



## Parker Elementary School Traffic Alert!

Bulletin # 4

September 27, 2016

Please help us keep children safe by following ALL traffic and parking rules!

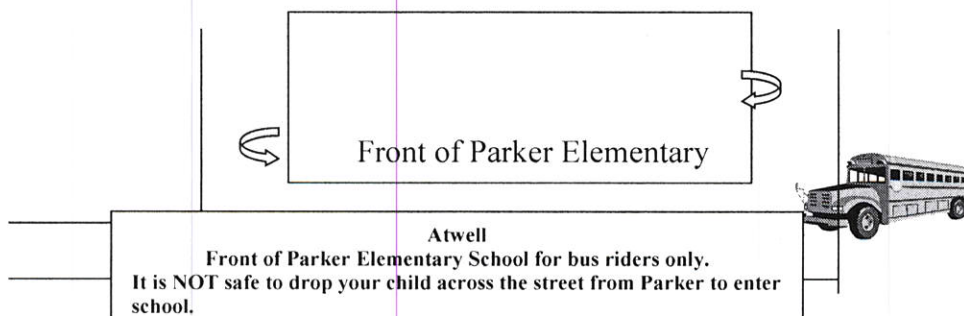
### Change to Parking on Atwell:

- ✓ **Atwell at Willowbend has become two turn only lanes per the city of Houston. You are NOT ALLOWED to park in the right turn only lane at any time. Please make note of this change.**

### Friendly Reminders:





- ✓ Safe drop-off /pick-up areas have been set up along the school side of both Stillbrooke and Willowbend. Do not ask your child to compete with this traffic. **Do not drop your child off across the street from Parker.**
- ✓ Please pick your child up promptly at dismissal time; **regular dismissal is 3:05 and Magnet dismissal is 3:40.**
- ✓ All parents picking up in the **carpool lanes MUST have a CAR TAG** with their child's name listed, please make sure you have one for any person who picks up your child.
- ✓ If you want your child to walk home alone (or leave campus alone) you must fill out a Consent form, please see your teacher or the front office for this form. **Students without the consent form on file will not be allowed to leave without an adult.**
- ✓ **Do not block residents' driveways OR FIRE HYDRANTS. Do not park or leave your car in the bus zone or in the drop-off /pick-up areas. This is a NO-PARKING/tow away area. All of these are violations and enforced by Houston Police Department.**

Thank you for your attention to this very serious issue!





2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Middle School Coord Visit 8:15 am  Strings Parent Ed class @ 6:30 pm room 40	5	6 Magnet Tour 9:00  Booster-a-thon Fun Run	7 Mentor Kick-off Luncheon 11:30 am	1 8
9	10 PK, PALS, K Field Trip 8:30-12:30  Columbus Day	11 <b>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:30 PM</b>	12 <b>FALL HOLIDAY NO-SCHOOL</b>	13 Magnet Tour 9:00  PTO mtg 6:30 pm	14 PTO Free Dress Day  Perfect Attendance Treat for September	15
16	17  BOSS'S DAY	18 Los Tios Night	19	20 Magnet Tour 9:00  Westbury Band Night W/Parker 7:00 pm	21	22
23	24 United Nations Day 	25 2nd grade Field Trip 9:00-1:00	26 1st grade Field Trip 8:30-12:30  PTO Membership Pizza Lunch	27 Magnet Tour 9:00 & 1:00  Hauncert 3:00 pm (Strings Concert)	28 Spanish Club mtg 8:15 am	29 Fun Fest 11:00-3:00 @ Westbury Park
30	31 Character Dress Up Day  Hauncert 3:00 pm (Strings Concert)					

# HISD

# School Choice

EDUCATION. YOUR FUTURE, YOUR CHOICE.



