

Updates as of July 18, 2023

We are so excited for the 56th National Council Session today!

A few reminders:

- 1. Registration opens at 9 am for 5-day registrants come and pick up your swag bag and badge early. Attendees with a 3-day pass may check in on Thursday, July 20.
- 2. Please be sure to leave extra time for security and leave all non-essentials in your room to streamline the process. Please note that you will need to be screened each time you leave the secure area.
- 3. All bags will be screened. Please carry larger electronic devices (such as laptops, tablets, or back up batteries) in your hands as you go through the metal detectors.
- 4. If you are coming straight to the convention before checking into your room, please leave your luggage with Bell Services.
- 5. Don't miss the Proposal Q&A Sessions from 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m today. See 2023 Girl Scout Convention app for room assignments.

We cannot wait to see you all.

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) is pleased to welcome you to the 2023 Girl Scout Convention at Walt Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida! Girl Scouts from across the country and around the world will come together for an epic celebration from July 18 to July 22 at Disney's Coronado Springs Report. The week-long event begins with the 56th National Council Session, a national business meeting where delegates will discuss, debate, and vote on issues that will impact our Movement, and elect national board members for the next triennium. Rounding out the week will be Phenom By Girl Scouts, where girls have opportunities to explore, have fun, make new friends, and celebrate Girl Scout achievements.

To help you have the best possible experience, we've compiled all the important things you need to know in this guide.

Safety and Security

Disney's first and biggest concern is the well-being of all guests. GSUSA has worked closely with Disney on a safety security plan.

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From Monday, July 17 to Saturday, July 22, the following safeguards will be in place:

- Security personnel
- The Orange County Sheriff's Office in the vicinity for escalated situations or emergencies
- Rooms locked every evening and designated GSUSA lead staff assigned keys for access

At Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Convention Center:

- Disney Security and screening set up at three (3) Convention Center entrances:
 - Hotel to the Convention Center
 - Both Porte Cochere entrances
- Security personnel
- Overnight security available at the Hall of Experiences

At Disney's Contemporary Resort Convention Center on Saturday, July 22: security personnel will be available for the Gold Award Celebration.

Please allow extra time to pass through security screening and be prepared to remove any liquids if asked. Disney has a no-weapons policy for their entire campus; this includes our Girl Scout pocketknives, so please do not bring them with you. Please be mindful about the number of Girl Scout pins you may be wearing and make the screener aware of them or remove them for the screening process.

Proper credentials will be required to enter all Convention spaces.

If there are any security concerns, please stop by the Information Desk at the North Registration Desk.

Health Protocols

Please pack your ID, prescriptions, insurance and COVID vaccination cards, if applicable. Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) will be on-site in El Paso 1 during convention. Additionally, AdventHealth, the official healthcare provider at Walt Disney World Resort offers a network of services to guests, including urgent care, doctor visits, prescription delivery, equipment delivery, and more.

Urgent Care

Guests can request free transportation to urgent care from the front desk. AdventHealth Centra Care Lake Buena Vista is located at 12500 South Apopka Vineland Road, Orlando, FL 32836, and can be reached at (407) 939-7480 between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. 24/7 virtual care is also available via the AdventHealth app.

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Nearest Hospital/Emergency Room

AdventHealth Celebration (formerly Florida Hospital Celebration Health) is located at 400 Celebration Place, Celebration, FL 34747, and can be reached at (407) 303-4000.

COVID-19

Although there are no COVID-19 vaccine requirements or testing requirements for Walt Disney World guests, Walt Disney World Resort remains committed to health and safety. Face coverings are optional in indoor and outdoor locations. However, face coverings are not permitted while experiencing water slides or in the water during Disney water activities.

General Hotel Information

<u>Disney's Coronado Springs Resort</u>
1001 West Buena Vista Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-8403

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.
Check-out: 11:00 a.m.
(407) 939-1000

<u>Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort</u>
1251 Riverside Drive
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-8514

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.
Check-out: 11:00 a.m.
(407) 934-6000

Disney's Contemporary Resort

4600 North World Drive

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-8413

(407) 824-1000

Note: Upon hotel check-in, please provide credit card information for incidentals.

Amenities

Free Wi-Fi, fitness facilities, pool with waterslide, restaurants, gift shop, and a convenience store. Please check each resort for individual offerings.

