



funshops!

WOW! Girlltopia: The World of Girl will feature phenomenal funshops created just for you!

Check out the funshop descriptions below (categorized by Girlltopia Village)
and decide on which of these great sessions you and your friends will attend!

Be sure to check back, as more funshops may be added. Funshop registration opens in September!*

You must be registered for Girlltopia to register for Girlltopia Funshops. Funshop registration dates will be announced soon. To ensure that many girls can take advantage of these great opportunities and that the funshops are filled by girls, not adults, **attendees can only register for one funshop. Also, please keep in mind that each funshop will close for registration once capacity is reached and on the day of the event, registrants who do not arrive to their funshop by 10 minutes after its start time, forfeit their reservation.*

ADVENTURELAND (environment & outdoor adventure)

A Clean Sky: A Global Warming Story – Cascade Pass, Inc. – Grades 4-5

This set of activities will help to provide a window into the world of today's scientists who worry that the climate of our planet is changing. You will learn about global climate, how people can affect the climate, what effect temperature has on water and ice, and learn about what creates greenhouse gases and what removes them.

Friends of the Island Fox – Channel Islands Park Foundation – Grades 4-8

The island fox is an endangered canine that only lives on the Channel Islands off the coast of Southern California. Learn about this fox and be challenged to determine what is needed to recover the populations. The island ecosystem is featured with an interactive activity to demonstrate the interrelationships between the fox and many other species. Many artifacts, including fox pelts and skulls of foxes and eagles, are available to handle and view.

HoneyLove: Urban Beekeeping – HoneyLove – All Ages

At the HoneyLove workshop, a team of local urban beekeepers will introduce participants to the importance of urban beekeeping and give a hands-on demonstration of how to become a honeybee guardian. They will use all their beekeeping tools and gear: including multiple styles of hive boxes and accessories. Participants may try on bee suits and have their photos taken.

ARTS ALLEY (arts & culture)

Are You A Character? Creating Your Character In The Workplace – Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) – Grades 6-12

One of the most valuable traits that employees bring to the workplace is good character. Delve into an interactive tour of a fictional company in financial trouble, and using case studies, journey into employee histories and see the ethical decisions they made as high school students and how they are reflected in their present workplace.

Fun Places To Go In Southern Cali – Grades 6-12

Bored with the same old field trips, outings or family stycations? Or, not sure how to plan them? Animated speaker and author Susan Peterson shares fresh insight about how to prepare for places to go, how to make the most of your time, and exactly where to go, especially for girls!

How the Theater Saved My Life – Grades 6-12

Be there as a theater director, writer, actor, and designer spark a conversation about theater! Moderated by a theater journalist, the panelists will share stage stories, the creative process, and handling pressure on the job. Find out how these panelists developed the confidence to be successful and prominent players on the Los Angeles scene.

Manga & Anime Drawing Workshop – Janell Mithani – Grades 6-12

Create your own manga/anime character, while learning the characteristic details of manga/anime drawing (facial features and anime hair!) and the techniques professional manga artists use to bring their characters to life. Explore inking techniques, computer manipulation and other art mediums as you learn to draw... Manga style!

Pathways to Careers In Fashion – Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising (FIDM) – Grades 6-12

Searching for a career? Join this engaging discussion about doing the research to really understand career options, and the self-exploration necessary to map out your future. Use FIDM's GPS System to walk through career exploration and learn develop the skills to successfully navigate their way to a fulfilling future.

Piggy Tales Creative Writing Workshop – Piggy Nation – Grades 3-8

Enjoy a quick reading of *A Day At Work With Dad*, followed by a discussion of structure and character. Then help create a new story about a Girl Scout outing. Brainstorm concepts for adventures, such as camping, beach cleanup, selling cookies, etc. Plus, explore various types of piggy behavior and analyze each for plot, emotion and character value, then organize all the ideas into a story.

Play with the LA Philharmonic – All Ages

Join world renowned violist Meredith Snow and other members of the LA Philharmonic to hear them play and to learn how you can become a professional, classical musician. You will also learn what goes on behind the scenes of an orchestra from the stage manager, administrators, and music librarian.

