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nation's capital

2026 Girl Scout Reunion

Planet Word, Sunday, July 19, 2026



Girl Scout Reunion Honorary Co-Hosts

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Program Begins

7:30 p.m.

Level 3

Welcome

Barbara Krumsiek

President of the Board of Directors

Girl Scout Promise and Law

America: Home of the World

Girl Scout and Poet Isabel Theodore

Remarks

Kim R. Ford, Chief Executive Officer,
Girl Scouts Nation's Capital

Presentation of Awards

Mary C. Brady

The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell
Nikole Hannah-Jones

Enjoy Museum Exhibits and Activities

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Level 2 and Level 4

Planet Word Level 4

Join us on Level 4 for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Mingle with fellow guests, receive a custom mini play or haiku, and record your favorite Girl Scout memories at our special phone booth!



Planet Word Level 3

Join us on Level 3 for dinner, a welcome from GSCNC's President of the Board Barbara Krumsiek, remarks by GSCNC's Chief Executive Officer Kim R. Ford, recitation of a poem by Cadette Isabel Theodore, and recognition of tonight's honorees at 7:30 pm.

Planet Word Map

Level 2



5 - Unlock the Music

Choose an iconic song to sing karaoke-style and learn the techniques that help songwriters put together lyrics and create a hit.

6 - Joking Around

Who's the funniest person in your group? Find out in our humor gallery — and see who will be the first to laugh!

7 - Word Worlds

Paint with words! Dip your brush into verdant, surreal, or luminous and thrill as you transform the room around you with color, sound, and motion.

8 - The Library

Enter a magical library where books come to life before your eyes. Find the hidden door to a serene poetry nook, and discover other secrets hidden in the stacks.

9 - Lend Me Your Ears

Here you can deliver a famous speech using a teleprompter and discover what made it immortal.

Menu

Dinner Buffet

Maryland Crab Fondue

Fried Chicken Slider

Mashed Potato Puff

Roasted Sirloin, Yellow Pepper & Carrot Skewer (GF)

Insalata Caprese (GF, VEG)

Grilled Summer Vegetables (GF, VEG)

Sweet Corn & Sugar Snap Pea Salad (DF, GF, V)

Watermelon & Striped Cucumber Salad (GF, VEG)

Dessert Buffet

S'mores Parfait

Lemon Bar

Vanilla Crème Brûlée (GF)

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries (GF, V)

Vegan Chocolate Orange Tartlet (DF, GF, V)

Jeweled Fruit Tartlet

GF - Gluten Free

DF - Dairy Free

VEG - Vegetarian

V - Vegan

Speaker

Isable Theodore

As one of 125 First Prize winners in the national America 250

"What Does America Mean to You?" student writing competition,

Isabel Theodore was recognized for her

poem, "America: Home of the World." A rising sixth grader and a passionate writer, her work has also received international recognition, and she enjoys sharing stories and poems that inspire curiosity, kindness, and hope.

As a proud Girl Scout in her 6th year, Isabel has discovered a love for leadership and service. She completed her Bronze Award by partnering with the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument to create an interactive exhibit about voting and civic engagement. She also enjoys volunteering by teaching origami to children and adults, sharing the joy of creativity while bringing people together through art.

When she's not volunteering, Isabel can be found playing the clarinet, singing with the National Children's Chorus, practicing taekwondo as a black belt holder, or serving as a Science Lab Leader at school. She hopes to one day become a lawyer with the United Nations and continue making a positive impact on communities around the world.



Honorees



Mary C. Brady

Mary C. Brady serves as the President and CEO of The Economic Club of Washington, DC, the premier forum for leaders, with a membership roster of 1,000 senior executives with offices in the Washington Metropolitan region and beyond. Since its founding in 1986 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, the Club has served as a global interface for the world's government and international business luminaries. Mary is responsible for featuring speakers that include Presidents of United States, Prime Ministers, Speakers of U.S. House of Representatives, heads of the Federal Reserve Board, every Secretary of the Treasury since 1986, Cabinet members, and leaders of Fortune Global 100 corporations. Mary is a dynamic leader, governing all Club operations, presiding over development and strategic direction, while simultaneously managing and mentoring a high-performing staff and fostering an inclusive environment of growth and development. Additionally, Mary is an Advisory Board member of M&T Bank, serves on the Boards of the Goodwill Industries, Loughran Foundation, Women's Foreign Policy Group, American Red Cross of the National Capital and the Continuous Transformation Committee of EasterSeals DC MD VA. Mary has also been recognized in the Washingtonian's "Most Powerful Women in Washington" for the past five years.