## Join Us for the School Choice Fair Saturday, October 1st, 2016 Chavez High School 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Explore HISD Magnet programs & all other transfer options
- Information sessions on 119 Magnet programs
- Learn about your child's school choice options
- Get help submitting applications using the on-line system

Magnet application deadline: **December 9, 2016**



[HoustonISD.org/SchoolChoice](http://HoustonISD.org/SchoolChoice)



713-556-6947



[Magnet@HoustonISD.org](mailto:Magnet@HoustonISD.org)



# How to Apply to a Magnet Program

## STEP ONE

- Review your student's interests and needs and look for alignment with specific Magnet programs.
- Use the information and links at [www.HoustonISD.org/SchoolChoice](http://www.HoustonISD.org/SchoolChoice).
- Consider how you will rank your choices. You will have a limit of **5** choices. (It is recommended that parents weigh their options carefully and consider the following: if you apply to 5 Vanguard programs, and a student has not been identified as G/T prior to the Phase I deadline and subsequently does not qualify as G/T, the student will not be considered for any of the Vanguard programs you applied to.)
- Visit selected programs on School Choice Thursdays

## STEP TWO

Visit [www.HISDChoice.com](http://www.HISDChoice.com) to apply online.

- If you have used the system before, please use your previous account.
- Paper applications are available online, at any Magnet program, or from the Office of School Choice. (Online applications provide more options for tracking and staying up-to-date.)
- Make sure to sign and submit your application.
- Qualified applications submitted Between Sep. 30 and Dec. 9, 2016, will be entered into any lotteries. **Deadline to be entered in the lottery is December 9, 2016.**

## STEP THREE

- For elementary programs, only Vanguard applications may require documentation.
- Please be on the lookout for emails or phone calls related to your application.

## STEP FOUR

- Check your SPAM folder to ensure you are not missing any information. If at all possible, do not use a Hotmail account, as the service usually blocks emails from HISD.
- On **March 23, 2017 by 4pm**, notification of application status will be sent to all parents via USPS mail and will be viewable online as well.

## STEP FIVE

- If your student has been offered a seat in a program, you have two weeks to provide proof of residence and sign an entrance agreement.
- If your student was not offered a seat on March 23, 2017, but has been placed on a wait list, stay alert for changes in application status throughout the summer. You may be able to submit additional applications to programs with more room.

## SCHOOL CHOICE THURSDAYS

On the following Thursdays, you are welcome to tour any HISD school. Elementary and K-8 schools will host tours at 9 a.m., secondary schools at 1 p.m.

**Oct.: 6, 13, 20, 27**

**Nov.: 3, 10, 17**

**Dec.: 1, 8**

## SCHOOL CHOICE FAIRS

**Sept. 17:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Westbury High School

**Oct. 1:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Chavez High School

**Oct. 22:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Heights High School

**Nov. 5:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Austin High School

**Dec. 3:** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Sterling High School

## PHASES

Phases separate applications into various windows of time.

**Phase 1 (Sep. 30 – Dec. 9, 2016)**

All qualified in-district applications received during this phase **will be entered into lotteries or be offered auditions.**

**Phase 2 (Dec. 10, 2016 –**

**May 31, 2017)** All qualified in-district applications received during this phase will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis, if space is available.

**Phase 3 (June 1 – August 11, 2017)**

Like Phase 2, but during this time out-of-district applications will be considered for a program if no in-district applicants remain.

## HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

1. Houston Independent School District: [www.HoustonISD.org](http://www.HoustonISD.org)
2. HISD Find a School: [www.HoustonISD.org/findaschool](http://www.HoustonISD.org/findaschool)

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
HISD Office of School Choice

Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center • 4400 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street • Houston, Texas 77092-8501  
[www.HoustonISD.org](http://www.HoustonISD.org) • 713-556-6947 • e-mail: [osc@houstonisd.org](mailto:osc@houstonisd.org)



# HISD BUDGET IMPACTED BY 'ROBIN HOOD' LAW

- HISD is "PROPERTY-WEALTHY" and is subject to the state's "ROBIN HOOD" law, even though it faces challenges other property-wealthy districts do not:



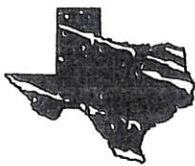
Nearly 80 percent of HISD students are **ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.**



Almost a third are **ENGLISH-LANGUAGE LEARNERS.**

- o The number of economically disadvantaged students HISD serves is higher than the **TOTAL** number of students in any other Texas district.

