

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.

Our Structure

Headquartered in New York City, Girl Scouts has 112 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

For more information about Girl Scouts of the USA, call 800 GSUSA 4 U (800.478.7248) or visit www.girlscouts.org.

If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or supporting Girl Scouts in your community, please call Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands at 800.849.GIRL (4475) or visit www.gssc-mm.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

Michelle Obama
 National Honorary
 President

Connie Lindsey
 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.

58% of the women
 in the
 United States Congress
 are former Girl Scouts.

82% of high-achieving
 Girl Scout alumnae
 believe that
 Girl Scouting
 influenced their
 success.