

# IRM Network



girl scouts  
of louisiana  
pines to the gulf

## Guide for Individually Registered Members



# Girl Scouts of Louisiana - Pines to the Gulf

## Who We Are

We're 2.5 million strong—more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every G.I.R.L.

(Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>TM</sup>

to change the world.

Our extraordinary journey began more than 100 years ago with the original G.I.R.L., Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low.

On March 12, 1912, in Savannah, Georgia, she organized the very first Girl Scout troop, and every year since, we've honored her vision and legacy, building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

We're the preeminent leadership development organization for girls. And with programs from coast to coast and across the globe, Girl Scouts offers every girl a chance to practice a lifetime of leadership, adventure, and success.

## Who We Serve

At GSLPG, we serve over four thousand girls and their families across forty-two parishes. Each region is supported by a team of Girl Scout specialists who strive to build pathways to success for our girls of courage, confidence, and character. We as a team know that our work continues the legacy of many women before us, and we are proud to be a part of the world-wide movement that is Girl Scouts.

## What We Believe

The Girl Scout mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The values found in the Girl Scout Promise and Law provide an essential framework for developing character, making sound decisions, and fostering strength of conviction.



## 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 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.

\* Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

# What's an IRM?

“IRM” stands for Individually Registered Member. Meeting in troops is one way to be part of the Girl Scout experience, but when there aren't available troops in the area, a troop no longer meets, or a girl becomes too busy with extracurricular activities or sports, becoming an IRM will allow her to continue her Girl Scout experience on an individual basis. Girls in any grade (kindergarten through 12th) can be an IRM where she will discover a world of opportunities through Girl Scouts - Louisiana Pines to the Gulf.



IRMs have the power to build their very own Girl Scout experience by completing Journeys, earning badges and attending council and service unit programs that appeal to their interests. They can also participate in the Girl Scout tradition of community service through take action projects and earning the highest awards. Plus, all of these progressive, exceptional experiences can be funded by participating in our annual Fall Sweets and Treats and Girl Scout Cookie programs.

## When you unleash your inner G.I.R.L., you can accomplish anything!

At Girl Scouts, the next opportunity to stand up, speak up, and take the lead is never far away.

With us, you'll discover the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-Taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> in you, and watch her shine, again and again.

Will you find a sustainable solution to a problem in your community? Will you explore the great outdoors? Build a robot? Learn to code? Conduct an experiment?

With us, the possibilities are truly endless. Discover all you can be and everything you can accomplish when you have the right tools and a safe space to shine—and work together to change the world.

For more information and to get started, email [info@gsllpg.org](mailto:info@gsllpg.org).

# Council Support

## Getting Started

Registration is completed online. Head to [gslpg.org](https://gslpg.org) and click **JOIN** to start your registration.

Annual dues are \$25. Limited Financial Aid options are available. Please email [info@gslpg.org](mailto:info@gslpg.org) for more information.



## IRM Support Team

Support team members are ready to assist you throughout your Girl Scout year.

Have any questions? Contact our team at [info@gslpg.org](mailto:info@gslpg.org) or at 1-800-960-2093 to get started.



## Volunteer Toolkit

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a digital resource that supports volunteers in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and IRMs in managing their own experience with their caregiver, ensuring every Girl Scout has the opportunity she deserves to build a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure.

## GSLearn

gsLearn is Girl Scouts' official online and on-demand training forum. It empowers users ("learners") to complete training as it works best for them. Learners have access to Girl Scout-specific content that supports accuracy and consistency across the Girl Scout Movement, along with "general knowledge" courses provided by our vendor, Litmos.

Accessible from desktop and mobile devices, you can leave the books behind and focus on unleashing the G.I.R.L. (Go-Getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup> in every Girl Scout!

# Our Program

At Girl Scouts, you'll prepare for a lifetime of leadership, success, and adventure in a safe, **no-limits** place designed for and by girls!

How? Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience - a collection of **engaging, challenging, and fun** activities like earning badges, going on awesome trips, selling cookies, exploring science, getting outdoors, and doing community service projects.

