

Partner with Girl Scouts

- Encourage girls' healthy living through combating relational aggression, such as school bullying, and promote girl-positive media images.
- Involve and include girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).
- Give a voice to girls in under-served communities.
- Ensure that girls feel emotionally and physically safe in their school, community and home.
- Prevent youth violence in communities.
- Develop financial literacy opportunities for girls.
- Help educate policy makers on important issues affecting girls.



The Girl Scout Program in Virginia:

There are seven Girl Scout councils with geographical jurisdictions in the Commonwealth, serving 41,765 girls in K-12 grades. Together, as advocates, we build strong relationships with state legislators and members of Congress, as well as with state departments and agencies. Through advocacy efforts, we inform and educate key representatives about issues important to the well-being of girls and lobby for increased program resources that may improve girls' lives. This advocacy network allows for more communication to constituents on key issues facing girls. The network serves as a state "voice of girls"—voices that need to be heard as future leaders who will change our world.

Virginia Girl Scout Councils

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Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council, Inc
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Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, Inc.
Newark, DE 19713
302-456-7150 • 800-341-4007
gscb.org

Girl Scouts of the Colonial Coast
Chesapeake, VA 23322
757-547-4405
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gscoc.org

Girl Scout Commonwealth Council of Virginia, Inc.
Richmond, VA 23230
804-746-0590
800-4SCOUT4
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Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital
Washington, DC 20008
202-237-1670
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Girl Scouts of Virginia Skyline Council, Inc
Roanoke, VA 24019
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Virginia Girl Scout Legislative Coalition



Girl Scouts in Virginia



Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts is the preeminent organization for—and leading authority on—girls. For over 100 years, Girl Scouts have helped build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience allows girls to discover their personal strengths and abilities, to connect with others in meaningful ways, and to take action locally and globally. The informal educational model is based on girl-led experiential learning with measurable outcomes. Girls in kindergarten through 12th grade can participate in age-appropriate activities that have a profound impact on their lives today and tomorrow.

Girl Scouting promotes leadership in girls by fostering their self-confidence and providing positive, supportive environments in which they can acquire skill-building experiences.

*Building Leaders,
one Girl at a Time.*

Girls need and say they want:

- Safe and friendly environments where they can express themselves freely and experiment with leadership identities;
- Supportive, inspiring, and influential mentors and role models;
- Opportunities to support or take responsibility for others; and
- Ways to practice and develop specific skills, such as speaking in front of others and giving and receiving critical feedback.

Girls Face Challenges in a Complex World

23% have fewer than three adults they can go to if they need help.

30% of girls who have gone into online chat rooms have been sexually harassed, but only 7 percent of those girls say they told their mothers or fathers about the incidents immediately.

34% of girls 13–17 are concerned about sexual coercion, and more than one-quarter (26 percent) of girls cope with feeling unsafe by using alcohol and drugs.

45% of teenage girls don't raise their hands to speak or participate in class because they are afraid of being teased or bullied. For 41 percent of preteens (ages 8–12), being made fun of is their number one fear.

50% of the nation's girls are unhappy with their bodies. Alarming statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Association of Eating Disorders report that ten out of every one hundred American girls have an eating disorder; more than 50 percent of today's teenage girls are on diets and use unhealthy means to control their weight; and 42 percent of first- to third-grade girls want to be thinner. Forty percent of newly identified cases of anorexia are in girls 15 to 19 years old.

Girl Scouts' four Program Pillars form the foundation of the Girl Scout program and work together to build girls' curiosity, kindness, and can-do spirit.



STEM (*Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*)

The hands-on and inquiry-based nature of STEM disciplines make them a natural fit with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.



Life Skills

It has become clear that youths of all ages are experiencing an uptick in mental health needs—not just older kids. Early intervention that helps youths build social-emotional skills, healthy behaviors, and social support systems in a safe environment promotes resiliency and greater well-being.



Outdoor

When youth spend time outdoors in their early years, their lives are enhanced in the following areas: school readiness, social-emotional learning, physical and mental health, and feeling connected to nature and their communities.



Entrepreneurship

Girl Scouts has the financial empowerment and entrepreneurial programming that allow girls to build essential money habits while also building their entrepreneurial mindset as they learn from real-life, hands-on experiences. We offer all Girl Scouts—from kindergartners to high school seniors—a variety of ways to explore through Financial Literacy Badges and our iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program.

