

Annual Report



2021-2022 | The Journey of a Lifetime



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 own spiritual beliefs.

Dear Friends of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia,

The time has come again to reflect on our previous year, and we have so much to celebrate from our 2021-2022 council season! Not only did we open a new program center in Savannah to bring STEM activities to Girl Scouts in our community, we were also able to bring many of our experiences back in person.

It's undeniable that involvement in Girl Scouts is truely the experience of a lifetime. From learning the Girl Scout Law petal by petal, to their final bridging ceremony, Girl Scouts is fueling the female leadership pipeline with young women who have experience with world cultures, design and coding, money management, and so much more. The longer girls are engaged in Girl Scouts, the more likely they are to be successful and satisfied with their lives. This is even more pronounced if they earned highest awards, especially the Gold Award.

More than one in three women in the United States were Girl Scouts at some point in their lives. Research shows our movement prepares girls to be courageous, confident women who have the character needed to make the world a better place. We celebrate Girl Scouts - 110 years strong!

Yours for the girls,



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Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia believes in the power of every girl to change the world, and we offer a safe space for girls to take healthy risks, explore interests and connect with a powerful, supportive community of friends and mentors.

With support from dedicated adult volunteers, State and Regional Advisory Board members, parents and staff, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia delivers the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE) to 122 counties across Georgia as well as two counties in South Carolina and one county in Alabama. Our council's footprint is more than 48,000 square miles and includes Girl Scout First Headquarters.



Building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

The Year at a Glance



We served **7,907** Girl Scouts with help from

2,029 wonderful volunteers





3,753

Girl Scouts sold

1,451,607

boxes of cookies

1,760 gsLearn online training completions

94 volunteer courses

3,051 participants in Program activities like camp



111 Bronze Award Girl Scouts



72 Silver Award Girl Scouts



10 Gold Award Girl Scouts



Where The Journey Begins

Our 2021-2022 Membership

Each level of Girl Scouts is unique with a wide variety of activities to try. Girl Scouts can begin in kindergarten and join all the way through twelfth grade. As a Girl Scout progresses, every level builds upon the last and allows them to explore their interests in a way that is meaningful and age-appropriate.





Total Members

3,775 Adult Members

2,029 Volunteers 1,746 Non-Volunteers Our volunteers make Girl Scouting happen! Their time, talents, and energy make a difference in girls' lives. Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia thanks all of our volunteers for their continued commitment to girls everywhere and recognizes their outstanding contributions throughout the year.

Renewals and **New Members**



of our girls renewed membership



of our adults renewed membership



Of our total membership,

1,222 are Lifetime Members



Everything Girl Scouts do as a Daisy—from planting a garden to making new friends-sparkles with that "first time ever" newness. Along the way, they'll use their energy and spirit to help others and take pride in making the world a better place.



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Preparing Provisions

With each cookie purchase, you're supporting Girl Scouts as they learn, grow, and thrive through all of life's adventures.

3,753 Girl Scouts sold

1,451,607

boxes of cookies

All proceeds stay local to help fund life-changing, girl-led programs, experiences, and learning all year long in your community.

Because you get your cookies directly from a Girl Scout (or troop), you'll enjoy them even more knowing you're helping local Girl Scouts gain the business experience and confidence to take on the world, one cookie at a time.



Brownies are excitement personified. They can't wait to explore the world, play new games, and share their interests—from bugs to ballet—with friends. Trying new things broadens their horizons and teaches them skills they can share with others. Learning to lead has never been so fun!

The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world.

Girl Scouts learn five skills that are essential to leadership, to success, and to life.

Goal Setting Girl Scouts learn how to set goals and create a plan to reach them.

Money Management

They learn how to create a budget and handle money.

Decision Making

Girls learn to make decisions on their own and as a team. People Skills Girl Scouts find their voice and build confidence through customer interactions.



Business Ethics They learn to act ethically, both in business and in life.



Operation: Cookies From Home

Imagine being deployed half way around the world as a member of our armed services. Now imagine the pleasure of receiving a taste of home in a box of Girl Scout Cookies. Each year, deployed service members all over the world will enjoy their favorite Girl Scout Cookies as a result of Operation Cookies from Home, a program of Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia. The public is invited to purchase boxes or cases of cookies to be shipped to service members as part of the community service component of the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Expeditions Engaged

Canoeing solo across a lake. Cantering on a horse. Counting stars in the night sky. These are just a few of the experiences awaiting Girl Scouts who are ready to explore the great outdoors during camp.

BE WILD

Our theme for camp this year was, "Wildly". At camp, Girl Scouts find both tradition and new adventures, as well as a safe space where they can lean into their own, budding voice. Whether they find the courage to ride their first horse, ambition to sing out loud at the talent show. confidence to lead fire building to younger Girl Scouts, or all of the above they'll do it Wildly.



 $249_{\text{campers}}^{\text{wild}} 4$ properties* We do not hold summer resident camp at the Robert Lewis property.

beautiful



If there's one thing Junior Girl Scouts have, it's confidence. Whether they're making posters for a canned food drive, designing a website for their cookie business, planning a troop hike, or just raising a hand in class, they've got something to say.

