

Girl Scout Glossary

A

Adult Guide

The Adult Guide for each Journey offers an introduction to the Journey's theme and awards, grade level specific tips and suggestions, and a full set of "sample session" plans filled with ceremonies, activities, discussions and reflection that adults can use as they guide girls through a Journey. The Adult Guide also provides detailed instructions, examples, activities, and discussion starters to bring the Journey to life in partnership with girls. The Adult Guides show how the content of the Girl Journey books relate to and act as a springboard for group activities.

Adult Learning

The GSWCF department that manages volunteer training and learning opportunities for adult volunteers. There are specific courses for adults where they are trained to carry out the Girl Scout Program according to Girl Scout Policy and Procedure. Training is required for most positions.

Ambassador

A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Ambassadors are in grades 10-12.

Annual meeting

The yearly delegate meeting a local Girl Scout council holds to elect its board of directors and conduct other business essential to Girl Scouting in its geographic area.

Area Association

Geographical groupings of Service Units for the purpose of conducting our governance.

Area Association Meetings

Meetings of all delegates held twice a year (fall and early spring – usually October and February) and the method by which delegates gather feedback from the council's general membership on governance issues. These could include things like overall strategic plans, properties, policies affecting Girl Scouts and more.

Awards

See Insignia.

B

Baden-Powell, Lord and Lady

He was the founder of the Boy Scouts and She was the first Chief World Guide of the Girl Guides. Their joint birthday is on February 22nd, which is referred to as World Thinking Day (see Thinking Day for more information).

Badges

Awards earned by Girl Scouts indicating increasing knowledge and skill in a particular subject. Legacy badge requirements are in the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting. Requirements for the badges that accompany each Journey are in the Badge Activity Sets. Girls wear badges on the front of their Girl Scout uniform.

Birthplace

The Savannah, Georgia, birthplace and childhood home of Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA. The Birthplace is now a historic house museum and Girl Scout troop program facility. See also Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center.

Bandana

Multipurpose cotton square that girls wear as a scarf or use as a sit-upon, tote, or potholder.

Blue Book of Basic Documents	This publication contains all of the basic documents of Girl Scouts of the USA and is the foundation for the work of all Girl Scout councils.
Board of Directors	Elected volunteers who are the governing body of the Council responsible for finances, strategic direction and planning, and supervisor of the CEO.
BOLT: Basic Outdoor Leadership Training	Overnight course that must be completed by leaders prior to overnight camping trips. It provides basic outdoor instruction for getting girls outside and interacting with nature. You'll receive lots of helpful hints for their first outdoor experiences and avoid some common pitfalls.
Bridging Activities	Activities preparing members for the next Girl Scout grade-level. The bridging activities frequently involve completing an activity done by girls in the upcoming grade-level. After the troop/group has had a taste of what lies ahead for them in Girl Scouts, it holds a ceremony to mark the transition from one grade level to the next.
Bridging Ceremony	A ceremony where Girl Scouts celebrate "crossing the bridge" from one grade level of Girl Scouting to the next.
Bronze Award	The highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn. This award requires her to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a Take Action project that makes a positive impact on her community.
Brownie	A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Brownies are grades 2-3.
Brownie Ring	A circle formed by members of a Girl Scout Brownie troop/group for discussing troop business and planning activities.
Buddy System	A safety practice where girls always "buddy-up" or travel in pairs during any Girl Scout activity.

C

Cadettes	A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scouts Cadettes are grades 6-8.
Camp Dorothy Thomas (CDT)	Council owned camp property (located in Riverview) open for troop camping, encampment, and other programs.
Camp Indian Echo	Council owned camp property (located in Hudson) open for troop camping, encampment, and other programs.
Camp Ranger	Staff member who maintains the upkeep of the Council camps and assists guests upon their arrival and departure.
Camp Scoutcrest	Council owned camp property (located in Odessa) open for troop camping, encampment, and other programs.
Camp Wai Lani	Council owned camp property (located in Palm Harbor) open for troop camping, encampment, and other programs.
Camp Wildwood	Council owned camp property (located in Wildwood) open for troop camping, encampment, and other programs.
Campership	Financial Assistance offered by the Council and funded through various fundraising appeals. This allows girls to be able to participate in our

summer camp programs.

