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**CHABOT SPACE & SCIENCE CENTER NAMED MUSEUM PARTNER FOR NEW GIRL SCOUT SPACE AND ASTRONOMY BADGES --- PROGRAM TO PREMIERE ON NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

Oakland, CA, OCTOBER 17, 2018 – Chabot Space & Science Center in the Oakland Hills has been selected as one of two museum partners to provide program and content to support the six new Girl Scout of America badges in space and astronomy. “We are thrilled have been selected as one of two museum partners in Northern California to deliver programs that address the suite of new space and astronomy badges, and we’re delighted to announce that our first event is sold-out to 28 Troops coming from a geographic range of 190 miles, from Orland to Merced,” said Lisa Hoover, Program Manager. Many of the scientific partners will be present at the November 3 launch of the new program at the Center.

The badges were announced as part of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate’s “Reaching for the Stars: NASA Science for Girl Scouts” a new, 5-year space science education program that will bring together Girl Scouts with scientists, engineers and educators at NASA and beyond. Led by the SETI Institute’s Edna DeVore and Pamela Harman, the partners include NASA professionals, the Girl Scouts of Northern California, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA), the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, University of Arizona, and ARIES Scientific. NASA scientists, engineers and technologists will be key contributors and role models for the project. The program encompasses six badges covering astrophysics, planetary science and heliophysics (the study of the sun).

Chabot Space & Science Center will host three special nights for the new badges program:

- November 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Science Investigator for Juniors;
- April 13, 2019: Combined Space Science Adventurer and Space Science Explorer for Brownies and Daisies;
- June 22, 2019: Combined Space Science Adventurer and Space Science Explorer for Juniors, Daisies and Brownies

### **About Chabot Space & Science Center**

Chabot Space & Science Center is a non-profit institution and community resource located in Redwood Regional Park in Oakland amid the largest stand of coastal redwoods in the East Bay. Chabot features a

241-seat full dome planetarium, interactive and hands-on exhibits, space artifacts, a giant screen theater, a Challenger Learning Center, and the only research-level telescopes regularly available to the public for weekly live viewing in the Western United States.

Chabot's mission is to inspire and educate learners of all ages about the Universe and Planet Earth.

Chabot Space & Science Center is open Wed.-Sun. 10 am-5 pm with \$5 First Fridays the first Friday of every month 5-9 pm. Admission is Adults: \$18 • children 3-12 \$14 (under 3 free) • Students/Seniors \$15 • Memberships available.

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