BUSINESS ADVENTURE PARK (business smarts)

A Millionaire in the Making – Teens Cash Coach – Grades 8-12

Speaker, author, and founder of Teens Cash Coach TM, Patti Handy shares the secret to mastering money in this engaging and interactive workshop, filled with tips and tools, and empowers teens with the money smarts necessary for a prosperous and peaceful future. Learn how to make smarter money choices and learn some of the common traits of millionaires. Make it. Manage it. Share it. Repeat.

Becoming a Teen Entrepreneur – m3GirlDesigns, LLC – All Ages

Be inspired and follow your dreams! Teen entrepreneur Maddie presents business from a child's point-of-view. From approaching independent store owners, filing patents, and the sales and marketing of SNAP CAPS®, learn about Maddie's company and the development of the Spark of Life™ jewelry line. Plus, get tips from her book, *Maddie Bradshaw's You Can Start A Business, Too!* Girls registered for this funshop are eligible to participate in a contest presented by m3girldesigns to win 50 FREE SNAP CAPS® and chokers with their own original, hand drawn image to give to their troop, friends and family. Go to www.facebook.com/SNAPCAPSm3girldesigns for contest details and to upload your original design no later than October 15th. Winner announced at the funshop!

Behind the Scenes: From Idea to Your Closet, Careers in the Fashion Industry – Bold Girlz – Grades 6-12

Calling all Fashionistas: Do you have a passion for fashion? Do you love graphic design? Would you like to give input on a real fashion brand and influence fashion trends? In this interactive workshop you will find out how to turn your passion into a great job in the apparel industry- from design to retail sales, to even starting your own business!

CEOs in Training: Become A Cookie Entrepreneur Officer – GSGLA – Grades 6-12

Did you know that over 35% of top selling girls are at the Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Level and that Ambassadors also have the highest per girl average? Come learn how "older" girls are using their cookie smarts to increase their sales, reach their goals (Europe anyone?), gain confidence, and improve their communication skills. Become a CEO (Cookie Entrepreneur Officer) and learn what to say, who to say it to and how to connect with your potential customers to grow your own cookie business.

Cookie Rookie – GSGLA – Grades K-5 & Adults

Are you a cookie rookie? Don't worry. You'll be a cookie expert in no time! This session gives first-time adult leaders an overview of what to expect from the cookie program, which is so much more than a fundraiser! Girls will discover how they can have fun while earning money to fuel their dreams.

Get Smart About Credit – Presented by Wells Fargo – Grades 4-12

Should charging only apply to cell phones and electronic devices? Get your personal finance questions answered, learn the difference between good and bad debt and understand the importance of being responsible with credit in order to build a strong personal credit rating!

Savings with Sammy – Sammy Rabbit, Pasadena Federal Credit Union – Grades 2-3

Learn the importance of setting goals and saving money from life-sized character Sammy Rabbit, award-winning youth financial literacy author Sam X Renick and PFCU's John Schaefer! Join the fun through cool songs, awesome stories, and cool tips on how to live within a budget and save for your dreams of travel, clothes, college, adventure, a car and more!

The Cookie Pitch – GSGLA – Grades K-5

The #1 reason people don't buy Girl Scout Cookies is they were never asked! Nearly 95% of people say they will buy cookies if asked. Girls will learn the basic cookie sales "pitch" and how to increase sales, reach their goals, gain confidence, and improve communication skills. You'll not just learn what to say, but who to say it to, and how to contact those people.

DISCOVERDALE (STEM – science, technology, engineering, math)

Climate Rock Stars: Girls Across America Take Action for the Planet – ACE – Grades 4-12

Explore why our earth's climate is changing through engaging storytelling, cutting-edge animation, lively music and dynamic video. What causes greenhouse gases? What role do humans play in altering the world's climate? How will your generation be affected? The Alliance for Climate Education shares real-life stories of ordinary high school students who have undertaken extraordinary projects that have a huge impact on climate!