24-Hour Self-Service Laundry Room

- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort: Adjacent to each of the three quiet village pools.
- Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort: Adjacent to each of the five quiet pools.
- Disney's Contemporary Resort: Second floor.

Business Center

Fax, print, ship, and more at the Business Center. Incoming and outgoing parcel handling fees apply. Available at all Disney resorts.



24-Hour Chase ATM Access

- Disney's Coronado Springs: Front desk area, near the telephones
- Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort: Lobby of Colonel's Cotton Mill building.
- Disney's Contemporary Resort: Contemporary Tower

Parking

Overnight self-parking is complimentary to guests staying at Disney Resort hotels at Walt Disney World Resort. Please park your vehicle near the building of your room for overnight parking. Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Convention Center parking is only for day guests.

Airport Transportation

Enjoy easy transportation from the <u>Orlando International Airport</u> to Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort, and Disney's Contemporary Resort. We recommend booking motorcoach transportation through <u>Sunshine Flyer</u>, offering a summer special price of \$15 each direction (3% admin fee and 10% airport PFRC fee will be added to all pick-ups at the airport). This service is available for flights that arrive/depart between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

- Reservations must be made no later than four days before service
- Sunshine Flyer services flights starting at 7:30 a.m.
- Last bus leaving the airport is at 11:00 p.m.
- JetBlue operates out of a terminal that is not serviced by Sunshine Flyer. Please consider ride share options, such as Uber or Lyft

Please note the Sunshine Flyer is now known as Mears Connect Driven by Sunshine.

GSUSA Bus Transportation Between Disney Resorts

For those who have lodging at Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort and Disney's Contemporary Resort, GSUSA has partnered with Mears to provide bus transportation **to/from** Disney's Coronado Springs Resort from Tuesday, July 18 to Saturday, July 22.

Please look out for staff dressed in yellow shirts with a placard that reads: "Girl Scouts-Mears Pick-Up." The Pick-up and drop-off points are noted below:

- Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside Resort: Alligator Bayou Circle drive by 20's section
- Disney's Contemporary Resort: West Side Convention Entrance
- Disney's Coronado Springs Resort: Veracruz Exhibit Hall Entrance



Schedule

	Disney's Port Orleans-	Disney's Coronado Springs
Date	Riverside/Contemporary Resorts	Resort to/from Port Orleans-
	to/from Coronado Springs*	Riverside/Contemporary*
Tuesday, July 18	8:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 19	6:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 20	6:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
Friday, July 21	7:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 22	7:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.–10:30 p.m.

^{*} Start and end times are first and last pick-up times. Buses run every 30 minutes. **Round trip transportation is provided.**

If you have a wheelchair and require a van transport to and from the Convention Center at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, please call (407) 948-3393 to reserve. Vans can be requested on-demand July 18-19 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; July 20-21 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.; July 22 from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Disney Bus Transportation

Complimentary bus transportation to and from all Disney theme parks and water parks is available, including to the Disney Springs area and Disney's Winter Summerland Miniature Golf Course. The main bus stop at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort is located outside the main entrance of Gran Destino Tower, adjacent to El Centro. Three additional bus stops are located throughout the Resort campus in Casitas, Ranchos, and Cabanas.

- Bus service between Disney Resort hotels and Disney Springs is available during <u>Disney Springs operating hours</u>—and ends one hour after closing.
- Bus service between Disney Resort hotels and Disney theme parks begins 45 minutes prior to opening and ends one hour after closing.

Disney Water Transportation

Getting where you want to go is easy when riding about Walt Disney World Water Transportation–including water launch, boat, and ferryboat service to Magic Kingdom Park and select Walt Disney World Resort hotels. Simply wait at one of the convenient and well-marked pick-up points and you will usually arrive within minutes to your destination. Please keep in mind that certain destinations are not direct; you may be required to take a connecting mode of transportation to your destination. Learn more here.



Minnie Van Service

Need to return to your room after a busy day at the parks or the Disney Springs area? Or a ride to a restaurant at another Disney Resort hotel? Accessible via the Lyft app (tap "Select Minnie Van"), the Disney-owned, Disney-operated vehicle can get you around the Walt Disney World Resort quickly and in comfort from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. daily.

Dining Options

Delight in casual and upscale cuisine at this Resort hotel that celebrates Spanish exploration and artistry along with Disney creative tradition. Table and quick-service options are available.

