

Invest in Tomorrow's Leaders

Girl Scouts today is everything it ever was – and more. Girl Scouts Louisiana East continuously expands new relationships with individual corporations and foundations that share our commitment to girls. In an accepting and nurturing environment, these relationships build girls of confidence, courage, and character, who make the world a better place.

But this support alone is not enough; last year it cost our Council \$299 dollars a year to serve one girl. Each year, the Girl Scouts greatly rely on the funding produced by our Annual Family Giving and Community Campaigns. Not retained by our council, the \$12 Girl Scout membership fee is sent directly to the Girl Scout national headquarters in New York to cover the cost of insurance, program development, and other services of the national organization. Finally, the proceeds from the fall product and cookie sale program, fees for services (i.e., camp costs), and United Way contributions provide only a portion of the funding necessary to cover the cost of providing the Girl Scout program to each girl that we serve.

Your contribution as a parent/guardian is needed. Your support provides the foundation for program maintenance and development of new program delivery systems. It also sends a loud and clear message of support within your service unit and throughout the community that you want to assure the future of Girl Scouting in your community. Your gift to Girl Scouts is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Product Sales

Through participation in the fall product and cookie sales, girls learn about money management and responsibility, develop self-awareness, build self-confidence, and work as a team to achieve their troop's goal. The annual sales give Girl Scouts an opportunity to earn money for their troop activities and for the council which funds recruitment and training of adult volunteers, maintenance of camp properties, and other council-wide initiatives.

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TO THE PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF A GIRL SCOUT



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.

What's It All About?

Girl Scouting is an informal, educational program designed to meet the needs and interests of today's girls, ages 5 through 17. The Girl Scout Movement is open to all girls and adults who accept The Girl Scout Promise and Law.

Girl Scouts is committed to helping girls:

- **Discover:** Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
- **Connect:** Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.
- **Take Action:** Girls act to make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout program is carried out in Girl Scout troops/groups with the help of volunteer adult leadership. Within the troop/group, a wide range of opportunities and experiences are offered. The amount of guidance the leaders give the girls in planning and decision-making varies within the six different program age levels of Girl Scouting. In Girl Scouting, it's not just "what girls do" (activities), but "how" (processes) they do them. These processes are **Girl-Led, Learning by Doing, and Cooperative Learning.**

The strength and ultimate responsibility for the Girl Scout Movement rests with volunteers working with the cooperation and support of the community.

A Voice for Girls

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

Girl Scouts values diversity and inclusiveness and does not discriminate on any basis.

Girl Scouts has a long-standing commitment to treasuring the natural resources of our environment.

Girl Scouts teaches and encourages physical and mental well-being for girls.

Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring that girls learn about other cultures and join with others to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts strongly supports efforts to ensure girls develop financial literacy skills early in life so they have the necessary tools to control their financial future.

Girl Scouts works to ensure all girls have a positive self-image, and believes all girls have a right to a life free from violence, whether in their relationships, homes, schools or communities.

Girl Scouts is committed to girls' exploration and pursuit of education and careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

Through Girl Scouts of the USA and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, girls are linked in sisterhood with other girls in their town, state, country, and the world.

Girl Scouts Louisiana East is chartered by the Girl Scouts of the USA. The council is divided into four geographic areas of service. Each area is broken into service units which are the most basic division of the council. Service unit volunteer teams provide direct and ongoing service to the many troops/groups and troop leaders within the units.

How Parents/Guardians are Expected to Help

- ◆ Be involved in troop/group activities and plans. Your daughter needs to be aware of your support and encouragement.
- ◆ Help her pay her troop/group dues by making it possible for her to earn and save. *(Does not apply to Girl Scout Daisies.)*
- ◆ Arrange for your daughter's transportation to and from the meeting place.
- ◆ Assume responsibility for your daughter promptly at the end of the meetings.
- ◆ See that she attends troop/group meetings and notify leader if she will be absent.
- ◆ Read, sign, and promptly return all required permission forms to the troop/group leader.
- ◆ Tell the leader if there is a custody issue she should know about for release of your daughter from troop/group meetings and activities.