Dream, Create, Go! (Presented by Toshiba) – Mario Armstrong – All Ages

Mario Armstrong's "Dream, Create, Go!" fuses technology, music, live entertainment, and radio and TV to explore the wonders of STEM. Tech-media personality Mario Armstrong engages you in a high-energy, fun-packed show! This interactive experience features cool demonstrations of new technologies and the science behind them, and shows girls how they can pursue careers in the science and tech industries!

Eat Smart, Be Smart: Nutrition from Farm to Fork – Cal Poly Pomona – Grades 4-8

Can food make you smarter? Stronger? Happier? What did you eat yesterday and where did it originate? Did you grow any of your food or do you know who did? Learn what science tells us about food, nutrition, and sustainable agriculture. Chew on this: You'll think twice about what you eat tomorrow!

How to Make Movies – Well-known Feature Filmmakers – Grades 6-8

Lights, camera, ACTION! How do you make a film? It's an art, but it's also a science! Directed by real-life filmmakers, producers, and costume makers, this multimedia presentation shows girls how big ideas get to the big screen. Girls also have a chance to ask questions to people in the movie-making industry.

Play Like a Girl: Exploration of Game Design – Women in Games Int'l – All Ages

Females are currently a minority in the video game and electronic game design arena. Perhaps not for long! Women in Games International is excited to explore careers in creative game design with girls at Girltopia. This unique, interactive funshop introduces the basics of game design and game mechanics. Rules + fun = gaming fun!

Robots That Rock! – GSGLA – Grades 2-5

Meet girls just like you who build and operate robots! The Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles' robotics team shares with you their amazing robotic creations, some of which have visited the White House and won awards! Learn how robots are made and what it's like being part of an exclusive group -- an all-girl robotics team.

Science in Hollywood – Well-known Feature Filmmakers – Grades 6-12

Science can take you on all sorts of adventures -- even to Hollywood! If you want to make a character fly across the room or jump out of a burning building, use physics. If you want to create a new world, use computer science. To journey to the center of the earth, don't forget your geology. To solve a murder in 60 minutes or less, learn forensic science. Science provides inspiration and explanation for many in the entertainment industry. Explore science in Hollywood from the perspective of film makers and science advisors. Who knows where your interest in science will take you!

Shake, Rattle and Roll – California Polytechnic University – Pomona – Grades 6-12

You have seen the power of an earthquake on the news and maybe you have felt the earth shaking yourself, but what is the science behind all that shaking? Where are earthquakes likely to occur? How do we measure earthquakes? Learn from an expert and experience the rare opportunity to use an actual seismometer to measure ground motion.

The Sky is No Limit – Boise State University – All Ages

Did you know most female astronauts were Girl Scouts? Barbara Morgan, dedicated Girl Scout, teacher, and NASA astronaut, shares the thrill and joys of spaceflight and the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with you through pictures and personal stories from her space shuttle mission to our International Space Station.

LEADERSHIP CAFE (leadership)

Brownstone Blogging Bootcamp – Brownstone Magazine – Grades 6-12

Are you looking for a creative outlet to express your views and interests? Why not start your own blog? Join the Brownstone Magazine team for their fun, hands-on blogging boot camp. Learn the basic building blocks of blogging, explore different types of blogs (i.e. video and microblogs), discuss the dos and don'ts of what to post, discover how to build an online community, and so much more.

Challenge Yourself To Achieve Change In The World – Kids Helping Kids – Grades 6-12

Today's kids have the same tools as adults to "activate" themselves as agents of change. Join 14-year-old Tyler Page who, through pictures, video and social media storytelling, will share how he and his family safely took action to rescue African children from forced labor. You'll discover innovative ways to apply your passions to a cause, generate buzz for a humanitarian challenge to raise funds and more.

Dream, Believe, Empower! – Alissa Finerman – Grades 9-12

Feel empowered! Take a step forward! Go after what's important to you! There are no limits when you believe in yourself. Join in the fun of creating a roadmap to success by building a positive mindset, creating exciting goals and overcoming challenges.

G.L.O.W. – Girls Leading Our World! – Gloria Ramos Gonzales, M.Ed/Verenisa Alfaro, LCSW, M.Ed – Grades 4-12

Find out how you can cultivate your leadership skills through this invigorating workshop. Focus on one of the seven key elements specially designed for girl leadership and empowerment. You'll acquire a deeper understanding of how to develop into a leader and change agent in your community. Come learn how you can GLOW!!

