

Glossary

4 Pillars - Four focus areas of Girl Scout Program: Life Skills, Entrepreneurship, STEM, and Outdoors.

5 Skills - The five skills girls develop when they participate in the Girl Scout product programs: Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics.

5 Ways Girl Scouts Build Girl Leaders - Outcomes/benefits of the **GSLE**: Strong Sense of Self, Positive Values, Challenge Seeking, Healthy Relationships, and Community Problem Solving.

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on November 25-December 10. Violence impacts women and girls in every country, at every age, including our members. Girl Scouts builds leaders who are prepared with the courage and knowledge to take on issues like these, not just in the future but today. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

Badges - A thing you earn to show the world you've explored your interests, learned new skills, and had great adventures. Badges give you a chance to start a new hobby, explore a dream career, or try something new for the fun of it!

Bridging - See **Bridging Ceremony**.

Buddy System - Use the **Buddy System**, which means pairing girls up as partners. Each girl is responsible for staying with her buddy throughout a trip or activity. A buddy can warn her partner of danger, give a helping hand, or get immediate assistance when the situation warrants it. All girls are encouraged to stay near the group so that if someone is injured or not feeling well, there are others, including an adult, close by to seek help.

Buddy - A friend, old or new. Constant companion. Don't go anywhere without one!

Buddy Check - Used to make sure all kids have at least one buddy. Leaders will check to make sure everybody has a buddy. This should be done every time you leave an area.

Buddy Line - A line of buddies, standing two by two.

Connect - One of the **Three Keys**.

Cooperative Learning - One of the **Girl Scout Processes**.

Council Shop - The Girl Scout store where you can purchase Girl Scout uniforms, awards, badges, and more! And, support your local **Council** when you shop local in Irvine!

Court of Awards Ceremony - A ceremony where Girl Scouts receive awards and recognitions they have earned.

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Discover - One of the **Three Keys**.

Flag Ceremony - Honors the American flag as the symbol of our country and all the hopes, dreams, and people who make it up.

Friendship Circle - The circle stands for an unbroken chain of friendship with Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all around the world. Everyone stands in a circle, crosses their right arms over their left, and clasps hands with their friends on both sides. Everyone makes a silent wish as a **Friendship Squeeze** is passed from hand to hand.

Friendship Squeeze - Passed from hand to hand in a friendship circle.

Founder's Day - A **Special Girl Scout Day** celebrated on October 31. Girl Scouts honor her birthday as **Founder's Day** and host parties and do special projects to help others every year on this day.

Girl Led - One of the Girl Scout Processes.

Girl Scout Ambassador - A Girl Scout in grades 11-12.

Girl Scout Birthday - A **Special Girl Scout Day** celebrated on March 12th. The Birthday commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the organization's first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony - A ceremony held that marks a girl's move from one Girl Scout level to another; girls "cross the bridge" symbolizing the transition to the next level of Girl Scouts.

Girl Scout Bronze Award - The highest award that can be earned by a Girl Scout Junior.

Girl Scout Brownie - A Girl Scout in grades 2-3.

Girl Scout Cadette - A Girl Scout in grades 6-8.

Girl Scout Ceremonies - Ceremonies help Girl Scouts mark special events throughout the year, such as bridging to another level, earning a **Journey Award**, or getting a Girl Scout pin. Ceremonies can commemorate accomplishments or add something special to the beginning or end of a group's meeting. Girls can plan a ceremony around a theme, such as friendship or nature, and express themselves in words or song. Whatever its purpose, every Girl Scout ceremony helps girls share in Girl Scout history and traditions - and create their own special memories.

Girl Scout Cookie Program - The largest entrepreneurial program in the world for girls.

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Girl Scout Council – Girl Scouts of the USA has over 100 councils. The **Council** covers a large regional territory, operates program facilities, and has a team of professional staff focused solely on providing girls with the best possible **Girl Scout Leadership Experience**. Through the **Council**, girls can meet other Girl Scouts, travel to new place, have outdoor adventures, and mentor younger girls in all kinds of ways.

Girl Scout Daisy - A Girl Scout in grades K-1.