CEO-Girl Advisory Board

A group of Girl Scout Juniors through Girl Scout Ambassadors from throughout the council, who come together throughout the year to provide ideas, guidance and girl-driven recommendations to the chief executive officer and staff of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), GSUSA

The Chief Executive Officer of the national Girl Scout corporation. Employed by and accountable to its board of directors, the Chief Executive Officer serves at the pleasure of the board. She or he leads the national staff in achieving the organization's vision and goals. Anna Maria Chavez is the current CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA.

Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Girl Scout council

Employed by, and accountable to, its board of directors, the Chief Executive Officer of a local Girl Scout council provides strategic direction and vision for development and achievement of the organization's purpose, as well as leadership in council day-to-day operations.

Connect

One of the Three Keys to Leadership. Girls care about, inspire, and team/connect with others locally and globally.

Cookie Dough

Can be earned by girls participating in the cookie sales program; the more you sell, the more dough you can earn. Cookie Dough can be used to purchase items from the Girl Scout Stores located in Tampa and Wildwood, or to pay for Girl Scout Programs/camps. Cookie Dough is not redeemable for cash.

Cookie Program Business Skills

These are the 5 skills every girl learns by participating in the cookie program – it's not just a fundraiser, it's financial empowerment: (1) Goal Setting; (2) Decision Making; (3) Money Management; (4) People Skills; and (5) Business Ethics.

Cooperative Learning

One of the three processes of the GSLE. When girls work together to choose an idea and develop a team plan. Designed to promote sharing of knowledge, skills, and learning in an atmosphere of respect and cooperation as girls work together on goals that can only be accomplished with the help of others.

Council

The entire body of registered girl and adult members in a given geographical area.

Council Patch Programs

Through council patch programs girls are able to connect with their community. Girls can develop new relationships with local organizations and learn about what their communities have to offer. Each program has a list of requirements and once girls have completed the project they earn the patch. Girls wear council patches on the back of their Girl Scout uniform.

Councilor-in-Training (CIT)

This award is for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors that mentor younger girls in a camp setting and build skills toward becoming a camp counselor. The steps to earning this award are outlined in the [Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting](#).

Court of Awards

A ceremony where girls receive awards for their achievements.

Cultural Awareness

Sensitivity to cultural differences.

D

Daisies	A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Daisies are in kindergarten or grade 1.
Daisy	The nickname of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low.
Daisy Circle	A form of troop governance used by Daisies. Usually once a month, the girls and their leader meet in a circle to plan, solve problems and make decisions.
Daisy's Circle	The monthly giving program for supporters of Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.
Delegate	See National Council delegate, Girl Scout council delegate.
Destinations	Travel experiences that range from two days to three weeks for Cadettes and older. Destinations fall into one of five different categories—international, outdoor, science, people, or getaways. All destinations events provide an opportunity for individual members to meet other Girl Scouts, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities to broaden their perspectives.
Discover	One of the Three Keys to Leadership. Girls understand/discover themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
Diversity	The state of being different or diverse. When used to describe people and population groups, diversity encompasses such factors as age, gender, race, ethnicity, size, ability, and religion, as well as education, professional background, and marital and parental status.
Dunk Bag	A mesh bag with a drawstring, used to sterilize utensils and plates when washing dishes.

E

Earned Grade-Level Awards	Insignia from Girl Scout grade-level books. Earned by completing requirements or by demonstrating an understanding of a concept. Included in this category are such awards as Girl Scout grade-level badges, Journey awards, the Girl Scout Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards.
eBudde	Cookie vendor database where we enter our sale information. It is utilized by volunteers and staff to manage our cookie sale.
Emblems	GSUSA, council, troop, membership, and identification insignia.
Encampment	Service Unit wide camping event planned and held by Service Unit members for the girls and troops in their area. Encampments are held once each Girl Scout year (September through May), and typically involve many troops with leaders and volunteers facilitating activities.
Event Director	A volunteer that is planning a large event either for either a Service Unit or a Council sponsored event.

Extended Overnight Trip Three or four night camping trip or a stay in a hotel, motel, or hostel within the girls' home region (for example, New England, the Upper Midwest, the Southeast, the Pacific Northwest, and so on). See Volunteer Essentials for travel approval procedures.

F

First-Aid Kit A basic first aid kit is required at every Girl Scout meeting or function. Refer to Safety-Activity Checkpoints for more information on how to build an appropriate kit.

First-Aider An adult volunteer who has taken local Girl Scout Council approved First-Aid/CPR training from a nationally recognized organization.

