



# girl scouts of hawai'i



## Mission

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## Grade Levels

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

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## Who We Are

Girl Scouts was founded in 1912 by trailblazer Juliette Gordon Low whose commitment to welcoming-girls from across all races and classes inspired Girl Scouts' core principle of diversity. We are the largest girl-serving organization in the United States with over two million members. In 1917, Florence Lowe, a teacher at Kamehameha School for Girls organized the first official Girl Scout troop in the Hawaiian Islands which was sponsored by Queen Lili'uokalani. We are the oldest council West of the Mississippi.

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i serves thousands girls, in grades K-12, and adult volunteers throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Girl Scouts offers girls and young women the world's premier personal growth and leadership development experience. Programs and girl-led community service opportunities engage girls in discovering themselves, connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a better place

Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Through activities in science and technology, business and economic literacy, and outdoor and environmental awareness, Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.

Girls also build leadership skills by earning their Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. The Gold Award is the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, a shining example of what a girl can achieve while working toward her high school graduation. Each year, girls Go Gold by demonstrating extraordinary leadership through remarkable Take Action projects that have sustainable impact in their communities and beyond.

## What We Do

In Girl Scouts, girls participate in programs that are age-appropriate, girl driven, teach life skills, and reflect the interests and needs of today's girls. Through enriching experiences, such as field trips, sports skill-building clinics, community service projects, cultural exchanges, and environmental stewardships, girls grow courageous and strong. Girl Scouts helps girls develop their full potential; relate to others with increased understanding and respect; develop values to guide their actions; and contribute to the improvement of society.

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i's After School Leadership Program (ASLP) for girls in Title 1 schools and under resourced areas addresses the need of low-income families to overcome barriers of cost and logistics to their girls' participation in STEM and leadership programs designed to help them reach their fullest potential.

## STEM

Hands-on learning techniques are core to the Girl Scout program and have been since 1913, when Girl Scouts created its Electrician and Flyer badges – the very first STEM-related badges. Girl Scouts' unique approach to girls and STEM learning is grounded in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which ensures that activities are girl-led, involve learning by doing, and cooperative learning.

By offering a wide variety of innovative programs and unique opportunities, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring that every girl has the opportunity to explore and build an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Girl Scouts' STEM curricula address even young girls, providing early and consistent exposure to STEM-related content and problem-solving approaches. Girl Scouts of all ages in Hawai'i have participated in STEM Fest, STEM Camp, Women in Aviation, Snooze at the Zoo, Sleep with the Sharks and many other skill-building activities.

## Financial Empowerment

For a century, Girl Scouts has made financial literacy an integral part of its programming and activities for K-12 girls. Once a year, nearly 1.7 million Girl Scouts around the country venture into the entrepreneurial world to learn business and financial skills, and to earn money to fund their Girl Scout goals. The Girl Scout Cookie Program is often girls' first introduction to business planning and money management. The Digital Cookie program puts Girl Scouts in the driver's seat of their own digital cookie businesses and teaches them vital twenty-first century lessons about online marketing, app usage, and ecommerce.

## Advocacy

Public policies are needed to support programs that allow young people to grow up healthy and strong, develop skills for today's and tomorrow's jobs,

and connect to their communities and their world. Girl Scouts supports policies that let girls know they matter and gain the necessary social and emotional skills to succeed in life.

To advance the cause of girls, Girl Scouts is prioritizing the following public policy issues:

### Encourage Healthy Living

#### Opportunities for Girls

- Increase access to outdoor activities
- Prevent bullying/relational aggression and build healthy relationships

### Promote Economic Opportunities for Girls

- Increase girls' involvement in STEM
- Strengthen financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills

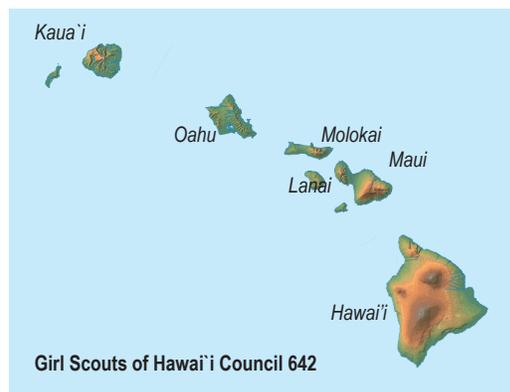
Foster Global Citizenship and a Global Voice for Girls

Support a Strong Nonprofit Community and Girl Scout Experience

## Outdoors

Girl Scouts of Hawai'i offers a variety of camping programs throughout the year serving several thousand girls.

The Girl Scout Research Institute's More Than S'Mores report found that girls with more frequent and longer-duration outdoor experiences are more likely to seek challenges and better prepared to solve problems—qualities that will advance them personally and academically. Participating regularly in outdoor activities also helps girls develop competence, interpersonal skills, and a sense of being able to make a difference for the environment.



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