

Why do families love us?

You and your family can meet new people, try new things, and make new memories with Girl Scouts—even when life gets tough. While you're exploring our world and learning skills, you'll also discover new ways to make your family and community stronger.

Growing with Girl Scouts.

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



Ways to support your Girl Scout

- Spend time with her and enjoy fun Girl Scout events and activities together.
- Encourage her to try new things. Ask about her experiences afterward.
- Help her set a cookie goal and track her progress toward success.
- Stay connected through our email alerts, social media, Rallyhood, and our website ([gsworld.org](https://www.gsworld.org))

Share her adventure

Consider volunteering as a co-leader to make sure your girl's troop can start right away with the required two troop co-leaders. Or help out by being a troop driver, managing the Girl Scout Cookie Program, or sharing a particular skill or hobby with the girls.

There are many ways to learn and grow along with your girl! Training and resources are provided.



girl scouts of western ohio



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Meeting Location: _____

Troop Committee Contacts:

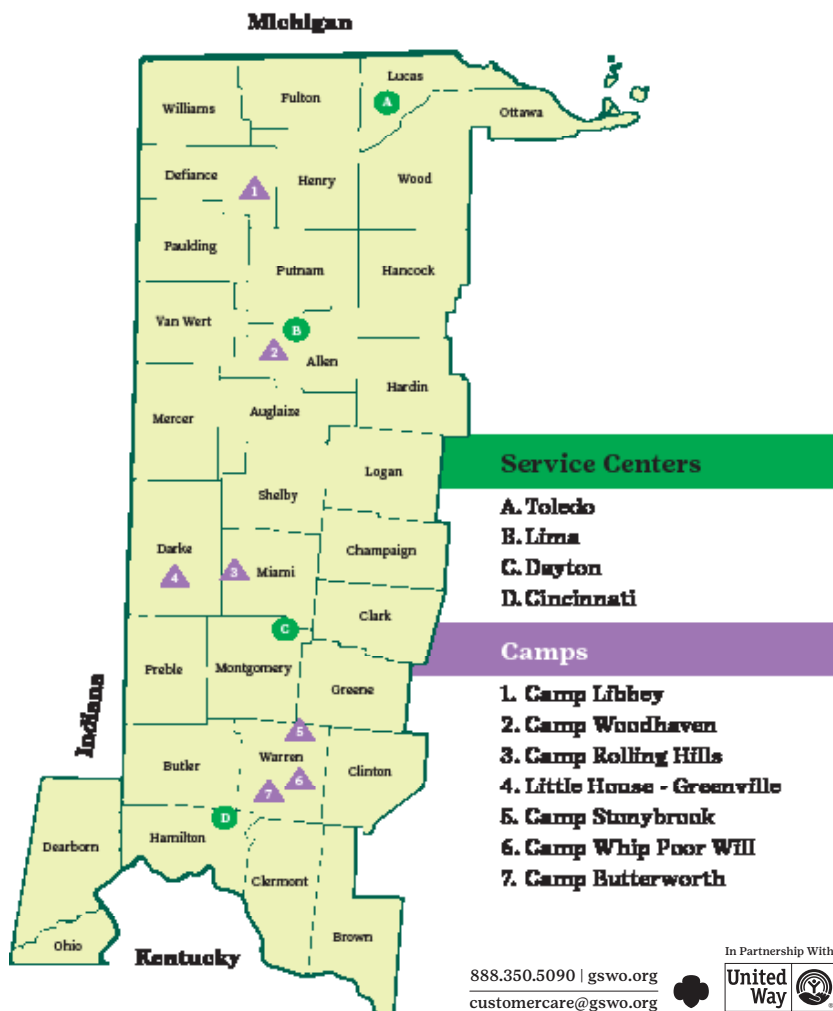
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Today, there are 1.8 million Girl Scouts — more than 40,000 girls and volunteers participate within our 32-county area in western Ohio and southeastern Indiana.

Council Map



Special Girl Scout Dates 2023-2024

October 6, 2023	Fall Product Program order taking begins
October 31, 2023	Founder Juliette Gordon Low's birthday
November 8, 2023	Winter / Spring Program Event registration opens
November 12, 2023	Fall Product Program ends
January 5, 2024	Girl Scout Cookie Program order taking begins
January 24, 2024	Summer Camp registration opens
February 22, 2024	World Thinking Day: Celebrate and learn about girls from other countries
March 12, 2024	National Girl Scout Day
March 17, 2024	Girl Scout Cookie Program ends
April 15, 2024	Early Bird registration opens for 2024-2025 membership year
April 22, 2024	Volunteer Appreciation Day

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Welcome to Girl Scouting!

Girl Scouts helps your girl shine.

You want a brighter, happier tomorrow for your girl—
and that's exactly what we want, too.



We're here, together with your family, to support:



Her dreams

Right now, Girl Scouts are learning about robots, hiking, dancing, painting murals, feeding the hungry, and even writing laws to change the world. If she can dream it, we'll help her do it.