Girl Scout DNA - The **G.I.R.L.** (Go Getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader™) traits that define girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Gold Award - The highest and most prestigious award in the world for girls, earned by Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors in grades 9-12.

Girl Scout Handshake - Girl Scouts can greet one another with the Girl Scout handshake, used by Girl Scouts and Girl Guides all over the world. The handshake is made by shaking hands with the left hand and making the **Girl Scout Sign** with the right. The left hand is nearest to the heart and signifies friendship.

Girl Scout Junior - A Girl Scout in grades 4-5.

Girl Scout Law – The values Girl Scouts pledge to live by to “do their best” to be honest and fair friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what they say and do, to respect authority, use resources wisely, make the world a better place, and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Mission - Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scout Motto - The Girl Scout motto is "Be prepared." In the 1947 *Girl Scout Handbook*, the motto was explained this way: "A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed. Willingness to serve is not enough; you must know how to do the job well, even in an emergency." The same holds true today. The motto reminds us that we must not only be willing, but also be able to give service.

Girl Scout Processes - These describe how girls do activities as part of the **GSLE: Girl Led, Cooperative Learning, Learning by Doing**.

Girl Scout Promise – The promise all Girl Scouts make to act “on their honor,” to try serve God* and their country, to help people at all times, and to live by the **Girl Scout Law**.

*Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.

Girl Scout Senior - A Girl Scout in grades 9-10.

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Girl Scout Sign – Girl Scouts make the Girl Scout sign—raising three fingers of the right hand with the thumb holding down the pinky—when they say the **Girl Scout Promise**. The three fingers represent the three parts of the Promise.

Girl Scout Silver Award – The highest award that can be earned by a **Girl Scout Cadette**.

Girl Scout Slogan – The Girl Scout slogan, which has been used since 1912, is "Do a good turn daily." The slogan is a reminder of the many ways girls can contribute positively to the lives of others.

Girl Scout Sunday and **Girl Scout Sabbath** – **Girl Scout Sunday** and **Girl Scout Sabbath** give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout.

Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Day - A **Special Girl Scout Day** celebrated on April 22. This is a day for girls to thank the adult volunteers who help guide them on Girl Scout adventures.

Girl Scout Week - A **Special Girl Scout Day** celebrated the week during which the **Girl Scout Birthday** falls, starting with Girl Scout Sunday, ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and always including the **Girl Scouts Birthday**, March 12. Some Girl Scouts also wear their uniforms if they go a service at their place of worship on **Girl Scout Sunday** or **Girl Scout Sabbath** during this week. This is also a great time to earn the **My Promise, My Faith Awards**.

Girl Scouts' National Convention – A national gathering of Girl Scouts held every three years.

Girl Scouts' Own – A special ceremony created around a theme. It might take place indoors or outdoors, during a group meeting, at camp, or during any gathering with other Girl Scouts. This ceremony is a chance for girls/adults to create meaningful celebration around a theme that matters to them. This can include poetry, songs, skits, and ideas - whatever fits the occasion. The purpose is to design a creative and inspiring experience or a quiet time of reflection.

G.I.R.L. - Go Getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader™. These traits define girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. This is the **Girl Scout DNA**.

Girls in ICT Day - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on the 4th Thursday of April. Information and communication technologies (ICTs) drive growth and innovation worldwide, infiltrating all aspects of our lives— for instance, are you reading this on a phone, tablet, or computer right now? Girls who learn app development and computer coding are not only well positioned for a successful career, but prepared to make the world a better place through technology. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

Giving Service – Girl Scout make the world a better place when they give service, by doing community service. Giving service is being helpful – doing a kind thing for others right now. Examples are organizing a food drive, writing an editorial, or helping a friend with a tough homework assignment. See **Taking Action**.

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Global Action Days - International days of action observed by Girl Scouts to celebrate women and girls, and address the different challenges we all face around the world. These include:

World Thinking Day (February 22)
International Women's Day (March 8)
Global Youth Service Day (2nd or 3rd weekend of April)
Global Action Week for Education (3rd or 4th week of April)
Girls in ICT Day (4th Thursday of April)
World Environment Day (June 5)
International Day of the Girl (October 11)
Global Poverty Day (October 17)
16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence (November 25-December 10)

Global Action Toolkit – A resource to support Global Action Days that includes information about the nine days, activities, and patch information.

