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Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Third Annual Fork It Over Fundraiser Kicks Off on August 3, 2017

Fork It Over Cookie Culinary Competition and Fundraiser to Benefit
GSCCC's Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Ventura, CA — Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast (GSCCC) is hosting the Third Annual Fork It Over fundraiser on Thursday, August 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Palm Garden Hotel in Thousand Oaks. Tickets are \$50 per person and \$75 for double admission, with all proceeds benefiting the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) across all six counties served by GSCCC.

Notable chefs from popular local restaurants will be creating Girl Scout cookie-inspired appetizers and desserts in imaginative sweet and savory cookie and food pairings. The event will also feature a variety of spirit purveyors from across California's Central Coast, including local breweries and wineries.

GSCCC's Girl Scout Leadership Experience is the framework for defining what girls do in Girl Scouting and engages girls in three key activities: discovering who they are and what they value; connecting with others; and taking action to make the world a better place. GSLE is a variety of fun and challenging activities, where girls learn by doing activities such as earning badges, selling cookies, going on exciting trips, exploring the outdoors, and doing community service projects. At Girl Scouts, girls get to lead their own adventure, and work with other girls to choose the exciting, hands-on activities that they value most.

Fork It Over ticket sales support what girls love about Girl Scouts. Participating in troops, camping and the outdoors, event participation patches, developing leadership skills, STEM-related activities, and so much more are all part of GSLE programming. Fork It Over proceeds will enhance these experiences and activities with critical leadership processes and outcomes.

"We are thrilled to continue our annual Fork It Over event to raise funds for GSLE programs," said Jody Skenderian, Chief Executive Officer of Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast. "Girl Scouts prepares girls to empower themselves with opportunities to discover their leadership skills, both in their everyday lives and in the real world."

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The evening will conclude with a cookie culinary competition featuring recipes from renowned chefs from popular local California restaurants, caterers, and food trucks. A panel of judges will select the best creations and guests can vote on their favorite entry for the “People’s Choice” award as well as enjoy a silent auction.

Food and spirit sponsors include: Brendan's Irish Pub, DJs California Catering, Dottie's Sweet Delights, Sub Zero Ice Cream, Sugar Lab Bake Shop, The Cave Ventura, Seasons Catering- Ventura, The Gourmet Girl, Blvd. Brgr Co., DeLiese Cellars, Enegren Brewing Co., Figueroa Mountain Brewery, Institution Ale Co., Labrynth Winery, Martian Ranch & Vineyard, Opolo Vineyards, The Dudes' Brewing Company - Thousand Oaks, and Poseidon Brewing Company.

For information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.forkitovergsgccc.com or contact Meghan Lopez at (805) 232-3963.

About Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast

Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast serves over 10,400 girls across six counties and is committed to making the Girl Scout Leadership Experience available to girls in ways that impact their lives both in the moment and into the future. Girls participate in troops, individual projects, council events, day camps and more. A variety of leadership, outdoor skills, and Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) based programs and events provide girls with opportunities to learn and explore in fun and informative ways. To join or volunteer in Santa Cruz, San Benito, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara or Ventura County, visit: <http://www.girlscoutsgccc.org>.

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