How Girl Scouts Can Help Me Get Into College – Stacey Tester from the Princeton Review – Grades 9-12

The college admissions process can be scary and overwhelming, and for socially aware Seniors and Ambassadors, it can be difficult to balance all the extracurricular activities with school and social activities. Find out why Girl Scouts is worth keeping on your plate. Learn about the college admissions process with an expert from The Princeton Review.

Look On The Bright Side: Turning Challenges Into Opportunities – Judge Cristina Perez – Grades 9-12

Don't be scared of challenges in your life. Learn how to embrace them. They are a way to learn, grow and create something that can improve your life and make the world a better place. Don't miss this Funshop with successful lawyer and two-time Emmy Award-winning television personality, Judge Cristina.

Megan Hearts – Kimberly Fate Gros / Megan Marshman – Grades 2-3

Kimberly and Megan have co-authored the Megan Hearts book series with a mission to "cultivate imagination through the use of fun and captivating stories." Come prepared for fun games and crafts and be part of inspiration and motivational lessons with motivational character, Megan.

Picture Your Self & the Life You Want – Leslie Groene – Grades 6-12

Can you see what your future holds? Consider different goals and learn how to create a plan to ensure that your goals are attainable. Learn about yourself and how to focus on your strengths in this motivating and informational session. Join Leslie Groene, a former Girl Scout, and discover how you can achieve all of the success that you desire!

Service, Community & Pride: Become a Firefighter – Los Angeles Fire Dept. – All Grades

Be cool and beat the heat! Meet female firefighters and find out how you can become a firefighter, too. Discuss the excitement of firefighting, recruitment, preparation, mentoring and development. Discuss the challenges of taking on a non-traditional career for women.

Super Girl Inventors: From Imagination to Innovation – Julie Austin – Grades 9-12

Necessity is the Mother of Invention. Ever had a great idea for an invention, but didn't know what to do with it? Inventor Julie Austin talks about how women and girls have invented throughout history and made millions with their ideas. It will inspire you to invent your own products and includes tips you can use to get started.

Teen Power – Dr. Ana Nogales – Grades 6-12

Celebrate your uniqueness, recognize your untapped potential and be inspired to take positive action towards being your true best self. Through the use of music and rhythm, come explore how to find your greatest inspiration from within as well as from others in order to achieve excellence in all you do.

Women in City Government: City Government – GSGLA – Grades 4-12

Ever wonder what a city councilmember does? Or what a legislator's day is like? Meet some of the most inspiring women in public office in City of Los Angeles (some former Girl Scouts!); learn what it takes to become an elected official; and find out how you can connect your own community service to that of public service. Panel participants to be announced.

Women in State Government – GSGLA – Grades 4-12

Can you imagine speaking on behalf of the State of California? Meet some of the awesome women that do! Learn what it means to be an elected official in state government and what it takes. Find out how you can connect your own community service to that of public service. Panel participants to be announced.

Your Voice Matters: Learn to Raise Your Voice – Junior League of Los Angeles – Grades 9-12

What do you care about? Animals? Helping others? You have a voice and you can use it to speak on behalf of what you care about...and you can make a difference. Learn to raise your voice on the things that matter to you most and how to leverage your community service into civic leadership.

WELLVILLE (wellness & healthy living)

Body Image Bootcamp – Anea Bogue – Grades 4-12

Take a fun and dynamic crash course in how the media works and how UNREAL the images are in teen and fashion magazines. Studies have shown that the average girl's self-esteem peaks at the age of nine and then plummets. And while media plays a role in chipping away at self-esteem, it holds less power over girls when they know how to filter its images and messages.

Cover Girl Culture: Seeing Through the Media Matrix – Nicole Clark-Zen Pen Films – Grades 6-12

Take back your power! The media is a strong presence in our lives. Make sense of the images and messages bombarding you daily. Watch short media clips from "Seeing Through the Media Matrix" and gain a better understanding of subtle manipulation the worlds of fashion and celebrity can have on you if you let them. Learn the difference between true confidence and false confidence. Immunize yourself against media manipulation!