- HISD is expected to pay **\$162 MILLION** to the state by purchasing "attendance credits."

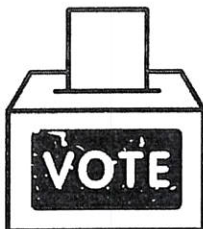


- o This payment forced HISD to **CUT \$95 MILLION** from the 2016-17 budget.
- o This "**WEALTH**" designation means HISD pays the state more than it receives in aid.

- Rising property values will cause HISD's estimated **RECAPTURE PAYMENTS TO GROW:**



- o **\$257 MILLION** in recapture for 2017-18
- o **\$308 MILLION** in recapture for 2018-19
- o **\$386 MILLION** in recapture for 2019-20



## ★ ELECTION NOVEMBER 8 ★

Voters will be given the option of authorizing the \$162 million payment before it can be sent to the state by "**PURCHASING ATTENDANCE CREDITS.**" The measure will be on the **NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT.**

Visit [HoustonISD.org/Recapture](http://HoustonISD.org/Recapture) to learn more.

# \$162 MILLION 'ROBIN HOOD' PAYMENT ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

HISD is subject to sending \$162 million in local property-tax dollars to the state this year by **PURCHASING ATTENDANCE CREDITS** — and local voters will be given the option of authorizing the payment before it can be sent.

The HISD Board of Education has placed the issue on the **NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT**. Here's the language that will appear on the ballot:

## ★ BALLOT ★

*Authorizing the board of trustees of  
Houston Independent School District to  
**PURCHASE ATTENDANCE CREDITS**  
from the state with local tax revenues.*

☐ **FOR**

☐ **AGAINST**



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If voters <b>APPROVE</b> the measure, HISD will begin paying the \$162 million next spring. The state will use this payment to fund public education in Texas.</li> <li>● If approved, the district will continue to make annual recapture payments for the foreseeable future. Voter approval will no longer be required for HISD to send an estimated \$257 million in 2017-18; \$308 million in 2018-19; and \$386 million in 2019-20. That's over \$1 billion going from HISD to the state in the coming years.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● If voters <b>DON'T APPROVE</b> the measure, HISD would then be subject to detachment of about \$18 billion worth of commercial property next July — starting with the most valuable.</li> <li>● The Texas Education Agency will detach a portion of HISD's commercial property and reassign it to other school districts in Texas, where it will be taxed at those districts' rates. Those districts would likely impose taxes at a higher rate than HISD does. HISD would lose that revenue from the business community, and the local share would possibly increase.</li> </ul> |
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Either way, the Legislature in 2017 could make changes to the school finance system to avert or lessen the impact of the "Robin Hood" payment. Visit [HoustonISD.org/Recapture](http://HoustonISD.org/Recapture) to learn more.

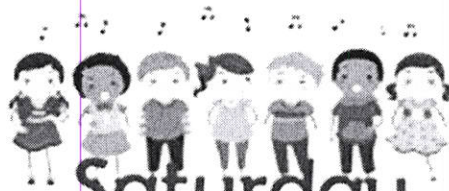


# Car Wash FUNDRAISER



## Advanced Chorus

Help us to send our kids to the  
TMEA Convention in  
San Antonio



**Saturday**

**October 8, 2016**

**11 am to 2pm**

Minimum donation

**\$5.00 per car**

**Bring your car to  
Chick fil A  
Meyerland**

300 Leechmut St.  
Houston TX. 77030





# THE RUNNING OF THE LIONS 2ND ANNUAL FUN RUN FUNDRAISER IS COMING!

**PARENTS!** To give your child the best educational experience possible, we're excited to raise funds for LIGHTING AND SOUND EQUIPMENT in our new auditorium! And we're hosting a Fun Run to make that happen. **Family and friends anywhere in the world can support our school by giving pledges toward the number of laps your student will run on the day of the Fun Run on Thursday, October 6th.** Our 2-week Fun Run program kicks off TODAY Tuesday, September 27th!

