

### Scholarship Opportunity with NOLS



GirlVentures is pleased to announce **THREE (3) scholarship** opportunities this summer with our partner organization: the National Outdoor Leadership School. NOLS offers extraordinary co-ed outdoor adventure programs in California and beyond! Past GV Alum have gone sea kayaking in Alaska, fly-fishing in Wyoming, and more!



*"I really, really, really, really wanted to go [on this trip] and the scholarship made it possible."*

-Shea, NOLS Scholar, 2010

Through our partnership, NOLS is inviting us to refer GirlVentures' alumnae for a FULL SCHOLARSHIP on any one of their large varieties of rigorous outdoor courses. Eligible girls must be at least 14 years old and "motivated to learn outdoor skills and develop leadership, are in good health, physically and emotionally, and are socially responsible."

If you're interested in learning more about this amazing scholarship opportunity, email: [michellelovejoy@girlventures.org](mailto:michellelovejoy@girlventures.org)

**Deadlines in February - email TODAY to learn more!**

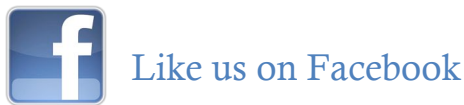
Save the date:  
**GV Reunion Climb**  
 @ Castle Rock State Park!  
 Sunday, April 1st, 2012

**Who:** GV Alumnae  
**Cost:** \$35 (includes transportation, lunch, climbing gear & instruction)  
**RSVP** by March 23 to:  
[robyn@girlventures.org](mailto:robyn@girlventures.org)

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Outdoor Adventures for Inner Discovery

[Recipient]  
Address Line 1  
Address Line 2



**Free Water Bottle**  
 Get a friend to sign up for a GV course and receive a free GirlVentures water bottle!



### Save The Date

Wed/Thurs, Mar 7/ 8  
**REI presents:  
 Banff Mountain Film Festival, San Francisco**  
 Be inspired by some of the coolest adventure films produced this year. Tickets go on sale in Feb.

Saturday, April 28  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual G.A.B.  
 Walk-A-Thon  
 Lake Merritt, Oakland**  
 Walk to raise scholarship funds for our Summer Outdoor Adventures. Register and help us & GAB surpass last year's success.

Saturday, May 19  
**Friends & Family Hike  
 Mt. Tam State Park**  
 Hike the 7-mile loop or hike 3-miles out and back. All ages welcome! Tickets go on sale in April.

## GV Alum Stay Involved in 2012

GirlVentures Alumnae – don't be strangers! Check out the chart below and pages within to see a number of ways for YOU to stay connected & involved with GV...

### Alum Newsletter Winter 2012

### What's your next step?



**APPLY NOW for your Summer 2012 course!**

All program applications are online:  
[WWW.GIRLVENTURES.ORG](http://WWW.GIRLVENTURES.ORG)

*Don't Delay: Project Courage & Transitions both had wait lists last year...*

**Scholarship Opportunity**  
 Full scholarships available for a co-ed adventure!  
 See back for more details...

**Redwood Adventure: 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

July 7 – 13, 2012



Our **NEWEST** adventure!

Whether you're new to camping or just can't get enough, this 1-week trip will keep you busy playing games, rock-climbing, orienteering, solving team initiatives and more!



Explore the wonders of the Redwood forest and be awed by both nature and yourself.

Warning: you and your new friends are likely to giggle 'til your cheeks hurt with so much fun packed into 7 short days!

**Project Courage: 7 – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**



June 10 - 23, 2012

or

July 1 - 14, 2012

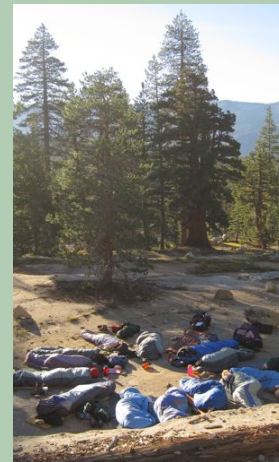
*Kayak on Tomales Bay, rock climb in Sonoma, and backpack through Point Reyes.*

**Transitions:**

9<sup>th</sup> grade

July 28 – Aug 10, 2012

*Learn backcountry skills as you trek through the pristine Sierra Nevada Mountains.*



Apply online: [www.girlventures.org](http://www.girlventures.org)

**Girlz Climb On: 3 Locations (Belmont, Oakland, & San Francisco)**

Enjoy 10 weeks of rock-climbing with your own personal coach/mentor! Learn climbing technique, practice patience, perseverance, trust & communication. Reminisce about your summer program as you bring back your favorite games & rituals. Get in some art, yoga, snacks and new friends!

Jan 28 – Apr 11, 2012  
4:30 pm – 7:15 pm



All 3 courses kick off together at the Fort Miley Challenge Course on Saturday Jan 28, 2012.



Each program will go to Castle Rock State Park for a day of outdoor climbing too!

San Francisco - April 7

Oakland - March 25

Belmont - March 24

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Mondays @ Mission Cliffs

**OAKLAND**  
Wednesdays @ GWPC

**BELMONT**  
Wednesdays @ Planet Granite

**On The Rise: 10 – 11<sup>th</sup> grade**

July 21 – 29, 2012

Designed specifically by and for our alum (and now expanded 2 more days!) this course takes it to the next level. You've done Project Courage &/or Transitions, you KNOW the skills... Now, as an Instructor-in-Training you'll design your own lessons & TEACH each other! Starting at the ropes course you learn & laugh all the way through Point Reyes to the youth hostel. ☺



Apply online: [www.girlventures.org](http://www.girlventures.org)

**Girls Advisory Board members:**

- Attend fun and productive monthly meetings (Sept - May), the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, 9:30-12:30 pm
- Build leadership skills with an amazing group
- Have super cool adult Mentors
- Host guest speakers at meetings to learn about our Partner Programs & community opportunities
- Act as Outreach Ambassadors at middle schools and community events
- Attend local conferences & facilitate workshops
- Host our annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser

To join GAB you must be:

**Apply Online:**  
1<sup>st</sup> round applications due  
• May 4th  
Group interview  
• May 20th

- ▶ In high school (as of fall '12)
- ▶ An alum of any multi-day program
- ▶ Interviewed by peers
- ▶ Selected by the current GAB

**Assistant Instructors**

Seeking Summer & GCO AI's

Being an AI is the ultimate accomplishment for a GV Alum - challenge yourself as a mentor to the younger girls and get paid for doing what you love!



AIs are GV alum just finishing 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade and have a desire to try their hand at leading and empowering adolescent girls.

We are now accepting AI applications for Spring GCO and Summer Programs! Note: AI positions are competitive; preference will be given to On The Rise alum.

Gain priceless personal and professional experience!

**Internships**

Our interns work on general office tasks, special projects, and program logistics

**SEEKING SUMMER INTERNS:**

- High School **Logistics Intern** – a fun way to support our summer courses hands on. Join resupplies & graduations, pack food, label gear, do laundry, etc...
- High School **Office Intern** – see the behind the scenes of a nonprofit and support our programs without getting your hands dirty. ☺
- College **Program & Logistics Intern** – a step-up in learning & responsibility as an essential member of the logi team!