!

Work Shop Descriptions:

Media Connections - We will hear from AFN, Stars and Stripes and local publications on what they are looking for when it comes to sharing the Girl Scout story through the media. Get tips on how to get your events covered by the media and when they aren't able to come to your event, learn what they are looking for from you to get your story into an upcoming edition .

Stress Management - We are all stressed these days with so many demands being placed on us to do more with less. This workshop will help you understand how stress affects your health and overall well-being. You will learn how to recognize sources and stages of stress. More importantly, it will address what your personal stress warning signs are, so that you can become aware of the stress and implement strategies to manage it before it becomes overwhelming.

Partnerships/Panel Discussion with Youth Groups and Funders - Join us for a panel discussion with leaders from other youth groups, the chapel, and school administrators to learn more about how our programs can work together to offer our girls every opportunity to become well rounded young ladies able to make the world a better place. We will also hear from various groups that offer funding to non profit groups and learn what specific criteria is required when asking for funds and what documentation is needed.

Take Action - Generating Excitement and Impact for Girls – By raising the bar towards "Take Action" projects, girls feel empowered to make a difference in their world. Approximately 45% of girls surveyed between the ages of 8-17 say it is very important to make the world a better place. We will explore: How do you determine the needs in a community? What is community mapping? What is the girl's role, the volunteer's role, the USAGSO-WP's role and GSUSA's role in raising the bar for community "Take Action" Projects? How does "Take Action," relate to the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards?

All Things STEM - We will explore the many opportunities to add STEM programming to your troops and committees' program calendar. Discover invisibility and the "science of light"; Try your hand at robotics with FLL (First Lego League), build with our Scholastic and American Contractor's Association "build-up kits" and design structures out of Girl Scout cookie boxes. Learn about engineering with "Design Squad" and "Fetch". Be more "green" with "The Greens." Discover how to connect with your local military and community resources to start special interest clubs, ie. a science club just for girls. Come ready to try new things and let your imagination run wild.

Japanese Customs and Holidays - Learn about the customs and traditions celebrated here in Japan, this workshop if being presented by volunteers from the Girl Scouts of Japan.

Ice Breakers - Ice breakers, songs and games are a great tool for building camaraderie. Within the troop, council and at national or even international events, ice breakers, songs and games assist in opening communications, building bridges and serve as a starting point for deeper friendships and a fun learning environment.

Party with the Stars-Astronomy-Together We Inspire – NASA & the Girl Scouts of the USA are partners in a groundbreaking effort to inspire young women to pursue careers in science, technology and mathematics. NASA provides educational materials and training to Girl Scout volunteers, who help NASA fulfill its mission to "inspire the next generation of explorers." Back by popular demand, we are offering this fun filled session where participants will learn activities to get girls of any age interested and prepared for an evening under the stars.

Difficult Conversations - Everyone could benefit from learning how to communicate better. We have all been in situations where we have had difficulty expressing ideas and feelings. This workshop will teach some basic but vital communication skills on how to: be a more active listener, communicate over long distances, and avoid common communication roadblocks. Additionally, you will learn how to communicate in a way that increases the chances of getting your needs met while maintaining respect for others.

Zink Goes to Camp - You will learn how to recruit girls of all ages and volunteers using Zink the Zebra. Zink, the courageous spotted zebra, can be used as an insightful role model when discussing the sensitive topic of human differences. Zink is lovable and easy to relate to, encouraging feelings of understanding, respect, compassion, and acceptance in young children and adolescents. You will leave with the resources and skills to turn Zink the Zebra into a recruitment for any age group. Learn how to plan a day camp using Zink as your theme.

Scrapbooking - Scrapbooking with your Troops! It can be done, easily, cheaply and still be fun! Let us show you how to take readily available supplies to make a keepsake you and your girls will enjoy for years to come. Please feel free to bring to the workshop wallet sized photos of your troops, cookie sales or any other fun activity you have done and walk away with 2 scrapbooks to take home and share.

SWAPS - Small Whatchamajig Affectionately Pinned Somewhere! Heard the name but not sure if you can do it, and really not sure if your Brownies can either? Yes they can! This workshop will tell you what to use, how to make them and where you can find more ideas that are age level and theme appropriate. We'll even give you ideas of how you and your troops can display their swaps. You'll make and take 6 SWAPS and a banner to place them on!

Planning an Event from Start to Finish - Receive tools and resources to plan an event for your committee from start to finish including volunteer coordination, identifying resources, establishing a committee, and public relations. Based on the Chrissa Stands Strong: Stop the Bullying campaign, this workshop will outline the steps necessary to begin with an idea and plan an event through each of the steps to include follow up ideas for after the event.

"Outdoors and Rainy Days" - How many times have you had a funfilled outdoor camping adventure planned and then as soon as you set up your tents it starts to rain? We will all come together to learn new exciting things to do at all age levels during a rainy camping trip. We will prepare the essential 'Rain Kit' and will learn to use what is around us to make different crafts and play an assortment of games. Bring your own ideas too...there will be time for the sharing of other ideas

Arts & Crafts Project - join us at the Yokota Arts and Crafts center for a hands on fun arts and crafts project that you will be able to start and finish in this workshop. The Arts and Crafts center is a short walk from the Kanto Lodge and Conference center.

Girl Scout Customs and Traditions - From "Back In the Day" when Juliette Low first had an idea to bring 8 little girls together through present day where we are still bringing girls together to celebrate the many customs and traditions of Girl Scouting. Join us as we take a walk through Girl Scout history and learn the meaning and reasons behind some of the things we started 98 years ago and continue to do today. Join us in a ceremony and enjoy making a meaningful craft as we take this walk and celebrate Girl Scouts together.

Pathways - In this workshop you will learn the many Pathways you may offer to extend Girl Scouting to every girl. Information to help understand the benefits that Girl Scouting promises to girls. Ideas for events, retreats, kick-offs, and series that will help you create customized approaches for use in different pathways.