Plus, leading up to the Fun Run, students will learn how to make a difference in their world through an unbelievable character theme, Backyard Box Office.

## HELP PARKER PTO IN 4 STEPS!

1. Register on FUNRUN.COM on September 27th.
2. Connect to sponsors—friends and family who can donate to help our school.
3. Cheer on your child! (Come to the Fun Run on October 6th)
4. Collect! Pledge money is due one week after the run. Checks are payable to the school.

**Be on the lookout for this Pledgebook delivered with Tuesday Folder...full of more details.**



**THANKS IN ADVANCE, PARENTS!**

**Parker Elementary PTO**







## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1 What is the Fun Run?

The Fun Run is a 9-day program and is this semester's biggest fundraiser, taking place on October 6th. Families will be getting pledges for the laps their student runs at the Fun Run. Funds raised from this event go toward PTO special projects and lighting & sound equipment for auditorium in the new building!

### 2 How can parents register their student(s)?

First, parents log in or sign up on [funrun.com](http://funrun.com). Then, parents can register their student as a participant on [funrun.com](http://funrun.com) using the school registration code. Students get a free prize just by being registered.

### 3 How can students get pledges?

Parents can help connect students to 10 different sponsors. Families can enter those pledges online at [funrun.com](http://funrun.com)

### 4 Will my student really run 30 laps? How big is the track?

Yes, even kindergarteners! The Fun Run track is about 1/16th of a mile, 1/4 the size of a normal high school track. The average student will run 30-35 laps and will have a goal to run at least 30 laps to help their school. The most any student will be counted for is 35 laps.

### 5 Can students receive a prize for flat donations?

Yes! All flat donations count toward pledges and are rounded by 30 (the average student will run 30 laps). So, a \$30 donation is the same as \$1 per lap. A \$60 donation is the same as \$2 per lap, etc.

### 6 What if families don't have Internet?

If a student's family does not have Internet access, parents and families can use the pledgebook to record all pledges. If students turn their pledgebook into their teacher, please make sure student and class name are listed on the front.

### 7 Can sponsors pay for pledges online?

YES! Sponsors have the option to pay online. Only pledges that have an email address entered with the pledge can be paid online. Make sure sponsors know they should enter a valid email address. The day after the Fun Run event, sponsors will receive an email with payment options.

### 8 When is the pledge money due?

Pledge money is due on October 13th. Families have one week to collect their pledges after the Fun Run.

### 9 How is money collected?

Families will call their sponsors to let them know how many laps their student ran. All students will get an envelope to organize cash and checks and bring back to school (if sponsors don't pay online). All checks are made out to Parker PTO.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO CHEER ON YOUR STUDENT!**

FUN RUN TIMES will be posted soon on our PTO website: [www.CynthiaAnnParkerPTO.org](http://www.CynthiaAnnParkerPTO.org)



# Future Westbury Cheerleader Clinic

WOULD YOU LIKE TO Perform WITH THE Varsity Cheerleaders at Westbury??



When: Friday, October 14, 2016  
Where: WHS Homecoming Football Game  
Place: Butler Stadium  
Time: Check in @ 6:00PM / Perform at 7:00 PM  
Cost: \$25.00 per participant (EARLY BIRD PRICING)  
\$30.00 per participant after October 1, 2016  
Who: any Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> Grader  
\*\*Deadline to Guarantee Shirt Size – Monday, October 5, 2016



Participation in the clinic includes the following:

- ★ Cheer instructions from the Westbury High School Varsity Cheerleaders (Includes Cheer/Dance/Jumps/Motions)
- ★ Perform in a choreographed routine at the football game. (Cheer/Chant) 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter
- ★ Receive a Future Varsity Cheerleader T-Shirt.
- ★ Admission into Westbury HS Varsity Football Game (Parents/guests will need to purchase their own tickets into the game)
- ★ Parents will have the opportunity to take pictures of their daughter and her Cheerleader Buddy & Mascot Friday, after the performance.