Flag Ceremony A Girl Scout ceremony involving not only the American flag, but also flags of the troop, the Council, WAGGGS, or of Girl Guide nations.

Fly-up Ceremony The event at which a Girl Scout Brownie receives her Brownie Wings and becomes a Girl Scout Junior.

Founders Day The birthday of Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts, October 31.

Friendship Circle Formed by Girl Scouts standing in a circle, crossing their right arm over their left, and clasping hands. The circle represents the unbroken chain of friendship among Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world.

Friendship Squeeze A hand squeeze that travels around a friendship circle from one person to another after someone starts it.

Fun Patches Supplementary insignia received by girls for simply participating in an event or activity. Girls wear fun patches on the back of their Girl Scout uniform.

G

Girl Book The girls' book for each Journey provides fun and engaging content and activities by grade level that girls can enjoy and learn from on their own and as accompaniment to the group activities they enjoy with sister Girl Scouts. Journey content ranges from fictional stories, games and puzzles to real life stories about women in a range of careers.

Girl Guide A member of a worldwide organization for girls ages 7 through 18 that is similar to the Girl Scouts in the United States.

Girl Scout A member of Girl Scouts of the USA or another country's national Girl Scout organization. The U.S. organization grants membership to any girl who has:

- Made the Girl Scout Promise
- Accepted the Girl Scout Law
- Paid the annual dues
- Met applicable grade level requirements

Girl Scout Adult An adult member of Girl Scouts of the USA. The organization grants membership as a Girl Scout adult to any person who has:

- Accepted its principles and beliefs, as stated in the preamble of its constitution.
- Paid the annual or lifetime dues.
- Met applicable age/education standards. A Girl Scout adult must be 18 or older or have a high school diploma or the equivalent.

Girl Scout Advisor A trained Girl Scout volunteer that will help a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador with the initial stages of her Silver or Gold Award.

Girl Scout Birthday The official birthday of Girl Scouting is March 12, 1912, when the first meeting was held in Savannah, GA. It is celebrated every year during Girl Scout Week.

Girl Scout Council One of Girl Scouts of the USA's local affiliates, with authority over Girl Scouting in a specific section of the country. Currently, there are over 100 Girl Scout Councils in the USA. Your council is Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

Girl Scout Council Charter A credential issued by GSUSA's National Board to a group of persons, a corporation, or other form of organization exclusively devoted to the Girl Scout Movement in the United States. The charter grants the group or organization the right to develop, manage and maintain Girl Scouting in a specified area and call itself a Girl Scout council.

Girl Scout Council Delegate Any registered Girl Scout 14 years of age or over elected as a voting member of a local Girl Scout council corporation. Each Service Unit (a specific geographic area) elects delegates to represent it at the council's annual meeting. Delegates serve as the primary communication link between area Girl Scout members, community networks and West Central Florida's Board of Directors. They also gather opinions about governance matters; elect board members, Board Development Committee members and national council delegates; and approve changes to the council's bylaws. The number of delegates allocated to a Service Unit is determined by the number of girls registered to that Service Unit on September 30th of the prior membership year.

Girl Scout Handshake A formal way of greeting other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. You shake hands with the left hand and give the Girl Scout sign with your right hand.

Girl Scout Law *Along with the Girl Scout Promise, the Girl Scout Law is the credo of Girl Scouting. A girl lives the 10 parts of the Girl Scout Law to fulfill the Girl Scout Promise.*

