Welcome to Girl Scouts!

Since 1912, girls have learned valuable skills and developed strong core values through Girl Scouts. At Girl Scouts, guided by supportive adults and peers, girls develop their leadership potential through age-appropriate activities that enable them to discover the world around them; connect with others in a multicultural environment; and take action to make a difference in their world. These activities are designed to be girl-led, cooperative, and hands-on—processes that create high-quality learning experiences – and are fun!

Girl Scout Promise and Law - Our Guiding Principles.

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.
All-Girl Environment for a Girl Scout Leadership Experience

We want every girl to try new things and to take smart risks that challenge her to grow. The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is a model where that can happen.

It is designed to be girl-led where girls are involved in the decision making. Girls learn by doing, so there's a lot of hands-on, experiential learning opportunities.

The model also revolves around cooperative experience, where girls work together in a team to discover, connect and take action.

Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The Power of Girl Scouts for Girls.

Now, more than ever, girls face unique challenges in school and in social settings. Our proven Girl Scout program is based on years of research about girls’ development and is designed to:

- Close the confidence gap (research is clear – it starts for girls at age 6, when they start to believe that they are less capable than boys, and it accelerates in middle school and continues through college);
- Develop and fortify girls’ belief in their identities as leaders;
- Inoculate girls against the constant drum of media that tells them they must be perfect; and
- Strengthen them to stand up to the peer pressure and bullying that girls experience starting in elementary school.

Did you know...

...the Girl Scout symbol, the trefoil, stands for the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise.

...from the original 18 girls, Girl Scouts has grown to 2.6 million members. Girl Scouts is the largest educational organization for girls in the world and has influenced more than 59 million girls, women and men volunteers who have belonged to it.

“The Girl Scouts is where I became acquainted with the idea that a woman can do anything!”

Lisa Ling, American Journalist, Writer, Former Girl Scout

Our Program Outcomes

**Sense of Self:**
Girls have confidence in themselves and their abilities and form positive identities.

**Positive Values:**
Girls act ethically, honestly and responsibly and show concern for others.

**Challenge Seeking:**
Girls learn to take appropriate risks, try things even if they might fail and learn from mistakes.

**Community Problem Solving:**
Girls desire to contribute to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways, learn how to identify problems in the community and create “action plans” to solve them.

**Healthy Relationships:**
Girls develop and maintain healthy relationships by communicating their feelings directly and resolving conflicts constructively.

Girl Scouts – Affordable and Valuable

Joining Girl Scouts is easy! You can go online to our website at www.gsccc.org for full instructions. Once you register, you’ll be able to look through our Troop Opportunity Catalog to select a troop. Girls may also be individual members.

The cost of an annual membership is $25, a fee that goes directly to Girl Scouts of the USA to cover insurance and other national costs. Local troops may assess additional dues or fees to offset supply and activity costs.
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Girls Love Earning Badges and Patches!

Through their troop, girls have opportunities to earn badges and patches throughout the year that recognize their accomplishments. Troop leaders guide girls through badge programs and journeys (focused themed resources with a series of suggested activities). Girls accumulate skills and advance through each level. Badge areas include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), financial literacy, living skills, and outdoor and environmental education.

Badges can be earned at every age level and are placed on the front of the sash or vest. Patches are placed on the back of the sash or vest.

Get Outdoors

The Council operates several camp properties that fulfill a robust outdoor program menu of activities. From troop camping to summer resident and day camps, we've got it all. You'll find low-and-high rope courses, a climbing wall, archery ranges and more at our camps! View camp properties and get details at www.gssc.org.

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast offers resident, day and troop camping at five sites.

A Place for Girls
Chesapeake, VA

Camp Apasus
Norfolk, VA

Camp Burke’s Mill Pond
Gloucester, VA

Camp Darden
Courtland, VA

Camp Skimino
Williamsburg, VA

GIRLS and STEM

The creative and problem solving aspects of STEM draws girls.

87% of girls interested in STEM like to understand how things work.
What You Can Do to Help

As a volunteer, you’ll have online resources and training courses that you can access whenever it’s convenient for you. The Volunteer Toolkit, a digital planning tool, gives you resources and program content to get your year started—and keep it going smoothly! Fully customizable, the toolkit is digitally responsive so you can plan and prepare practically anywhere and share information with troop parents.

Together, let’s ensure every girl is prepared for the lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure she deserves!

Let’s Shop

You can find uniforms, books, badges and more in our Council shops located at A Place for Girls in Chesapeake or at our Peninsula Service Center in Newport News. Online shopping is also an option.