Honorees



The Honorable Sylvia Mathews Burwell

Sylvia Burwell is a Senior Professorial Lecturer at American University. She previously served in two

confirmed Cabinet positions as the 22nd Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) (confirmed 96-0). She was the 15th President of American University. She serves on the Boards of Kimberly Clark, Guidewell Florida Blue, is Vice Chair of the Council on Foreign Relations, was President of the Harvard Board of Overseers, and is currently a Fellow of the Harvard Corporation. Before OMB, she served as President of the Walmart Foundation and led Walmart's Women's Economic Empowerment effort. She led the creation of and was President of the Global Development Program at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and was the Foundation's first Chief Operating Officer. She served as Deputy Director of OMB, Deputy Chief of Staff to the President, Chief of Staff to the Secretary of the Treasury, and Staff Director of the National Economic Council. She received an A.B. from Harvard University and a B.A. from Oxford University, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. Burwell hails from Hinton, West Virginia and she and her husband Stephen live in Washington, DC with their two teenage children.

Honorees



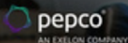
Nikole Hannah-Jones

Nikole Hannah-Jones is the Pulitzer Prize-winning creator of The 1619 Project and a staff writer at The New York Times Magazine.

Her deeply researched reporting on racial inequality and injustice has also earned her a MacArthur Fellowship, a Peabody Award, the Knight Award for Public Service, two George Polk Awards, and the National Magazine Award three times.

Her six-episode Hulu documentary series, The 1619 Project, won the Emmy for best documentary series. Hannah-Jones was also named one of Time Magazine's 100 most influential people in the world.

An institution builder, Hannah-Jones is a founder of the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting; founder of the 1619 Freedom School, a free-afterschool literacy program in her hometown of Waterloo, Iowa; and founder of the Center for Journalism & Democracy at Howard University, where she serves as the inaugural Knight Chair in Race and Journalism.



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Celebrating a Legacy of Sisterhood*

"When my mother enrolled me in Girl Scouts, it gave me the environment

I needed to build meaningful friendships and connect with peers."

-Lisa Mayr

"Growing up in Girl Scouts shaped me in ways I continue to carry with me every day. It taught me the value of sisterhood, leadership, and service—how to use my voice, stand with courage, and show up not just for myself, but for others."

-Indira Henard



"[Girl] Scouts builds life-long supportive friendships and a sense of belonging while fostering a can-do and giving attitude—a great way to support future leaders and build community."

-Rauzia Ally



"For over 60 years, Girl Scouts has always been an important part of my life. I learned to swim and all my outdoor skills at sleepaway camp...Girl Scouts were there for me in good times and difficult times."

-Sue Hansen



"I think the most endearing thing about Girl Scouts is summed up in the slogan, "Once a Girl Scout, always a Girl Scout". Girl Scouts welcome each other in every setting...That kind of enthusiasm is contagious and can bring out the best in a person. It also reminds one that there are other folks in this world...and you, as a [Girl] Scout can make a difference in the world...by reaching out. That's what [Girl] Scouts do best: reach out."

-Pam Fraga

Join us at

THE GIRL SCOUT FESTIVAL

Franklin Park | July 20-25

Mon. July 20

Adventure Awaits 🗺️

Join us for inflatable golfing, double dutch, sunset yoga, and high-adventure activities!

Tues. July 21

Connected by Courage 🥋

Celebrate the power of culture and community with live dance performances and martial arts demonstrations.

Weds. July 22

Better Than We Found It 🌍

Join service projects and be inspired by demonstrations by service-oriented groups.

Thurs. July 23

Block Party 🎉

Enjoy live music while participating in nail art, face painting, and more!
Immediately following the National Bridging Ceremony (~6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M.)

Fri. July 24

Full STEAM Ahead 🧒

Join us for programming designed to spark your inner scientist, engineer, and innovator.

The evening will also feature the Sisterhood* Singalong! (4:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.)

Sat. July 25

Lead and Inspire 📌

Shop, support, and celebrate youth entrepreneurship at our Girl Scout Market.
Market runs from 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

All programming is from 4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted. Girl Scout cookies will be available for purchase.

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Celebrate sisterhood*
by supporting the
Girl Scout community
today!

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Girl Scout Promise Fund

The Girl Scout Promise Fund is our commitment to ensure that everyone who wants to be a Girl Scout, can be.

This program is available to offset costs associated with annual GSUSA membership, uniforms, program participation, and more!

Camp

Maintains our eight camps and high adventure activities and ensures every child has the chance to enjoy the outdoors.

Programs

Supports troop and camp programs, STEM, life skills, entrepreneurship, and leadership training.



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***We use the term
"sisterhood" inclusively to
refer to anyone who
identifies with the Girl Scout
experience.**