*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.*

Girl Scout Leader's Day	A day of appreciation for adult volunteers in Girl Scouting held on April 22 every year.
Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)	Girls <u>Discover</u> themselves and their values; <u>Connect</u> with others; and <u>Take Action</u> to make the world a better place. At Girl Scouts, everything centers around the girl; activities are girl-led, which gives girls the opportunity to learn by doing in a cooperative learning environment.
Girl Scout Mission Statement	Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.
Girl Scout Motto	"Be prepared."
Girl Scout Movement	Also referred to as the Movement. All members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts joined together for the purpose of inspiring girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service so they may become happy and resourceful citizens.
Girl Scout National Organization	A grouping that includes the National Council, National Board of Directors, national committees and task groups, and the national staff.
Girl Scout Promise	Along with the Girl Scout Law, is the credo of Girl Scouting; the pledge that binds members together as part of the Girl Scout Movement. A girl must make the Promise to become a Girl Scout member. <i>On my honor, I will try:</i> To serve God and my country, To help people at all times, And to live by the Girl Scout Law.
Girl Scout Research Institute (GSRI)	The GSRI conducts original research, evaluation, and outcomes measurement studies, releases critical facts and findings, and provides resources essential for the advancement of the well-being and safety of girls living in today's world.
Girl Scout Sabbath/Sunday	The Saturday/Sunday in Girl Scout Week. A time for members to be recognized in their place of worship or to recognize the place of worship as a sponsor of a troop/group. Also an appropriate time for religious recognitions to be awarded to Girl Scouts exploring their own faith.
Girl Scout Service Mark	The Girl Scout service mark is composed of two parts: the symbol (the trefoil with three profiles) and the logotype (the words "Girl Scouts" along with the registration mark ®).
Girl Scout Sign	Made by raising three fingers of the right hand. This sign stands for the three parts of the Promise. You give the sign when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You say the Girl Scout Promise • You are welcomed into Girl Scouting at an investiture ceremony • You receive a patch or badge • You greet other Girl Scouts and Girl Guides
Girl Scout Slogan	"Do a good turn daily."
Girl Scout Trefoil	"Trefoil" means three leaves. Each leaf in the Girl Scout trefoil stands for a part of the Girl Scout Promise. Within the traditional Girl Scout trefoil is the American eagle and shield, which are part of the Great Seal of the United States of America. The eagle is a symbol of strength and victory, and the shield on the eagle's breast signifies self-reliance. In his talons, he clutches

on his right an olive branch, the symbol of peace, and on his left, a shaft of arrows, the symbol of might. The eagle faces right, which is the position of honor, looking toward the symbol of peace. The eagle and shield within the trefoil signify that Girl Scouts stand ready to serve their country. The stylized Girl Scout trefoil, symbolizes the continuing commitment to the three-part Promise. The three faces stand for the diversity of Girl Scouting and its focus on girls.

Girl Scout Troop	A group of girls and adult volunteers who meet on a regular basis to engage in Girl Scout Program activities. Troops are organized according to "Grade Level" which places girls together with others in the same social/developmental stage.
Girl Scout Uniform (Adult)	Navy blue business suit with white top, Girl Scout scarf, and Girl Scout membership pin.
Girl Scout Uniform (Girl)	Khaki pants or skirt with a white top, Girl Scout vest or sash, and Girl Scout membership pin. All Girl Scout Uniform components available in the retail shop or online are appropriate.
Girl Scout University (GSU)	GSU offers personal, professional, and career development opportunities, through In-Person and Online learning experiences, for Girl Scouts volunteers and staff.
Girl Scout Week	The week containing March 12, the Girl Scout birthday, the anniversary of the first Girl Scout troop meeting in the United States in 1912. This observance is celebrated each year, starting with the Sunday on or preceding the 12th.
Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA)	The official name of the national Girl Scout corporation chartered by the U.S. Congress and incorporated in the District of Columbia. Also known as Girl Scouts of the USA or GSUSA.
Girl Scouts' Own	Girl-planned inspirational ceremonies held in the troop/group or at camp. It is an opportunity for girls to express their feelings about Girl Scouting or a topic of their choosing, such as friendship, being courageous and strong, or nature. Girl Scouts' Own is not a religious service.
Girl-Led	One of the three processes of the GSLE. With the guidance of adult volunteers, girls of every age take an active and grade-appropriate role in figuring out the what, where, when, why, and how of what they do. Girls shape their experiences by asking questions, offering ideas, and using their imaginations.
Girls Guide to Girl Scouting	Each guide contains the following: A colorful, easy-to-use binder specially designed for girls at each level; Girl Scout Handbook; Legacy, Financial Literacy, and Cookie Business badge activities; a detailed diagram showing where girls place the badges, pins, or awards with pride on their vests or sashes; ideas to help girls tie their badges into their Journeys; vintage illustrations and quotes from Girl Scout history; an awards log.
Girl Zone	A fun area located in the Leadership Center that was designed by girls. It consists of five themed spaces: STEM, community, healthy living, environment, and the Cookie Program. Troops may reserve the Girl Zone for Friday night sleepovers or Saturday evening fun!

