



# About Girl Scouts of the USA

## 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.

## Who We Are

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) 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—100 years ago—Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, there are 3.2 million Girl Scouts: 2.3 million girl members and 890,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

## What We Do

In Girl Scouts, 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 112 chartered councils nationwide. These councils provide direct services to girls and the volunteers who work with them, and to the communities they serve. Girl Scouting is open to all girls from kindergarten through high school.

## National Leadership

National Leadership Founder: Juliette Gordon Low

Honorary National President: Michelle Obama

National President, GSUSA: Connie L. Lindsey

Chief Executive Officer: Anna Maria Chávez

## Key Alumnae Stats

- Ten of seventeen women (59 percent) in the United States Senate are former Girl Scouts.
- Forty-five of seventy-five women (60 percent) in the House of Representatives are former Girl Scouts.
- Fifty-three percent of all women business owners are former Girl Scouts.
- Seventy-six percent of all Girl Scout alumnae report that Girl Scouts had a positive impact in their lives.

## For More Information

If you are interested in joining, volunteering with, 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).

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