

GIRLS SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA'S CATCHING FURY

Where Girl Scouts learn to shatter glass ceilings

October 12, 2023 (Tucson, Arizona) – This Saturday, 17 middle school Girl Scouts ages 11-13 will gear up and work alongside the elite women of Southern Arizona's fire, police, and emergency services, as part of Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona's (GSSOAZ) "Catching Fury" event. This high-adventure program offers a full day of immersion experiences, including how to operate a firehose, dust for fingerprints, rappel down a building, and climb a firetruck ladder.



Started in 2013, Catching Fury has offered younger Girl Scouts a modified version of Camp Fury, a week-long summer camp that introduces high school girls to a career in firefighting and public safety while encouraging leadership and physical fitness. Camp Fury was founded in 2009 by Retired Chiefs Laura Baker and Cheryl Horvath. After middle school girls clamored for the



opportunity to join the fun, Baker and Horvath designed Catching Fury to serve as an introduction to the fields of firefighting, law enforcement, and emergency services especially for girls in sixth through eighth grades.

After a two year hiatus during the pandemic, this camp is back!

Nationwide, just 30% of EMTs, 13% of law enforcement and only 3.5% of fire professionals are women. At Catching Fury, girls are inspired to change those statistics, as they work side-by-side with female mentors and role models who have helped shatter the glass ceiling in those fields, and are empowered to set their sights on doing the same as they discover new strengths and skills.

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ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona is comprised of over 5,000 Girl Scout members from Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Pinal, Graham, Greenlee, and Yuma counties. The organization is one of 112 Girl Scouts of the USA councils. Nationwide, Girl Scouts is 2.6 million strong—1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults who believe in the power of each and every girl to change the world. Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character, who help make the world a better place through our one-of-a-kind leadership development program.