Gold Award	The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest and most prestigious award that Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors can earn. This award recognizes the leadership, efforts, and impact girls have had on their communities.
GORP (Good Old Raisins and Peanuts)	A favorite snack food of Girl Scouts, especially when hiking. Usually consists of raisins, M&Ms, edible seeds, nuts, and other natural foods. Sometimes called "birdseed".
Grade-levels	The grade-levels in Girl Scouting are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daisy, grades K-1 • Brownie, grades 2-3 • Junior, grades 4-5 • Cadette, grades 6-8 • Senior, grades 9-10 • Ambassador, grades 11-12

H	
Health Form	The Health Examination Form should be completed each year for each girls and be carried with the troop/group at all times.
Health History	An updated record of a girl's past and present health status (for example: allergies, chronic illnesses, and injuries), which her parent/guardian completes. The organization requires a health history for participation in physically demanding activities, such as water sports or horseback riding.
Honor Guard	A group who leads flag ceremonies. The flag carriers wear red sashes across their chest and the "guards" wear a red sash around their waist.

I	
Independent Girl Scout	Girl Scouts not affiliated with a troop. Girls who are registered individually can join other girls at council-wide events and can participate in all Girl Scouts has to offer. Also referred to as a Juliette.
Insignia	The umbrella term for U.S. Girl Scout earned grade-level awards, religious and other awards, emblems, and participation patches and pins. Girls wear all insignia, except fun patches and pins, on the front of their Girl Scout uniform.
Investiture Ceremony	A ceremony in which a new member makes her Girl Scout Promise and receives her membership pin.
Interest Group	A group of Girl Scouts exploring specific areas of mutual interest.

J	
Juliette	A registered Girl Scout not affiliated with a troop. Juliettes can join other girls at council-wide events and can participate in all Girl Scouts has to offer. Also referred to as an Independent Girl Scout.

Journeys

Journeys are the core national program of Girl Scouting and are based on the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Journeys invite girls at each grade level to explore a theme through many experiences and from many perspectives while building leadership skills, confidence and knowledge to widen their view of the world. Meeting new people, exploring new things, making memories and gathering keepsakes are important parts of the series. The first Journey series, "It's Your World—Change It", is the premier advocacy program for girls. The second Journey series, "It's Your Planet—Love it", contains environmentally based sessions and the third Journey series, "It's your Story—Tell It", covers self-esteem. Journeys tie to 15 Girl Scout Leadership outcomes and to 3 fundamental processes for girls (Girl Led, Learning by Doing, and Cooperative Learning.) This is what makes the Journey series different from school work and other activities. Customize and bring to life the Journey experience by sprinkling in your own interest, talents, creativity, and imagination.

Everything girls do—whether it's performing science experiments, creating art projects, cooking simple meals, or learning to protect the planet's water supply—is aimed at giving them the benefits of the Girl Scout "Keys to Leadership": Discover, Connect, Take Action.

Juliette Gordon Low

The founder of the Girl Scout Movement in the United States. Also known as Daisy.

Juliette Gordon Low Girl Scout National Center

Also called the birthplace, is the house where Juliette Gordon Low was born, is now a Girl Scout museum and program center maintained by GSUSA. Located in Savannah, Georgia, the center is part of the largest national Historic Landmark District in the United States.

Juliette Low World Friendship Fund

A Girl Scouts of the USA-operated fund that supports educational programs, service projects, training, and international travel to foster friendship among girls from the 144 countries of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Juniors

A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Juniors are in grades 4-6.

Journey Summit Award

If a girl has completed all three Journeys at her grade level, she can receive the Journey Summit pin.

K

Kaper Chart

A grid system, wheel, table, or other creative system showing the job or chore assigned to each girl or group of girls for any given project, meeting, or activity. Useful for meetings, camp-outs, and special events.

Keys to Leadership

Discover, Connect and Take Action. See also Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

L

Leadership Center	Girl Scouts of West Central center of operations, located at 4610 Eisenhower Blvd, Tampa, FL, 33634. The Leadership Center houses the council staff, Girl Scout Store, Resource Center, and Girl Zone.
Learning By Doing	One of the three processes of the GSLE. Hands-on learning that engages girls in an ongoing cycle of action and reflection. When girls actively participate in meaningful activities and later reflect on them, they get a deeper understanding of concepts and mastery of skills and can apply what they've learned to other things in their lives.
Lifetime Membership	<p>Granted to any person 18 years of age or older or a high school graduate or the equivalent who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepts the principals and beliefs as stated in the Preamble of the Girl Scout constitution. • Has paid lifetime membership dues of 25 times the annual membership dues (lifetime membership dues of 13 times the annual membership dues shall be offered to any girl who is a registered Girl Scout at the time of her high school graduation or equivalent, and be available to her before the girl's current membership expires). • Meets applicable membership standards.