Digital Divide – Jasmine Ceja, Youth Programs Coordinator for Break the Cycle – Grades 9-12

What girl doesn't love to Tweet, post, IM or text? Being digitally connected is great, but it can put you at risk. Find out how you can stay safe online against cyber bullying, online predators and identity theft. Learn how to protect yourself and others from digital abuse and be a street smart techie-user through interactive activities and brainstorming.

Fight Like a Girl: Divas in Defense – Grades 9-12

Use your voice effectively, set boundaries and be assertive, safely! This introduction to basic self defense will give a basic overview of the importance of defending yourself. You will engage in discussions on real-life scenarios and how to identify threatening situations. Both voice and body-language activities will allow you to learn basic solutions to deescalate a potentially threatening situation.

Girl Talk – Junior League of Pasadena – Grades 6-8

Join this insightful conversation about staying healthy – inside and out. Come talk with other girls about your changing body and your body image, and how being beautiful is not just about how you look and what you wear, but also about how good you feel inside and how you make others feel. Let's talk!

Healthy Eating for Families – Kaiser Permanente – Grades 2-12

Make healthier lifestyle choices – together! Learn how to set up a healthy plate and plan meals! Find easy and cool ways to stay active! Learn how to spot healthy meal imitators! Become aware of calorie counts at popular restaurants! Eating healthy and burning calories can be serious family fun!

Healthy Teen Lifestyles – Kaiser Permanente, Mary Louise Lane-Carlson, EdD, MPH, RD, CDE – Grades 9-12

The lifestyle choices you make now will likely follow you into adulthood, so it's important to make healthy food and active choices. Learn the tools of mindful eating, shaping lifestyle habits and reading labels. Plus, learn strategies to deal with peer pressure.

How to Get Kung-Fu Self-Esteem! – Nicole Clark-Zen Pen Films – Grades 4-5

Former Elite model shares how she kept her strong self-esteem no matter what the media told her! Hi-YAH!

Mean Girls and The Media: How To Delete Digital Drama and Create Healthy Media – Jess Weiner – Grades 6-12

Catty fights, cyberbullies, and backstabbing best friends: today's media is ripe with negative stories about girl's relationships. So what can we do to turn this around and tell a new story - one of positivity, confidence and high self-esteem? Join Jess Weiner, author, confidence expert and media personality (Oprah, Seventeen Magazine) and her esteemed guests as we navigate through the images of mean girls in the media and learn how to use your voice to help Hollywood tell better stories about girls!

Special Guests

- Actress Kim Coles (Living Single)
- Filmmakers Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson of the documentary "Finding Kind"
- Lori Pantel, VP Girls Marketing for Mattel

Also, special sneak preview clips of "Finding Kind" will be screened during this funshop! ** See the trailer here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woZTiMgWYDo>

Mirror Mirror – Junior League of Pasadena – Grades 6-8

Lights! Camera! Action! Come and play dress up and have your picture taken. Learn how being a work in progress doesn't mean you can't love yourself. Love and celebrate who you are! Find ways to say positive things about yourself and your friends. This will be Oh, So FABULOUS!

Self-Defense Workshop – YWCA – Grades 6-12

Focus on building assertiveness skills and physical self defense techniques! Based on the empowerment model of self-defense, learn how to use your voice, intuition and body to defend yourself in threatening situations. Girls of every ability can join in the fun!

ADULT WORKSHOPS (adult/volunteer workshops)

Change the World With Your Website – GSGLA – Adults

Girls are finding new ways to share their stories with each other and their friends. Girls, particularly Girl Scouts, want to make the world a better place by sharing their community projects with others. Learn the steps to building a website that helps them communicate, share their discoveries and connect to others.

Speaking of Leadership – GSGLA – Adults

Girls can be reluctant to take on leadership roles for a number of reasons. Adults can be the mentors and advisors that help them find their way to becoming a leader. Come discuss the methods you can use to help girls discover their leadership style and connect with other girls.