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Juliette Guidebook

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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.

**Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*

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.

Girl Scout Fundamentals

There are two important guiding principles in Girl Scouts: The Promise and Law.

Girl Scout Mission

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

What Girl Scout Do

Every Girl Scout has their own curiosity, dreams, and talents—so when they come together to decide which of the thousands of Girl Scout activities to try, the sky's the limit. Whether visiting an animal shelter, camping, hosting a dance-off, or filming a movie—they're learning to take risks, trust their gut, and team up with others for good.

Family Experience

Your whole family will soar with the friendship, adventure, and discovery of Girl Scouts. The Juliette Program is flexible to a family's needs. The Juliette Program also allows the continuation to the Girl Scouts experience and generation.

About Girl Scouts

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouts is 2.6 million strong – 2.6 million girls and adults who believe girls can change the world. It began more than 100 years ago with one woman, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low, who believed in the power of every girl. Today, Girl Scouts continues her vision of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place by helping them discover their inner strengths, passions, and talents.

And with programs and events across our council and beyond, there's a chance for every girl to do something amazing.

3 Keys to Leadership

We are a girl-led, all girl organization focused on three core "keys" to leadership: Discover, Connect, Take Action.

Through these three keys, you will:
Discover your special skills and talents, find the confidence to set challenging goals for yourself, and strive to live by your values. This includes being proud of where you came from as well as where you're going.

Connect with others, which means you'll learn how to team up, solve conflicts, and have healthy relationships. These skills help you in school right now and will prepare you for any career you choose in the future.

Take Action to make the world a better place and learn a lot about your community and the world along the way.
Our goal is to create a society in which every girl has the opportunity to achieve her leadership potential. Our distinguished alumnae are proof our leadership development program works.

Membership Fees

A $25 annual membership fee, due at the time of registration, goes directly to Girl Scouts of the USA and pays for the various services GSUSA provides to councils, including development of program materials, and activity insurance. Parents, guardians, and other adults are all invited to become members of the Girl Scout Movement.

Financial Assistance

GSCO is committed to providing every girl with the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting, regardless of financial background. Financial assistance is available to cover the membership fee.

Uniforms and Books: Assistance is available for the purchase of official Girl Scout uniforms and Journey and badge books. One grant per year per member. Fill out a financial assistance request. Available for up to 100% of the total cost.

Camp financial assistance: To apply for financial assistance to attend a Girl Scouts of Colorado camp that registers through Camp In Touch, submit the Camp Financial Assistance form.

Program events and training grants provide assistance to attend council-sponsored programs, approved Service Unit events, and council-sponsored training opportunities.

How do I register as a Juliette?

Click on MyGS to register/renew their membership!

What is a Juliette?

A Girl Scout Juliette is an individually registered Girl Scout (not in a troop). Juliettes choose not to participate in the traditional troop format but still have access to Girl Scout experiences and opportunities. As a Juliette, she has the unique ability to mix and match Girl Scout activities that suit her interests by choosing special events, leadership projects, travel opportunities, and badge work that appeals to her. Juliettes are busy, independent, self-confident girls and young women who may have once been part of a troop that disbanded, or whose availability does not fit the traditional troop schedule.

Girls in any grade (kindergarten through 12) can be a Juliette. As a Juliette, she can participate in any program, event, trip, or summer camp that open to her grade level.

Why "Juliette"?

In 1912, Juliette Gordon Low (1860–1927) founded Girl Scouts of the USA, an organization that today serves millions of girl members and alums, and reflects the arc of her remarkable life. An ardent believer in the potential of all girls and the importance of fostering their individual growth, character, and self-sufficiency, Juliette Gordon Low is credited with establishing and nurturing a global movement that has changed the world.

Juliette Mentors

A Juliette mentor is a parent, family member, caregiver, or other adult who guides a Juliette during her Girl Scout journey. Juliette mentors are not assigned by council but chosen by the girl and her family.

As a Juliette mentor, you will:

• Register as an adult volunteer and complete the required background check (registration fee is $25/year).

- Support your Juliette's commitment to Girl Scouting.
- Explore council programs, helping her pick the activities she wants to participate in, and plan how she will fund her participation.
- Help your Juliette choose the badges and Journeys that interest her.
- Assist your Juliette in purchasing or borrowing the books and materials needed to complete each badge or award.
- Verify that your Juliette has completed badge requirements and purchase badges and awards from the Girl Scout Store.
- Retain signed annual health history and permission form for your Juliette to participate in product programs, events, summer camp, and other activities.
- Help your Juliette participate in product programs by submitting the required forms, completing your training, fulfilling program requirements and following safety guidelines.