M

Membership Year	October 1 st through September 30 th .
Mission of Girl Scouts of the USA	Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.
My Promise, My Faith	The new Girl Scouts My Promise, My Faith pin invites girls in grades K-12 to experience a faith journey through exploration of the Girl Scout Law and teachings from their faith. Girls can earn this national pin each year.

N

National Board of Directors	A body that manages the national Girl Scout corporation between sessions of the National Council. On the National Board are the Chair of the National Board of Directors, two Vice Chairs, the Secretary and Treasurer, and 35 members-at-large. Elected by the National Council, all of these positions have a three-year term.
National Convention	A triennial (every 18 months) meeting at which the National Council elects officers and other members of the National Board and National Nominating Committee and amends the constitution, as needed. Delegates also determine Girl Scout policy by considering and acting upon proposals and giving guidance to the National Board on the direction of Girl Scouting in the United States.
National Council	<p>The membership body of the national Girl Scout corporation in meeting assembled. It includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegates elected by local Girl Scout councils and USA Girl Scouts Overseas. • Members of the National Board of Directors and National Board Development Committee.

- Past Chairs of the National Board of Directors.
- Other members elected by the National Council.

The National Council:

- Elects the National Board and National Board Development Committee.
- Amends the Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA.
- Establishes requirements for credentials, such as those for membership and Girl Scout council charters.
- Determines overall policy for the Girl Scout Movement and program in the United States by considering proposals fostering and improving Girl Scouting, by receiving and acting upon reports of the National Board, and by guiding the board on the general direction of the Movement and program

National Council Delegate

A person 14 years of age or over, elected by a local Girl Scout council as a voting member of Girl Scouts of the USA. Each local council and USA Girl Scouts Overseas can elect one delegate, as well as another one for every 1,800 girls under its jurisdiction. To count toward the 1,800, a girl must have been a member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA as of September 30 of the year proceeding the National Council's regular session. The prescribed number of girls is adjusted up or down as necessary to keep the local council and overseas delegate total as close as possible to 2,000. National Council delegates serve for a three-year term.

National Headquarters

The Girl Scout national organization's center of operations. In July 1992, GSUSA moved its national headquarters to 420 Fifth Avenue in New York City. This nucleus for U.S. research and development in Girl Scouting takes up nine floors of a 39-story office condominium building that extends from 37th to 38th Streets. The building houses the organization's national staff.

National Program Portfolio

The National Program Portfolio has two main parts – the National Leadership Journeys and *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*. Complemented by the Girl Scout Cookie program, Girl Scout travel and Girl Scout awards, the National Program Portfolio is designed to help girls develop as leaders and build confidence by learning new skills. It also ensures that Girl Scouts at every level are sharing a powerful, national experience—girls together changing the world!

Nut Bucks

Can be earned by individual girl members participating in fall product sales. Nut Bucks can be used to purchase items from the Girl Scout Store, or to pay for Girl Scout Programs/camps. Nut Bucks is not redeemable for cash.

NUT-E

Vendor database where we enter our information for fall product sales. It is utilized by volunteers and staff to manage the sale.

O

Our Cabaña

A program center located in Cuernavaca, Mexico, owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Our Chalet

A program center located in Adelboden, Switzerland, owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Outcomes

Fifteen benefits of the activities associated with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience categorized under the keys to leadership. The National Leadership Journeys have been tied to National and State Curriculum

standards to help you partner with schools.

Older Girl

Refers to girls who are Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador Girl Scouts.

Outdoor Program

Using the Girl Scout program outdoors to allow girls to grow in relation to each of the three keys to leadership.

P

Pathways

Girl Scout Membership Pathways are a more flexible way to be a Girl Scout. Do what you want to do, when you want to do it, and benefit from the excellent quality of the Girl Scout Leadership experience – but in more flexible ways that fit your schedule. The Pathways are Camp, Events, Series, Travel, Troop and Virtual.

Patrol

Small group of girls that plans and carries out activities within the troop/larger group.

Patrol System

A form of troop government composed of patrols and a Court of Honor. Girl Scout Junior troops often use the patrol system.

