

## **Prepare Girls for Kindergarten with Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Virtual Events Series**

*Social and emotional skills are imperative for success in kindergarten, and Girl Scouts is filling this critical need that has been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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Ventura, CA—Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast and Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is launching a free ["Make New Friends" virtual event series](#) to ensure that all girls are prepared to start kindergarten with confidence. The COVID-19 pandemic and transition to virtual learning and activities has disrupted important educational milestones, particularly for children entering kindergarten this year. Social and emotional learning is important for success in kindergarten, and as the experts on girls' leadership and development, Girl Scouts is uniquely poised to lead fun and impactful events that help girls make new friends while boosting their social skills, self-confidence, and experience in a classroom or virtual setting.

One of the largest girl-serving organizations offering social and emotional kindergarten readiness programming, Girl Scouts has designed a specialized, engaging four-part virtual event series that is free and open to all girls who are entering kindergarten. Girls will:

- practice interacting with other girls, exploring new ideas, and gaining the courage to ask questions about what they see;
- explore emotions and learn how being persistent can help them achieve their dreams;
- use their senses to process the world around them while practicing reasoning and problem-solving skills; and
- learn how to listen to a story, identify key characters, follow a plotline, and then share what they learned.

**Monday's (July 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and August 3<sup>rd</sup>) 10:30 am -11:00 am**

- July 13<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195139656>
- July 20<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196351280>
- July 27<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197322184>
- August 3<sup>rd</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197996200>

**Monday's (August 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>) 10:00 am – 10:30 am**

- August 10<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195960110>
- August 17<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196401430>
- August 24<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197390388>
- August 31<sup>st</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196485682>

**Tuesday's (July 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>) 11:30 am – 12:00 pm**

- July 7<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111189689354>
- July 14<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196307148>
- July 21<sup>st</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197286076>
- July 28<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197974134>

**Tuesday's (August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>) 10:00 am – 10:30 am**

- August 4<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195817684>
- August 11<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196389394>
- August 18<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197384370>
- August 25<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111198056380>

**Wednesday's (July 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and August 5<sup>th</sup>) 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm**

- July 15<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195498730>
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196361310>
- July 29<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197328202>
- August 5<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111198018266>

**Wednesday's (August 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26, and September 2<sup>nd</sup>) 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

- August 12<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195980170>
- August 19<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196475652>
- August 26<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197691288>
- September 2<sup>nd</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111198120572>

**Thursday's (July 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>) 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

- July 9<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111194888906>
- July 16<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196325202>
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197292094>
- July 30<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197984164>

**Thursday's (August, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>) 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

- August 6<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111195839750>
- August 13<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111196461610>
- August 20<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111197683264>
- August 27<sup>th</sup> <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/111198098506>

Many in-person kindergarten readiness and pre-K programs have been cancelled or modified due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including opportunities to meet teachers and classmates and to try out a classroom activity. Knowing that social and emotional learning and development are some of the [strongest](#) predictors of academic success and healthy relationships, Girl Scouts has designed fun activities for girls to meet these critical milestones. Events will include activities for girls to explore the solar system, create an inspiring drawing to represent their dreams and remind them to be persistent, and much more.

“Girl Scouts is filling the critical need of preparing girls to learn, lead, and thrive in their kindergarten classrooms,” said GSUSA CEO Sylvia Acevedo. “Girl Scouts’ national reach gives girls in rural, urban, and suburban communities the opportunity to learn important pre-K readiness skills, especially social emotional learning. Our Make New Friends virtual event series helps girls create friendships, develop independence, and practice social awareness skills so they are poised for success.”

Enter your zip code to sign up for Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast Make New Friends event series at [www.girlscouts.org/ready](http://www.girlscouts.org/ready).

### **About Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast**

Girl Scouts of California’s Central Coast serves over 9,000 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, resident camps and more. A variety of leadership, outdoor skills, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) 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: [girlscoutscoc.org](http://girlscoutscoc.org).

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