

2012 PASADENA TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

Parade Position: 80

PARTICIPANT: Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

FLOAT THEME: 100 Years of Girl Scouts --- *What will you do today?*

BUILDER: Fiesta Parade Floats

SIGNIFICANCE OF THEME TO THE GIRL SCOUTS OF GREATER LOS ANGELES: The theme is the epitome of what we hope girls will do in Girl Scouting and throughout their lives; to imagine the infinite possibilities available for girls. Girl Scouting gives girls the life skills, values and leadership experience to not only imagine the endless possibilities for their lives, but also achieve them; to imagine their futures and then have the courage, confidence and character [tools] to make these dreams a reality.

NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARADE: 1

2 Unit Float Entry: Satellite Unit:

HEIGHT: 16 FEET

WIDTH: 14 FEET

LENGTH: 12 FEET

Main Unit:

HEIGHT: 30 FEET

WIDTH: 18 FEET

LENGTH: 43 FEET

FLOAT DESCRIPTION: The front satellite unit, displaying the Girl Scouts' logo, announces a floral tribute to 100 years of Girl Scouting and launches the movement's next 100 years by asking the question *What will you do today?* Oversized sculptured yellow roses, signifying friendship, complete the setting where six (6) Girl Scouts from the Greater Los Angeles Girl Scout Council ride. For 100 years, Girl Scouts has inspired girls with the ideals of courage, confidence and character and encouraged them to make the world a better place. In celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting, a floral tribute looks back to the beginning and forward to the future of Girl Scouts and its many attributes. A large book is open to a "floral-graph" of founder, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low who organized the first Girl Scout Troop in Savannah, Georgia in 1912. A string of pearls encompasses her photo and represents the pearls she sold to fund the first Girl Scout troops. At the center of the float is the honored Gold Award emblem, signifying the highest honor earned in Girl Scouts. A colorful rainbow flows over American landscapes and into everyone's favorite "pot of gold" overflowing with Girl Scout cookies, which represents the largest business [financial literacy] program for girls in the country. A robotic space rover, tall ship and an artist easel represents the Girl Scouts' science, technology, outdoor adventure, healthy living and arts and culture programs that encourage girls to develop confidence and healthy habits, while introducing girls of every age to activities that are relevant today and open opportunities for their future. The 10-foot tall sculptured Girl Scout, with a jetpack on her back and a sash full of earned awards and badges, hovers over a tall ship, car and robotic space rover, which symbolizes and encourages girls to discover the fun, friendship and power of girls working together in areas of travel, education and exploration. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, community service and cooperation with others. Yellow roses opening with the satellite float and yellow roses closing at the back of the main float signify the importance of friendship throughout the life of a Girl Scout.

FLOWERING DETAIL: Hand-polished red kidney beans, applied one by one, create the car exterior with an abundance of materials creating the interior outdoor adventure gear including yellow strawflower petals, orange lentil seed, green split peas, parsley flakes and manzanita leaves, brown and golden flax seed, red ilex berries, blue sinuata statice and white coconut chips. The tall ship has sails of natural rolled oats with a hull of flax and clover seed and floats over seas of blue iris and white roses and dendrobium orchids. The Gold Award is crafted from yellow and gold strawflower petals with a rainbow of red carnations, orange roses, yellow chrysanthemums, blue iris, green ti leaves and blue iris. Girl Scout cookies have been made from walnut shells, nyjer, flax and sesame seed with accents of coconut chips. The book cover of bronze strawflower opens to pages decorated in creamy white sesame seed with lettering completed in black chive seed. The black and white floral-graph of Girl Scouts' founder Juliette Gordon Low is crafted in onion seed, poppy seed and crushed sweet rice. The string of pearls has been crafted in luminous lunaria skins. Thousands of yellow Gold Strike and Mohana roses cascade through the garden vignettes with floral designs in yellow Golden Shower oncidium orchids, green hydrangea and bells of Ireland with white anthuriums, roses, dendrobium orchids and larkspur.

ANIMATION: Wheels on the car slowly rotate as the clipper ship rocks for and aft. The hovering Girl Scout figure moves up and down as CO2 blasts stream from the jetpack. The robotic space rover arm, holding a yellow rose, moves about. Sixty (60) uniformed Gold and Silver Award Girl Scouts, 30 on each side to escort the float, carry oversized floral replicas of Girl Scout badges. Float is lead by a Girl Scout Color Guard.

SPONSOR INFORMATION: As the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls, Girl Scouts has a 100-year history of success. Our programs have helped develop more than 50 million women leaders who have shaped the course of our nation. Girl Scouts has proudly been part of the Los Angeles community since 1924. Girl Scouts provides hundreds of programs annually that assist girls in building skills that empower them to achieve their goals and become tomorrow's leaders. Programs focus on Business and Financial Literacy, Wellness & Healthy Living, Arts & Culture, Outdoor Adventure & Environment, and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them throughout their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and confidence about their potential and self-worth. Locally, Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA) has over 40,000 girl members from grades K-12 and 22,000 adult volunteers.