**The idea is to learn by doing, and at Girl Scouts, you'll do lots of it.**

You'll be inspired to discover her talents and passions in a safe and supportive all-girl setting. You'll join with other Girl Scouts and people in her community and together, they'll take action to **change the world.**

Along the way, you'll gain important skills in four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience:



**STEM**



**Entrepreneurship**



**Outdoors**



**Life Skills**

You'll have the opportunity to skill-build in each of these areas at every age level.



To ensure the best experience for each Girl Scout, program is divided by grade level.

- d** **Girl Scout Daisy** .....Grades K-1
- b** **Girl Scout Brownie** .....Grades 2-3
- j** **Girl Scout Junior** .....Grades 4-5
- c** **Girl Scout Cadette** .....Grades 6-8
- s** **Girl Scout Senior** .....Grades 9-10
- a** **Girl Scout Ambassador** .....Grades 11-12

# Girl Scout Levels

## What do Daisies do?



daisies

grades  
K-1



Don't we all wish we could look at the world through a Girl Scout Daisy's eyes? Everything they do—from planting a garden, to putting on a skit, to proudly adding that first petal on their vest—sparkles with that “first-time ever” newness!

As a Daisy, she might:

- Meet other Girl Scout friends
- Earn petals and badges as she embraces the Girl Scout Promise and Law
- Make a difference in her community through a Journey
- Explore nature



## What do Brownies do?



brownies

grades  
2-3



Girl Scout Brownies are ready to take on the world and Girl Scouts lets them do just that! They want to learn new things and show off what they know. She might take that first hike in the great outdoors, visit a museum or strengthen her money management skills during the Cookies and Fall Product Programs. Life is good when you are a Girl Scout Brownie!

As a Brownie, she might:

- Expand her circle of friends
- Have fun learning new skills as she earns badges
- Complete a service project as part of a Journey
- Attend a GSLPG Resident or Day Camp



## What do Juniors do?



juniors

grades  
4-5



Want to meet a real-life superhero? Just talk to a Girl Scout Junior who wakes up every day ready to play a new role. Juniors are explorers when they go camping for the first time. They're CEOs when they market and sell cookies. They're scientists when they perform energy audits and go on nature walks. And, they're product designers and writers when they earn their Innovation and Storytelling Badges.

As a Junior, she might:

- Earn her Bronze Award, one of Girl Scouts' highest awards
- Share stories and smiles with new friends
- Try new experiences as she earns badges
- Explore the outdoors at camp and beyond



# Girl Scout Levels

## What do Cadettes do?

Making forever friends, saving the planet, standing up against stereotypes, using their powers for the greater good—that's what being a Girl Scout Cadette is all about. Cadettes blaze trails in the wilderness, write and direct their own movies, express themselves with confidence, make delicious meals from around the world and pick up practical life skills.



- Earn her Silver Award, one of Girl Scouts' highest awards
- Get outdoors and off the beaten path
- Gain confidence as she mentors younger Girl Scouts
- Choose an issue she cares about as part of a Girl Scout Leadership Journey

As a Cadette, she might:



## What do Seniors do?

Girl Scout Seniors are ready to take the world by storm—and at Girl Scouts, there are millions of ways to do it. Whether it's enhancing school-based activities or helping girls make the most of community involvement, the opportunities open to Girl Scout Seniors are virtually unlimited!



- Earn her Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award
- Go on an adventure with GS Destinations
- Be a positive role model and mentor younger girls
- Tackle important international issues and earn a Global Action award
- Explore exciting careers in a variety of fields

As a Senior, she might:



## What do Ambassadors do?

With a wider world comes even more opportunities—and Girl Scout Ambassadors make the most of every chance they get to improve themselves...and their community. Girl Scout Ambassadors are eligible for some pretty awesome opportunities to continue their leadership experience.

As an Ambassador, she might:

- Earn her Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest award
- Enhance her relationship skills, problem-solving abilities, and knowledge of science and technology
- Work to protect the environment
- Implement a Take Action project



# Girl Scout Adventures

## Council Events

IRMs can register for council events on our website! Check the [Events Calendar](#) to locate events in your region. These events vary from Girl Scout Badge workshops to outdoor events to events with community partners. Use the color-coded key to find events near you!

