



It is rare that girls here, in a country that undervalues women, have the dream, the confidence, and the means to step beyond their world and embrace the possible. Here, Girl Scouts isn't a club or an activity; it is a glimpse into something better. Girl Scouts is a lifeline.

—Diana, troop leader, Abuja, Nigeria

Embark on an extraordinary journey of leadership!

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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.




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(Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™]
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Background

Since 1925, USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO) has been bringing the Girl Scout experience to American girls living overseas and girls attending international schools in over 90 countries, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. With a focus on leadership development, cultural competence, and global impact- USAGSO is unleashing the G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader) in her, wherever she is in the world!

As part of Girl Scouts of the USA, nearly 10,000 USAGSO members around the world participate in the same proven Girl Scout Leadership Experience as their stateside sister Girl Scouts; but because the world is truly open to them, they also experience so much more. Girls and their families find friendship and a support network during times of transition; they are exposed to Girl Scouts' values and maintain a link to American culture; and, in areas of extreme hardship, they find hope and inspiration.

Whether girls are taking on change-the-world service projects in Singapore, experiencing life-altering trips to incredible places in India, or learning about the wonder of the outdoors in Switzerland, they are constantly given opportunities to take the lead like a Girl Scout and accomplish amazing things.



By being a USAGSO Girl Scout, I became less afraid of public speaking because I spoke so much at cookie sales and taught other Girl Scouts about my projects. Leaders need to be understood and heard, and I had practice doing that.

—Abigail, age 12, South Korea



By participating in USAGSO, girls get:

- Quality, high-level programs focused on acquiring new skills and becoming courageous leaders.
- The opportunity to move from one country to another and have the same Girl Scout experience.
- A connection to the United States, even when they are an ocean away.
- A greater cultural understanding (nearly one quarter of all USAGSO members are from countries other than the United States).
- A supportive network of girls and women to encourage and stand by them.

Did you know?

- Through our network of over 5,000 adult volunteers, USAGSO brings world class programs focused on developing girls with self-confidence and character, who will become our future world leaders, to nearly 10,000 kindergarten to 12th-grade girls around the world.
- While overseas, Girl Scouts learn the importance of civic responsibility and giving back to their international communities. USAGSO troops donate over 30,000 hours of community service every year.
- Each year, hundreds of USAGSO Girl Scouts earn the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. Since 2009, 230 USAGSO members have earned their Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest achievement.
- USAGSO Girl Scouts practice global advocacy and learn that they have the power to make a positive difference in the world by participating in events like the Girls' World Forum and United Nations' days.
- USAGSO members develop cultural competencies and build a worldwide network of friends through ongoing partnerships with their host nation Girl Guides or Girl Scouts.
- USAGSO Girl Scouts explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through hands-on activities, such as learning how to make natural water filters while camping outdoors in Germany.
- USAGSO Girl Scouts learn resiliency when they climb Mount Fuji in Japan or hike the Alps in Switzerland.
- USAGSO Girl Scouts experience empathy when they gather supplies for people affected by the earthquake in Haiti, collect school supplies for children in rural Nepal, or host events for Syrian refugees in Jordan.
- When USAGSO Girl Scouts organize a mobile book drive or maintain a community garden, they are developing skills—such as how to set goals, cooperate with others, negotiate and resolve conflicts—that will help them throughout school and in the workplace.

