

About Girl Scouts of the USA

Who We Are

Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest organization for girls in the world. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Through programs including science and technology, business and economic literacy, and outdoor and environmental awareness, Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship, while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, there are 3.6 million Girl Scouts—2.6 million girl members and nearly 1 million adult members. Through membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.

What We Do

Girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to *discover* their values, skills, and the world around them; *connect* with others in a multicultural environment; and *take action* to make a difference in the world. Through partnerships with corporations, government agencies, and other not-for-profit organizations, Girl Scouts offers programs that encourage girls to push boundaries, test limits, and develop their leadership potential.

Our Structure

Headquartered in New York City, Girl Scouts has 277 chartered councils nationwide. These local councils provide direct services to girls, the volunteers who work with them, and their local communities. Girl Scouting is open to all girls from kindergarten through high school.

For More Information

If you are interested in joining, volunteering or donating to Girl Scouts in your community, please call 800 GSUSA 4 U (800-478-7248) or visit www.girlscouts.org.

The Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:
to serve God and my country;
to help people at all times;
and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be:
honest and fair;
friendly and helpful;
considerate and caring;
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do;
and to
respect myself and others;
respect authority;
use resources wisely;
make the world a better place,
and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Key Facts

Founder

Juliette Gordon Low

National Leadership

Laura Bush

National Honorary President

Patricia Diaz Dennis

Chair, National Board of Directors

Kathy Cloninger

Chief Executive Officer

Alumnae

More than 50 million women in the United States have enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood. Sixty-eight percent of the women in the United States Congress are former Girl Scouts.

Eighty-two percent of high-achieving Girl Scout alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success.