



Greetings from Girl Scouts of Alaska!

We are excited to provide you and your organization with the opportunity to partner with Girl Scouts of Alaska. Partnership benefits include:

- Program promotion to our 6,000 girl and 1,500 adult members.
- Program promotion through a printed calendar and on-line calendar of events.
- Partnership with an organization that has nearly 100 years of expertise in building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts is the world's preeminent organization dedicated to developing leadership in girls. In Girl Scouts, girls partner with caring adults to design fun and challenging activities that empower them to discover, connect, and take action around issues that concern them.

Girl Scouts' new outcomes and processes, explained on the following page, are helping us review all of our programs to update them and make sure they include the keys to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This partnership packet and the accompanying Partner Agreement form are part of this process. When a volunteer or community member asks us "why are girls doing this activity?" we need to be able to clearly articulate the benefits of the programs. The Partner Agreement form is for you to articulate the benefits of your program(s) offered to Girl Scouts.

Our partners are organizations and programs or projects that align with the mission and values of Girl Scouts. Partners understand and implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, including at least one of the three processes and fifteen outcomes. Organizations interested in providing programs or events specifically tailored to our girl members should complete the Partner Agreement form. This packet will help us both ensure that the programs you offer contribute to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

If you have questions, please contact Terry Gryting or Ashley Weaver at Girl Scouts of Alaska at (907) 248-2250, (800) 478-7448 or tgryting@girlscoutsalaska.org or aweaver@girlscoutsalaska.org.

We look forward to working with you!

The Girl Scout Program: Outcomes and Processes

Our mission:

Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who work together to make the world a better place. It is the foremost leadership development program for girls in the country; we're focused intently on giving girls the tools and experiences they need to develop into the leaders of tomorrow. To do this, we have developed new programmatic outcomes. The three key outcomes are:

Discover – Girls come to understand themselves, their values, and their world

Connect – Girls care about, inspire, and team with others

Take Action – Girls act to make the world a better place

Each of the three keys have five *outcomes* that “live” within them. You can find these listed in the box to the right.

The outcomes describe **what** girls gain as a result of their experience in Girl Scouts – or any Girl Scout activity. It's also important to us **how** they participate in an activity. Are they active and engaged, or passive bystanders? Are they listening to someone talk about something, or actually doing it themselves? To describe this concept, we at Girl Scouts talk about the “processes.”

Girl Scout Processes

Girl-Led

Girls play an active part in figuring out the what, where, when, how, and why of their activities. They lead the planning and decision-making as much as possible. This ensures that girls are engaged in their learning and experience leadership opportunities.

Learning by Doing

A hands-on learning process that engages girls in continuous cycles of action and reflection resulting in a deeper understanding of concepts and better mastery of practical skills. Through this process, girls get to explore their own questions, discover answers, gain new skills, and share ideas and observations with others. It's important for girls to connect their experiences to their lives and apply what they have learned to future experiences.

Cooperative Learning

Girls work together toward shared goals in an atmosphere of respect and collaboration that encourages the sharing of skills, knowledge, and learning. Working together in all-girl environments also encourages girls to feel powerful, emotionally safe, and physically safe, and it allows them to experience a sense of belonging in even the most diverse groups.

Girl Scout Levels

All girls who are members are considered “Girl Scouts.” Girls are grouped into the following grade levels:

Girl Scout Daisy – K-1

Girl Scout Brownie – 2-3

Girl Scout Junior – 4-5

Girl Scout Cadette – 6-8

Girl Scout Senior – 9-10

Girl Scout Ambassador – 11-12

Girls can participate in Girl Scouts either as a part of a troop, or individually.



Girl Scout Outcomes

Discover

- Girls develop a strong sense of self
- Girls develop positive values
- Girls gain practical life skills
- Girls seek challenges in the world
- Girls develop critical thinking

Connect

- Girls develop healthy relationships
- Girls promote cooperation and team-building
- Girls can resolve conflicts
- Girls advance diversity in a multicultural world
- Girls feel connected to their communities, locally and globally

Take Action

- Girls can identify community needs
- Girls are resourceful problem solvers
- Girls advocate for themselves and others, locally and globally
- Girls educate and inspire others to act
- Girls feel empowered to make a difference in the world

These outcomes are detailed further in the book *Transforming Leadership. Transforming Leadership* is available for download at www.girlscouts.org/research.



Partner Agreement

Girl Scouts of Alaska Partners: If your organization supports the mission and values of Girl Scouts and has aligned your programs in partnership with Girl Scouts to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, this form is for you.

Name of organization:	Today's date:
Name of contact person:	Job Title of contact person:
Organization main phone number:	Contact phone number:
Contact email:	Fax:
Address Line 1: Address Line 2:	City: Zip:
Website:	
1. Describe your organization. Please include your mission statement.	
2. How does your program/organization align with the mission of Girl Scouts (Mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place)?	
3. How does your program meet at least one of the outcomes listed under Discover, Connect and Take Action in the Partnership Packet? In your response, <u>identify</u> some of the outcomes your program(s) will meet and how you'll know that girls have met this outcome. Please be specific (i.e., "For the Brownie <i>Earth is Our Home</i> program, girls will gain practical life skills by using the sun's energy to cook food – they'll create a finished product; then eat it.").	
4. How will girls use at least one of the Girl Scout processes (girl-led, learning by doing and cooperative learning) during your program(s)? In your response, <u>identify</u> which process(es) the girls will be using and how they will be used in your program. Please be specific (i.e., "The Cadette <i>Snowshoeing</i> program will use the process of <i>Girl-Led</i> . Girls will divide into groups based on which route they want to explore; then they will take turns using a compass to lead the group.").	
5. (For returning partners) How will your programs be different than previous programs offered to Girl Scouts, given the new perspective of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience?	