**\*\*\* Important \*\*\*:** Each participant **MUST** attend the clinic on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1:30pm in the Westbury High School GYM in order to perform at the game on Friday. Check-in for the clinic on Saturday will begin at 9:15am outside of the GYM. Park and enter the school and head towards the gymnasium. The 2016-2017 Cheerleaders will be there to help direct you. You do not need to stay with your child, but are more than welcome to stay in the bleachers while they practice. Specific instructions about the performance on Friday night will be given out at the clinic on Saturday. *Suggestion bring a light snack for breaks and water.*

★ For any questions contact Erica Rose, Cheer Coach, at [Erose4@houstonisd.org](mailto:Erose4@houstonisd.org)



DETACH THIS PORTION AND INCLUDE WITH PAYMENT.

You **MUST** return this completed form with Cash or Money Order made payable to Westbury Cheer Booster Club – and it must be RECEIVED NO LATER THAN Saturday October 8, 2016 at 9:45 am.

Mail to: Erica Rose, Cheer Coach, 11911 Chimney Rock Rd, Houston, TX 77035 or drop off at the Westbury High School front office to the attn. of Cheer Coach Rose. Remember, this form & payment are due October 5<sup>th</sup> to guarantee t-shirt size. Thank you! Checks made out to Westbury Cheer Booster Club

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> Child: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print clearly.)

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Money Order: \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Westbury Cheerleader who recruited you (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Please Circle) – Sizes are based on a first come, first serve. After October 1, 2016

Youth XS / Youth Small / Youth Medium / Youth Large / Youth XL / Adult Small / Adult Medium / Adult Large

**\*\* All participants MUST wear BLUE JEAN SHORTS and their FUTURE Cheerleader T-SHIRT for the performance on Saturday Night. Wear comfortable, unrestrictive clothing to the clinic on Friday.**



Houston Independent School District

Westbury High School

**Permission Slip and Medical Release for Westbury Cheer Clinic**

I hereby give my consent for \_\_\_\_\_ (print Future Cheerleader's name) to participate in the Future Cheerleader Clinic & Homecoming Performance. I understand that my child does not need a physical examination and that I am responsible for the health and ability of my child in allowing them to participate. I recognize that Houston Independent School District, its trustees, agents, and employees have sovereign or governmental immunity under Texas law. I understand that the District, its trustees, agents and employees are not waiving any sovereign or governmental immunity that it or they have under Texas or other applicable laws.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the director to give permission for any emergency medical services deemed necessary for my child. I understand that any medical expenses incurred will be my responsibility.

The following pre-existing medical conditions or allergic reactions to medication are provided for your information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The following other pertinent information is also provided for your information:

Medical Insurance: Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_ Company\_\_\_\_\_

Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned, have read this Release and Permission Form and understand all of its terms. I have executed it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. This Release and Permission form are executed on the behalf of my child/ward, \_\_\_\_\_. This Release and Permission Form is effective while my child is participating in the clinic and performing at the game.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# I can't wait to



## Turn new friends into BFFs

## Make every day the best day ever

## Be an explorer on a real-life adventure

## I can't wait to be a Girl Scout!

**Don't wait!**

Join today at  
[www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org)

Then join us at the event  
below to learn more and get started.  
(Haven't registered online? Sign up at the event.)



**girl scouts**  
of san jacinto

### You're invited!

Give your daughter the opportunity to become a leader with courage, confidence, and character. Join us at a recruitment event to learn more about our program and how you can get involved.