There are advantages to participating as a Juliette Mentor!

- Gain leadership experience
- Create a well-rounded Girl Scout experience for your Juliette by completing the planning guide for her grade-level, on her own time

Resources

There are many ways to engage in Girl Scouts and resources are available to girls and their families to help navigate your experience.

- girlscoutsofcolorado.org
  - Find helpful information about the ways girls participate in Girl Scouts, current events and program offerings calendar with registration links, forms, and most everything you'll need to have a fantastic Girl Scout experience.
- inquiry@gscolorado.org
  - Do you have a question? Your customer care team can help! Requests are monitored by knowledgeable staff providing the insight you seek or direction to the parties that can help you best.
- Service unit
  - Our council is broken into geographic areas called service units, and each service unit has a group of dedicated volunteers just like you available to support your Girl Scout journey while also providing fantastic program opportunities in your own neighborhood.
- Volunteer Toolkit
  - An online digital resource available to explore prebuilt tracks of badge and Journey activities for each Girl Scout level, make year plans with suggested material lists and printable resources, all customized to your girl's interests.
- Anytime Activities
  - At girlscoutsofcolorado.org/anytime-activities, you can search for Council Patch programs, partner programs, scholarship opportunities and more that can be done on your schedule-anytime!

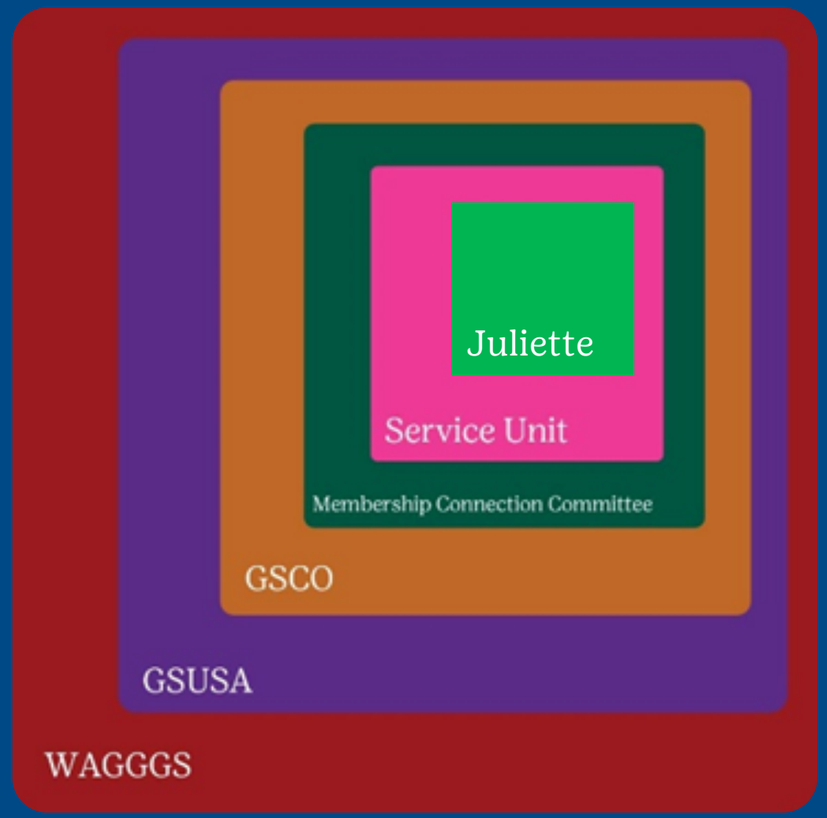
Resources

- Volunteer Support Specialist
  - Your VSS is the main point of contact for you at council. Your VSS will connect you with your local service unit volunteers and reach out a few times per year to check-in.
- Placement Support Specialist
  - The Placement Support Specialist works with families interested in transitioning from troops to our Juliette Program. They also support with (troop/Juliette) registration, placement, and MyGS Member Community.
- Recruitment Support Specialist
  - The Recruitment Support Specialist supports recruitment of girl and adult volunteers for our Juliette Program. They also coordinate Parent Information Nights and recruitment booths at youth-related events.
- Events Calendar
  - Interested in attending a GSCO event? Then be sure to look through our events calendar and list here!
- Girl Scout DreamLab
  - The Girl Scout DreamLab is located in Denver's Lowry neighborhood and hosts drop-in activities, partner programming, workshops, hangouts, and more. Many of the events here are open to the community, including monthly Family Fun Days and Final Friday Nights.

