



Girl Scouts®
of Connecticut

Fact Sheet

Who:

Girl Scouts of Connecticut (GSOFC) is the recognized girl empowerment organization dedicated to lifelong success through values-based leadership development and personal growth. In partnership with committed adults, girls in grades K-12 develop strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The first Girl Scout Troop in Connecticut was formed in 1912. By 1920 a large number of groups of Girl Scouts began organizing and Girl Scout councils formed to provide support for Girl Scouting in CT. In 2007 the five Girl Scout councils in CT merged to become one, vibrant organization, making Girl Scouts of Connecticut the largest organization serving women and girls in Connecticut.

What:







GSOFC provides informational programs and activities that help girls develop their leadership and citizenship skills in a safe and nurturing environment. The programs are age-appropriate, girl-driven, and reflect the interests and needs of today's girls.

Through Girl Scouting, girls *discover* as they explore their world, envision and prepare for a positive future, *connect* with others, understand and care about the needs of their community, become leaders advocating for themselves and others, and *take action* to make the world a better place.

How:

GSOFC reaches girls through a variety of pathways including: Troop participation, special events, camps, special interest groups, and travel. Our programs are flexible in order to accommodate the broad range of ages, interests and circumstances of the girls that we serve. The choice is vast, and new opportunities are developed as girls express interest. In Girl Scouts of Connecticut, there is a place for all girls who want to be Girl Scouts and act to improve themselves and the world around them.

Girl Scouting learning experience levels:

-  Daisy Girl Scouts, grades K-1
-  Brownie Girl Scouts, grades 2-3
-  Junior Girl Scouts, grades 4-5
-  Cadette Girl Scouts, grades 6-8
-  Senior Girl Scouts, grades 9-10
-  Ambassadors, grades 11-12

GSOFC Service Centers

Bridgeport *
Hartford*
Middletown
North Haven *
North
Windham *
Torrington
Waterbury *
Wilton *

* includes a Girl Scout Shop

1 out of 6 girls in Connecticut participates in Girl Scouting. With a membership of over 44,000 girls and 21,000 adults, we serve girls in every city and town, rural and urban, across the state.

Volunteers: Volunteers are the lifeblood of Girl Scouting and bring the Girl Scout Program to girls in local communities throughout the state. These trained and dedicated people serve as role models and mentors, sharing their life and career experiences, specific skills, and high-quality learning activities. From periodic volunteers to weekly activity leaders, all adult volunteers can find an opportunity to affect girls' lives in Girl Scouting.

Additional Info:

- ✚ Each Service Center and Outdoor Program Center is open to every Girl Scout throughout Connecticut.
- ✚ We operate a variety of summer camps and program centers across the state consisting of over 3,100 acres and servicing girls from all areas.
- ✚ Our new Girl Scouts of Connecticut Alumnae Association has already grown to over 6,000 members and continues to grow as women across the state discover new sisters in Girl Scouting.

For more information about Girl Scouts of Connecticut, please call 800-922-2770 or visit us at www.gsofct.org.

Outdoor Program Centers

Berlin
Bristol
East Haven
East Lyme
Easton
Kent
Lebanon
Manchester
Meriden
Milford
New Fairfield
New Milford
Norfolk
Oxford
Stamford
Tolland, CT
Tolland, MA
Torrington
Weston

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.*

La Promesa de Girl Scouts

*Por mi honor, yo trataré:
De servir a Dios* y a mi patria,
ayudar a las personas en todo momento,
y vivir conforme a la Ley de Girl Scouts.*

La Ley de Girl Scouts

*Yo me esforzaré por:
Ser honrada y justa
cordial y servicial,
considerada y compasiva,
valiente y fuerte, y
responsable de lo que digo y hago,
y por
respetarme a mí misma y a los demás
respetar la autoridad
usar los recursos de manera prudente,
hacer del mundo un lugar mejor, y
ser hermana de cada una de las Girl Scouts.*