



girl scouts
of greater atlanta

Take your family to the next level!

Getting started with
Girl Scouts



This story starts with her.

From exploring state parks to learning to code, what begins at Girl Scouts takes her anywhere she wants to go. The skills she learns during her years as a Girl Scout build upon one another, creating a foundation of leadership and leading to her success in life.



Growing with Girl Scouts.

A journey for life-long leadership. Girls at all levels will have the opportunity to earn badges and patches, as well as participate in age-appropriate programming and community service “Take Action” projects.



Daisies

grades K-1

Learn the importance of helping others, the elements of the Girl Scout Promise, and areas of interest, such as helping animals and protecting the Earth's treasures.



Brownies

grades 2-3

Explore their communities through a quest to find three keys of leadership, explore their place in the wide world of girls, or take the lead in saving Earth's water. Focused on working together.



Juniors

grades 4-5

Learn that leaders need power (their own, their team's, and their community's), try different roles to discover endless life opportunities, or bring energy solutions to their lives and their world. Girls are encouraged to take a more active troop role. Earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.



Cadettes

grades 6-8

Chart their own courses and let their curiosity and imagination lead the way. They learn about the power of being a good friend and gain confidence by mentoring young girls. Earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.



Seniors & Ambassadors

grades 9-12

Takes on the world by storm and makes their dreams a reality by finding solutions to real world problems, mentoring younger girls and exploring careers. Girls are encouraged to lead troop activities. Earn the Girl Scout Bronze Award.



The Troop Experience

When your girl joins a Girl Scout troop, she'll have fun, make friends, become a leader, and discover all the amazing things she can do!

Where does the troop meet?

You help to decide! Most of the time, troops meet in schools or community centers like libraries or churches that offer free meeting space.

How do troops pick activities?

Girls and volunteers should make decisions together in the troop, such as which Journey to complete, badges to earn, events to attend, and goals to set for the product programs. Always follow the girls' lead.

Who pays for what?

Troop Funds: When a troop earns funds through a product program or troop dues, those funds belong to the entire troop, not specific girls. These funds are often used to pay for supplies, event registration, badges and awards, and renewal membership fees.

Families: Families are typically responsible for uniforms, books, and start-up costs (membership fees and troop dues).

The Juliette Experience

What is a Juliette?

Any Girl Scout in grades K-12 who participates independently as a Girl Scout member. Juliettes participate in a way that fits their schedule, attending events and participating in activities that meet their needs and interests. As a Juliette, a girl won't attend troop meetings; instead, she will work on Girl Scout programs with the guidance of an adult caregiver. She decides what activities to participate in and which earned awards to complete. A Juliette may also attend community and council events.

What will she do exactly?

- Everything a girl in a troop can do!
- Complete a Girl Scout Journey
- Earn badges
- Attend any Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta program, including day and resident camp
- Participate in the Fall Product Program and the Girl Scout Cookie Program to learn entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills
- Complete a "Take Action" project to serve the community
- Grow her leadership skills by working toward the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award, the Highest Awards in Girl Scouting

For questions and more information, email: juliette@gsgatl.org

What if we have questions?

We're here to help! There are loads of resources and a network of support to assist you and your girl on your Girl Scout journey. Just reach out to our Member Care team at helpline@gsgatl.org or 800-771-1139.



Girl Responsibilities

- Follow the Girl Scout Promise & Law.
- Be willing to take risks and be supportive towards other girls.
- Attend and participate in meetings, field trips and events.
- Listen to other girls and show respect for what they are saying.
- Be prepared and conduct herself in a safe manner.
- Respect adult volunteers, including the Troop Co-Leaders.

Family Responsibilities

- Consider volunteering as one of the two required volunteer Troop Co-Leaders to help your girl's troop get started right away.
- Volunteer for one of the other adult roles with the troop such as cookie chair, or troop meeting helper to drive or chaperone. Troop Co-Leaders can't do it alone!
- Actively participate in the troop, and communicate efficiently and in a timely fashion with the Troop Leaders.
- Support your Girl Scout through all facets of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
- Encourage her to take risks and try new things.
- Be a cheerleader and allow her to take the lead.
- Pick up and drop off your girl at the designated time from meetings.
- When possible, attend council events with your Girl Scout and encourage active participation in troop meetings. Ensure she arrives prepared and on time for meetings or outings.
- Have questions or concerns? Start with your Troop Co-Leaders. Discuss issues with them privately, not in front of the girls. Local volunteers and council staff are also here to help!