About our Council
Girl Scouts of Colorado

There are 110 Girl Scout councils in the United States. The staff at each local Girl Scout council coordinates and provides services for girls and volunteers. Each council staff person relies on a network of volunteers to serve girls and the adults who work with them. Your local council is Girl Scouts of Colorado (GSCO). In 2023, GSCO served over 16,000 girls, and 10,000 adult members. Our council relies heavily on dedicated volunteers to provide an exceptional Girl Scout experience.

Girl Scouts is made up of many layers and people!



About our Council
Girl Scouts of Colorado

International Level (WAGGGS)

You probably already know there are Girl Scouts all over the United States. But did you know the Girl Scout sisterhood stretches around the world, too? The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) reaches 10 million girls and young women in 150 member organizations that include Girl Scouts of the USA. And all those girls in all of those countries are working to make the world a better place—just like your girl! Find out more at girlscouts.org/en/about-girl-scouts/global.html.com

National Level (GSUSA)

This includes all 110 councils in the United States. The National Headquarters for Girl Scouts of the USA is in New York City.

Service Units

As a Girl Scout member, you are part of a Girl Scout service unit. A service unit is designed to serve one large community or several smaller communities together. A service unit consists of a team of adult volunteers that provide direct support to the girls and adults within their area. This team meets with local volunteers to exchange ideas, present program resources and training, and share council programming opportunities.

If you have questions about what service unit you belong to, reach out to your VSS or inquiry@gscolorado.org

Membership Connection Committee (MCC)

The MCC thrives as a representative body of Girl Scout girl and adult members from across Colorado. We do things differently in Colorado, and we are lucky to have a unique governance system with the Membership Connection Committee as the centerpiece of our democratic process and a way to give the Girl Scouts of Colorado membership a strong voice in the issues they care most about.

Girl Scouts of Colorado Locations

Girl Scouts of Colorado has offices, camps, lodges, and our GSCO Shop. All of these facilities are accessible to you as part of your membership! To find out more about amenities or how to reserve a location visit girlscoutsofcolorado.org/en/outdoors/our-properties

Girl Scout Shop

1485 S. Colorado Blvd.
#260, Denver, CO 80222
303-607-4880

Girl Scout DreamLab

63 N. Quebec St., Denver, CO 80224
303-607-4816

Colorado Springs

5353 N. Union Blvd.,
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
719-597-8930

Grand Junction

580 24 ½ Road
Grand Junction, CO 81505
970-242-4461

Girl Scouts of Colorado Locations (continued)