Pax Lodge

A program center owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Located at Olave Centre, the association's main office in London, England.

Petals

Awards earned by Girl Scout Daisies. Each petal is a different color and represents one of the 10 parts of the Girl Scout Law. To earn a petal, a girl shows her Troop Leader she understands the corresponding part of the law.

Phone Tree

A list of people and the phone numbers, arranged to facilitate a chain of calls in an emergency. The person who gets the first call contacts a designated small group of people, who then call others on the list. This is a good way to set up emergency notification for any troop trips or overnights or to let parents know if the girls will be late coming back from a trip.

Pinning Ceremony

Celebrates when girls receive grade-level Girl Scout pins.

Pluralism

A system that includes from groups differing in basic background experiences and cultures. Pluralism allows for the development of a common tradition while preserving the right for each group to maintain its cultural heritage and implies mutual respect.

Processes

The Girl Scout Leadership model consists of three processes: Girl-Led, Learn by Doing and Cooperative Learning. These processes, intentionally combined, make Girl Scouting unique, determine the quality of the experience, and create fun and friendship for girls. Girls will have the opportunity to create their own experiences, reflect on them, and apply what they have learned to new situations. See also Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE).

Product sales, council-sponsored

Council-wide program activities in which girl members may sell authorized, tangible products, such as Girl Scout Cookies® or candy and nuts.

Program

Activities supporting the four fundamental goals and specifically designed for each of the Girl Scout levels.

Program Aide (PA)	This award is for Girl Scout Cadettes who work directly with a troop/group under the supervision of an adult volunteer. The Program Aide is required to attend training sessions where she gains expertise in a particular field of interest, such as science, computers, or song leading. The steps to earning this award are outlined in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.
Progression	The rate at which Girl Scouts learn and grow with the Girl Scout program. At each level the girls take on more responsibility for Troop Government and Girl-Adult Planning.
Project Advisor	The community "expert" a Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, or Ambassador chooses in her area of service to advise her Silver or Gold Award project. This person may also be someone at the agency she is helping or someone with extensive knowledge about the project topic.
Promise Center	Award earned by Daisy Girl Scouts. A girl receives this "center" patch, to go with the petals, after showing her Troop Leader she understands the Girl Scout Promise.

Q	
Quiet Sign	Raising the right hand over the head to signal for attention and quiet at any Girl Scout gathering. When the hand goes up, mouths go quiet, and everyone joins in giving the quiet sign.

R	
Rededication ceremony	A reaffirmation of a Girl Scout member's belief in the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
Religious and other awards	Official awards earned for completing requirements set by religious/other organizations or by Girl Scouts of the USA. These awards are all worn on a similar place on the Girl Scout uniform.
Resident camp	A local Girl Scout council-sponsored summer camp where girls stay overnight, often for a week or more. They live in units and participate in programs led by a staff of trained counselors.

S	
Safety Activity Checkpoints	Publication containing Girl Scout Program Standards and Guidelines that provide for the health and safety of all girls.
Sangam	A program center located in Pune, India, owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
Sash/Vest	A part of the Girl Scout Uniform where girls may display their Girl Scout recognitions and insignia.
Seniors	A grade-level in Girl Scouting. Girl Scout Seniors are grades 9-10.

Service Unit	The specific geographic area within a Council and the Girl Scouts within it—all leaders, troops/groups, and girls there. Each Service Unit has its own team of administrative volunteers.
Silver Award	The highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. This requires her to show she is a leader who is organized, determined, and dedicated to improving her community.
Sit-Upon	A lightweight pad or mat used when sitting on the floor or ground. Sit-Upons are often handmade by the girls.
S'mores	A favorite campfire treat consisting of toasted marshmallows and chocolate bars sandwiched between graham crackers.
Staff	Personnel employed by our Council who provide assistance and support to the volunteer membership.
STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)	Girl Scouts introduces girls of every age to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) experiences relevant to everyday life. Whether they're discovering how a car's engine runs, how to manage finances, or exploring careers in STEM fields, girls are fast-forwarding into the future.
Stepping Out	This training is a prerequisite for BOLT. It will allow groups to participate in Service Unit, region and council sponsored outdoor activities when fire and food are provided at the event being attended. This training will not cover participants learning fire building skills.
SWAPS	S pecial W hatchamacallits A ffectionately P inned S omewhere. Tokens exchanged at special Girl Scout/Girl Guide events that signify friendship. Ideally these are inexpensive handmade items that are accepted by the receiver as a token of friendship.

