



# Juliette Guide

A Guide for an individual Girl Scout

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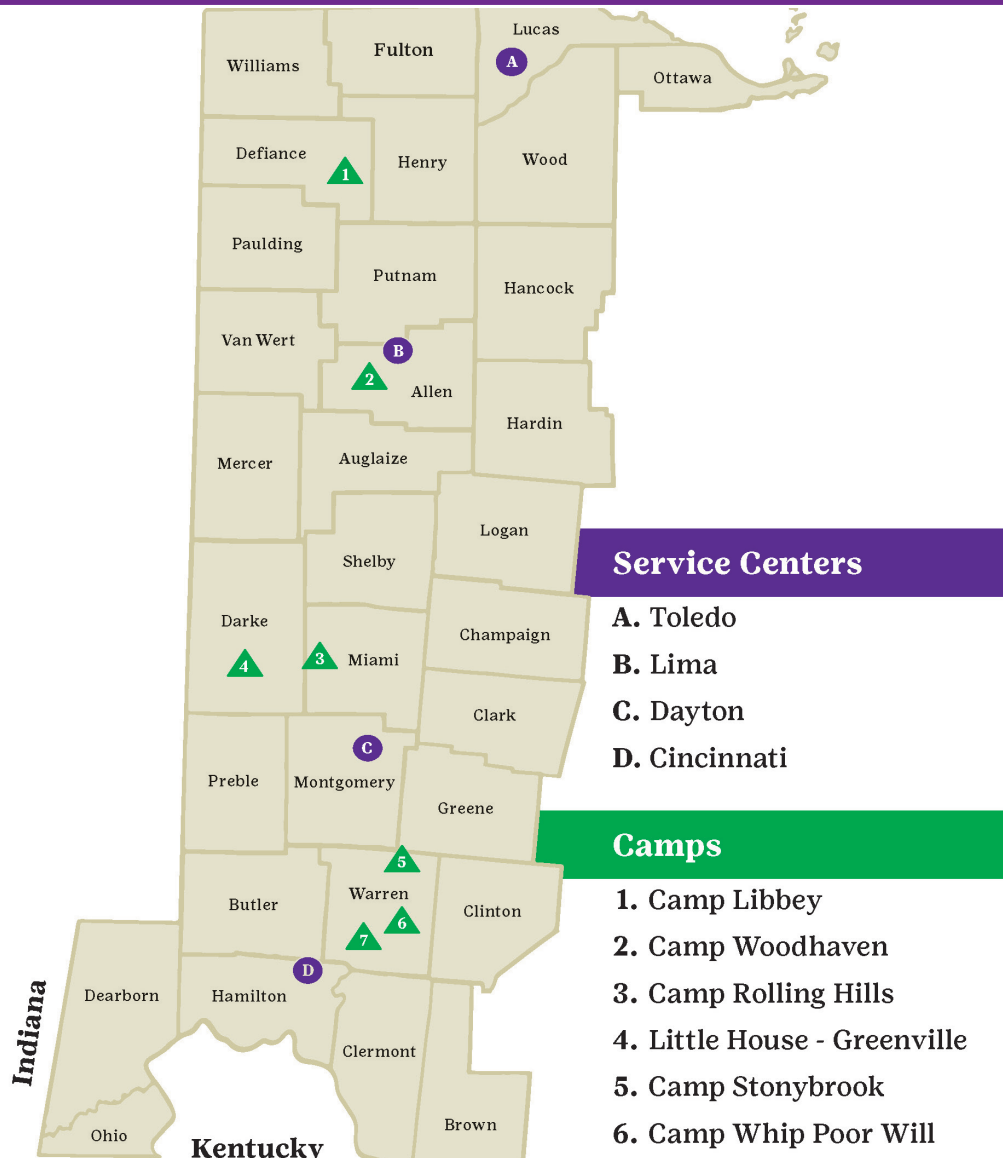


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# Council Overview



## Can I join as an independent Girl Scout?



Yes! Earn badges, go camping, and more on your own schedule.

