

FACTSHEET

Girl Scouts Louisiana East

In 2008, Girl Scouts – Audubon Council and the Girl Scout Council of Southeast Louisiana realigned under a national reorganization plan designed by Girl Scouts of the USA to create a high performance, high capacity council with expanded program and delivery of Girl Scouting for all girls. Headquartered in New Orleans with a Regional Service Center in Baton Rouge, **Girl Scouts Louisiana East** serves the parishes of Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington, West Baton Rouge, and West Feliciana.

While the geographic area has expanded, the mission to **build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place**, remains unwavering. Council volunteers and staff remain fully committed to providing relevant and quality program opportunities for girls. In 2008 Girl Scouts Louisiana East served about 15,000 girls and 6,400 adults in its 23 parishes, and with the new council's configuration and expanded resources, the Girl Scouts plan to increase these numbers significantly.

About Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting is a premier voice for girls and a leading expert on their development into leaders. Together with committed adult volunteers who partner with girls to guide and inspire their growth and achievement, the organization builds girls of confidence, courage and character who make the world a better place.

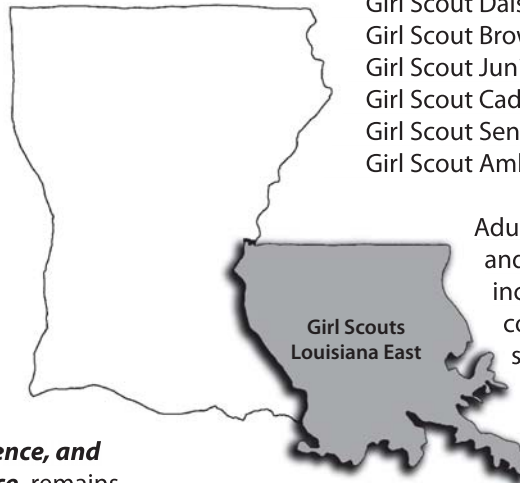
Since its founding in 1912, Girl Scouts has offered remarkable opportunities for girls to develop positive values and to contribute to society as leaders, thinkers, and responsible citizens. Today, Girl Scouts remains a highly regarded, contemporary organization and a steadfast advocate for girls.

Membership in Girl Scouts is open to all girls ages 5 to 17 who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law; women and men 18 and older can join as adult members. Membership is \$12 per year (beginning 10/1/09), but no girl will be denied membership for financial reasons. All girls are encouraged to

become Girl Scouts, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, creed, national origin, socioeconomic status or ability.

Girl Scouts is broken into six age levels:

- Girl Scout Daisies – kindergarten-grade 1
- Girl Scout Brownies – grades 2-3
- Girl Scout Juniors – grades 4-5
- Girl Scout Cadettes – grades 6-8
- Girl Scout Seniors – grades 9-10
- Girl Scout Ambassadors – grades 11-12



Adult members, who are both women and men, volunteer in many capacities including troop leaders or advisors, consultants, board members, and specialize in such areas as child development, adult education, outdoor education, special events and administration.

Building Leaders

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is designed to guide girls along a life-long path to...

- lead with **courage** when they speak out on issues they care about and take active roles in their communities;
- lead with **confidence** when they make the most of their strengths and feel empowered to make a difference in their lives and beyond;
- lead with **character** when they act with integrity and compassion, making decisions that promote the well-being of themselves and others;

...as they continue to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts inspires and empowers girls on their journey of discovery and leadership in a physically and emotionally safe, girls-only environment. It teaches girls to value and to be responsible custodians of natural resources and wildlife and encourages them to become involved in environmental issues, through conservation and environmental education, outdoor skills development and volunteer service. The Girl Scout program includes a myriad of enriching experiences, including field trips, health and fitness activities, financial literacy, science and technology, career exploration, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships.

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A Worldwide Sisterhood

Girl Scouts participate throughout the United States, and in 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas. Girl Scouts is part of a global community of 10 million girls in 144 countries through the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Girl Scout membership stands at more than 2.7 million girls and 928,000 adults — 99 percent of whom are volunteers. Remarkably, over 50 million American women were members of Girl Scouts during their childhood.

Healthy and Safety

The Girl Scouts' primary concern is always the health and safety of the girls we serve. Health standards and accident prevention are built into the total program. All activities are planned and carried out so as to safeguard the health, safety and general well-being of the participants.

Council Properties

Among its properties are three camps: **Camp Covington** in Covington, **Camp Marydale** in St. Francisville, and **Camp Whispering Pines** in Independence; **McFadden Cabin**, located in New Orleans' City Park; a **Regional Service Center** in Baton Rouge which houses regional offices and a program/training center; and the **Council Service Center** in New Orleans which houses the Council's corporate headquarters and a training center.

Camp Covington, a 23-acre site on the Bogue Falaya River near Covington, is open for day use and camping with platform tent and cabin units available. A newly renovated dining hall (nearly complete), fire circles, and frisbee disk course are just some of the improvements made to the camp in the last year. The sandy-bottomed Bogue Falaya remains a perfect spot for wading.

Resident camping is conducted at both Camp Marydale and Camp Whispering Pines with the two camps accredited by the American Camp Association. Camp Marydale is a 400-acre site, offering year round camping with a multi-purpose building/dining hall, cabin and platform tent units, a large lodge for activities, all located near a small lake. There is a sports field, an archery field, a low ropes course, several hiking trails, and a swimming pool. A herd of horses are housed in a large barn, with two riding arenas.

Camp Whispering Pines is a 600-acre site complete with cabin and platform tent units, day use areas, primitive camping areas, a junior Olympic-size swimming pool, sports field, rock-climbing wall and high ropes course, nature trails including a trail with access to the Tangipahoa River, and a lake with boating and fishing available.

Organizational Structure

The board of directors, led by chair Jacquelyn S. Daniels and composed of outstanding community volunteer leaders, manages the corporate and business affairs of the council. Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline K. Alexander is responsible to the board of directors for day-to-day operation of the council.

Girl Scouts Louisiana East is separately incorporated but chartered by the national organization, Girl Scouts of the USA.

Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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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.



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