



Thanks for your interest in the Girl Scouts of Alaska. Girl Scouts of Alaska (GSAK) is one of 112 councils that are chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). As part of GSUSA, the largest organization for girls in the world, Girl Scouts of Alaska develops strength of character and confidence in girls, allowing them to become leaders in their communities and to make a difference in the world. Building on the traditional values of the Girl Scout movement, we meet the needs of girls in Alaska today.

Girl Scout programs serve girls K-12, and here in Alaska we have over 6,000 girl members, more than 11 percent of the girls in our council territory; 37 percent of those girls and young women live in communities off the road system. We offer science programs and camps (both day and resident), badge bursts and overseas travel opportunities, outdoor exploration and quilting bees, traditional troop-based activities and individual paths to leadership development. Girl Scouts provides a safe, inclusive environment for Alaska's diverse population of girls.

Since the beginning of the Girl Scout Movement nearly 100 years ago, we have followed the progressive direction set by our founder, Juliette Gordon Low. In recent years that framework has been further refined into the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which is supported by research-based processes and outcomes. Both the national organization and the local councils have been realigned to become more robust, responsive, and dynamic.

Girl Scouts of Alaska, formed in 2009 by a merger of the Susitna Council and the Tongass Council (both originally chartered in the 1950's) is poised to join GSUSA in becoming the premier leadership development organization for girls and young women in Alaska and the nation. To do so, we need the help of individuals and organizations within our state and nation. We need volunteers like you.

This is a great time to join, renew, or strengthen your connection to Girl Scouts. GSAK is in the midst of a comprehensive strategic planning process that will prepare us for the changing conditions of the future. As we begin to implement our new strategies, we need volunteers who are willing to think big and can commit to being part of our success.

Please look over the attached materials on GSAK and GSUSA and think about how you can help strengthen Alaska's girls by strengthening GSAK. We are looking for people to serve on our Board of Directors or one of our board committees as well as to volunteer in programs areas. There's a place for you!



Information about GSAK, including the communities we serve and the members of its Board of Directors, is attached, along with a general overview of GSUSA. If you have any questions or would like to be considered for a position, please call Marge Larson, CEO of GSAK, at 907-273-0306 or Margaret Pugh, chair of the Board Development Committee, at 907-586-1598. Members of the Board Development Committee live in various places and will be happy to meet with you, answer questions, and discuss how your strengths may be a good fit on the Board of Directors or Board Development Committee.

Thank you again for considering Girl Scouts of Alaska as the right place to commit your resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M. Pugh". The signature is written in a cursive style with a loop at the end of the last name.

Margaret Pugh
Chair, Board Development Committee
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girl scouts of alaska



Over **6,000** girl members
Over **11%** of all girls in the council territory
37% live off the road system
1,500 adult volunteers

*Inspiring girls
to lead in...*

- Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta
- Kodiak
- Aleutian Chain
- Pribilof Islands
- Prince William Sound
- Copper Valley
- Anchorage Bowl
- Bristol Bay
- Southeast Alaska
- Matanuska-Susitna Valley
- Kenai Peninsula

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1.800.478.7448



Communities

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| Akiak | Kwigillingok |
| Alakanuk | Manokotak |
| Anchor Point | Marshall |
| Anchorage | McGrath |
| Aniak | Metlakatla |
| Angoon | Moose Pass |
| Bethel | Mountain Village |
| Big Lake | Napakiaik |
| Chefornak | Newhalen |
| Chevak | Newtok |
| Chuathbaluk | New Stuyahok |
| Chugiak | Nikiski |
| Clark's Point | Nondalton |
| Cordova | Nunapitchuk |
| Coffman Cove | Palmer |
| Craig | Petersburg |
| Dillingham | Pilot Station |
| Eagle River | Quinhagak |
| Elmendorf AFB | Russian Mission |
| Emmonak | Sand Point |
| Ft. Richardson | Saxman |
| Girdwood | Scammon Bay |
| Glennallen | Seward |
| Goodnews Bay | Sitka |
| Gustavus | Skagway |
| Homer | Soldotna |
| Hoonah | St. Mary's |
| Hooper Bay | Sterling |
| Houston | Sutton |
| Iliamna | Talkeetna |
| Juneau | Thorne Bay |
| Kake | Togiak |
| Kalskag | Toksook Bay |
| Kasiluk | Tuntutuliak |
| Kasilof | Tununak |
| Kenai | Unalaska |
| Ketchikan | Valdez |
| Klawock | Ward Cove |
| Kodiak | Wasilla |
| Kongiganak | Willow |
| Kotlik | Wrangell |
| Kwethluk | Yakutat |



Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.