Loveland

2725 Rocky Mountain Ave., Loveland, CO 80538
970-493-1844

Pueblo

1250 West Highway 50
(inside Vectra Bank)
Pueblo, CO 81008
719-543-4690

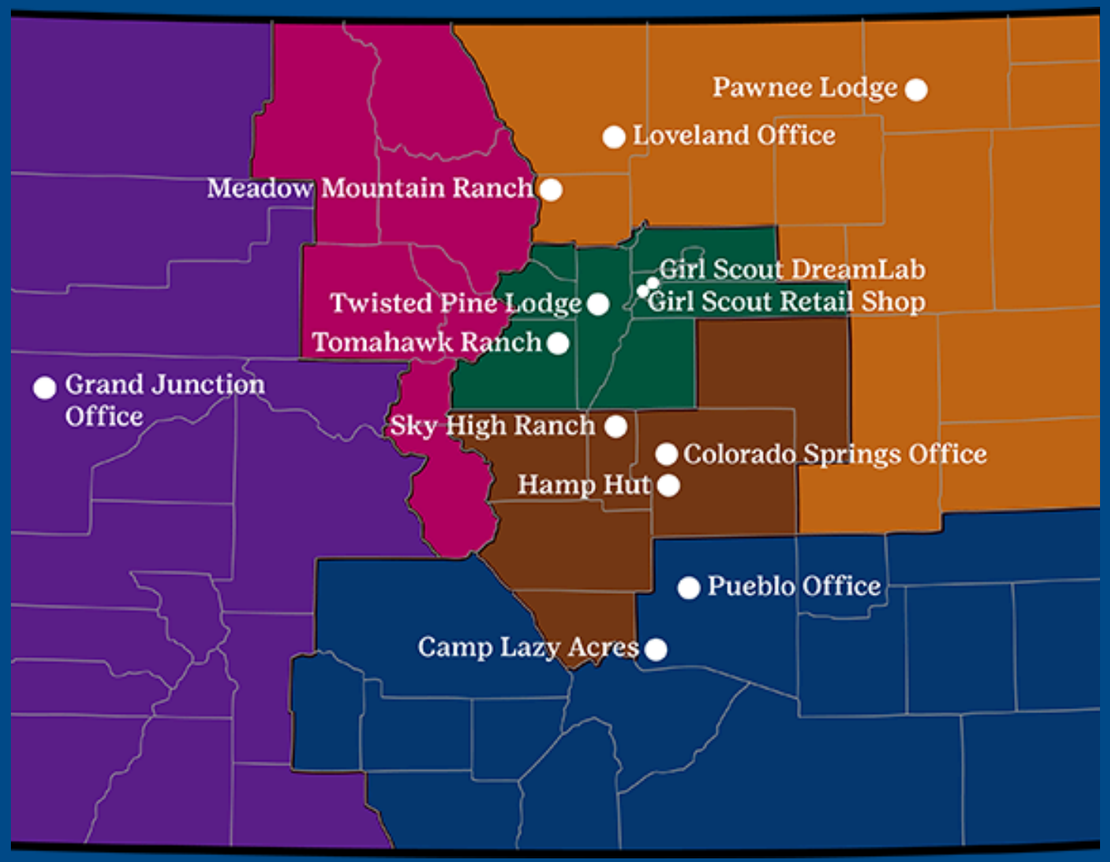
Tomahawk Ranch

Contact Monica Gray
303-838-5311

Sky High Ranch

Contact Kim Petau
719-687-3278

Girl Scouts of Colorado Locations (continued)



Girl Scouts of Colorado Locations (continued)

Girl Scouts of Colorado has eight unique camp property spaces across the state available for troops, Girl Scout groups, families, and outside user groups to rent. Take a hike in Rocky Mountain National park from Meadow Mountain Ranch, ride down a zipline across the meadow at Sky High Ranch, and visit the farm animals or shoot a bullseye on the archery course at Tomahawk Ranch!

- Lazy Acres
- Meadow Mountain Ranch
- Pawnee Lodge
- Hotel Chipeta
- Hamp Hut
- Twisted Pine

Your Juliette Year

With tons of programs and events to choose from all year round, your Juliette will have the chance to try new things, and experience what interests her the most. Be sure to visit girlscoutsofcolorado.org for exact dates of events below as they may change year to year.

Fall

- Official start of the membership year (Oct. 1)
- Girl Scout Fall Product Program begins in September and ends in October
- Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday ("Founder's Day," Oct. 31)

Winter

- Girl Scout Cookie season (online and in-person sales, cookie booths)
- World Thinking Day (Feb. 22)
- Girl Scouts' Birthday (March 12)
- Girl Scout Week (mid-March, always includes March 12)

Spring

- Volunteer Appreciation Month (April)
- Early Bird renewal
- Highest Awards ceremonies
- Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award reports are due (for current membership year)

Summer

- Early Bird Renewal ends
- Deadline for on-time registration
- Summer camp is in session (June–August)

My Juliette Mentor Journal

My Juliette Mentorship Story:

How I hope to support my Juliette:

Ways I want to connect with my community:

What I hope to discover as a Juliette Mentor:

Ideas and interests I want to explore with my Juliette:

This journal belongs to:

My council and service unit contact names and numbers:

August

- Plan your Juliette year
- National S'mores Day (10)
- Contact your service unit team for the leader meeting schedule for your service unit
- Take program level training to prepare for upcoming year

September

- Plan first Juliette activity
- Investiture & rededication ceremonies
- Bridging ceremonies
- Fall Product Program begins
- Girl Scouts Love State Parks
- Hispanic History Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15)
- Leadership Summits

October

- New membership year begins
- International Day of the Girl (11)
- Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday ("Founder's Day") (31)
- Connect with other Girl Scout Juliettes
- Fall Product Program ends
- Leadership Summits

November

- Continue to attend service unit meetings
- Sign up for additional training or complete your initial training
- Thinking about camping? Complete Let's Go Camping prerequisites in gsLearn
- Native American Heritage Month

December

- Happy Holidays!
- Attend a Cookie Rally
- Talk with your Juliette about community service and Take Action projects
- Girl Scout Cookie Program training

January

- Happy New Year!
- Attend a Cookie Rally
- Camp registration opens—check out individual and family camp options
- Girl Scout Cookie Program training
- Initial cookie orders due, booth selections are open, and online cookie orders open

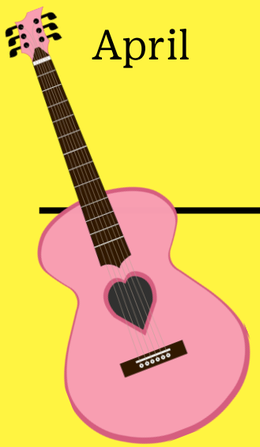
February

- Cookie Program begins
- Continue to attend your local SU meetings
- Planning a trip? Be sure to submit Activity and Event Form as required
- World Thinking Day (22)
- Black History Month

