



# TROOPS ARE FORMING NOW! LEADERS NEEDED!



**UNLEASH STRONG!  
BE A GIRL SCOUT.**

**Please go to the link below to find Troop options:**

<https://girlscouts.secure.force.com/girl>

You can join at any time for \$25 per person (Financial Assistance is available).  
The success of every troop depends on the commitment of adult volunteers.



Girl Scouts empowers girls to overcome failure, face their fears, make their dreams a reality, try new things, gain self-empowerment and confidence, step up and take the lead, set goals for her future, and advocate for herself and others. Girl Scouts gives her a place where every girl has the space and support she needs to reach her full potential and accomplish amazing things. Girl Scouts believes in respecting differences and cultivating an inclusive environment.  
No one builds girl leaders better than Girl Scouts.

*With a unique network of more than 50 million girls and women to cheer her on every step of the way, a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure starts here.*

**Can't find a Troop, or want more information? Please contact:  
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# Busting the Myths!

## Being a girl in today's world is complicated.

Girls hear “you can do and be anything,” while navigating very real issues of gender bias. Girls see images of perfect bodies, perfect lives, and perfect careers, while trying to remind themselves that the concept of perfection is a myth. Girls also strive to exceed unrealistic expectations while struggling with the fear of failing.

There's no shortage of brands with products to sell (as well as organizations focused primarily on boys) that seem to have a lot to say about what's best for girls.

Girl Scouts goes beyond the rhetoric. We do not just accommodate girls. Girl Scouts is the expert on designing progressive experiences and a curriculum that resonates with the way that girls learn, think and react to the world around them.

Myths seem to persist about who Girl Scouts are and what we do.

**It's time for us to tell our own story, to set the record straight with interesting truths that may surprise you.**



**Myth:** Girl Scouts is part of one “scouting” organization.

**Reality:** Nope. Girl Scouts has been a separate organization since 1912. Other organizations may welcome girls to participate in their program, but our focus is entirely on girls. It is “fake news” that co-ed scouting has replaced Girl Scouts—it has not. They are different programs with different missions.

**Myth:** Girl Scouts is just about glitter and sparkle.

**Reality:** Well, some girls love glitter. Others don't. That's the point. We design our programming based on research and feedback, not gender stereotypes. Girls tell us what they want, and we provide experiences that help them to lead, thrive, and gain skills. By being a girl-led, girls-only program, girls discover who they are, free of the norms and rules imposed on them by media and society.

**Myth:** Girl Scouts lacks high adventure experiences.

**Reality:** Once again, not even close to the reality. Girls decide and choose from a spectrum of age-appropriate activities, including: archery, surfing, paddle-boarding, spelunking in caves, zip-lining, high ropes courses, backpacking, white-water rafting, and more.

**Myth:** Girl Scouts only make crafts.

**Reality:** Girl Scouts are makers. If girls want to use a sewing machine, make jewelry, weld, change a tire, re-build a marine diesel engine, or build a play house for a children's shelter, they can! Girls can learn these skills and then put those skills to work in ambitious leadership projects that help them make a difference in their community or address social issues.

**Myth:** Girl Scouts do not do science.

**Reality:** Have you seen our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) programs? The STEAM interest- and confidence-gaps between girls and boys starts at age 6 and can be closed with programs designed just for girls. In Girl Scouts, girls can earn badges in engineering, robotics, environmental science, cyber security, and space science.

Discover the **Girl Scout Difference**  
at [girlscoutsgcnwi.org](http://girlscoutsgcnwi.org)