



FACTS ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF CENTRAL MARYLAND

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is one of 150 councils in the USA chartered exclusively to extend Girl Scout opportunities to girls 5-17 years old.

- 30,000 girls in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard counties are members.
- 10,000 adult volunteers keep girl scouting alive and active in Central Maryland, serving as troop leaders, consultants, Service Unit Managers, trainers, committee and board members. Still, others help with short-term projects such as fund raising or sharing personal skills at inter-troop events. There is always a need for volunteers—women and men who care about girls and want to help them grow.

5 Properties support extension of membership services

- Office at 4806 Seton Drive houses a store, volunteer resource center, meeting rooms and offices.
- Camp Conowingo, located in Cecil Co. is 600 acres of forest and meadow. It is the site of summer resident camp, day camp and individual troop camping.
- Camp Ilchester is located in Howard Co. and is site of Clementine Peterson Activity Center.
- Camp Whippoorwill is on the Maghothy River in Anne Arundel Co.
- Camp Woodlands is located in Anne Arundel Co. on Broad Creek

How Girl Scouting Is Financed

Troops raise money for their activities through proceeds from the sale of Girl Scout cookies and with troop projects like calendar sales, bake sales or recycling projects.

Special council - wide events and programs for girls, adult volunteer training, and maintenance for Girl Scout owned camps are supported by the annual cookie sale, contributions from parents and friends through the annual Family Share Campaign, United Way, community foundations, corporations and other groups. The United Way provides 4% of our budget. Each registered Girl Scout member, girls and adults, pay national membership dues of \$10 per year. This entire amount is used to cover costs of the National Insurance Program, Leader Magazine, development of program resources, and service of the national organization.

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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.*

Girl Scout Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

More Than 90 Years

Founder Juliette Gordon Low organized the first Girl Scout Troop on March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia.

An American Institution

Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the U.S. Congress on March 16, 1950.

Still Growing Strong

Today, there are 3.7 million Girl Scouts—2.7 million girl members and 928,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers

Empowering Girls

In Girl Scouts, girls discover the fun, friendship, and power of girls together. Through a myriad of enriching experiences, such as extraordinary field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill, and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

At Home and Abroad

Girls at home and abroad participate in more than 236,000 troops and groups in more than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas, and over 300 local Girl Scout councils offer girls the opportunity for membership across the United States.

An International Family

Through its membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS), Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.

A Pivotal Part of Women's History

More than 50 million American women enjoyed Girl Scouting during their childhood—and that number continues to grow as Girl Scouts of the USA continues to inspire, challenge, and empower girls everywhere.

We are acutely aware of girls' changing needs. That's why in 2005 we embarked on a journey to develop strategies which will ensure that the Girl Scout Movement is perfectly situated to honor the legacy and promise of the next 50 million Girl Scouts.