

Girl Scouts Float in the 2012 Tournament of Roses

Frequently Asked Questions

- **When will the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade take place?**

The parade will be held on Monday, January 2, 2012 (never held on a Sunday). Watch on T.V. or better yet, in person as we kick-off Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary year with a Girl Scout Rose Parade Float!

- **What's the average temperature in Pasadena on January 1?**

Record High = 83 °F (1998) Record Low = 26 °F (1976)

Year	High	Low	Rain
2011	57	36	
2010	70	43	
2009	72	40	
2008	73	40	
2007	71	39	

- **Which airports are closest to Pasadena?**

Bob Hope Airport in Burbank 14 miles from Pasadena, 20 to 30 minutes drive
Ontario Airport in Ontario 40 miles from Pasadena, 50 minute to 1-1/2 hours drive
Los Angeles Int'l Airport 28 miles from Pasadena, 35 minutes to 1-1/2 hour drive

- **Is public transportation available?**

Los Angeles' public transportation rail system opened in 1990 and is still in development. A few attraction sites are accessible by public transportation (see www.metro.net). For 2012, we recommend personal transportation with a GPS Navigator and using the extensive freeway system. Please plan to reserve rental vehicles early as there is high demand during the holidays.

- **What additional insurance does my troop need to travel to Pasadena?**

Be sure to check Girl Scout Safety Wise practices/procedures. Consult your own local council office for guidelines and forms.

- **What will the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Rose Parade float look like?**

The float reveal is happening now at www.girlscoutsla.org. For float updates and other 100th Anniversary news, sign up for the GSGLA 100th Anniversary e-Newsletter at www.girlscoutsla.org.

- **When can we decorate Rose Parade floats?**

See float decorating information at www.GSFloatDecorators.com. Please read carefully all of the requirements and restrictions before registering. Shifts will fill up very, very quickly this year.

- **Is there an age restriction to decorate Rose Parade floats?**

Confirm at the above website. The dry decorating phase consists of preparing items and materials, cleaning flower vials, etc. Typically it is 4th or 5th grade Juniors of any age and older for Dry Decorating (dry materials such as seeds, bark, etc.) which begins in November. Participants must 6th grade or above participate in Floral Decorating. Some of the Self-Built Community Floats have jobs which can be done by

younger Girl Scouts. Contact them to confirm their individual age requirements. Contact List of Self-Built Community Floats can be found at <http://www.tournamentofroses.com/the-rose-parade/volunteer/decorate-floats>. It will also be provided on the last page of the 2012 Tournament of Roses Patch Requirements which is currently being updated and not yet available.

- **Can we earn the Tournament of Roses Patch even if we are not able to participate in the decorating or attend the parade?**

Yes! Go to www.GirlScoutsLA.org and follow the links to the 2011 Parade patch requirements. The Tournament of Roses Patch can be earned by Girl Scouts of all ages and requirements can be completed even if you can't join us in Pasadena. We are currently updating the Patch Program for the 2012 Rose Parade.

- **Are there other activities planned around the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Float & Rose Parade?**

See the Calendar of Events at www.GirlScoutsLA.org for Greater L.A. Council sponsored events. Check regularly as new events will be posted as information becomes available. For Official Tournament of Roses events, see www.pasadenatournamentofroses.com. Event tickets may be purchased from www.sharpseating.com.

- **Where can I buy Girl Scout Rose Float souvenirs (pins, patches, shirts, etc.)?**

Souvenirs will be available soon. Visit the Girl Scout Shop at www.GirlScoutsLA.org. Merchandise will also be available at the Greater Los Angeles Service Center Shops, at the GS Float Rally and on select decorating days.

- **What is a Girl Scout Float Rally?**

On December 11, 2011, there will be a huge float celebration rally right where the Girl Scout Float is constructed. This event is open to Girl Scouts of all levels and their families. Plans are in the works for lots of fun activities, including the opportunity to take photos and visit with the Tournament of Roses Queen and her Royal Court. Lunch can be purchased at the Float Rally or you can bring a lunch. You will be able to purchase Girl Scout Rose Float Souvenir merchandise at the L.A. Council Shop booth. Check the www.GirlScoutsLA.org 100th Anniversary events site for event details as they become available.

- **How do I get Grandstand seat tickets in the Girl Scout sections for the Parade?**

When you call Sharp Seating Company at 626-795-4171, be sure to request the discounted Girl Scout section seats. Tickets will be available for purchase from February 2011. The Girl Scout section seats and the discount are not available online, only by phone order.

- **How can I make a donation to the Girl Scout Rose Parade Float?**

Visit www.GirlScoutLA.org and click on "Support Us" where you can make a direct donation (secure payment) or through the "Buy a Flower, Build a Float" donation. For \$5 you can honor your favorite Girl Scout, your Troop Leader or any loved one. Upon receipt of your donation, you can send an e-card or print a card to send to your honoree.

Renee's Garden, a national seed company, has designated a special mix of easy-to-grow zinnias to commemorate Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles 100th Anniversary Rose Parade float entry. Renee's Garden will donate a portion of the proceeds to the GSGLA Rose Parade Float fund. Seeds can be purchased at the Greater Los Angeles Council shops or online directly from Renee's Garden (item number 9412) at www.reneesgarden.com/seeds/packpg/flowers/zinnia-girlscout.htm

- **Can I ride the float?**

Anyone's name is guaranteed to ride on the float if you "Dedicate a Float Flower" by making a \$5 donation at www.girlscoutsla.org.

- **Is there a Pasadena app for my Smartphone?**

Yes! A free app for visitors is available by going to www.visitpasadena.com.

- **Where can I post questions to other troops traveling to Pasadena for the Rose Parade?**

Visit the GSGLA Facebook page! Traveling troops can post ideas, tips, discounts, etc.

- **Do you have other travel-related questions?**

Go to www.visitpasadena.com or call the Visitor toll-free Hotline at 1-877-793-9911 (Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm Pacific).

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