



## Spark her creativity.

**Increased focus on testing and budget constraints have led to the dismantling of arts programs in schools throughout the nation. However, studies have repeatedly shown that students exposed to the arts are often more proficient in reading, language, writing, and math.**

By offering meaningful arts experiences in an environment that fosters creativity, the Girls Scouts Leadership Center can bridge the arts deficit and make arts education accessible to girls across the mountains and Midlands.

The Leadership Center will serve as a premier destination for dance, drama, music, and visual arts programs. No matter the subject area, our coursework will challenge girls to use their imaginations while developing newfound self-confidence, problem-solving skills and presentation abilities.

In-depth integration of the arts in Girl Scouts' other priority areas, such as Healthy Living and STEM, will allow girls to make powerful connections between every learning experience they have at the Leadership Center. By empowering girls to reap the benefits of artistic expression, we can impact their performance at school, at home and in their communities.

### Features:

- » **The Woodworking Shop** will allow girls to explore their creative sides while also learning important STEM skills.
- » **Dance Programs** will expose girls to the joys of movement and performance, as well as an artistic means of getting regular physical activity.
- » **Visual Arts** will inspire girls to express themselves through drawing, pottery making, painting and design. Girls will also be encouraged to confidently display and present their works of art.
- » **Partnerships** with local artists and community arts organizations, such as the Columbia Art Center, Columbia Children's Theatre, and the University of South Carolina's School of Dance and School of Music, will connect girls to unique opportunities to engage with professionals in the arts and entertainment industries.