

# 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 activities in 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 3.4 million Girl Scouts—2.5 million girl members and 900,000 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 more than 100 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

If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or donating to Girl Scouts in your community, please call 800 GSUSA 4 U (800-478-7248) or visit [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.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

#### National President

Connie L. Lindsey

#### Chief Executive Officer

Kathy Cloninger

### Alumnae

Sixty-eight percent of the women in the United States Congress are former Girl Scouts.

Eighty-two percent of high-achieving Girl Scout alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success.