

**What is a Girl Scout experience center?**

It's a flexible space that evolves to meet the interests of girls today. It is a place where girls of all backgrounds and experiences can have fun with purpose. This is a showplace of Girl Scout experience in action. No one helps girls achieve their full potential like Girl Scouts. In opening centrally located centers for girls of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnicities, we are reaching out to and beyond our members – to fulfil this promise for everyone. Anyone is warmly invited to visit, to take some selfies, to record a podcast, do a STEM activity or just hang out. Meet up with some best friends or make some new ones. Explore all there is to do and learn at the experience center.

Is it officially going to be called Girl Scout experience center?

While this is what we and GSUSA are calling it for now, we're busy testing potential names with our most important audience – girls! Stay tuned for the announcement of the name as we get further along in the process.

When will the Denver experience center open?

We are on schedule to open sometime in early 2023.

Can anyone visit this space? Or is it just for Girl Scouts?

We welcome all visitors. You do not need to be a Girl Scout to discover, connect, and learn with like-minded individuals at an experience center. However, many of the events and activities happening in parts of the space will be scheduled events for members.

Are reservations required to visit the experience center?

Anyone can pop in to shop, take a tour, and use the facility but some events will require registration.

Will future centers be acquired in other parts of the state?

While the Denver-area experience center is the very first in the nation, it is only the beginning of an all-new way to experience Girl Scouting. Our vision is to have centers in other parts of the state and other Girl Scout councils are lining up to build similar centers in other parts of the country as well.

Can I get Girl Scout Cookies there?

Girl Scout Cookies will be available at the location during cookie season when Girl Scouts are present to sell them. Otherwise cookies are not sold there. The Girl Scout Cookie program is the world's largest girl-led business and cookies are available for purchase through Girl Scouts at a wide variety of locations and online throughout the program. (January-March).

What hours will it be open?

We're still working on specific hours, but the center will be open during traditional retail hours for troop leaders or community members to stop by and it will be open in the afternoons, evenings, and weekends when it's convenient for girls and troops to access the space.

Where is the experience center?

63 N. Quebec St., Ste 104 Denver CO 80230, at the corner of Quebec and East Lowry in the Exchange at Boulevard One development of Denver's Lowry neighborhood.

What is there to do at the experience center?

This is a place where girls and volunteers have tools at their fingertips to discover, connect, and take action. In this safe place, they are encouraged to explore their big ideas with freedom and flexibility.

The concept brings Girl Scouts a hands-on STEM center, a video and podcast booth to showcase their talents, a climbing wall to test their strength and agility, and an outdoor skills area to learn and practice camping competency — all in a centrally located physical location that is open and welcoming to all girls. We also have a fun Girl Scout-branded boutique with seasonal inventory.

What does the experience center offer for adult volunteers/leaders?

A visit to an experience center will be a way for troop leaders to immerse their Girl Scouts in the four pillars of Girl Scouting. Programming materials will be available. Ideas to spark their interests and the tools they can use to explore and learn will be on hand. Adult volunteers can also use the space to meet with troops and small groups to plan or work on projects. Additionally, the retail section will allow for a one-stop shop experience for our volunteers.

I lead a troop outside of the Denver metro area, can we visit the experience center?

Yes, we're excited to have Girl Scouts from across the state and even out-of-state experience the new center. Watch for an invitation to special days designed specifically for Girl Scouts in your region.

Can outside groups reserve the space?

Yes, outside groups can reserve areas within the experience center or the entire space. Details about pricing and how to reserve will be available as we get closer to opening. While outside groups will have the ability to rent the center, our first priority is to serve girls and our Girl Scout community.

Does the center replace the Girl Scouts of Colorado retail space on Colorado Boulevard?

No, we plan to keep the Girl Scouts of Colorado retail space on Colorado Boulevard as our flagship retail store for all your Girl Scout uniform and programming needs. We hope to continue to expand the Girl Scout boutique concept at this center and future locations. At the boutique, you'll find fun, branded items, seasonal necessities Girl Scouts and volunteers need, as well as only-in-Colorado goods that everyone wants.

How did GSCO chose this location for the first center?

First, we looked at our membership and how to reach more girls. This location is within 15 miles of 30 percent of our existing membership. It is a growing neighborhood where we will be able to reach our current members as well as introduce new girls not familiar with Girl Scouts to exactly what a Girl Scout does. We expect to be able to reach families that have not traditionally been a part of our organization and attract girls who might not have considered joining before. We wanted a high-visibility, high-traffic space that was accessible and convenient for girls and families, close to public transportation, and close to our current retail location.

Will there be an experience center patch?

Yes! Once the name and visual identity are finalized, we're excited to create a series of patches that Girl Scouts from across the state and country will want to collect.

Can the center be reserved for overnights?

Not immediately, but we're working toward a way to offer overnights in the space.

Can members, volunteers and families give input in what kinds of activities they would like to see here and/or at future locations?

Yes, we love your ideas and feedback! We have a [form](#) to collect these ideas on our website. Also keep an eye out for a membership survey and in-person and virtual town-hall type sessions soon.

How can I get more involved in Girl Scouts?

We invite you to visit the experience center when it opens in early 2023 to learn what Girl Scouts is all about. You can also speak with staff member and sign up for membership at the center. In addition, Girl Scouts of Colorado staff and volunteers all around the state host get-to-know Girl Scouts events in communities near you.