To dine at a table-service restaurant, you need a confirmed dining reservation for the total number of guests. Reservations are not required for Quick Service restaurants. More information on Disney's Coronado Springs Resort restaurants and reservation availability can be found here.

Table-Service Options

- Toledo Tapas, Steak, & Seafood: Dine on tapas, seafood and steak in style at this Spanish haven inspired by surrealist art and the 1930s avant-garde, 5:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.
- Three Bridges Bar & Grill at Villa del Lago: Unwind and dine amid an idyllic, open-air setting of Spanish-American ambience and cuisine, 4:30 p.m–12:00 a.m.
- Rix Sports Bar & Grill: Enjoy a unique spin on classic sports fare for breakfast, lunch and dinner, 7:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.–4:55 p.m.; 5:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.
- Maya Grill: Grand Mexican dining room with Neuvo Latino cuisines, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Quick-Service Options

- Barcelona Lounge: Day-to-night expresso bar with breakfast and lounge menus,
 6:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m.
- Café Rix: Choose from an array of pastries, yogurts, fruits and salads, along with desserts and specialty coffees and smoothies, 7:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Dahlia Lounge: Rooftop lounge menu, 5:00 p.m.–12:00 a.m.
- El Mercado de Coronado: Something for everyone with grab & go breakfast, lunch, and dinner, 7:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
- Laguna Bar: Enjoy lounge food by the lakeside, 5:00 p.m.–11:00 p.m.
- Siestas Cantina: Poolside bites sandwiches, burgers, and nachos, 11:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

Meal options outside of Disney's Coronado Springs Resort

• Disney Springs via Disney bus shuttles: Waterside cafes, world-class restaurants, and quick-service counters. Learn more here.



Meal options at Port Orleans-Riverside and Contemporary.

Water Safety

While enjoying some down time during the Convention, it is very common to enjoy the various water activities that may be available, such as: pools, springs, water parks, and beaches. To ensure the safety and well-being of all our members, we are providing the following guidance regarding water safety, while visiting the Orlando area and attending the 2023 Girl Scout Convention.

Troops

All troops that are participating in water activities should always follow their council's guidance requiring any activities during travel. In addition, they should reference Safety Activity Checkpoints for any additional activity guidance.

While you are swimming, you should remember to follow this guidance:

- Be in the presence and/or swim by the designated Lifeguard Station.
- Always have the recommended number of adult (18+) watchers.
- Girl Scouts are never to swim without adult supervision.
- Girl Scouts should never swim without a lifeguard present.
- Everyone should only swim in areas based on their ability.
- Confirm ahead of time with the hotel/location you are staying at which locations provide lifeguards.

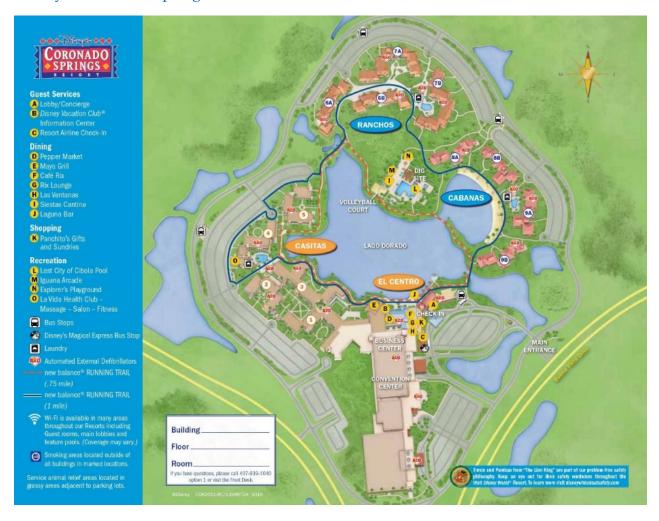
For those troops staying at the Coronado Springs Resort, lifeguards are provided only at the Dig Site Pool. Other pools do not have lifeguards.

Families

While we highly recommend that anyone participating in water activities follow the recommended guidance, as individual families, parents, or legal guardians are responsible for their minors and may decide accordingly based on their child's swimming ability.