March

- Cookie Program ends
- Continue to check in with your Juliette
- Girl Scout Week
- Girl Scout Birthday (12)
- Women's History Month

April



- Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!
- Early renewal opens
- Earth Day (22)
- Girl Scout Volunteer Day (22)
- Continue to attend service unit meetings

May

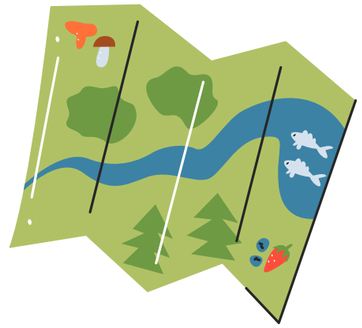
- Early renewal continues
- Continue to attend service unit meetings
- Mental Health Awareness Month
- Bridging Ceremonies
- Check in with Service Unit Team

June

- End of early renewal
- Hold an end-of-year celebration with your Juliette
- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

July

- Continue to check in with your Juliette and reconcile Juliette plans
- Attend council events with program partners
- Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors Challenge
- Enjoy your summer!



Build your Juliette Year

Will your Juliette build robots, plant a garden, travel to another country, or become an entrepreneur? It's up to her. She'll decide which badges and Journeys to take on at each grade level for a one-of-a-kind experience. Below is just a sampling of some of the activities she can do as a Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Daisy, Grades K-1

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM

Rosie Petal Badge
Clover Petal Badge
Mari Petal Badge

Health

Lupe Petal Badge
Sunny Petal Badge
Safety Award

Community Service

Take Action Projects
Zinni Petal Badge

Money Management

Count It Up Leaf Badge
Talk It Up Leaf Badge
Making Choices Leaf Badge

Outdoor/Camp

Outdoor Journey
Outdoor Art Maker Badge
Buddy Camper Badge

What Daisies Do:

Don't we all wish we could look at the world through a Girl Scout Daisy's eyes? Everything they do—from planting a garden, to putting on a skit, to proudly adding that first petal on their vest— sparkles with that "first-time ever" newness!

As a Girl Scout Daisy, she might:

• Meet other Juliette friends • Earn petals and badges as she embraces the Girl Scout Promise and Law

• Make a difference in her community through a Leadership Journey

• Develop the five key business skills through the Girl Scout Cookie Program and Fall Product Programs

• Explore nature

Girl Scout Brownies, Grades 2-3

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM

Inventor Badge
Bugs Badge
Home Scientist Badge

Health

Hiker Badge
Fair Play Badge
Dancer Badge

Money Management

Meet My Customers Badge
Philanthropist Badge
Money Manager Badge

Outdoor/Camp

Outdoor Journey
Letterboxer Badge
Outdoor Art Creator Badge

Community Service

Take Action Projects
Give Back Badge

What Brownies Do:

Girl Scout Brownies are ready to take on the world and Girl Scouts lets them do just that! They want to learn new things and show off what they know. She might take that first hike in the great outdoors, visit a museum or strengthen her money management skills during the Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product Programs. Life is good when you are a Girl Scout Brownie!

As a Girl Scout Brownie, she might:

• Expand her circle of friends

• Have fun learning new skills as she earns badges

• Complete a service project as part of her Leadership Journey

• Develop the five key business skills through the Girl Scout Cookie Program and Fall Product Programs

• Attend overnight or day camp

Girl Scout Juniors, Grades 4-5

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM
Flowers Badge
Product Designer Badge
Detective Badge

Health
Social Butterfly Badge
Simple Meals Badge
Staying Fit Badge

Take Action Projects

Money Management
Customer Insight Badge
Business Owner Badge
Savvy Shopper Badge

Outdoor/Camp
Outdoor Journey
Eco Camper Badge
Horseback Riding Badge

Community Service

What Juniors Do:

Want to meet a real-life superhero? Just talk to a Girl Scout Junior who wakes up every day ready to play a new role. Juniors are explorers when they go camping for the first time. They're CEOs when they market and sell cookies. They're scientists when they perform energy audits and go on nature walks. And, they're product designers and writers when they earn their Innovation and Storytelling Badges.

