

Global Leadership Conference

2026: Courage to Act



Global
Leadership
Conference



39th year!

Open to Girl Scouts
in grades 9-12.

March 20-22, 2026

Salve Regina University, Newport, Rhode Island

girl scouts 
of the green and
white mountains

Global Leadership Conference

Girl Scouts are invited to gather at beautiful Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island, for a weekend to remember! Opportunities abound to engage with women who are changing the world and to interact with amazing peers.

Girl Scouts will choose three workshops from over 40 leadership workshops led by outstanding female consultants. Topics include: STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math), global issues, social justice, personal growth/health/fitness, stress management techniques, human trafficking, college prep issues, financial literacy, sensitive topics such as depression, and gender identity and LGBTQI. Adults and girls attend separate workshops, allowing all voices to be heard!

In addition to inspiring workshops, you'll have time to meet new people at dance, activities and more throughout the weekend.



“I talk about this stuff with my friends but it’s different here because you have people who you’ve never interacted with before and people speak out more.”

- Past Participant

Schedule Highlights

Friday

Check-In 5:00-7:00 pm
Start 7:00 pm

Opening Ceremony
Gold Award Presentation
Keynote Speaker
Snacks and Connecting Time
Entertainment

Saturday

Hot Breakfast
Keynote Speaker
Workshops
Lunch
Workshop
GLC Expo
Dinner
Post High School Panel
Fun Activities and Snacks

Sunday

Breakfast
SWAPS
Endnote
Girl Scout's Own
Graduating Seniors Ceremony
All-Group Photo

End 12:00 pm

Tentative Schedule - more details to come

TOP 6 REASONS TO ATTEND

the Global Leadership Conference

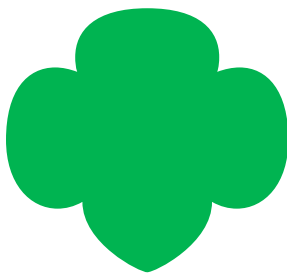
6. Participants from more than 10 councils will attend.
5. Workshops just for you!
4. Beautiful location and campus amenities.
3. Conference with great history and current topics.
2. Mind-expanding workshops and discussions.
1. Fun, fun, fun!

“We aim to provide the attendees with workshop content and experiences which they cannot get easily anywhere else!”

- Karen Pehrson, Founder and Organizer, Global Leadership Conference



Previous Keynote Speakers have included:



Alicia Velez Stewart, Olivera Jankovska, Ali Rabideau; Terri Castillo, NASA, Johnson Space Center; Dr. Sylvia Dee, University of Texas, Austin; Liz Ellis, Heifer International; Manisha Mohan, Roz Chavda, Kyleen Hashim, Dilana De Jesus, Casa Esperanza; and Erica Thomas.

Registration closes February 13, 2026

Registration fee is \$125 per person and includes workshops, campus activities, and meals all day Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. To register for the 2026 Global Leadership Conference, visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org/glc2025.

All adult and girl participants must be registered members of their respective Girl Scout council. Conference is open to girls in grades 9-12.

Conference T-shirt is available for purchase at time of registration - cost is \$18.

Great group rates are available in our Girl Scout block at:
Howard Johnson Inn, 351 West Main Road, Middletown, RI 02842.

Join the Destination

Individual girls can participate without an accompanying adult by applying through the GSUSA Destination process.

Use this QR code to find more information.



Conference History

A regional Girl Scout tradition spanning 37 years, the Global Leadership Conference (formerly Senior Leadership Conference) has seen great change since its early days at Wheaton College. Over the years, the conference has grown from a small gathering of Girl Scouts to a multi-day conference addressing the changing world our girls face each day. Previous events, sponsored by Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England, have featured timely discussions and exciting guest speakers while celebrating the powerful Girl Scout sisterhood. Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is honored to have continued this tradition since 2018.

How to register

To register for the Global Leadership Conference, visit www.girlscoutsgwm.org. Registration opens October 1, 2025, and closes February 13, 2026.

Salve Regina University

Newport, Rhode Island

- 1** Miley Hall
- 2** Ochre Court
- 3** Chapel
- 4** O'Hare Academic Center