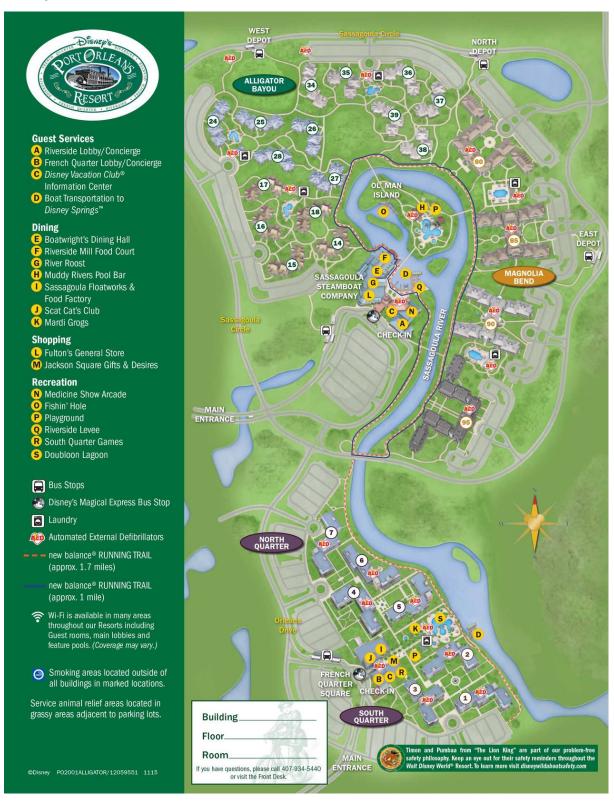


Map to Lodging and Parking Disney's Coronado Springs Resort





Disney's Port Orleans-Riverside





Disney's Contemporary Resort





Time Zone

Orlando, Florida is in the Eastern Time Zone.

Weather

Partly cloudy conditions are expected. Temperatures will be in the low 90s during the day and low 70s in the evening. Be prepared for frequent rain showers and high heat in the middle of the day.

What to Pack

- Clothes, including a light sweater in case the Convention Center becomes too cold
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen, if participating in outside activities
- Bug spray, if participating in outside activities
- Water bottle we are committed to sustainability and will provide hydration stations
- Drawstring backpack or fanny pack to carry personal items
- SWAPS (Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere) small tokens of friendship that Girl Scouts exchange with one another (optional)

Convention Registration Check-In

Registration Check-In will be available from Tuesday, July 18 to Saturday, July 22.

- General attendees can check-in at the Central Registration Desk during the following days/times:
 - o Tuesday, July 18, 2023: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
 - o Wednesday, July 19, 2023: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 - o Thursday, July 20, 2023: 3:00 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
 - o Friday, July 21, 2023: 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday, July 22, 2023: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- Attendees with a 5-day pass may check in on Tuesday, July 19. Attendees with a 3-day pass may check in on Thursday, July 20. Day pass attendees can check in the day their pass is valid.
- Upon receiving name badges, 3-day and 5-day passholders will be guided to a desk for their swag bags before exiting the registration area.
- Self-help check-in desks will be available for registrants to enter their confirmation number and have their badge printed.
 - Primary registrants will have an option to print name badges for all additional attendees registered under the same confirmation number.
- Special Guests speakers, sponsors, and exhibitors can check-in at the South Registration Desk:



- o Tuesday, July 18: 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
- o Wednesday, July 19: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
- o Thursday, July 20: 9:00 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
- o Friday, July 21: 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- o Saturday, July 22: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
- The **Help/Information Desk** at the **North Registration Desk** will be available for any support with the check-in process, lost and found items, and any security concerns:
 - Wednesday, July 19: 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 - o Thursday, July 20: 8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
 - o Friday, July 21: 8:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
 - o Saturday, July 22: 7:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

What's included in your convention ticket?

3-Day Ticket

2023 Girl Scout Convention swag bag, admission to Phenom By Girl Scouts opening and closing ceremonies, Hall of Experiences and Girl Scout Shop, The Fun Zone, Girl Scout Experience Program for youth and adults, National Bridging Ceremony*, Gold Award Celebration*, Education Day at EPCOT®**, specially-priced Disney theme park tickets, discounted rates at Disney's Coronado Springs, Disney's Contemporary Resort, and Disney's Port Orleans Resort – Riverside, and transportation between the convention resorts or to Disney theme parks.

5-Day Ticket

Includes everything in 3-Day ticket, plus visitor access to the 56th National Council Session.

Day Passes

A limited number of day passes are available for either Friday, July 21 or Saturday, July 22. Passes are limited to one per attendee. With the full-day pass, you can attend Phenom By Girl Scouts from 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m. (30-minute break between 1:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.). With a half-day pass, you can choose between the morning session (9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.) or the afternoon session (2:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.).

