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## **Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Receives Edison International Grant to Provide STEM Programming**

Edison International Grant Provides Hands-On Girl Scout STEM and Conservation Activities for Girls in Ventura County

**Ventura, CA** — Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast (GSCCC) announced today receipt of a generous grant from Edison International to help fund Girl Scout STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) programs across Ventura County. Edison International helps fund minority, low-income and under-represented youth in their service area in STEM fields, helping them develop skills and knowledge they need to thrive in the workforce of the future. The grant will allow 325 girls and 25 related adults in Ventura County to engage in digital and non-digital STEM activities in a fun and exploratory way while also having opportunities to care for the environment.

With Girl Scout STEM, GSCCC will provide girls in Ventura County a variety of opportunities to embrace science, and develop leadership skills. Girls may take field trips, hear from experts, and have hands-on experiences with activities such as exploring the parts of a drought-tolerant plant, designing a water filter as a survival skill, learning to navigate with a compass, conducting coding on laptop computers, and more.

"At Girl Scouts, research findings show that girls are overwhelmingly interested in STEM and they like to explore how things work, so we are very grateful to receive this grant from Edison International to support STEM programming," said Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast CEO Jody Skenderian. "Our program encourages and empowers girls to seek life-long challenges, enjoy hands-on skill-building experiments and care of the environment."

Grants like the award from Edison International help fund these leadership development programs in STEM and conservation year-round for low-income Girl Scouts of every age. Girl Scout STEM programs can also be a significant step

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forward in knowledge and help to improve Girl Scout lives and their communities. For more information about GSCCC, visit <http://www.girlscoutsgccc.org>.

**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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