

### **Our Shared Values**

Girl Scouts knows your priorities are educating students who are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and social awareness to succeed and who will become active, engaged citizens in an ever-changing world. By leading and learning in an all-girl environment, girls have the opportunity to challenge their fears, problem-solve, and work collaboratively while understanding how to manage their emotions, establish positive relationships, and gain a sense of belonging —which we know our students need right now. Girl Scouts teaches girls the skills they will need today and through their entire academic journey—into college and onto a rewarding career.

# **How We Work Together**

In Girl Scouts, girls take a hands-on approach to complement what they learn in the classroom daily. We complement your academic curriculum and teach girls how to be leaders, inside and outside of the classroom.

Our programming works hand-in-hand to enrich the academic skills girls gain every day by giving them a safe space to practice STEM & life skills, become entrepreneurs, and explore the outdoors. Research shows Girl Scouts are more likely to earn excellent grades, demonstrate higher academic aspirations, show a higher interest and involvement in their community, and have a stronger sense of self. As active members of your community and school, girls will be better prepared for life's challenges.

### **How Girl Scouts Benefits Girls and Families**

Our goal is for girls to learn to think critically about different issues and to solve problems together. We encourage teamwork and collaboration as much as we encourage independence and self-discovery. Here, a girl learns to believe in herself as well as count on her community for support. She works as part of a team, brings people with varying perspectives together to devise solutions and respects and appreciates the views of others as much as she does her own.



# The Girl Scout Leadership Experience: Outcomes

By participating in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls benefit in five key ways as they:



### Develop a strong sense of self.

She'll find confidence in herself and all that she's capable of as she tries new things, takes on new challenges, and learns from her mistakes.



### Display positive values.

She'll learn to act ethically, lead with honesty, be responsible, and show concern for others.



### See challenges and learn from setbacks.

She'll take age-appropriate risks, open herself up to new opportunities and experiences, and embrace failure as an opportunity to learn.



#### Form healthy relationships.

She'll practice leading with positivity, learn to communicate her feelings directly and resolve conflicts constructively.



#### Become community problem-solvers.

She'll identify problems in her community and create action plans to solve them.

Plus, we continually track, measure, and optimize our program to make sure these outcomes remain achievable and adaptable in a changing world.







# **Bullying Prevention and Friendship**

Teaching girls how to prevent bullying and providing them with a safe space for self-expression is crucial in today's increasingly complex social landscape. That's why, at Girl Scouts, we focus so much on community, on appreciating everyone's unique value, and on supporting one another through obstacles and conflict. We teach girls how best to develop and maintain healthy relationships and trusting friendships. Girl Scouts gives girls the tools they need to rise above bullying and champion everyone's right to live free of it.



# **Get Involved**



### **Elementary Age School and Community Program**

Our innovative Community Troop Program seamlessly integrates into your existing schedule, offering girls a chance to explore critical areas like STEM, healthy living, and financial literacy during school club periods or before/after-school hours.

Here's what makes this program truly shine:

- **Customization:** We tailor the curriculum to students' unique interests, ensuring a truly engaging experience.
- Alignment with Academics: Our national proficiency badges and curriculum are mapped to states' Common Core Standards and 21st Century Skills, supporting both personal growth and academic achievement.
- **Flexibility:** We understand the demands of a busy school environment. Our program seamlessly integrates, minimizing any disruption.

### **Middle Grades**

### **School and Community Program**

SOAR: a middle school club designed to empower and engage girls through dynamic and educational programming. SOAR is tailored specifically for middle school girls, combining age-appropriate activities with the high-quality curriculum that Girl Scouts is renowned for. Our goal is to provide girls with opportunities to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and foster a sense of community.



Key features of the SOAR club include:

- Interactive Learning: Hands-on activities that promote critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Leadership Development: Programs that encourage students to take initiative and lead projects.
- Community Engagement: Opportunities for students to participate in community service and outreach.
- Personal Growth: Activities that focus on self-awareness, resilience, and goal setting.

### **High School and Community Troops**

She Leads welcomes all high school girls (grades 9-12). She Leads is a school club run by the girls for the girls. She-Leaders are groundbreakers, big thinkers, and role models.

Key features of SHE LEADS

- Gain new leadership skills.
- Be a mentor to younger girls.
- Expand their world with travel opportunities.
- Gain confidence.
- Opportunity to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouting, where girls make a lasting impact on their community and become eligible for college scholarships.















# **Program Pillars: Foundation for Success**

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is built on four core program pillars.



Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM): With a focus on high-quality multiyear programs in engineering, computer science, and outdoor STEM, girls become increasingly interested, confident, and competent in STEM subjects.



**Outdoor:** Through progressive outdoor programs for girls of all ages, girls experience nature, build skills, and take action in their communities as environmental stewards.



**Life skills:** By partaking in life skills programming, girls enhance the academic skills they learn in school through topics such as civic engagement, healthy living, communication skills, financial literacy, and global citizenship.



**Entrepreneurship:** Starting with the iconic Girl Scout Cookie Program, this pillar explores ways in which girls can change the world by learning business skills and provides them with a variety of entrepreneurship opportunities.

# Pillars in Action: Delivering a Program Promise

As a Girl Scout, she'll team up with other girls to identify a problem she wants to do something about, find a creative solution, and create a team plan to make that solution a reality. Then she'll put her plan into action and tell others about what she learned. That's the Girl Scout Journey, which we offer at every grade level.

**Girl Scouts Heart of the South offers the Mobile STEAM Lab as one of our Pillars in Action.** It goes beyond the traditional classroom. It aims to cultivate a generation of confident, capable problem-solvers and innovators.

Many girls are eager to excel in STEAM fields but may lack the resources or encouragement to fully explore their potential. Our Mobile STEAM Lab allows us to meet girls where they are so they can find courage, confidence, and character through STEAM subjects.

Within the Mobile STEAM Lab, girls dive into a diverse array of activities. They explore the world of robotics, master the fundamentals of coding, conduct hands-on experiments through health and environmental sciences and much more.

Through girl-led, cooperative learning and hands-on activities, our curriculum is for every age and every girl. We want girls to learn about their future and what they could do in a STEAM-related field one day.







