

## Girl Scouts of the United States of America Code of Ethics & Policies

**Religion in the Girl Scout Program:** Girls are encouraged and helped through the Girl Scout program to become better members of their own religious group, but every Girl Scout group must recognize that religious instruction is the responsibility of parents and religious leaders.

**Girl Scout Preamble**

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are shared by every member of Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Promise is the way Girl Scouts agree to act every day toward one another and other people, and the Girl Scout Law outlines a way to act towards one another and the world.

**Girl Scout Promise**

On my honor, I will try;  
To serve God and 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*

**Open Membership:** The Girl Scout Movement is open to all girls and adults who accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law and meet the membership requirements.

**Respect for Religious Opinions and Practices:**

Every Girl Scout group shall respect the varying religious opinions and practices of its membership in planning and conducting activities.

**Troops Sponsored by Religious Group:**

When a Girl Scout troop is sponsored by one religious group, members of different faith or religious affiliation within the troop shall not be required to take part in religious observance of the sponsoring group.

**Flexible in wording for spiritual Beliefs in the Girl Scout Promise:**

Girl scouts of the USA makes no attempt to define or interpret the word "God" in the Girl Scout Promise. It looks to individual members to establish for themselves the nature of their spiritual beliefs. When making the Girl Scout Promise, individuals may substitute word appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word God.

**Please check the appropriate statements.**

**The Sponsor will:**

- ✓ Be responsible for the actions of their staff, guests or volunteers
- Appoint a liaison member to serve the other volunteers on the troop committee
- Publicize Girl Scouting through in-house publications
- Provide resources to assist troop with activities (i.e. books, sports equipment, transportation, meeting place, etc.
- Provide financial assistance
- Provide leaders, consultants and other adults to assist with troop activities as needed

**Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta will:**

- ✓ Facilitate delivery of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- ✓ Provide training and/or orientation to Girl Scout volunteers
- ✓ Encourage appropriate interaction between the Girl Scouts troop/group and the sponsor
- ✓ Support the aims and efforts of the sponsor in areas compatible to Girl Scouting
- ✓ Provide appropriate insurance coverage for all members and expressly invited guests using the facility
- ✓ Be responsible for the actions of all members and expressly invited guests

**The adult leaders and girls in the Girl Scout Troop/Group will:**

- ✓ Keep the sponsor informed of troop/group activities
- ✓ Keep the meeting space clean and orderly
- ✓ Include the sponsor in appropriate activities
- ✓ Recognize and actively publicize the sponsor's contribution to the stability of the troop/group
- ✓ Make Girl Scout membership available to girls grade k-12 in the congregation and community

Acknowledging the above-stated policies, \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of sponsor)

agrees to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ for the period of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Troop/Group # or Service Unit) (enter start and end dates)

and agrees to work with \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill the responsibilities of this agreement.  
(Girl Scout Liaison –Girl Scout volunteer)

**Girl Scout Liaison:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Place of Worship:**

1. Please read and complete page 1
2. Sign and complete the information below
3. Return the signed Sponsorship Agreement to [riskmanagement@gsgatl.org](mailto:riskmanagement@gsgatl.org)
4. Once received by GSGATL a Certificate of Insurance will be issued and the Sponsorship Agreement will be countersigned – a copy will be returned to you with the Certificate of Insurance

**Agency Representative Authorization:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City:\_\_\_\_\_

State:\_\_\_\_\_ Zip:\_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

**Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta Representative:**

Helen James, Risk & Business Operations Mgr.  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

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