As a Girl Scout Junior, she might:

- Earn her Girl Scout Bronze Award, one of Girl Scouts' highest awards
- Share stories and smiles with new friends
- Try new experiences as she earns badges
- Develop the five key business skills through the Girl Scout Cookie Program and Fall Product Programs
- Explore the outdoors at camp and beyond

Girl Scout Cadettes, Grades 6-8

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM
Woodworking Badge
Trees Badge
Special Agent Badge

Money Management
Financing My Dreams Badge
Budgeting Badge
Comparison Shopping Badge

Health
New Cuisines Badge
Good Sportsmanship Badge
Babysitting Badge

Outdoor/Camp
Outdoor Journey
Trailblazing Badge
Outdoor Art Apprentice Badge

Community Service
Take Action projects
Cadette Community Service Bar

What Cadettes Do:

Making forever friends, saving the planet, standing up against stereotypes, using their powers for the greater good—that's what being a Girl Scout Cadette is all about. Cadettes blaze trails in the wilderness, write and direct their own movies, express themselves with confidence, make delicious meals from around the world and pick up practical life skills.

As a Girl Scout Cadette, she might:

- Earn her Girl Scout Silver Award, one of Girl Scouts' highest awards
- Get outdoors and off the beaten path
- Gain confidence as she mentors younger Girl Scouts
- Choose an issue she cares about as part of a Girl Scout Leadership Journey.

Girl Scout Seniors, Grades 9-10

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM
Locavore Badge
Car Care Badge
Science of Style Badge

Money Management
My Portfolio Badge
Financing My Future Badge
Traveler Badge

Health
Women's Health Badge
First Aid Badge
Cross Training Badge

Outdoor/Camp
Outdoor Journey
Adventurer Badge
Paddling Badge

Community Service
Take Action projects
Senior Community Service Bar

What Seniors Do:

Girl Scout Seniors are ready to take the world by storm—and at Girl Scouts, there are millions of ways to do it. Whether it's enhancing school based activities or helping girls make the most of community involvement, the opportunities open to Girl Scout Seniors are virtually unlimited!

As a Girl Scout Senior, she might:

- Earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award
- Go on an adventure and travel to amazing places like Costa Rica, Japan, or India
- Be a positive role model, mentor younger girls, and develop strong friendships
- Join other girls to tackle important international issues and earn a Global Action award
- Explore exciting careers in a variety of fields.

Girl Scout Ambassadors, Grades 11-12

Topic Badges and Journeys

STEM
Photographer Badge Research & Development Badge
Water Badge

Money Management
P & L Badge
Good Credit Badge
On My Own Badge

Health
Dinner Party Badge
Coaching Badge
First Aid Badge

Outdoor/Camp
Outdoor Journey
Ultimate Recreation Challenge Badge
Outdoor Art Master Badge

Community Service
Take Action projects
Ambassador Community Service Bar

What Ambassadors Do:

With a wider world comes even more opportunities—and Girl Scout Ambassadors make the most of every chance they get to improve themselves...and their community. Girl Scout Ambassadors are eligible for some pretty awesome opportunities to continue their leadership experience.

As a Girl Scout Ambassador, she might:

- Earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award
- Enhance her relationship skills, problem-solving abilities, and knowledge of science and technology
- Work to protect the environment
- Implement a Take Action project

Girl Scout Events

Whether you're a Girl Scout ready to earn your next badge and make new friends at an art workshop, or an adult volunteer looking for training opportunities, we've got an upcoming event to help you do it! Search for Girl Scout events near you.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors looking for volunteer opportunities to earn their Service to Girl Scouting bar or Cadette Program Aide Award can fill out this form to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Looking for camp sessions? Head to our camp page.
Looking for program and event volunteer opportunities? Register here.

Events and Training: Limited to events and trainings hosted by Girl Scouts of Colorado. Girls can apply for multiple events and training grants. Fill out a financial assistance request. Or request it during registration, depending on the event registration platform.

Anytime Activities

Girl Scout Activities

Girl Scout History
- Girl Scout History Center
- Girl Scout History Collection

Girl Scout Celebrations:
- Founder's Day
- Girl Scout Leadership Day
- Girl Scout Week
- World Thinking Day

Girl Scout Traditions:
- Girl Scouts make the Girl Scout sign when they say the Girl Scout Promise. The three fingers represent the three parts of the Promise

Community Service:
- Volunteer with Family Promise
- Reading Partners - Elementary School Reading Tutoring
- Project C.U.R.E.: Kits for Kids
  - Complete the Kits for Kids Request Form.
  - Fill bags: Please include ALL items listed here.

Did you know Girl Scouts can explore badges, awards, service projects, and experiences that cover everything from building a robot to helping animals, from staying fit to starting a business?

Your options are virtually limitless.

Girl Scouts of Colorado partners offer a variety of leadership development programming through the lens of STEM, life skills, and outdoor stewardship.

