### **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.

### Vision

To be the premier organization for girls, providing the best volunteer-led leadership experience and girl-driven opportunities rooted in the core values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

> Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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girl scouts

of eastern washington and northern idaho

# What is Girl Scouting?

We're 3.2 million strong – 3.2 million girls and adults who believe every girl can change the world. It began over 100 years ago with one woman, Juliette Gordon "Daisy" Low, who believed in the power of every girl. Today, we continue her vision of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place by helping them discover their inner strength, passions and talents.



Girl Scouts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho (GSEWNI) serves more than 3,800 girls and 1,800 adult volunteers. The council region encompasses 67,000 square miles that includes 20 counties in central and eastern Washington and 10 counties in northern Idaho. In an atmosphere of fun and friendship, Girl Scouting promotes discovery, encourages leadership and drives girls to take action in their own lives and for the benefit of their communities.

For more information on how to become a Girl Scout in your area, please visit **www.gsewni.org**.



Girl Scouts is open to ALL girls, kindergarten through 12th grade

# **Family Guide**

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# **How Do Girls Participate?**

GSEWNI offers several ways for girls to experience Girl Scouts - they're called Girl Scout Pathways and they offer many flexible ways to participate! You and your Girl Scout decide which pathway or pathways are best for her, and what meets your schedule. From there, you are set to enjoy the benefits of our programming. The pathways of participation include:



#### **Girl Scouts by Age Levels**

Grades Daisies K-1 Brownies 2-3 Juniors 4-5 Cadettes 6-8 Seniors 9-10 Ambassadors 11-12

Any girl in grades K-12 can join the fun at Girl Scouts. To ensure the best experience for each girl, our programming is categorized by grade level. Some troops may be multilevel, with girls in more than one program level making a troop. Volunteers and staff are attentive to promoting activities that are age appropriate.

# What Do Girl Scouts Do?

Girl Scouting is more than just "what girls do" (activities), but "how" they do them (processes). Girl-led, cooperative learning, and learning by doing ensures highquality program and promotes the fun and friendship so integral to Girl Scouting.



90%

of parents and

caregivers say their

girl has more new

experiences with us.

Fun!

95%

of parents and

caregivers say their

girl has made new

friends.

**Friends!** 

# With Girl Scouts she'll gain:

# 89%

## **Happiness!**



of parents and caregivers say their girl's confidence has improved.

**Confidence!** 

# What Does a Volunteer Do?

Girl Scout troop leaders are volunteers - both men and women! Without their time, talents, and resources, Girl Scouting would not be available. Girl Scouting is a team effort among leaders, girls, and parents working together.

Depending on how much time you have, here are a few ideas of how you can contribute:

#### "I'd like to be really involved and make a difference!"

Lead or co-lead a troop Train adults or girl leaders Coordinate a troop camp Serve on a committee

#### "I want to donate my talents and time...'

Chaperone a day trip

#### "I have a little time to help..."

Share your expertise with girls at a troop meeting Lead a workshop

GSEWNI trains volunteers and gives support as necessary. You must be over 18 and willing to become a Girl Scout member, as well as pass a Criminal Background Check. To get started, visit the Volunteer tab on our website at www.gsewni.org.

#### Why be a Girl Scout volunteer?

- Build self-confidence
- Develop leadership skills
- Make new friends

- Create memorable experiences with your Girl Scout

Contact Us: customercare@gsewni.org

- Mentor in your career field Help at a community event Assist with a cookie booth

Make a positive impact on the lives of girls

- Give back to your community
- Learn new skills, experience new adventures



#### What is the cost?

The Girl Scout membership fee for the entire year is \$30 for girls, \$25 for adults. Girl Scout membership is open to girls in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and adults age 18 and older Each member is required to pay the annual or lifetime GSUSA registration fee. The annual GSUSA registration fee includes accident insurance for members participating in approved Girl Scout Program.

#### Is a uniform required?

No. Uniforms are not required; however, the Girl Scout uniform is an official vest, sash or tunic worn with a white blouse and khaki bottoms, along with the insignia and Girl Scout pins. Though they are not required, we recommend that each girl have a vest, sash or tunic to display their earned rewards, badges and patches. If you choose to purchase a uniform or accessories, all items are available in the Girl Scout store located in the Spokane Program Center and online at www.shopgsewni.com.

#### Is financial assistance available?

Yes, assistance is available for girls and adults who need financial help in order to participate in the Girl Scout program. Assistance is available for membership registration, uniform components, a journey book and camp.

#### How do troops sustain themselves?

Girl Scout troops are funded by a share of money earned through council-sponsored product sale activities (such as Girl Scout Cookie sales) and troop money earning activities upon approval (i.e. car washes, craft sales, etc.). Some troops may require minimal troop dues for snacks and patches/badges.

#### **Are You Ready For a New Adventure?**



Visit www.gsewni.org to get started as a Girl Scout today!