## GS Destinations

Is your heart filled with the desire to explore the globe? GS Destinations offers curated adventures for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts to travel across the US and the world. You can attend NASA's Space Academy in Huntsville, visit the Louvre in Paris, or study with scientists in Costa Rica! Visit us online for more information.

## IRM Exclusives

Our IRM Network now offers the opportunity for girls to meet virtually once per month with other IRMs to make connections and grow together within the Network! More IRM Network Exclusives are coming soon.

## Camp with GSLPG

Camping isn't just for the summer anymore! Outdoor experiences provide challenges and enhance leadership skills while exploring nature that inspire girls' curiosity, discovery and problem solving. We offer a variety of weekend events throughout the year for girls, troops, groups and families. These events are a great way to visit our camps and get excited about attending one of our summer camp sessions. Visit [gslpg.org](http://gslpg.org) for more information about our camp properties!

## Sweets, Treats, and Girl Scout Cookies

When you sell with Girl Scouts, you're doing more than helping your customers stock up on delicious treats (and having lots of fun). You're doing it with a goal in mind—a goal to power new, unique, and amazing experiences for yourself all year long!

But did you know that you're also part of something even bigger—something thousands of awesome girls nationwide who are just like you are part of, too? When you participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program or the Fall Sweets and Treats Sale, you're part of the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world! Having the opportunity to run your very own business gives you skills essential for success today and in the future:

Goal Setting

Decision Making

Money Management

People Skills

Business Ethics

# Plan Your Year

Use these calendar pages to plan out your year. Choose your focus for the month and then search for activities that relate. Be sure to check the events calendar on [gslpg.org](http://gslpg.org) regularly to find out about new events and activities.

## September

Start of Sweets and  
Treats Sale



September Focus:



September Activities:

## October

1 - Start of new Girl  
Scout year

31 - Girl Scout  
Founder's Day



October Focus:



October Activities:

## November

Register to  
participate in  
Cookie Season!



November Focus:



November Activities:

## December



December Focus:



December Activities:

## January

Cookie Season!



January Focus:



January Activities:

## February

Cookie Season!

22 - World Thinking Day



February Focus:



February Activities:

# Plan Your Year

*The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers.*  
Juliette Gordon Low, Founder of Girl Scouts

## March

Cookie Season!  
12 - Girl Scouts'  
Birthday  
Girl Scout Week -  
Week of March 12



March Focus:



March Activities:

## April

Renew your Girl  
Scout Membership!  
Summer Camp  
Registration



April Focus:



April Activities:

## May

Summer Camp  
Registration



May Focus:



May Activities:

## June

Summer Camp Season!



June Focus:



June Activities:

## July

Summer Camp Season!



July Focus:



July Activities:

## August

Begin planning your next  
Girl Scout year!



August Focus:



August Activities:

# Life as a Girl Scout Family

**Hey, Girl  
Scout Parents!**

You and your daughter can become partners in the fun challenges of the Girl Scout program! Your involvement will help shape your Girl Scout's experience. She'll see your commitment to her growth and before you know it, you'll be growing, too!

The IRM Network is a girl-led, family-driven Girl Scout experience. As a Parent or Guardian of a Girl Scout IRM, you are her first resource to stay engaged. To support her Girl Scout experience, you must:

- Sign the girl membership form and pay the \$25 annual national membership dues.
- Sign parent/guardian permission slips for events, and make sure any necessary forms (health history, photo releases, etc.) are turned in.
- See that your daughter arrives and is picked up on time at Girl Scout activities.
- Purchase or obtain handbooks and materials.
- Help your daughter carry through with her commitment to the Girl Scout program.
- Help your daughter participate in the Girl Scout Product Programs by following safety guidelines, completing training, and helping her check over her orders.

**Take the next step to support her experience and join with your daughter!**

**Visit [gslpg.org/join](https://gslpg.org/join).**