Girl Scouts are forces of nature. And they were meant for outdoor adventures.

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Camp Tanglewood - Augusta

Located in Columbia County on 184 acres of hilly woodland, Camp Tanglewood is a retreat into the wilderness in the heart of a city. From the low ropes course to the pool, lakes and creeks, Camp Tanglewood has something for everyone.



Girl Scouts 86 riding

ride. climb. aim. camp.

Camp Low - Savannah

Nestled in Savannah's south side on 300-acre Rose Dhu Island, Camp Low includes 4 hammocks (pieces of forested land that rise above an adjacent marsh). There is an archery range, low ropes course, climbing wall with zip line, volleyball court, dock, canoes and more!



Girl Scouts 85

climbing



Camp Martha Johnston - Lizella

This scenic 167 acre camp in Crawford County has been owned and operated by Girl Scouts since 1925. Camp Martha Johnston has beautiful hiking trails, conaoeing, archery, knife throwing, low ropes, and roller skating. It also has our famous rainbow bridge!

Unfortunately one week of camp was cancelled due to Covid.



Girl Scouts 78 aiming

The Voyage Continues

The Program Team is responsible for providing experiences, opportunities, and activities for Girl Scouts for all ages, this includes events like troop camp, badge workshops, journey weekends, and leadership training.

3,051 participants in 184 programs (not including Summer Camp, QuestFest, or First Headquarters) 11,949 badges earned Girl Scout Cadettes have got this. From road trips and camping with best friends to organizing an

camping with best friends to organizing an eco-friendly fashion show, Cadettes are sure of their abilities and use their growing independence to realize their dreams.

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We are excited to share that we officially opened our latest space, the GIRL Center in Savannah, for regular programming in March of 2022! This fun and interactive space hosts a variety of programming opportunities throughout the year with most of the programs having an emphasis on STEM education.

Girl Scouting has a history of offering STEM opportunities to girls dating to the earliest days of the organization. Programming will continue to reflect our STEM legacy, combining traditional Girl Scout activities with both period and contemporary scientific principles.



Troop Camps

Troop camps are a great time for Girl Scouts across Georgia to come together and to try new things, make new friends, and build their courage, confidence, and character during weekend and overnight camps with their troops. Some of the themes this past year included Avengers Assemble, Mad Scientist, and Mount Olympus.



Climbing the Highest Mountain

Highest Awards are the most distinguished awards that Girl Scouts earn. The leadership skills they develop will carry with them through adulthood.

Gold Award - Seniors and Ambassadors

Through pursuing the Gold Award, Girl Scouts change the world by tackling issues they are passionate about to drive lasting change in their communities and beyond while they learn essential skills that will prepare them for all aspects of life.



10 Gold Award Girl Scouts

Silver Award - Cadettes

Going for the Girl Scout Silver Award gives girls the chance to show that they are leaders who are organized, determined, and dedicated to improving their community. Earning the award puts them among an exceptional group of girls who use their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world.



72 Silver Award Girl Scouts

Bronze Award - Juniors

When girls go for the Bronze Award, they represent what Girl Scouts can achieve in their communities. Earning the Girl Scout Bronze Award involves time exploring the community, identify an issue, designing and implementing the plan, then spreading the word about the project.



Bronze Award Girl Scouts Who's ready to spread their wings? Girl Scout Seniors. Whether they're learning how to change a tire, discovering how to get their dream job someday, or packing bags for an international trip, they're on their way. They're also making their mark on the world.





None of this journey would be made possible without our amazing volunteers!



2,029 GSHG Volunteers

1,760 gsLearn online training completions

> 94 volunteer courses





62.1%

adult retention into their second year

19% into their third year

11.6% into their fifth year

2.5% into their tenth year

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To Wrap Up the Quest

QuestFest is a three-day festival in Savannah, GA. During the Quest, Girl Scouts compete to solve clues, complete exciting mental challenges, find items, do good deeds and tackle silly situations.







Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. Every year, thousands of girls travel to Savannah to visit Girl Scout First Headquarters and attend Girl Scout QuestFest.

Other popular Girl Scout landmarks include GSUSA's Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace and Juliette's grave at Laurel Grove Cemetery North.

Sponsoring the Wander

Before a Girl Scout sails around the world or designs their own fashion line, they need to believe they can do it. Invest in our local Girl Scouts and make those dreams a reality. Then watch as they discover new interests and chase their dreams—with the pride of knowing you helped make it possible.

Program Revenue \$3,569,601.00 Retail Sales \$222,267.00 Donor Support \$1,531,672.00 Investment income \$(405,013.00) Other

\$5,718,050 Total Operating Revenue & Support

\$5,652,973 Total Operating Expenses

\$799,523.00



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Girl Program & Adult Development \$4,303,312.00

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Girl Scout Ambassadors don't just follow in others' footsteps—they carve their own paths. Their innovative thinking, optimism, and ability to bring people together inspires everyone around them. When girls combine their passions with a plan, they can change the world.



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