Please note that day passes and 3-day and 5-day tickets do not include travel, such as flights, meals, or access to the Walt Disney World theme parks. You will need to book your own travel to and from the event, and arrange and pay for your own meals and park passes.

^{*}These events have limited capacity.

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Convention Schedule

A detailed schedule is available on our <u>convention website</u> and will be available on our convention app via the <u>Google Play Store</u> and <u>Apple App Store</u>.

Special Events

Attendees who selected **Disney Education Day** during registration can pick up their wristbands at the Information Desk at North Registration no later than Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees with confirmed admittance to the **Reception and Fireworks Show at Epcot** can pick up their wristbands at the Information Desk at North Registration no later than Friday, July 21 at 3:00 p.m.

Attendees with confirmed registration for the **Gold Award Celebration** will be checked-in and receive a wristband at the bus pick-up location: Coronado Convention Center entrance (outside of Coronado Ballroom, Salon J). Details will be sent via e-mail.

2023 Girl Scout Convention App

Everything you need to know about the 2023 Girl Scout Convention is available on your smart phone or tablet. You can view the daily schedule and sessions available for the National Council Session and Phenom By Girl Scouts; learn more about our sponsors, exhibitors, and speakers; access floor plans and maps; and much more!

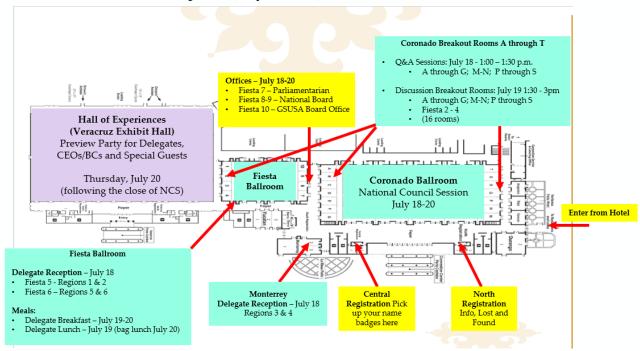
To download the 2023 Girl Scout Convention app:

- 1. Visit the <u>Google Play Store</u> or <u>Apple App Store</u> to download the Cvent Events app.
- 2. Open the Cvent Events app and search for 2023 Girl Scout Convention.
- 3. Enter the event ID **GSUSA 2023CONVENTION**. Please note the code is case sensitive.
- 4. Tap the Download Event button.

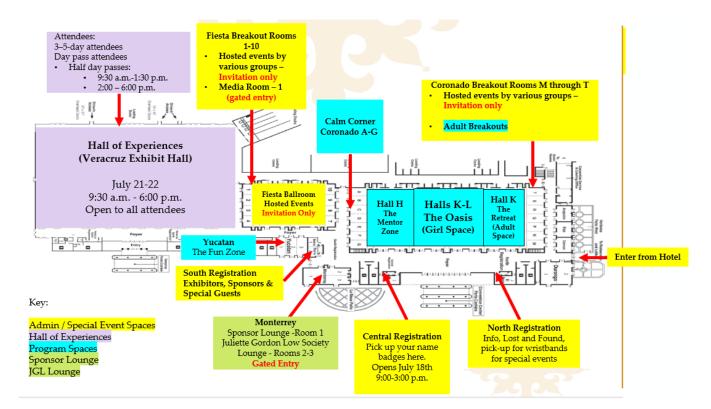


Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Convention Center Maps

National Council Session Spaces (July 18 – 20)



Phenom By Girl Scouts Spaces (July 20–22)





National Council Session and Phenom By Girl Scouts



National Bridging Ceremony GSFL NATIONAL BRIDGING July 21st, 6pm-7:30pm July 22nd, 7:45am-9am Bridging is a beloved Girl Scout tradition that honors girls' achievements throughou the year and celebrates their "crossing THE ROUTE the bridge" to the next Girl Scout level. We are so Staging Area excited to share this moment with so many of 2 The Bridge our Girl Scout sisters from 3 Celebration and Photo Ops across the country at the most magical place on Earth. GRAN DESTINO TOWER



