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club scene



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From left, Jessica Irabon, Jazmine Garcia and Brenda Camacho are among the 14 local teens heading to Washington D.C. next week.

Girls Inc. teens go to Washington

A group of 14 local teens from Girls Inc. of Carpinteria are gearing up for a once-in-lifetime trip to Washington D.C. next week. Over the course of five days in the nation's capital, the young ladies will meet with the staff of local representatives and senators, including Congresswoman Lois Capps and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, to discuss youth mentoring grants and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) legislation.

The girls will also spend time visiting the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History and the Air & Space Museum, touring Google and Microsoft's D.C. offices, as well as monument tours and a White House Medical Unit tour. They will also have the opportunity to explore college campuses such as George Washington University.

For many of the participants, it will be their first time flying on an airplane, leaving the state and staying in a hotel. "We're so proud to be developing the next generation of female leaders, and these girls are beyond excited to get out of their comfort zones and discover the city where world-changing decisions are made every day," said Executive Director Victoria Juarez. The girls, who will be entering their junior year of high school, are members of the organization's Eureka! program, a five-year, college-bound program.