Her growth

Girl Scouts focus on their potential rather than perfection. They try new things, knowing they'll be accepted by their sister Girl Scouts for exactly who they are today and who they can be tomorrow.



Her success

Girl Scouts are all about collaboration, not competition. Meeting goals and celebrating wins as a team doesn't just feel great, it teaches them to work well with others, which will take them far in life.

Best of all, when she becomes a Girl Scout, you become a Girl Scout family—creating special memories, bonding over challenges, and growing stronger together every day.

Start her adventure today at gswo.org/getstarted



What is Girl Scouts?

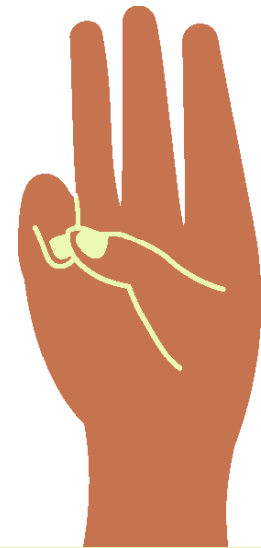
Girl Scouts is the one activity where she can put on a play, go camping, explore the cosmos, and stand up for her beliefs—all with friends who share common values.

It's also a supportive community. Being a Girl Scout makes girls part of something bigger than themselves. It means they're part of a movement working toward a more fair, equal, and compassionate world where everyone can make their dreams come true. (See our values in the **Promise and Law** below.)

Girl Scouts continuously try new things and test their limits, all with the goal of making their communities and the world a better place. While one girl can make a difference, there's no limit to what a unified movement of Girl Scouts across the globe can accomplish.

How does it work?

- Girls can join Girl Scouts at any point in grades K-12.
- Membership is just \$25. You'll join a group of girls and families called a troop and get a full year of adventures, including trips, events, and special programs. Financial assistance is available.
- Troops may charge moderate dues (\$20-60/year) for supplies and badges.
- Uniforms (\$40-60/year) are recommended, but not required. One uniform can be used for up to two years.
- Girl Scouts explore a wide range of activities, including the outdoors, science, entrepreneurship, and life skills—guided by adult volunteers.
- Girls lead the way, exploring areas that excite them the most, and they earn badges to reflect successes and show the world what they're made of.



Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God* and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be

honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

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

Ways Adults Can Help

Each troop needs the help of adults to provide a quality Girl Scout experience. When you volunteer, you not only make a difference for the girls, but you have the opportunity to join in the fun, share your skills, or even try something new!

The Troop Committee is the adult leadership team for a Girl Scout troop. Troop Committee members may include parent/caregivers, adult family members, Girl Scout alums, or community members. Consider offering to help with one of the positions below.

Typical Troop Committee Roles

- **Troop Leaders (2 required)**

Help girls have fun with a purpose. Using the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE), the troop leader guides girls as they engage in age-appropriate activities that are girl-led, cooperative, and hands-on. Online planning tools, training, and support provided. All troops must have two appointed troop leaders to begin meeting.

- **Troop Assistants (as many as needed)**

A variety of support roles are needed; training and support is available to get you started. Here are a few common ways you can help the troop leaders:

Treasurer: Manage the troop's finances and be a signer on the troop bank account.

Camping: Complete outdoor training to learn skills to help girls plan and experience day or overnight camp, including fire building, cooking, and outdoor activities.

Driver: Help plan, prepare, and travel for troop trips. Ranges from guiding girls at planning meetings to simply driving/chaperoning on trips.

First-Aider: Maintain adult and pediatric CPR and basic First Aid certification through a qualifying agency and be available to attend troop trips. Provide First Aid or CPR as needed.

- **Troop Assistant - Cookie Manager or Fall Product Manager (1-2 needed)**

Manage troop's participation in the Cookie Program or Fall Product Program. Learn the ins and outs of managing the program, including important dates, parent/caregiver communication, inventory management, safety, and more. Ensure troop follow proper policies and procedures related to the program. Training and support provided.



How to Get Involved

The whole family has opportunities to participate!

- Attend one or more meetings
- Provide a place for outdoor activities
- Assist with troop money earning
- Lead a hike
- Provide space for storage, equipment
- Send communications/reminders
- Donate supplies
- Provide a meeting place
- Provide occasional snacks for meetings

Consider your experiences and skills that could be shared with the girls:

- Songs
- Sports
- Drama
- Games
- Cooking
- Your Hobby
- Crafts
- Math
- Sewing
- Fitness
- Dance
- Your Career
- Camping Skills
- Photography
- Nutrition
- Music
- Computer
- Your Culture
- Nature
- Science
- Gardening
- Animals
- First Aid



Visit gsws.org/volunteer to get started!

Girl Scouts of Western Ohio is committed to offering a safe and quality program to girls in the community. To help keep girls safe, we require all volunteers to successfully complete a criminal background check.

We're here to help.

Our Customer Care specialists can get you started, answer your questions, and troubleshoot issues. Call 888.350.5090 or email customercare@gsws.org.