



Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Serving New Hampshire and Vermont

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place

About Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains serves more than 17,000 girls and 5,600 volunteers in New Hampshire and Vermont. Working in partnership with a team of committed adult volunteers, the Girl Scout Leadership Experience is available to girls through troops and interest groups, in neighborhood and community program facilities, in schools and as part of many after-school programs, and in juvenile detention centers. Girl Scouting provides opportunities and experiences as diverse as the girls we serve.



While the girls are having fun and making new friends, they are also learning. Age-appropriate lessons on health and wellness, financial literacy, peer pressure and self-esteem are all common themes in Girl Scouting.

Our outdoor programs help nurture a love of the environment and encourage girls to learn about and preserve the world around them. Through hundreds of programs offered each year, girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to **discover** their values, skills and the world; **connect** with others in a multicultural environment; and **take action** to make a difference in the world.

Council Facilities

Service Centers

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains operates five service centers. Each service center houses Council staff and resources for girls and volunteers, including libraries and meeting and program facilities, and Our Store featuring Girl Scouts of the USA merchandise.

Girl Scout Camps

Girl Scouts of the Green and White Mountains operates several day and resident camps as well as various regional summer programs throughout New Hampshire and Vermont.

Funding and Community Support

Funding for the Girl Scout Leadership Experience Program comes from corporate and community foundations, United Way, municipal grants, special events, and contributions from member families, individuals, and community businesses. Our annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale and Fall Product (nuts, candy and magazines) Sale provide revenue to support the program as well as help troops earn money to fund their program activities, participation in workshops and events, community service efforts, and much more.

Girl Scout Gold Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 14-18 may earn, often described as "what you really want to be remembered for" in Girl Scouting. For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from "going for the Gold" set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience model engages girls in *discovering* themselves, *connecting* with others, and *taking action* to make the world a better place. It begins with a definition of leadership that girls understand and believe in: a leader, girls say, is defined not only by the qualities and skills one has, but also by how those qualities and skills are used to make a difference in the world.

The Three “Keys” to Leadership

The Girl Scout Leadership Experiences identifies three “keys” to leadership:

Discover – Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Connect – Girls care about, inspire and team with others locally and globally.

Take Action – Girls act to make the world a better place.

All experiences in Girl Scouting incorporate the Discover, Connect and Take Action keys to leadership. Girl Scout experiences are also, as much as possible, girl led and encourage learning by doing and cooperative learning. These help promote the fun and friendship that have always been so integral to Girl Scouting.



Outcomes

Fifteen outcomes corresponding to the discover, connect, and take action leadership keys were developed to help us measure and document the benefits for girls. The signs, or indicators of each outcome reflect what girls might think, say or do—during and after a leadership experience— and help adults determine the success of the experience.

Discover Outcomes

1. Girls develop a strong sense of self.
2. Girls develop positive values.
3. Girls gain practical life skills.
4. Girls seek challenges in the world.
5. Girls develop critical thinking.

Connect Outcomes

1. Girls develop healthy relationships.
2. Girls promote cooperation and team building.
3. Girls can resolve conflicts.
4. Girls advance diversity in a multicultural world.
5. Girls feel connected to their communities, locally and globally.

Take Action Outcomes

1. Girls can identify community needs.
2. Girls are resourceful problem solvers.
3. Girls advocate for themselves and others.
4. Girls educate and inspire others to act.
5. Girls feel empowered to make a difference in the world.

For More Information

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