Event at a Glance as of 1/19/19 (subject to change)

Volunteer Conference Basics

The Volunteer Conference and Celebration will take place Saturday, Aug. 3 at the San Diego Convention Center. The event is tentatively scheduled from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Participants, community partners, and staff will total 500-700 individuals. Participants pay $35-45; balance of expense is considered an investment in volunteer development.

2019 marks the first year since 2011 where the Volunteer Conference will stand alone. From 2012-18, the Volunteer Conference was held during the day, with a Volunteer Celebration honoree dinner in the evening.

What happens during the day?

The conference includes:

- Welcome session
- Two morning breakout sessions (approximately 16 options per session)
- Lunch session
- Two afternoon breakout sessions (approximately 16 options per session)
- Special learning session and closing ceremony for all

Volunteers network and connect with other volunteers, community partners and staff, all day. A Product Program Preview, Exhibitor Hall, Girl Scout Shop, and Volunteer Toolkit Lab are popular features. The exact schedule is in development.

Breakout session concepts

A range of sessions are being developed to meet volunteer needs at every stage of their experience:

- Learning for new parents and leaders through "what to do when your girls are gone"
- Outdoor, high adventure and travel opportunities
- Program support for STEM, financial literacy, and life skills
- Group management, administration, and parent engagement
- Highest Awards training and support
- Active or just-for-fun sessions, which have included painting, paddleboarding and fencing.
- Youth development, brain health, and other psychological topics

The most popular topics, by far, feature tools and information volunteers can immediately apply to their troop or family.

Visit our VCC page for more information, as it develops. If you have any additional questions, please email training@sdgirlscouts.org or call (619) 610-0814.