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THE OPRAH SHOW'S THERAPIST-IN-RESIDENCE DR. ROBIN L. SMITH TO HEADLINE THIRD ANNUAL GIRL SCOUT WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania to Host Networking Event Designed to Connect and Empower Leaders in the Community

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (January 2, 2020) – [Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania](https://www.gsep.org) (GSEP) will host the 2020 Girl Scout Women's Leadership Summit: *Why You Matter* on Saturday, January 4 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Philadelphia - Valley Forge. Sponsored by TD Bank and Abbot Downing, the morning networking event is designed to connect like-minded women who share a passion for empowering girls and having a greater impact in their communities.

Through workshops and discussions led by keynote speakers Dr. Robin L. Smith, Best-Selling Author and The Oprah Winfrey Show's Therapist-in-Residence, and Ann King Lagos, Designer & Creator, REALM Fine + Fashion Jewelry, GSEP invites women to use the networking event to discover new ways to harness their power as a caring volunteer while tapping into their strengths and leadership skills. Breakout sessions will focus on topics such as stress management, professional development, and being your authentic self. New this year, there will be a separate high school track for girls in grades 9-12.

The 2020 Girl Scout Women's Leadership Summit highlights GSEP's commitment to building girls of courage, confidence and character. The event will enable attendees to connect with other women and leave prepared to take action in their lives and to instill confidence in the lives of the girls that they serve.

Other noteworthy speakers and moderators include:

- Kim Fraites-Dow, CEO, GSEP
- Deborah Hassen, Board Chair, GSEP Board of Directors
- Kristie Piacine, Owner, Kind Living Designs
- Emily Turner, Investment Advisor, Goldman Sachs
- Hillary Hannan Saylor, Associate, Stradley Ronan
- Laura Sicola, PhD, Founder, Vocal Impact Productions
- Carolyn Bazik, Executive Director, Co-Country Wellness
- Terri Boyer, Founding Director, Anne Welsh McNutly Institute for Women's Leadership, Villanova University
- Teri Haddad, CEO/Owner, eMedia Works
- Mary Stengel Austen, President & CEO, Tierney
- Morgan Cephas, State Representative (192nd District)
- Dr. Susan Looney, President, Reading Area Community College
- Sophia Lee, Partner & Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, Blank Rome
- Dr. Vinti Shah, Chief of Palliative Medicine, Reading Hospital, Tower Health
- Mindy Benedict, Senior Manager, Infection Prevention, Olympus



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GSEP invites both Girl Scout members and non-members to attend the leadership summit. Registration closes on Thursday, December 26 and fees range from \$15 to \$55 depending on age and GSEP membership status. The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. with refreshments and networking and run until 12:30 p.m.

For more information on the event including costs and to register visit:

<http://www.gsep.org/en/events/womens-leadership-summit.html>

About Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania

Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania (GSEP) is the largest girl-serving organization in Pennsylvania and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. GSEP serves close to 40,000 girls in partnership with more than 15,000 adult volunteers in Berks, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Delaware, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton and Philadelphia counties. For further information about Girl Scouting, how to join, volunteer, reconnect, or donate, call 215-564-2030 or visit www.gsep.org.

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