

# This is what Girl Scouts is all about!

## Family involvement

Girls want their families to be involved in the great experiences they have at Girl Scouts. Be part of every inspiring moment she'll have as she unleashes her inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> to accomplish amazing things.



*OC Girl Scout Alexandra with her parents at Girl Scouts of Orange County's Celebrate Leadership event.*

## Belonging to a big sisterhood

Girls K-12 grade love being part of something big and having friends so close they call them "sisters." Girl Scouts is huge—more than 50 million Girl Scouts and alum strong—and includes millions of girls who share an important mission—making the world a better place.



*Girl Scouts explore the outdoors at Brownie Twilight.*

## Leadership

Girl Scouting centers on what we call the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)—a collection of age-appropriate experiences and activities that prepare Girl Scouts to empower themselves and gain the confidence to know they're capable of anything.



*OC Girl Scout Sharleen L. was recognized as one of 10 National Young Women of Distinction in 2017.*



*Girl Scouts practice outdoor skills during a Cadette campout.*

## Skill building through badge earning

Girls are proud to say, "Look what I can do now!" when they learn something new. Girl Scout badges focus on introducing girls to new experiences and building new skills.



*Girls Scouts collect food for a local food bank.*

## Taking action in our communities

Girl Scouts discover themselves and their values, connect with each other, and take action to make the world a better place.





Girl Scouts serve as citizen scientists and collect data that will be used to monitor and manage Crystal Cove's underwater park.

### Girl-friendly

In Girl Scouts, girls try new things, take on challenges, build community, and inspire others. When girls take charge of their group experiences, they have more fun and build new skills.

### Earning and learning through the Cookie Program

When girls take part in the largest girl-led business in the world (a.k.a. the Cookie Program), they earn funds for their Girl Scout activities. They also learn 5 Skills—Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics—that will help them in business and in life.



Girl Scouts show off their decision making and people skills during a Girl Scout Cookie booth sale.

### Celebrating with ceremonies and traditions

Girl Scouts enjoy participating in time-honored traditions and ceremonies. They build on the successes of Girl Scouts who came before them and pave the way for future generations of leaders.

OC Girl Scout Gold Award recipient in her Gold Award graduation stole.



### Expanding her world view

As girls explore new ideas, visit new places, and meet new people, their understanding of the world—and of what is possible for them—grows.

OC Girl Scouts travel as a troop to San Francisco.

### Growing through Girl Scouts with progression

The Girl Scout program is built on progression from one level to the next, meaning girls benefit at every stage, starting in kindergarten as a Girl Scout Daisy through 12th grade as a Girl Scout Ambassador.



Girl Scouts celebrate Flag Day.

Learn more about what it means to be a Girl Scout at [girlscoutsoc.org/join](http://girlscoutsoc.org/join)