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Spring Creek Troop Joining 6,000+ Girl Scouts at 33rd Annual Golden Gate Bridging May 3

Elko, NV (April 21, 2014) – More than 6,000 Girl Scouts from seven states will walk across one of the country's most famous bridges to commemorate their advancement through Girl Scouting at the 33rd annual Golden Gate Bridging – and Girl Scouts from Spring Creek will be a part of this West Coast tradition this year!

Troop 564 will ceremoniously cross the Golden Gate Bridge on **Saturday, May 3** in a day-long event in San Francisco's Presidio. Bridging is a traditional Girl Scout celebration of accomplishments where girls make the transition from the younger girl to the older girl program.

Participating in Golden Gate Bridging, on one of the most beautiful bridges in the world, makes the bridging process even more special for Troop 564. These girls have been planning to attend the Golden Gate Bridging for six months. They have sold cookies for several seasons to raise \$6,000 to attend this event and spend the weekend touring the historic city.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our troop. This opportunity is available to a limited number of girls, and only at the fifth grade level," said Joli McAnany, Leader of Troop 564. "Our girls have worked so hard, and our journey across the bridge will be so meaningful as we take in the natural beauty of the ocean, this amazing historic city, and the bay with thousands of other girls."

"I am so excited to cross the bridge! There will be so many other girls!" said Natalie Wolford, member of Troop 564. "Alcatraz and The California Academy of Sciences are going to be amazing," said Harper Wines, another member. As fifth graders, none of the girls have ever attended an event like this before. "We've never done anything like it!" said Raya McAnany, Troop 564 member.

A record-setting number of states will be represented by Girl Scout troops this year at Golden Gate Bridging: Arizona, California, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

The celebration includes not only crossing the bridge but a full day of fun in the Presidio. Girls will also participate in hands-on opportunities at vendor booths. Prior to attending the event the girls will spend a day touring the city, taking a visit to Alcatraz Island, and studying the indoor rainforest and planetarium at the California Academy of Sciences.

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. Expect to hear more about this group of girls as they strive to do just that.

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