Product Program

Fall Product Program & Cookie Program

Girl Scouts of Colorado offers two annual product programs:
The Fall Product Program starts in September and ends in October. It is a "friends and family" sale through which Girl Scouts sell nuts, candies, Tervis Tumblers, BarkBox options, magazines, and other specialty items before cookie sales begin in January.

Girl Scouts can choose to participate in the Fall Product Program during the months of September and October, and in the Girl Scout Cookie Program starting in January and ending in March.

Juliettes are eligible to earn reward items, Cookie Credits, and Juliette Cookie Credits. Girl Scouts do not earn proceeds; only troops earn product program proceeds.

Cookie Credits and Juliette Program Cookie Credits may not be used to pay for or renew adult membership or pay for travel expenses for adults or those not related to Girl Scouts of Colorado. Contact the product program team or email financial.followup@gscolorado.org for any questions or clarification regarding what Cookie Credits and Juliette Cookie Credits can be used for.

When girls participate in our Product Programs, they develop Five essential skills:

1. Goal Setting
   - Girl Scouts learn how to set goals and create a plan to reach them.
2. Decision Making
   - Girl Scouts learn to make decisions on their own and as a team.
3. Money Management
   - Girl Scouts learn how to create a budget and handle money.
4. People Skills
   - Girl Scouts find their voice and build confidence through customer interactions.
5. Business Ethics
   - Girl Scouts learn to act ethically, both in business and in life.

Here ways you can use Cookie Credits and Juliette Program Cookie Credits :

- Girl Scout youth and lifetime membership
- GSCO or service unit trips, events, or activities with a per girl fee
- GSCO-sponsored or hosted events or activities
- EF Tours
- Girl Scout Destinations
- Highest Awards materials or fees
- GSCO Shop purchase
- Volunteer-run day camps or events with a per girl cost
- GSCO summer camp

Fall Product Program

The Fall Product Program takes place between September and October. It is a “friends and family” sale through which girls can sell nuts, candy, magazines, and other specialty items.

The Fall Product Program is a great jumping-off oint before the Girl Scout Cookie Program. It will give your Juliette the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of the program before cookie sales begin in the spring.

Girl Scout Cookie Program

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-run business in the country! It takes place between December and March. Much more than a fundraiser, it’s a unique, hands-on program that empowers girls to become successful businesswomen.

How to Participate in Product Programs as a Juliette

Your Juliette can take part in the Fall Product Program and the Girl Scout Cookie Program, conducting sales in-person and/or online. She can also partake in cookie booth sales. In order to participate, a Juliette’s parent or other volunteer must attend required product program training provided by the the service unit, where complete details of program participation will be discussed. Parents and/or other volunteers are required to sign a position agreement, register, and complete a background screening prior to training. Juliettes must adhere to the same safety guidelines as girls participating with a troop.

Uniforms and Insignia

Girl Scout uniforms show how much a girl has accomplished and that she is ready for what's next. Each part of the uniform is unique and signifies the girl's program level. Wearing the same uniform as their peers gives Girl Scouts a sense of identity and comradery within their troop, and instills in them the values of Girl Scouting.

Badges: Awards earned by Girl Scouts indicating increasing knowledge and skill in a subject.

Counselor-in-Training (CIT): This award is for girls that mentor younger girls in a camp setting and build skills toward becoming a camp counselor. The steps to earning this award are outlined in Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.

Fun patches and pins: A Supplementary insignia received by girls for simply participating in an event or activity. Girls wear fun patches on the back of their uniform.

Insignia: The umbrella term for U.S. Girl Scout earned grade-level awards. Girls wear all insignia, except participation patches and pins, on the front of their uniform.

Religious and other awards: Official awards earned for completing requirements set by religious/other organizations or by Girl Scouts of the USA. These awards are all worn on a similar place on the uniform.

SWAPS - Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere: Tokens exchanged at special Girl Scout/Girl Guide events that signify friendship. Ideally these are inexpensive handmade items that are accepted by the receiver as a token of friendship.

The highest awards in Girl Scouting

Girl Scouting invests in girls. Girl Scouts gain so much from completing Highest Awards projects and communities benefit too.

Through the program, Girl Scouts develop their leadership skills by using their creativity, talent and compassion to reach out to others in need, both locally and globally.

The **Gold**, **Silver**, and **Bronze** Awards are the currency of this investment, representing your chance to make a difference for people in areas such as social services, healthcare, education, and any number of other arenas.

As your Girl Scout earns one of Girl Scouts' highest awards, they'll change their corner of the world—and beyond. The possibilities are endless.

Highest Awards Trainings

GSUSA Silver Award training is live in gsLearn!

