

WORKING WITH INFORMAL EDUCATION: Opportunities for Scientists to Work with the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) Rosalie Bettrue, Solar System Exploration Education and Public Outreach Forum, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, CA 91109

Working with informal education organizations present us with unique high- leverage opportunities to share our scientific knowledge with them. One of these opportunities involves partnering with the Girl Scouts of the USA at the national level. We have the opportunity of reaching more than 2.6 million girls as well as their parents, leaders, and councils. The SSE E/PO Forum is acting as the OSS lead for the partnership with the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA).

The SSE E/PO Forum can help scientists teach girls (and their parents) not to fear science. We can provide training in informal education methods, make connections between scientists and GSUSA councils and/or national headquarters, help submit articles to their national "Leader Magazine", and much, much more.