#### Parker Elementary

**Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

10626 Atwell Dr, Houston, TX 77096

**5:30pm – 7pm**

#### Christ Church Presbyterian - Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

4925 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Questions? Contact Daniela Barajas  
| [dbarajas@sjgs.org](mailto:dbarajas@sjgs.org) | 713.292.0291 |

**Make a difference in her life!**

### ¡Están invitados!

Ayude a su hija a convertirse en una líder con valor, confianza y principios. Acompáñenos a uno de los eventos de reclutamiento para aprender más sobre nuestro programa y como puede involucrarse.

#### Parker Elementary

**Jueves 29 de septiembre del 2016**

10626 Atwell Dr, Houston, TX 77096

**-5:30pm – 7pm-**

#### Christ Church Presbyterian - Fellowship Hall

**Sábado 8 de octubre del 2016**

4925 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

¿Preguntas? Contacte a Daniela Barajas  
| [dbarajas@sjgs.org](mailto:dbarajas@sjgs.org) | 713.292.0291 |

**¡Haga la diferencia en la vida de su hija!**



## We invite you to join the world's greatest organization for girls!

At Girl Scouts, girls have new experiences that give them that super-excited, jumping, giggling, butterflies-in-the-stomach feeling. Experiences that inspire them to look forward to what they're going to do today, tomorrow – and then years from now – by helping them realize that they can be anything they want to be.

It all starts with one meeting and a few volunteers who believe in the power of every girl. Each volunteer guides 10-15 girls through a series of activities designed to teach them about themselves and their world. For the girls in your life, a year with us will be filled with new friends, tons of fun and more “wow” moments than she's ever imagined.

**So what are you waiting for?  
Start the fun.**

Join us at the upcoming sign-up event and discover Girl Scouts together!

Annual membership dues are \$15.  
Financial assistance is available.

Visit us online at [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org) or call us at  
713-292-0300 / 1-800-392-4340.



## ¡Lo invitamos a participar en la organización para niñas más grande del mundo!

En Girl Scouts las niñas tienen nuevas experiencias que les dan esa sensación súper excitante de tener hormigas en el estómago, que las hace saltar y reírse de alegría. Experiencias que las inspiran a ansiar lo que vayan a hacer hoy, mañana – y dentro de años – que las ayudan a darse cuenta de que pueden ser lo que deseen ser.

Todo comienza con una reunión y algunos voluntarios que crean en el poder de cada niña. Cada voluntario guía entre 10 y 15 niñas a través de una serie de actividades diseñadas para enseñarles sobre sí mismas y sobre el mundo. Para las niñas de su vida, un año con nosotros las llenará de nuevas amistades, mucha diversión y más momentos “wow” de los que jamás se hayan imaginado.

**Entonces, ¿qué está esperando?  
Comience la diversión.**

¡Participe en el próximo evento de registración y descubran Girl Scouts juntas!

La membresía anual tiene un costo de \$15.  
Hay asistencia financiera disponible.

Visítenos online en  
[www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org) o llámenos al  
713-292-0300 / 1-877-250-8110.

## Volunteer!

To discover who she can be, she needs wise adults who can inspire and respect her. She needs someone who is a cheerleader, a guide and a mentor.

As a volunteer, you'll introduce girls to new experiences that make every day feel like the best day ever.

What she learns today depends on you.  
Whether you can give a day, a few weeks or the whole year, it all starts with you.

Become a Girl Scout volunteer.

Annual membership dues are \$15.  
Financial assistance is available.

Visit us online at [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org).  
713-292-0300 / 1-800-392-4340



Check out a  
Girl Scout video!

## ¡Sea Voluntario!

Para descubrir quién puede ser, necesita adultos sabios que puedan inspirarla y respetarla. Necesita a alguien que sea inspirador, una guía y un mentor.

Como voluntario les presentará a las niñas nuevas experiencias que las harán sentir que cada día es el mejor día de su vida.

Lo que ella aprenda hoy depende de usted.  
Sea que pueda dar un día de su tiempo, unas semanas o todo el año, todo comienza con usted

Conviértase en voluntario de Girl Scout.

La membresía anual tiene un costo de \$15.  
Hay asistencia financiera disponible.

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