



# How Girl Scouts Can Support Your School

## Our Shared Values

Girl Scouts knows your priorities are educating students who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and social awareness to succeed and who will become active, engaged citizens in an ever-changing world. By leading and learning in an all-girl environment, girls have the opportunity to challenge their fears, problem-solve, and work collaboratively while understanding how to manage their emotions, establish positive relationships, and gain a sense of belonging—which we know our students need right now. Girl Scouts teaches girls the skills that they will need today and through their entire academic journey—into college and onto a rewarding career.

## How We Work Together

In Girl Scouts, girls take a hands-on approach to complement what they are learning in the classroom every day. We complement your academic curriculum and teach girls how to be a leader, inside and outside of the classroom.

Our programming works hand-in-hand to enrich the academic skills girls gain everyday by giving them a safe space to practice STEM & life skills, become entrepreneurs, and explore the outdoors. Research shows Girl Scouts are more likely to earn excellent grades, demonstrate higher academic aspirations, show a higher interest and involvement in their community, and have a stronger sense of self. As active members of your community and school, girls will be better prepared for life's challenges.

## How Girl Scouts Benefits Girls and Families

Our goal is for girls learn to think critically about different issues and to solve problems together. We encourage teamwork and collaboration as much as we encourage independence and self-discovery. Here, a girl learns to believe in herself as well as count on her community for support. She works as part of a team, brings people with varying perspectives together to devise solutions, and respects and appreciates the views of others as much as she does her own.

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# The Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Outcomes

By participating in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls benefit in five key ways as they:



## Develop a strong sense of self.

She'll find confidence in herself and all that she's capable of as she tries new things, takes on new challenges, and learns from her mistakes.



## Display positive values.

She'll learn to act ethically, lead with honesty, be responsible, and show concern for others.



## See challenges and learn from setbacks.

She'll take age-appropriate risks, open herself up to new opportunities and experiences, and embrace failure as an opportunity to learn.



## Form health relationships.

She'll practice leading with positivity, learn to communicate her feelings directly, and resolve conflicts constructively.



## Become community problem-solvers.

She'll identify problems in her community and create action plans to solve them.

Plus, we continually track, measure, and optimize our program to make sure these outcomes remain achievable and adaptable in a changing world.



## Bullying Prevention and Friendship

Teaching girls how to prevent bullying and providing them with a safe space for self-expression is crucial in today's increasingly complex social landscape. That's why, at Girl Scouts, we focus so much on community, on appreciating everyone's unique value, and on supporting one another through obstacles and conflict. We teach girls how best to develop and maintain healthy relationships and trusting friendships. Girl Scouts gives girls the tools they need to rise above bullying and champion everyone's right to live free of it.



# Get Involved - Civic Action in Girl Scouts

We're encouraging girls to speak up and advocate for the issues and ideas that are important to them. Girl Scout awards that concentrate on civic engagement help them do just that! The lineup of existing Citizen badges—Good Neighbor, Celebrating Community, Inside Government, Finding Common Ground, Behind the Ballot, and Public Policy—engage girls in age-appropriate activities involving community service, public policy, government, voting, and more.



## DAISY:

### Good Neighbor

Steps:

1. Explore your school
2. Discover your city or town
3. See what makes your state special



## BROWNIE:

### Celebrating Community

Steps:

1. Explore community symbols
2. Sing together
3. Follow the parade
4. Be a landmark detective
5. Join a ceremony or celebration



## JUNIOR:

### Inside Government

Steps:

1. Decide what being an active citizen means to you
2. Go inside government
3. Look into laws
4. Report on the issues
5. Get involved in government



## CADETTE:

### Finding Common Ground

Steps:

1. Get to know someone different from you
2. Make decisions in a group
3. Explore civil debate
4. Understand a compromise
5. Find common ground through mediation



## SENIOR:

### Behind the Ballot

Steps:

1. Find out more about elections
2. Investigate the ins and outs of voting
3. Get out the vote
4. Plan a campaign
5. Explore voting in other countries



## AMBASSADOR:

### Public Policy

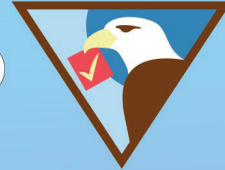
Steps:

1. Find out how activists advocate for change
2. Engage as a global citizen
3. Dig into national or state public policy
4. Explore local or community policy
5. See public policy creation in action

## Democracy Badges



Democracy For Daisies



Democracy For Brownies



Democracy For Juniors



Democracy For Cadettes



Democracy For Seniors



Democracy For Ambassadors



# Program Pillars: a Foundation for Success

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is built on four core program pillars.



**Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM):** With a focus on high-quality multiyear programs in engineering, computer science, and outdoor STEM, girls become increasingly interested, confident, and competent in STEM subjects.



**Outdoor:** Through progressive outdoor programs for girls of all ages, girls experience nature, build skills, and take action in their communities as environmental stewards.



**Life skills:** By partaking in life skills programming, girls enhance the academic skills they learn in school through topics such as civic engagement, healthy living, communication skills, financial literacy, and global citizenship.



**Entrepreneurship:** Starting with the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program, this pillar explores ways in which girls can change the world by learning business skills and provides them with a variety of entrepreneurship

## Pillars in Action: Delivering a Program Promise

As a Girl Scout, she'll team up with other girls to identify a problem she wants to do something about, find a creative solution, and create a team plan to make that solution a reality. Then she'll put her plan into action and tell others about what she learned. That's the Girl Scout Journey, which we offer at every grade level.

**Advocacy (It's Your World—Change It!):** Girls experience unique leadership and advocacy challenges and discover what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.

**Environmentalism (It's Your Planet—Love It!):** Girls learn about environmental topics, such as clean water and air, noise pollution, global warming, soil contamination, and agricultural processes.

**Self-Esteem (It's Your Story—Tell It!):** Girls explore important personal themes, like developing a strong sense of self, discovering the benefits of a balanced diet and physical activity, and navigating healthy relationships.

**Engineering (Think Like an Engineer):** Girls learn how to think like a designer by participating in hands-on design challenges and completing a Take Action project.

**Computer Science (Think Like a Programmer):** Girls learn how programmers solve problems by participating in interactive computational-thinking activities and completing a Take Action project.

**Outdoor STEM (Think Like a Citizen Scientist):** Girls learn the scientific method by undertaking a citizen science project that involves making observations, collecting data, and working with scientists. Girls also complete a Take Action project.

**Outdoor:** Anchored by the Troop Camping badge, the new Outdoor Journey will deepen girls' outdoor skills through badges that inspire girls to take an interest in environmental stewardship and lead to a Take Action project.

### Did you know?

Girl Scouts fuels the female leadership pipeline.



**50%**  
OF FEMALE  
BUSINESS LEADERS



**72%**  
OF FEMALE  
U.S. SENATORS



**100%**  
OF FEMALE  
U.S. SECRETARIES  
OF STATE

**...WERE GIRL SCOUTS.**