Global Action Week for Education - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on 3rd or 4th week of April. When a girl receives an education, it changes her life; and that change has a ripple effect on her family, her community, her country, and her world. Education is the most important tool we have to make the world a better place. We celebrate Global Action Week for Education so that all children, regardless of gender, income, or geography, have access to this vital resource. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

Global Girl Scouting - Global means relating to the whole world. A global organization is worldwide and international, and from our very beginning, the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movement has been international in nature. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA includes 2.6 million Girl Scouts in 92 countries around the world.

Global Poverty Day - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on October 17. More than 700 million people around the world live in extreme poverty and struggle to fulfill basic needs that most of us take for granted, like health, education, and access to water and sanitation. Girls are key to ending global poverty. An informed and educated girl is more likely to earn a higher income in a career of her choice, prepared to make informed choices about her health and family, and pass along the benefits that she's received to others in her community, meaning that everyone benefits. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

Global Youth Service Day - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on the 2nd or 3rd weekend of April. Girl Scouts make the world a better place every day by taking action on issues they care about and dedicating many hours of service to their communities. On Global Youth Service Day, we celebrate their achievements and recognize the contributions that youth make around the world. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

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Go-getter - She's bold, honest, and determined to succeed. In her mind failure is no reason not to get back up and try again, and again, and again. That explains why half of all U.S. businesswomen were Girl Scouts.

Gold Award Girl Scout - A Girl Scout who has earned the **Girl Scout Gold Award**.

GSOC - Girl Scouts of Orange County. The local **Council** serving all of Orange County, CA, with the main headquarters office in Irvine, CA, and home to the **Council Shop**.

GSUSA - Girl Scouts of the United States of America or Girl Scouts of the USA. The national Girl Scout organization, which charters each local **Council**, and is a member of **WAGGGS**.

Girl Scouts' Highest Awards – Earned by Girl Scouts for their efforts to contribute to the world - to take action to solve problems in the community – these prestigious awards include the **Girl Scout Gold Award**, and the **Girl Scout Silver Award** and **Girl Scout Bronze Award**.

Innovator - Thinking outside the box is her specialty, so she's always looking for a creative way to take action. A clear correlation: 73 percent of current female senators were Girl Scouts.

International Day of the Girl - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on October 11. We know that each girl has the power to exercise her G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)TM potential. By supporting and investing in girls, we can make the world a better place. Girl Scouts also participates in the 11 Days of Action, starting on October 1, in advance of International Day of the Girl. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

International Women's Day - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on March 8. Girl Scouts celebrate this day to honor the many roles that women and girls play and to highlight opportunities and challenges in achieving gender equality. In the United States, March is also Women's History Month, which makes this an excellent opportunity to examine the impact of women on society. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

Investiture Ceremony - A ceremony in which girls or adults are welcomed into Girl Scouting for the first time. This can also be combined with a **Rededication Ceremony**.

Journeys – National Leadership **Journeys** invite girls to explore a theme using the **Three Keys** to Leadership and to earn Journey Awards.

Journey Awards – Awards girls earn when they complete a Journey.

Juliette Low - Founder of the Girl Scouts.

Juliette's Low's Birthday - A **Special Girl Scout Day** celebrated on October 31st. Girl Scouts honor her birthday as **Founder's Day** and host parties and do special projects to help others.

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Learning By Doing – One of the **Girl Scout Processes**.

Kaper - Task, job, or duty. Can be within patrol, unit, or the entire camp; always with staff members involved.

Kaper Chart - A chart showing which group has what job.

Leader - A person who demonstrates leadership, defined in Girl Scouts in a special way. She's confident, responsible, and committed to changing the world. Here's proof: Every year, Girl Scouts collectively spend tens of millions of hours improving their communities.

Leadership - What Girl Scouts is all about! See the **Three Keys**.

