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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS *TROOP 1500: GIRL SCOUTS BEYOND BARS*

Taking "Scout's Honor" to a Whole New Level

SAN DIEGO – Girl Scouts San Diego and the San Diego Public Library will host a Community Cinema preview screening of *Troop 1500: Girl Scouts Beyond Bars* directed by filmmaker Ellen Spiro. The film will screen on Monday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. The film gives an up-close look at the Girl Scouts experience beyond prison bars. This event is FREE to the public. Representatives from Girl Scouts San Diego will be on hand to facilitate questions and answers after the film.

The film is set at the Gatesville Prison in Texas, where a unique Girl Scout troop unites daughters with mothers who have been convicted of serious crimes. Facing steep sentences from the courts and tough questions from their children, the mothers struggle to rebuild relationships with the daughters who endure a childhood without them.

Community Cinema (<http://communitycinema.org>) is affiliated with the ITVS media organization (Independent Television Service). ITVS Community Cinema is a monthly screening series that pairs independently produced documentary films with leading organizations working to resolve related social issues in communities across the country. All films featured will broadcast nationally on the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Independent Lens.

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouting provides the world's best leadership development experience for girls. Girl Scouts San Diego (www.sdgirlscouts.org) provides activities for nearly 43,000 local girl and adult members, trains volunteers, and maintains seven camps and program facilities. The council's outreach program partners with shelters, detention and community centers, schools, and youth organizations to bring Girl Scouting to girls who might not otherwise be able to participate.

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