You can absolutely join Girl Scouts by yourself. This type of membership is known as an Individually Registered Member (IRM). Individually registered members are also known as Juliettes, named after our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. Juliettes choose how to participate based on their schedule and interests.

Joining as a Juliette is great for Girl Scouts without a troop available nearby or who want to enjoy Girl Scout programming with their family. They can get started right away by earning badges independently or attending events to meet other Girl Scouts in their area.

# Welcome to Juliette Girl Scouts

While Girl Scouts is typically experience within a troop, the Juliette program is custom made for girls who are not part of a troop. These girls participate in Girl Scouts as an Individual member. Girl Scouts Juliettes can mix and match their unique interest to the Girl Scout opportunities. The Juliette program is flexible, there are no requirements how often a girl participates. Through highest awards, weekend workshops, leadership opportunities, and travel, girls create the experiences that improve their skills and help them achieve their goals.

A Juliette can participate in all Girl Scout activities open to her grade level. She can attend council sponsored programs such as events, year-round camp experiences, and travel opportunities. As a Juliette, she will work on Girl Scout programs with a parent/caregiver or another adult mentor.



As the parent/caregiver of a Girl Scout Juliette, your involvement will help shape your Juliette's experience. As her guide, she'll see your commitment to her growth and before you know it, you'll be growing, too. As a parent/caregiver, you:

- Register your girl and pay the annual national membership dues. This membership fee also provides insurance coverage when she is involved in Girl Scout activities.
- Are encouraged to become an adult Girl Scout member, take our online training, and attend Girl Scout activities with your girl.
- Support your girl's commitment to the Girl Scout Juliette Program. This means guiding her through badges and Journeys, taking her to events, supporting a Highest Awards project, and more.
- Help your girl participate in Girl Scout Product Programs by following safety guidelines and helping her check over her orders.
- Provide funds for special events and activities or request financial assistance from council.

# Your support network

Our council is divided into geographic areas called service units. Your service unit consists of girls and adults from your neighborhood and surrounding schools. It is led by volunteers who support local volunteers like you in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Service units organize local meetings and provide support to volunteers as well as give your Juliette opportunities to interact with other girls in the community. Below is important information for your support network.

## Service Unit information

Council Code: 240

Service Unit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Unit Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social media: \_\_\_\_\_

## Local Volunteer Support Meetings

Day: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Each service unit is led by a volunteer service team that works in partnership with regional staff. Below is contact info for your service unit chair and community development manager.

Volunteer/ Staff Support	Name	Email	Phone
Local Volunteer Support			
GSWO Staff Community Development Manager			

## GSWO Customer Care:

If you have questions or need assistance at any point along your girl's journey, our Customer Care team can help! **Representatives are available from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, with extended added during key program times throughout the year. Contact them by phone at 888.350.5090 or email: [customercare@gsw.org](mailto:customercare@gsw.org).**



# How the Girl Scout program works

To guide your Girl Scout Juliette, it's important to understand the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. It's not just what Girl Scouts do, but how they do it that creates a high quality experience. In Girl Scouting, girls enjoy activities based on the three keys to leadership, and they build on three program processes that make Girl Scouting unique from other activities.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is designed in progression, with girls learning, growing and taking on more responsibility and leadership within their individual experience as they develop skills while progressing through the Girl Scout levels.

## 1 | Five Outcomes

Know where you're going before you start. Become familiar with the five outcomes we want girls to achieve through Girl Scouts:



**Develop a strong sense of self:**  
Girls have confidence in themselves and their ability, and form positive identities.



**Develop positive values:**  
Girls act ethically, honestly, and responsibly, and show concern for others.



**Seek Challenges:**  
Girls learn to take appropriate risks, try things even if they might fail, and learn from their mistakes.



**Develop healthy relationships:**  
Girls develop and maintain healthy relationships by communicating their feelings directly and resolving conflict constructively.



**Learn community problem solving:**  
Girls contribute to the world in purposeful and meaningful ways, learn how to identify problems in the community, and create "action plans" to solve them.

## 2 | Four Program Pillars

Offer activities from the four Program Pillars.