STEM Programs

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

- Women of Science & Technology Day
Bethel, Sitka, Dillingham, Juneau
Kodiak, Soldotna, Ketchikan,
Anchorage, Mat-Su
- Galileo Scopes, Astronomy
- All-Girl Lego Robotics Teams

Camp Programs

Camp Togowoods in the Mat-Su Valley

Camp Feather Winds in Southeast Alaska

Camp Kenai Lake

Day camps in over 30 communities in Southeast, Bristol Bay, Southcentral and the YK Delta

Encampment is a biennial statewide event at the Palmer Fairgrounds





ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA

Who We Are

Girl Scouts of the USA is the largest organization for girls in the world. Our mission is to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Through activities in science and technology, business and economic literacy, and outdoor and environmental awareness, Girl Scouting provides girls with opportunities for fun and friendship, while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA was chartered by the United States Congress on March 16, 1950. Today, there are 3.3 million Girl Scouts—2.4 million girl members and 900,000 adult members. Through membership in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, Girl Scouts is part of a worldwide family of 10 million girls and adults in 145 countries.

What We Do

Girls develop their leadership potential through activities that enable them to discover their values, skills, and the world around them; connect with others in a multicultural environment; and take action to make a difference in the world.

Our Structure

Headquartered in New York City, Girl Scouts has 112 chartered councils nationwide. These local councils provide direct services to girls, the volunteers who work with them, and their local communities. Girl Scouting is open to all girls from kindergarten through high school.

For More Information

If you are interested in joining, volunteering, or donating to Girl Scouts in your community, please call 800 GSUSA 4 U [(800-478-7248)] or visit www.girlscouts.org.

The 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.

The 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.

Key Facts

Founder

Juliette Gordon Low

National Leadership

National Honorary President

Michelle Obama

Chair, National Board of Directors

Connie Lindsey

Chief Executive Officer

Kathy Cloninger

Alumnae

Fifty-eight percent of the women in the United States Congress are former Girl Scouts.

Eighty-two percent of high-achieving Girl Scout alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success.

Girl Scouts of Alaska

Member of the Board of Directors Job Description

Role and Responsibilities

1. Commit to the mission: *Girl Scouts of Alaska builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.*
2. Review and oversee the implementation of the mission.
3. Support Girl Scouts of Alaska (GSAK) in ensuring that programs and services are delivered in accordance with the mission, charter agreement with Girls Scouts USA, GSAK bylaws and approved policies.
4. Provide strategic direction for the council.
5. Support fundraising activities including making a financial contribution to Girl Scouts of Alaska annually at a level that is significant and meaningful for the board member.
6. Advocate for and be an ambassador to the community for Girl Scouts of Alaska.
7. Approve and monitor the annual operating and capital improvements budgets, and assist with securing income to ensure financial viability.
8. Select, supervise and support the CEO.
9. Ensure the ongoing success of the Board through an annual review of its performance.
10. Review input from Membership Connection Committee and, if appropriate, consider when making governance decisions.

As a member of Girl Scouts of Alaska board, I commit to:

- Participation in person or on the phone with up to six meetings per year of either the board, one of its committees, or as a representative in support of its mission.
- Support fundraising activities including making a financial contribution to Girl Scouts of Alaska annually, at a level that is significant and meaningful to me.
- Hold Girl Scouts of Alaska to a high standard of performance and actively help it maintain its position as the organization that is the leading voice for girls.
- Understand my role and responsibilities as a member of this board.
- Read materials distributed for board or committee review prior to meetings in order to ensure best use of time at such meetings.
- Ask for clarification on any matter before making governance decisions.
- Listen to others' opinions with an open mind and objective perspective in order to work toward decisions and solutions in the council's best interest.
- Respect the confidentiality of the board's business.
- Attend at least one Girl Scouts of Alaska event each year.
- Review the Board Job Description and renew my commitment to the Board annually for the length of my term.
- Become a member of Girl Scouts of the USA and pay annual membership dues.

I agree to be informed and to observe the following:

- Constitution of Girl Scouts of the USA as contained in the Bluebook of Basic Documents
- Conflict of Interest Policy

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

**Girl Scouts of Alaska
Board Member Candidate Questionnaire**

Name (as it is to appear, including any titles)

Mrs. Miss Ms. Mr. Other: _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Employer's Name _____ Position/Title _____

Business Address _____ Work Direct Line _____

Email Address _____ Cell Phone _____

Birthday _____

Please send mailings to _____
_____ Business Address
_____ Home Address

1. The pre-requisite for board membership with Girl Scouts of Alaska is to have passion and affinity for the Girl Scouts mission and purpose. Please tell us about yours.

2. Tell us about your experience in board governance and strategic thinking in the non-profit sector.

3. As a board member, you give your time, talent, and treasure to an organization. What do you strive to take away from Girl Scouts of Alaska personally and/or professionally?

4. Please describe your leadership strengths and spheres of influence as you see them benefiting Girl Scouts of Alaska.