

USA Girl Scouts Overseas

As the international operating arm of Girl Scouts of the USA, **USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO)** brings the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to both 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.

USAGSO is honored to serve over 12,000 girls and adults in 90+ countries who step up with courage and confidence to make their homes, schools, communities, and countries better. Through USAGSO, 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 wonders of the outdoors in France, they are constantly given opportunities to take the lead like a Girl Scout and accomplish amazing things.

"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

Overseas Committees

To bring a high-quality Girl Scout experience, USAGSO works with teams of volunteers around the globe. This includes a committee of volunteers who provide the overall management of their Girl Scout community, support local Troop Leaders, and oversee USAGSO initiatives. The Girl Scout volunteer committee is called the Overseas Committee Management Team (OCMT).

Originally established to support Girl Scouting in American military families living abroad, USA Girl Scouts Overseas today has a membership that is approximately **60% non-military and 40% military.**

Countries with Active Girl Scouts in 2019.

95

In 2019, USAGSO served **8,446 girls and 4,027 adults.**

USAGSO has over **120 Overseas Committees**

Did you know?

Through our network of over 4,000 adult volunteers, USAGSO brings world class programs focused on developing girls with self-confidence and character, who will become our future world leaders, to over 8,000 kindergarten to 12th-grade girls around the world.

Each year, hundreds of USAGSO Girl Scouts earn the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards. In the last 10 years, over 300 USAGSO members have earned their Gold Award, Girl Scouts' highest achievement.

USAGSO Girl Scouts have gathered supplies for people affected by the hurricane in the U.S. Virgin Islands, collected school supplies for children in rural Nepal, and learned how to knit in order to provide winter clothing to Syrian refugees.

USAGSO Girl Scouts develop cultural competencies and build a worldwide network of friends through ongoing partnerships with their host nation Girl Guides or Girl Scouts.



Girl Scout Leadership Experience:

Before women had the right to vote, Girl Scouts encouraged and taught girls how to lead, take action and make their world a better place and we continue to be the best leadership experience created for girls, by girls. Through the four areas that form the foundation of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls are programming robots, advocating for social justice, caring for our environment, and taking action in their communities.

1. **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM):** USAGSO is challenging girls to explore STEM through our STEM Challenge. By participating in this program, girls learned how to build natural water filters while camping in Switzerland.
2. **Outdoors:** For over 65 years, 150 Girl Scouts from all over the world have experienced the Great Outdoors at USAGSO's Camp Lachenwald in Germany. And, in 2019, USAGSO relaunched Camp Tama, our resident camp in Japan.
3. **Life Skills:** While overseas, Girl Scouts learn the importance of civic responsibility and giving back to their international communities. USAGSO troops donate over 40,000 hours of community service every year.
4. **Entrepreneurship:** USAGSO's cookie program provides on-hand training to girls around financial literacy and entrepreneurship in practical, real-world ways. Close to 3,000 girls participate in the cookie program every year.



There is simply no other leadership experience in the world that can give girls the opportunities that Girl Scouts provides. More importantly, there is no other experience that fosters in girls those intangible qualities that are so endemic to personal development—courage, confidence, and character—and that also happen to be the cornerstone of the Girl Scout mission.

