

MYTHBUSTERS

GET TO KNOW WHO WE ARE.

MYTHS

✓ FACTS ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS

X There are a lot of similar organizations similar to Girl Scouts



Girl Scouts is the premier leadership development organization for girls. At Girl Scouts, everything we do is designed with, by, and for girls.

- Our all-girl, girl-led space allows girls to safely thrive in an environment designed just for them! The environment offered by Girl Scouts creates an inclusive, safe space in which girls are free to explore their potential and take the lead without the distractions or pressures that can be found in a co-ed environment.

X Girl Scouts don't do much in the outdoors



Girl Scouts build outdoor skills, go camping, and appreciate nature.

- Many of Girl Scouts' most cutting-edge programs take place outdoors, including STEM and civic engagement activities.
- Girl Scouts earn badges in outdoor adventure.
- Girl Scout troop camping starts in kindergarten.
- For many girls, Girl Scouts is their introduction to the outdoors. Girls choose from age-appropriate activities including archery, paddle-boarding, backpacking, rock climbing, kayaking, zip lining, horse-back riding, and so much more.
- Not only do girls go on adventures, they raise the money and plan the trip, leading the experience and ensuring they are girl-centered.

X Girl Scouts don't learn about STEM



Girl Scouts are ALL about STEM!

- Girls earn badges in engineering, robotics, environmental science, space science, and more! Girls build and program their own robots in all-girl teams in our LEGO robotics leagues!
- Our STEM content helps girls develop a lifelong interest in how things work and teaches girls how to think like scientists, programmers, and engineers.
- Our Makerspace has programs that encourage creative growth and innovative thinking. Girls build circuits, work on 3-D printers, learn about object design and more!

X Girl Scouts mostly just sell cookies



The Cookie Sale is a big deal!

- As the world's largest girl-run business, the Cookie Program gives girls an opportunity to develop expertise and confidence in goal-setting, decision-making, money management, people skills, business ethics, and more.
- Every year the Cookie Sale fuels girls' adventures, awards, and service projects.
- Cookies give back! Cookie money supports your community. All money stays local.

X Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award isn't a big deal



The Gold Award requires completion of a rigorous project that prepares girls for a lifetime of thinking and doing.

- The Gold Award is the most prestigious award a Girl Scout can earn, challenging them to think globally about issues that matter. Girls practice skills in advanced planning, organization, and team building.
- The Gold Award is impressive to colleges on scholarship applications, and to the military, which advances Gold Award Girl Scouts a full rank.

MYTHBUSTERS

GET TO KNOW WHO WE ARE.

MYTHS

✓ FACTS ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS

X It's hard for families (especially dads) to get involved with Girl Scouts



Family participation is encouraged.

- We encourage the entire family to get involved, and lots of dads volunteer in different ways, supporting as co-leaders of troops, Cookie Sale coordinators, and camp volunteers.
- Parents and other adults play a critical role in delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience both as volunteers and as supporters. Parents who are also troop leaders get the opportunity to bond with their daughters as they move through the Girl Scout program.

X Troops are all the same



Girls help choose and plan troop activities which makes every troop unique.

- Activities vary depending on the interests of girls and troop leaders. Most troops explore STEM, outdoors, life skills, and community service, and attend staff-led programs where they can explore their interest in sports, arts, STEM, entrepreneurship, outdoor adventure, camp, and more!

X Girl Scouts will now accept boys



Girl Scouts is proud of the “girl” in Girl Scouts.

- Girl Scouts will remain focused on providing the best one of a kind leadership experience for girls.
 - Girl Scouts will not be accepting boys into our organization.*
- *We empower every girl—girls of every race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, ability, gender identity, religion, or geographic location—to make the world a better place.

Questions?

Contact our customer care team at 1(800) 541-9852 or customer care@girlscoutsww.org. Or visit www.GirlScoutsWW.org for more information.