



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Serving New Hampshire and Vermont

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

Who We Are

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is one of 112 councils chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA, the world's leading organization dedicated solely to girls, where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success. In partnership with caring adults, girls develop qualities to serve them all their lives: strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their potential and self-worth. We are the experts on girls!

Our Vision

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains is recognized throughout New Hampshire and Vermont as a leading expert on girls. Our innovative leadership programs help girls discover, connect and take action as they develop strong values, a social conscience, and a deep sense of self and their potential.

What We Do

We serve 15,000 girls throughout New Hampshire and Vermont. With the guidance of more than 5,100 trained and dedicated volunteers, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through hundreds of programs offered each year, girls develop their leadership potential in activities that enable them to **discover** their values, skills and the world; **connect** with others in a multicultural environment; and **take action** to make a difference. This is the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Our Structure

Membership is open to all girls in kindergarten through grade 12 who subscribe to the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We are part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries. Girl Scouting was founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low.

Adult members volunteer as troop leaders, community administrators, organizers, public relations coordinators, trainers, board members; specialists in child development, adult and outdoor education; and administration.

By the Numbers

- \$5.0 million: our annual budget
- Supported in part by United Ways, investments, and adult-generated giving
- 1,579,514 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies sold in 2011, including 12,000 donated to U.S. military
- 11 properties for camp and program activities
- 7 regional service centers to support members



How Girls Enjoy Girl Scouting

About 90% of our Girl Scouts participate through traditional troops led by volunteers. Many others participate through after-school programs lasting six to eight weeks, or through one-week school vacation activity centers. We offer day and resident camping, and other Pathways through which girls receive the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

When girls cannot come to us, we bring the program to them: at Our House for Girls in Dover, New Hampshire; Antrim Girls Home, Antrim, New Hampshire; Crotched Mountain in Greenfield, New Hampshire; and the Kurn Hattin children's home in Westminster, Vermont. We also provide innovative, supportive programming to children of incarcerated adults through our Girl Scouts Beyond Bars program.

Timely topics such as computer science and technology, adventure sports, advocacy and political science, dating violence awareness, and entrepreneurship have joined traditional program opportunities offered to girls, from leadership, outdoor skills, wildlife, the environment, travel, first aid and disaster preparedness to water sports. The Girl Scout Cookie program is the number-one financial literacy program for girls in the world, where they learn money management, salesmanship and marketing, goal-setting and teamwork. Every activity is girl driven, so girls learn to make good choices and discover their potential as a leader.

Community service is a vital part of our mission to "make the world a better place." Girl Scouts participate in thousands of hours of service projects every year, directly benefiting their community, the state, our country and the world.

Our Impact

- More than 50 million women and girls have enjoyed Girl Scouting in the U.S.
- 58 percent of the women in the U.S. Congress are former Girl Scouts.
- 82 percent of high-achieving Girl Scout alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success.

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

Council President/Board Chair:
Barbara Barrett

Council Chief Executive Officer:
Patricia K. Mellor

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.

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