Are you ready to be a Girl Scout?

Register your girl as a member and pay membership dues at JoinGirlScoutsATL.com. Once registered you will receive an email receipt and information to log in to your MyGS member community.

There are three ways to register your girl:

1

Register directly into a troop. Enter your zip code at the top of the page and then scroll down to enter the troop number (ex. Troop12345).

2

Search for a troop in your area. Enter your zip code, radius, membership year and girl's grade to see existing troops in your area. Not seeing the right troop for you? Call Member Care for assistance at 800-771-1139.

3

Become a Juliette. If your girl would prefer to be a Juliette, enter in your zip code and girl's grade. On the second page, scroll to the bottom and click "Apply to participate without a troop." Your girl will have the opportunity to participate independently as a Girl Scout member (see page 3 for more details).

If you registered your girl into a troop, you should hear from your Troop co-Leader within one week about upcoming meetings. If you do not hear from them, please contact Member Care at **800-771-1139** or helpline@gsgatl.org

Alternative Ways to Pay

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta offers a variety of ways to pay for Girl Scout membership and activities.

Insurance Benefits—Girls with Amerigroup, CareSource and Peach State insurance can qualify for a FREE Girl Scout membership as a subscriber benefit, as well as a voucher to Badge & Sash for uniforms and program supplies. Adults with CareSource also qualify for a FREE membership.

Financial Assistance—We are committed to ensuring all girls have the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts. In order to help remove financial barriers that may interfere, we proudly offer Financial Assistance for membership, uniforms and Council programming.

Cookie Dough—Girl Scouts who participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program have the opportunity to earn special credits in lieu of rewards, called Cookie Dough, that can be used to pay for Girl Scout membership fees, Council events, summer camp and retail items, like uniforms.



SCAN QR Code to join using an insurance benefit, or to join and apply for financial aid.

Where Girl Scouts go, change follows.

Girl Scouts can earn three separate awards—the Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards—as they dream of a better tomorrow and take action in big ways today. We call these Highest Awards.

Daisies and Brownies

(K-3) learn the basics of what it means to be a good neighbor and how they can be helpful to others. This gives them the foundation they will need to earn the Bronze Award.

Bronze Award

Juniors (4-5) earn the Bronze Award by teaming up with other girls to make a difference in their towns.



Silver Award

Cadettes (6-8) earn the Silver Award by researching an issue, making a plan to address it, and then taking action to improve their communities.



Gold Award

Seniors and Ambassadors (9-12) earn the Gold Award—the highest award in Girl Scouting—by developing and carrying out lasting solutions to issues in their neighborhoods and beyond. Gold Award Girl Scouts truly are the world changers, rock stars, role models, and real-life heroes we all look up to. Plus, they're amazing candidates for colleges, scholarships, competitive internship programs, and exciting careers.



The Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Girl Scout Cookies are so much more than just a tasty treat. Every package helps create unique adventures for girls and their troops.

Girls learn super useful life skills, gain a ton of confidence and discover all that they're capable of.

And you know what? Selling cookies also means having new experiences, making great friends and joining together to change the world.



Girl Scout Uniforms

Your Girl Scout uniform shows how much you've accomplished—and that you're ready for what's next. Girl Scouts from each grade level have one official uniform item (a sash, vest, or tunic) to display badges, pins, awards, and other insignia. This item is required when you participate in ceremonies or officially represent Girl Scouts. You can wear your sash, vest, or tunic over official Girl Scout gear or over a white shirt and khaki pants or skirt.



Daisy



Brownie



Junior



Cadette



Senior & Ambassador



Adult Volunteer

Badge & Sash

Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta's retail store is your one-stop shop for uniforms, insignia, program supplies, and licensed Girl Scout apparel and swag. Our Badge & Sash staff are happy to provide assistance to help get your Girl Scout experience underway.

5601 North Allen Rd., Mableton, GA 30126

You can shop 24/7 at [Shop.GirlScoutsATL.org](https://shop.girlscoutsatl.org)

Check [GirlScoutsATL.org](https://girlscoutsatl.org) for current hours and shop closures.

Are you ready to start your Girl Scout journey?

Visit **JoinGirlScoutsATL.com** to discover more,
see upcoming events and register both you and
your girl as members.

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