

GIRLS SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA'S CAMP FURY

Where Girl Scouts learn to shatter glass ceilings

May 24, 2023 (Tucson, Arizona) – On Tuesday, May 30, The Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona's (GSSOAZ) first-of-its-kind camp experience, Camp Fury begins. This annual girls leadership training event, seeks to level the playing field by inviting Girl Scouts to join the ranks of firefighters and law enforcement personnel to learn how they ensure public safety for our communities. In this five-day, four-night experience, campers will practice search and rescue skills, crime scene investigation techniques, and perform physical fitness drills. All facilitated by women who are breaking down barriers and stereotypes in these male dominated career fields.

GSSOAZ CEO Kristen Hernandez states, "Camp Fury provides such a powerful experience for girls. They learn the true meaning of teamwork, courage, grit, and dedication while also gaining new perspectives and opportunities to advance female leadership in fields that are traditionally male dominated. Many of our Camp Fury grads go on to discover careers in fire, law enforcement, health and safety, and more. We are truly grateful for the women that facilitate this camp, encouraging our next generation of female go-getters."

Camp Fury was created in 2009, for girls aged 14-18, in partnership with Tubac Fire District Chief Cheryl Horvath and Retired Tucson Fire Assistant Chief Laura Baker. It was created in Southern Arizona and has become a model for other Girl Scout Councils across the country to replicate.

Tubac Fire District Chief Cheryl Horvath stated, "This program focuses on encouraging young women and girls to consider public safety as a career option, and it is important that we continue our commitment to this effort. Camp Fury is a fun way to learn about these careers as the girls will be challenged each day with learning new skills in a team environment. Chief Baker and I are both so appreciative of the support of the Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona with Camp Fury."

Together with women in public safety careers, girls taught important lifesaving skills that they can carry on throughout their lives. In addition, girls learn about this viable and interesting career path while ultimately seeking to advance the representation and experiences of women in policing and firefighting.

An itinerary for Camp Fury includes; aerial ladder climb, fire hose deployment, wildland fire suppression, compression-only CPR, law enforcement activities, defensive tactics, team-building obstacle course, and action/reaction drills.

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ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona is comprised of over 8,000 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.