T

Trip leader/advisor	An adult who accompanies a group on a trip involving activities such as camping, backpacking, or canoeing. She or he possesses the knowledge, skills, and experience (e.g., in outdoor leadership, trip planning, risk management, first aid, and supervision) required for the trip.
Troop Camping	A camping experience planned and carried out by a Girl Scout troop with its leaders/advisors. At every troop camping experience there must be a BOLT trained volunteer as well as a First-Aider in attendance.
Troop Leader	A registered and trained Girl Scout adult volunteer who meets regularly with girls to help them achieve the purposes of Girl Scouting.
Thinking Day	See World Thinking Day.
Take Action	One of the Three Keys to Leadership. A sustainable and measurable project within a community to make the world a better place.
Troop Finance Report	A form filled out by each troop to summarize the income and expenses for the year.

Troop Government	Methods by which the girls and adults together manage the troop in a democratic way.
Trip Planning Form	A form to be used for approval of overnight trips. See the Travel Appendix of Volunteer Essentials for more information on travel planning procedures.
Trefoil	"Trefoil" means three leaves. Each leaf in the Girl Scout trefoil stands for a part of the Girl Scout Promise. Within the traditional Girl Scout trefoil is the American eagle and shield, which are part of the Great Seal of the United States of America. The eagle is a symbol of strength and victory, and the shield on the eagle's breast signifies self-reliance. In his talons, he clutches on his right an olive branch, the symbol of peace, and on his left, a shaft of arrows, the symbol of might. The eagle faces right, which is the position of honor, looking toward the symbol of peace. The eagle and shield within the trefoil signify that Girl Scouts stand ready to serve their country. The stylized Girl Scout trefoil, symbolizes the continuing commitment to the three-part Promise. The three faces stand for the diversity of Girl Scouting and its focus on girls.

U	
Unit	A portion of a campsite designated as the living and working area for a group of campers.
USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO)	Girl Scouts of the USA's overseas arm, which delivers the Girl Scout program to American girls and girls attending American or International schools outside the continental United States.

V	
Volunteer	A registered and background screened adult who contributes her or his time to Girl Scouts without the expectation of compensation. Volunteers typically give their time as Troop Leaders/Helpers, coaches, mentors, Service Unit Team members, board members, delegates, or assist girls in special projects in their area of expertise.
Volunteer Essentials	A publication outlining Girl Scout processes, safety guidelines, volunteer responsibilities, and much more. Think of Volunteer Essentials as your encyclopedia to Girl Scout volunteering.
Volunteer Toolkit	The Volunteer Toolkit is an online troop management resource for Troop Leaders.
Volunteer-In-Training (VIT)	This award is for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who mentor a younger troop outside of the camp experience for 3-6 months. The steps to earning this award are outlined in The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.

W	
World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)	An association of Girl Scout and Girl Guide national organizations around the world. WAGGGS serves approximately eight million Girl Scouts and Girl Guides in 144 countries. Through Girl Scouts of the USA's membership in

WAGGGS, each girl and adult registered as a Girl Scout in the United States becomes part of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout world movement. The World Association's mission is to enable girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as responsible citizens of the world.

World Association Pin

A pin with a gold trefoil on a blue field that may be worn by all Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. It is the symbol of the worldwide bond of Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding.

World Centers

Owned and operated by WAGGGS, these facilities are for the use of visiting Girl Scouts and Girl Guides. They are known as: Olave House – London, England; Our Cabana – Cuernavaca, Mexico; Our Chalet – Adelboden, Switzerland; Sangam House – Poona, India.

World Thinking Day (Formerly, Thinking Day)

February 22, the birthday of both Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide, and her husband, Lord Baden-Powell, founder of Boy Scouts. First celebrated in 1927, the day was renamed at the 1999 Girl Guide/Girl Scout World Conference. Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world use the day to think of each other and exchange greetings, learn about other countries, and give to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.

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Year Pins (or Membership Stars)

Awarded yearly to Girl Scouts. The star represents each year in Girl Scouting. The color of the disc behind the star shows the Girl Scout level when it was received. There is also a 10 year pin for girls. Adults receive year pins or numerals which are given in increments of 5 years.

Younger Girl

Refers to girls who are Daisy, Brownie, or Junior Girl Scouts.

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