**S.T.E.M.—Science, Technology, Engineering, Math:** Activities help girls develop problem-solving skills and confidence to pursue these topics in school.



**Outdoor:** Develop outdoor skills over time. This can be as simple as meeting outdoors and working toward more adventurous outdoor exploration.



**Life Skills:** Develop key life skills girls can use forever, like financial literacy, first-aid, civics and more. Badges are great for this!



**Entrepreneurship:** Participate in the Girl Scout Cookie and Fall Product programs and other financial literacy events to build key entrepreneurial skills girls will use for a lifetime! See page 8 of this guide for more information.

## 3 | Program Processes

Incorporate these program processes into your activities:



**Girl Led** means girls shape their experience by asking questions, offering ideas, and using their imaginations.



**Learning By Doing** means girls learn through hands-on activities, talking about what they did, and reflecting on how they would do it differently next time.



**Cooperative Learning** means girls work together to brainstorm ideas and problem solve their way toward a common goal.

# Tools of the trade

A typical Girl Scout year is made up of a blend of experiences and opportunities as the Girl Scout leadership Experience is different for every girl, based on her needs and interests. Below are the tools you will need to successfully support your Juliette Girl Scout:

## Volunteer Tool-Kit

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is a great companion to the other resources in your Girl Scout library. Free, online access for parents/caregivers of Girls Scout Juliettes means you can build your program year plan with your Juliette the moment she starts her Girl Scout Journey. All badge requirements and Journey information are included in this digital tool and can be a great aid as you lead your girl through the Girl Scout program. Gain access to the VTK through your MyGS profile and explore! Staff are here to help you navigate the program and training is always available.



## Program resources

For resources, activities and badge information check out the following links!



Girl Scout Activity Zone  
[girlscouts.org/activityzone](http://girlscouts.org/activityzone)



Girl Scout Badge Explorer  
[girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer](http://girlscouts.org/badgeexplorer)



GSWO Patch Program  
[gswa.org/patch](http://gswa.org/patch)



## Badges v.s. Patches

**Badges** and awards are earned by completing the requirements in the National Portfolio resources. These are placed on the **front** of the uniform.

• **Patches** are given to girls for attending events or activities. These are placed on the **back** of the uniform.



# Girl Scout year at a glance

Key elements of a Girl Scout year include:

## Fall

- **Fall Product Program** is a great way to earn Digital Dough and build valuable skills while selling nuts and magazines to friends and family.
- **International Day of the Girl**, October 11.
- The birthday of **Juliette Gordon Low**, Girl Scout founder, October 31.
- Girl Scout Program Guide, Winter/Spring always open on first Wednesday in November.

## Winter

- **Girl Scout Cookie Program** is a great way to earn Digital Dough, which can fund your Girl Scout experience, and develop financial skills.
- Register for **Summer Camp**. Check out all the fun to be had at camp, from day and resident camp (girls attend alone or with a buddy), or other one-day opportunities. Visit [camp.gswo.org](http://camp.gswo.org) in late January to see all the options.
- Celebrate **Girl Scout World Thinking Day** - February 22. Honor our sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts by taking time to give thanks for their international friendships and remember that GSUSA is a part of a global community. Visit [girlscouts.org/worldthinkingday](http://girlscouts.org/worldthinkingday).

## Spring

- **Girl Scout Week**. Celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday. It always includes the Girl Scout birthday (when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first troop) on March 12.
- **Girl Scout Sunday and Girl Scout Sabbath**. Provides an opportunity to attend a place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. Ask your service unit Girl Scout Leadership chair for more information.
- **Renew Your Membership**. Late spring is a great time register for the coming year. There are often incentives associated with early registration.

## Summer

- **Enjoy the summer!** Many Girl Scouts take the summer off, but that doesn't mean you have to! Take advantage of the time off of school to go on trips or participate in short-term Girl Scout opportunities.
- **Attend Camp!** Girls can attend on their own, or with a friend.



# Product Program

We'd love to have your girl join us in the world's largest girl-run business: the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Even as an individual Girl Scout, she can sell to friends and family, go door-to-door, and sell cookies online through the Digital Cookie program. She'll love being the CEO of her own cookie business. Visit [gswo.org/cookieresources](https://gswo.org/cookieresources) to learn about our program.