National Bridging Ceremony

Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your Q: Will there be a traditional Q: Where can I park if I'm not a registered guest of the Coronado time slot based on your girl's level. If opening/closing for the event? you have a multi-level troop, you may Springs Resort? A: No. Due to the time constraints arrive and bridge together at the time A: When you enter the resort, make a and to be able to accommodate as of your choice. many girls as we can for this left to convention/event parking. event, there will not be an Please plan adequate walking time July 21st opening/closing to address the from parking to the bridging Daisy 57 6:00pm entire crowd. We recommend you location. 105 6:15pm Brownie perform your opening prior to this Junior 186 6:30pm Q: Who can bridge? event, or you can say a few words 284 6:45pm Cadette with your girl(s) while you wait for A: This ceremony is for Girl Scouts 195 7:00pm Senior your turn. who are bridging to the next Ambassador 135 7:15pm grade level in the 2023-2024 Q: What is the dress code? membership year. July 22nd A: For ceremonies, it is traditional to Daisy 7:45am be dressed in a Girl Scout uniform Q: How many guests can I bring to Brownie 50 7:55am of white polo and khaki bottoms. the bridging? 196 8:10am Junior 258 8:25am Cadette A: This event is not open to the Q: What kind of shoes should I wear? 151 8:40am Senior public. This event is at capacity, so Ambassador 87 A: Participants crossing the bridge 8:50am please adhere to the adult/girl should be comfortable walking on ratio outlined in the safety Girl Scouts who participate will checkpoints. foot and wear comfortable receive a special commemorative walking shoes. patch to add to their vest or sash! Q: What time should we arrive? A: Please arrive no more than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time slot. Both ceremonies are at capacity and in order to manage the crowd, we ask that you do not arrive any earlier. If you are late, you will bridge with the next time

Specially Priced Disney Theme Park Tickets

Three-day and five-day registrants are able to purchase specially priced Walt Disney World theme park tickets. These specially priced tickets are only available through Friday, July 14, so don't delay!

<u>Pricing</u> is based on the number of days and ticket package purchased. Multiple options are available and **valid for use from July 11 through July 29, 2023**. <u>Use this link</u> and the unique entry code provided by the convention team to purchase up to 15 tickets. Each code is for one-time use and unique based on the email you used to register for convention. Refer to the FAQs for more details.



My Disney Experience App

Plan your Disney trip with online and mobile tools that make it easy to manage and share travel details. Once you complete your profile and create a family and friends list, you'll be able to link your reservations and tickets. You'll be able to view your lodging, dining, park ticket, and theme park reservations all on your My Plans page. Learn more about the free My Disney Experience app here.

Forget Something?

Girl Scout apparel, convention gear, and select official pins will be available for purchase.

- Girl Scout Pop-Up Shop at North Registration: Open Tuesday, July 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- The Girl Scout Shop within the Hall of Experiences: Open Thursday, July 20 through Saturday, July 22 from 9:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Vacation necessities and Disney souvenirs are available for purchase at Panchito's, located within Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, open 8:30 a.m.–11:00 p.m. daily.

Media Guidance

This event is not open to the media. However, if you are approached by media for an interview or comment, please reach out to media@girlscouts.org for direction.

Social Media & Communications Guidelines at the National Council Session and Phenom By Girl Scouts

Please utilize the event hashtag and GSUSA's handles for social media posts:

- #PhenomByGirlScouts
- Facebook: @GirlScoutsUSA
- Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter, and TikTok: @GirlScouts

Attendees are NOT permitted to share:

- live streaming of any sort
- content regarding in-progress proposals or discussion topics from National Council Session floor debates
- National Council Session voting outcomes
- keynote speeches unless otherwise indicated onsite
- any specific identifying information of individual Girl Scouts without express, documented consent from a parent or legal guardian

Attendees are permitted to share:

meeting and networking with delegates between National Council Sessions

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- Parade of Flags during National Council Session opening ceremony
- content captured in these areas or events:
 - Hall of Experiences (excluding stage programming)
 - The Mentoring Zone
 - Share Your Girl Scout Vision Workshops
 - Adult Workshops
 - National Bridging Ceremony and Gold Award Celebration
 - Singing After Dark
 - o The Fun Zone
 - o Collaborative Art Project
 - Education Day at EPCOT®
- snippets of Phenom By Girl Scouts keynote speaker speeches, unless otherwise indicated onsite
- elements of opening/closing ceremonies (excluding musical/theatrical performances as identified above)

GSUSA will share official updates with councils regarding the National Council Session voting outcomes once final decisions have been made. Once published, councils may share these with their membership through internal communications (not public on social media).