GSUSA'S new Silver Award-specific training for troop leaders is now available on gsLearn. The Highest Awards basics training is also available on gsLearn for all general and troops getting started on their Bronze Award Project. Visit the Silver Award webpage for more details.

For more information, check out:

- Highest Awards at a Glance
- Highest Awards Ideas
- Highest Awards FAQ
- Money and your Highest Awards Project
- Bronze Award Notification Form

Community Service

Community service is an integral part of being a Girl Scout, providing girls with an opportunity to practice teamwork, build critical-thinking skills and empower them to make changes in their community. Sharing their time and resources helps girls increase their self-esteem and civic responsibility.

Community Service

- Addresses an immediate need
- Addresses a problem by working with or for a community partner
- Makes community better for some people, right now.
- Contribution to the community is usually, but not always, measurable.
- Not usually long-lasting or continuous

Take Action Projects

Take Action projects are a chance for girls to partner with others in their community to solve a problem. Girls learn about getting to the root causes of issues, mobilizing and engaging community members and volunteers, and striving toward creating lasting change in their world

Take Action Projects

- Address a need, immediate or not.
- Address the root cause of a problem by working with (not for) community partner(s).
- Create a lasting impact in the community.
- Contribution to the community is always measurable.
- Sustainable long after girls' involvement in the project has ended.

A Take Action Project might be:

- Measurable: The success of the project can be determined based on the number of people the project helped, the number of people who were involved, any reduction in the community's need and other concrete numbers.
- Sustainable: Girls should discuss if their project creates lasting change. Girls can do this by collaborating with community leaders and/or organizations, building alliances with mentors, and inspiring others to keep change going. The Gold Award Project is the ONLY project to make arrangements for sustainability.

Community service projects are an important way for Girl Scouts to serve their community. However, Take Action projects make a lasting difference in the community and give girls even more opportunities to make their world a better place! If a troop chooses to do a Take Action project they can still participate in community service
projects

Important!
One key to a successful Take Action Project is to determine what the community needs are before creating the Take Action Project. There is nothing worse than creating a project, then finding out that it was not needed.

Don't know where to start? Need some inspiration?

- Animals
- Family/Children
- Arts
- Community
- Education
- Human Interest
- Environmental
- Health
- STEM

Patch Programs

Girl Scout patches are fun patches that provide Girl Scouts an opportunity to explore their interests, expand their horizons and enjoy a variety of activities

Patch programs, designed for all grade levels, give girls a chance to connect with their community.

Each patch program has a list of requirements. Once completed, she'll earn an awesome new patch!

To learn more about our GSCO-patches, visit here.

Council Patches

- Diverse, Inclusive, Together
- Future Me
- Get Outdoors Challenge Patch
- GSCO Outdoor Skills Patch
- HealthONE
- Inspiring Futures
- Make Kindness the Norm
- Money Makers
- Project Heart
- Reach Out and Read Colorado
- Recruitment Skills Series Patch
- Resilient.Ready.Strong
- S.O.S. Bracelet Project
- University of Denver

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access

GSCO and Girl Scouts of the USA value diversity in all its forms and do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, alienage or national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, disability, gender, marital status, familial status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identification, genetic information, public assistance, local human rights commission activity, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local laws. Girl Scouts of Colorado does not tolerate discrimination by its staff, volunteers, members, partners, or participants.

Diversity, equity and inclusion are core values of Girl Scouts of Colorado. We aim to empower every Girl Scout to make the world a better place. We acknowledge the impacts of systemic racism and oppression, and we are committed to working together to build an anti-oppressive society and continuing that journey within our own organization.

Standards

All GSCO staff, volunteers, and members are expected to think, speak, and act in ways that ensure all people feel they belong and can meaningfully participate in all aspects of Girl Scouting, regardless of race, color, creed, religion, alienage or national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, disability, gender, marital status, familial status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identification, genetic information, public assistance, local human rights commission activity, or any other characteristic protected by applicable federal, state, or local laws.
GSCO is committed to inclusion and will make reasonable efforts to provide accessibility to Girl Scouts of all levels of ability.

Land Acknowledgement

We include a Land Acknowledgement at large meetings and events in order to acknowledge the colonial history of our region and our responsibility to respect and honor the relationship Indigenous peoples have to this land.

Further the Conversation

Being an advocate for social justice issues doesn't have to be an adults only role. Use our Engaging Your Family in Social Justice Advocacy guide to explore the topic of social justice advocacy with your family and learn how you can engage your family at home and in the community.

For more information, please visit our website.

Get in touch with us!

Have a question about Girl Scouts? Our customer service team is happy to help.

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