## Here's what you need to do:

1. Complete your Juliette Intent to Participate form: [gswo.org/julietteproductinterest](https://gswo.org/julietteproductinterest).
2. Help your girl run her Cookie Business from January through mid-March.

**Easy, right?** Instead of troop proceeds, your girl will earn Digital Cookie Dough based on her sales totals. Digital Dough is an electronic gift card that can be used to pay for membership, service unit day camp, any item in our regional shops, and any Girl Scouts of Western Ohio council-sponsored activity — like camp.

Plus, she'll earn awesome girl rewards based on her sales.

For additional questions, get connected to your regional Juliette Cookie Coordinator by calling Customer Care at 888.350.5090.

If she's looking to expand her business even more we have a Fall Product Program that runs in October where girls sell items like nuts, chocolates, and magazines. This short and simple program is a great practice for the Cookie Program and helps girls earn even more Digital Dough to fund her Girl Scout experience. Visit [gswo.org/fallproduct](https://gswo.org/fallproduct) to learn more.

Contact Customer Care at 888.350.5090 or stop by your regional Girl Scout center in September or October to get more information and register to participate.



Cookie Business

Learn about all the badges your Girl Scout can earn through the cookie program by visiting [girlscouts.org/cookiebadges](https://girlscouts.org/cookiebadges)



Entrepreneur Pins and Badges



# What can a Juliette do?

## Council-sponsored program events

Juliettes can attend just about any program event listed in our Program Events Guide or on our website, with the exception of any event designated as **troop only**. From programming robots to outdoor challenge courses, our council sponsored activities are designed to enhance the Girl Scout experience and are developed for specific grade levels. Find an activity for your girl in our Program Events Guide, published each summer: [gswo.org/activities](https://gswo.org/activities).

## Community service unit events

In addition to events coordinated by our Council that are listed in our program guide, there are special events that are held in and planned specifically for your community by other volunteers. These include events like all age camping trips, skating parties, and cookie rallies. Reach out to your community development manager to learn more about these opportunities.

Go to [gswo.org/events](https://gswo.org/events) to find events that are scheduled in your area!



Llama trek



White water rafting



Camp



# What can a Juliette do?



Canoeing



High challenge course



Trekking | Hiking



Rock climbing wall

## Camp

Our summer camps offer a wide variety of programs for all your different interests. No matter which camp you choose or whether you stay a day, a week, or longer, you will have a ton of fun making new friends, trying new things, practicing new-found skills, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. Camping is a great way for girls to explore leadership, build skills, and develop a deep appreciation for nature.

Go to [gsw.org/camp](https://gsw.org/camp) to find out more about camp!



Archery



# What can a Juliette do?

## Highest Awards

Every Girl Scout goes above and beyond to make a difference in her community and the greater world. The skills and experiences she gains along the way set her up for special recognition through the The Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awards.

Find out more at  
[gswo.org/highestawards](https://gswo.org/highestawards)



## Faith Awards

Girl Scouts from all backgrounds and beliefs can deepen their Faith by exploring our Religious Awards, such as My Promise, My Faith, and Interfaith Awards. Learn more about Girl Scout Religious Awards at [gswo.org/faith](https://gswo.org/faith).



Interfaith Service



Girl Scout Gold Award



# Girl Scouts for teens

## Travel

Girl Scout Destinations are the ultimate adventure for individual Girl Scouts ages 11 and up!

Make friends from all over the country as you travel with Girl Scouts from different states. There's a unique, life-changing experience for every girl.

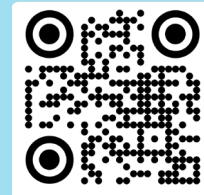
Find out more at  
[girlscouts.org/destinations](https://girlscouts.org/destinations)



## Exclusive opportunities

Check out our exclusive opportunities for girls grade level 6 and up. From high adventure to community service, astronomy and more, you won't want to miss out!

Find out more at  
[gswo.org/clubs](https://gswo.org/clubs)



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