My Promise, My Faith Award - A national award pin that invites girls in grades K-12 to experience a faith journey through exploration of the **Girl Scout Law** and teachings from their faith; one award pin can be earned each year.

Rededication Ceremony - A ceremony held at special times, such as when you want to renew your **Girl Scout Promise** and review what the law means to you. This can also be combined with an **Investiture Ceremony**.

Risk-taker - Courageous and strong, she's keen to try new things and embrace the unfamiliar. It's no wonder that many of the women who have flown in space were Girl Scouts.

Quiet Sign - The **Quiet Sign** is a way to silence a crowd without shouting at anyone. When one person raises their right hand, and waits silently, all others shut their mouth.

Safety Activity Checkpoints - Safety Activity Checkpoints (SAC) is a resource that provides safety standards and guidelines for **Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA)**-approved activities. GSUSA, local councils, and other units holding a credential—including **USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO)** committees—shall be responsible for seeing that all activities are planned and carried out in a manner that considers the health, safety, and general well-being of all participants in accordance with these guidelines.

Special Girl Scout Days - Days Girl Scouts celebrate to enjoy belonging and to remind each other - and the world - what the **Movement** is all about. These include:

World Thinking Day (February 22)

The **Girl Scout Birthday** (March 12)

Girl Scout Week (the week in which March 12 falls)

Girl Scout Volunteer Appreciation Day (April 22)

Founder's Day (October 31) - also **Juliette Low's Birthday**

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SWAPS - Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere or Shared With a Pal. These little gifts are small tokens made by Girl Scouts as tokens of friendship to exchange with the Girl Scouts they meet when they travel.

Take Action - One of the **Three Keys**.

Taking Action – Girl Scouts make the world a better place when they take action. Taking action means moving beyond immediate service to making lasting change. To take action, you dig to the root of a problem to find sustainable solutions. You use your global perspective to mobilize others and make an improvement that will continue even after you're no longer directly involved. Examples of this include planting and staffing an urban garden, advocating for a law or policy change, or creating a center where children who need tutoring can always get it.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience - (GSLE)

The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting – The program resource binder for girls with a fun all-in-one badge book and handbook format. The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting complements the Girl Scout Journeys by helping girls build skills to become successful and gain the confidence to do amazing things!

The **Three Keys** - Discover, Connect, Take Action. Girl Scouts has a special definition of leadership based on our **Three Keys**. You start with the **Discover** key. This is where you look inward to understand who you are and what you value. When you head out into the world, you use the **Connect** key to team up with others and create a network, both locally and around the world. Then you **Take Action** to make the world a better place.

The Movement – The global movement of Girl Scouts in which all girls can see themselves reflected—and that today includes 2.6 million Girl Scouts (1.8 million girls and 800,000 adults) in 92 countries and more than 50 million alums, united across distance and decades by lifelong friendships, shared adventures, and the desire to do big things to make the world a better place.

USA Girl Scouts Overseas - (USAGSO) Girl Scouts who are registered members of GSUSA and live overseas, in countries outside of the United States.

VTK - Volunteer Toolkit, an online resource tool for planning for Girl Scout Troop Leaders and girls.

WAGGGS - World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, the international sisterhood of 10 million girls and young women in 150 member organizations that include **Girl Scouts of the USA**.

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World Environment Day - A **Global Action Day** celebrated on June 5. Our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, was a famous lover of nature. By celebrating World Environment Day, Girl Scouts honors her legacy by promoting respect and love of the great outdoors far and wide. Through Girl Scouting, girls see the Earth as their home. Whether they're learning about endangered wildlife, developing creative recycling projects, or working toward a grade-level award, girls focus on care, conservation, and responsibility. They make sure the beauty and wonder of our planet endure for future generations to enjoy. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.

World Thinking Day - A **Special Girl Scout Day** and a **Global Action Day** celebrated on February 22. Girl Scouts use this day as an opportunity to think of each other and our global sisterhood; to raise awareness about the issues that impact girls and young women from around the world; and to take action to address those issues as a global movement. See the **Global Action Toolkit** on the resources tab of the **Volunteer Toolkit** for details.