

Frequently Asked Questions



Who is Blue Roses Girls?

Welcome to Blue Roses Girls where all girls, ages 8-18, who experience social, sensory, emotional, cognitive, and physical differences are welcome.

Blue Roses Girls also welcome typically developing girls to be role models and friends to our Blue Roses Girls.

We were launched in 2011 and are based in San Diego.

Can my daughter join in?

From past events we have had girls in our program with the following diagnoses:

Autism | Aspergers | Cerebral Palsy | Chromosomal Differences | ADD & ADHD | Anxiety Disorders | Mood disorders

..... And we'd love to keep adding to our list. If you don't see your daughter's diagnosis on this list, please contact us if you'd like your daughter to join. This will enable us all to learn about what makes her so special.

Why was Blue Roses Girls formed?

Blue Roses Girls Group was formed because making and sustaining friendships becomes more challenging as the social dynamic of girl friendship shifts from playing together to talking together about common interests such as hair care, skin care, make up, boys, dating, and hanging out with each other. One of our objectives is to bridge the unintended divide between typically-developing girls and Blue Roses Girls for a mutually-rewarding and mutually-beneficial friendships to develop.

What is the Girl Code?

Typically-developing girl friendships start to change around age 10 when the focus shifts from doing & from playing together to talking together. The **"girl code"** starts emerging as girls get older and begin to learn from peers about boys, hair, makeup, hygiene, cool songs and great TV shows, sexuality, hanging out, what's cool and what's not cool to do say, think, feel, wear, act and so on. This is the **"girl code"** that many of our Blue Roses Girls are not learning as effectively, if at all, as they are unable to pick up on the hidden or unspoken social cues typically-developing girls sometimes take for granted in girl friendships. Many of our girls also find themselves in very boy-based environments and do not have enough time for the vital girl interaction necessary for them to learn this **"girl code."**

How is Blue Roses Girls different from other social organizations?

We are an all-girl membership organization welcoming girls ages 8-18 with varying differences, and structuring our activities along themes that girls are interested in.

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Who is the Board of Directors of Blue Roses Girls?

The Board of Directors of Blue Roses Girls are mothers of Blue Roses Girls who experience different challenges. We understand and embrace the pace of our girls' development as well as the various challenges that can accompany a diagnosis. We strive to design all of our activities with that mindset.

How would you describe your program?

The pace of social development as well as the dynamic of social development for Blue Roses Girls is unique and we offer an environment for all of our Blue Roses Girls to be themselves, to teach us what friendship looks like from their perspective, and what friendship means to them. We offer structured activities and invite our Blue Roses Girls to participate with their friends. We don't scare easily. We don't get rattled easily. We allow each girl to join in at her own pace and her own level of comfort. We also offer the families of Blue Roses Girls a chance to exhale, as well as an environment of understanding and acceptance. We welcome and celebrate differences as our Blue Roses Girls are so unique and have so many gifts to share with all of us.

How did you get your name, Blue Roses Girls?

Please visit our website to learn more about the story behind the name.

<http://www.BlueRosesGirls.com/uploads/BlueRosesName.pdf>

How often do you meet?

We have monthly activities planned for the duration of 2013. Please refer to (hyperlink from website here) to see our calendar of events.

Is there a fee or membership dues to join?

There is no annual fee to be part of our group.

How can I get involved?

We encourage volunteers donate financially or to support us so we can offer our forward-thinking Fashion Show featuring our Blue Roses Girls and their peers, as well as other outings at a low/no cost to the participants.

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Are your outings drop-off events?

No, they are not. A parent or adult guardian (over age 18) must accompany and stay with the Blue Roses Girls at all time throughout all of the events. This also helps to grow the friendships between the families of the girls.