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**GIRL SCOUTS OF HAWAI'I HOSTS ANNUAL STEM FEST EVENTS  
ON O'AHU, KAUA'I, HAWAI'I ISLAND AND MAUI**

HONOLULU (November 10, 2023) – Over 400 Girl Scouts across the state participated in this year's STEM Fest events held on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Hawai'i Island and Maui. During STEM Fest, Girl Scouts from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade had the opportunity to learn about STEM careers and participated in exciting STEM-focused activities.

"STEM Fest is one of our largest programs of the year, providing Girl Scouts with wonderful opportunities to learn from and network with some of the most successful STEM leaders and companies both locally and nationally," said Girl Scouts of Hawai'i Interim CEO Michele Saito.

Exhibitors included Hawaiian Telcom, Kaua'i Community Science Center and Wilcox Medical Center on Kaua'i; Gemini International Observatory, Hilo Aviation and Hawaiian Volcano Observatory on Hawai'i Island; Air Force Research Laboratory, Shadow the Scientists and Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary on Maui; and Honolulu Zoo Society, Blue Planet Foundation and Hawaii Space Grant Consortium on O'ahu. Girl Scouts got a chance to train an AI model, take vital signs, learn about on-air broadcasting, identify bugs, build bridges, and even launch rockets.

STEM Fest is just one of many GSH initiatives that seek to fulfill Hawai'i's current and future need for STEM professionals. It is estimated that 80 percent of jobs that will exist in five years do not exist today. With women holding just 25 percent of STEM jobs in the US, GSH has expanded its programming to encourage girls to pursue careers in this rapidly growing industry.

To learn more about GSH's STEM programs, visit [www.gshawaii.org/en/stem-center.html](http://www.gshawaii.org/en/stem-center.html).

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**About Girl Scouts of Hawai'i**

Supporting over 5,000 girl and adult members statewide, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i (GSH) builds girls of courage, confidence, and character to make the world a better place. GSH's headquarters is located on the island of O'ahu, with three neighbor island service centers on the islands of Hawai'i, Kaua'i and Maui. GSH is chartered by the national office, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and is responsible for the leadership, administration and supervision of Girl Scout programs in the state of Hawai'i. For more information about GSH, visit [www.gshawaii.org](http://www.gshawaii.org) or call (808) 595-8400.

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