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and character who make the world a better place.*

COUNCIL FACTS

Message from Lydia P. Aleman-CEO

As a movement, we understand that leadership isn't defined by who we are but what we do. We want to thank you for the continued support you give to Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas. Your continued commitment to Juliette Gordon Low's vision of serving more girls in more ways than ever before. Girls can truly change the world, and we look forward to continuing the great work we do.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lydia P. Aleman-CEO

Our Mission

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

Our Core Girl Scout Programs

- **STEM** Inspiring a new generation of women in science, technology, engineering, and math.
- **Outreach** Helping girls in low income schools develop positive relationships, unleash their potential, and make their voices count.
- **Financial Literacy** Girls learn five essential skills for leadership, success, and life: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics.
- **Camp and Outdoors** Encouraging girls to get outdoors, discover an affinity for nature, and seek new challenges year round at camps.

Who We Serve

Our programs are tailored to meet the needs of girls and are girl-led at every age level:

daisies (grades K-1)

brownies (grades 2-3)

juniors (grades 4-5)

cadettes (grades 6-8)

seniors (grades 9-10)

ambassadors (grades 11-12)



BY THE NUMBERS



15,845

Girls

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2,680

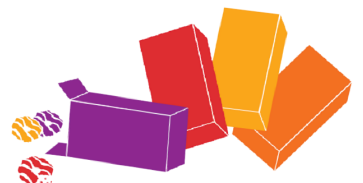
Volunteer-led
Troops



7,300 girls
Outreach Program

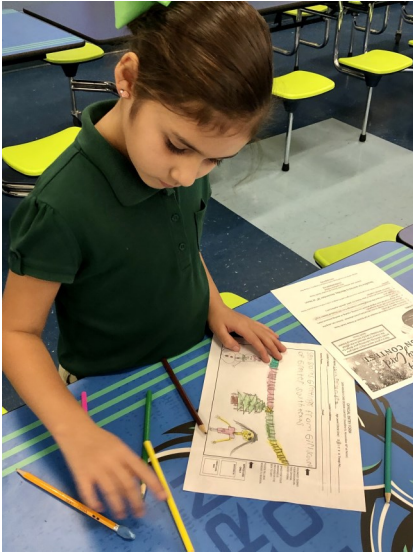
Conducted in 52 schools during school hours,
and provides a challenging and exciting
leadership development program at no cost
to low-income girls and their families.

1,046,820 Boxes of Cookies



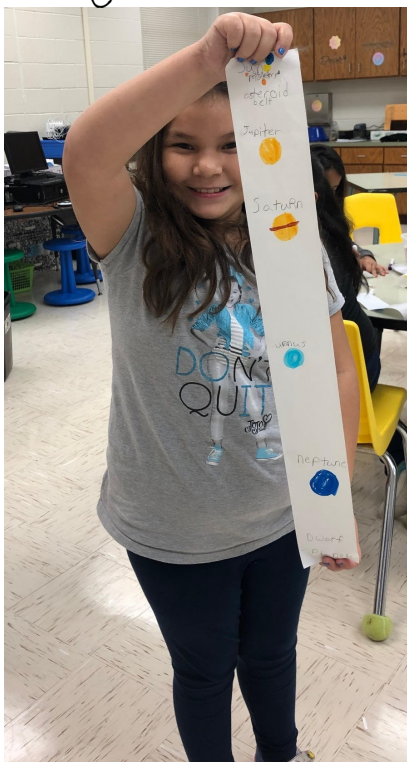
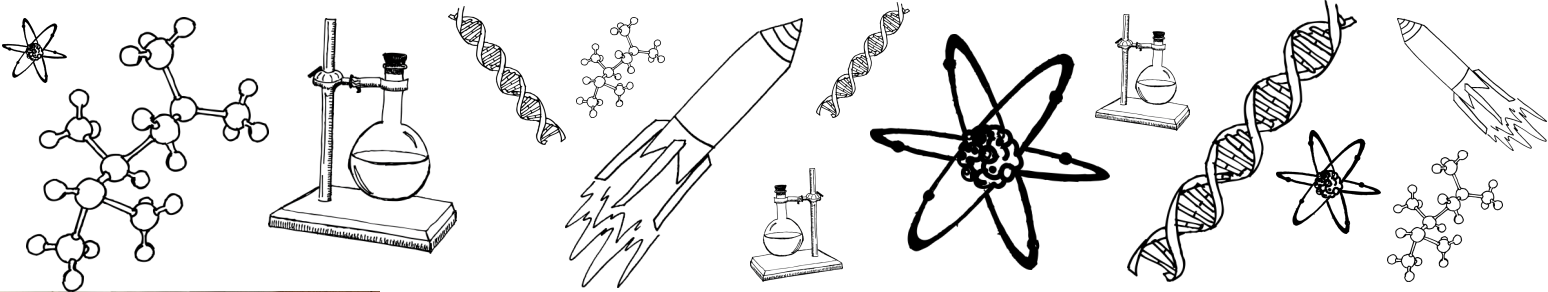
The Girl Scout Cookie Sale is the largest girl-led
financial literacy program in the country.

Outreach Program

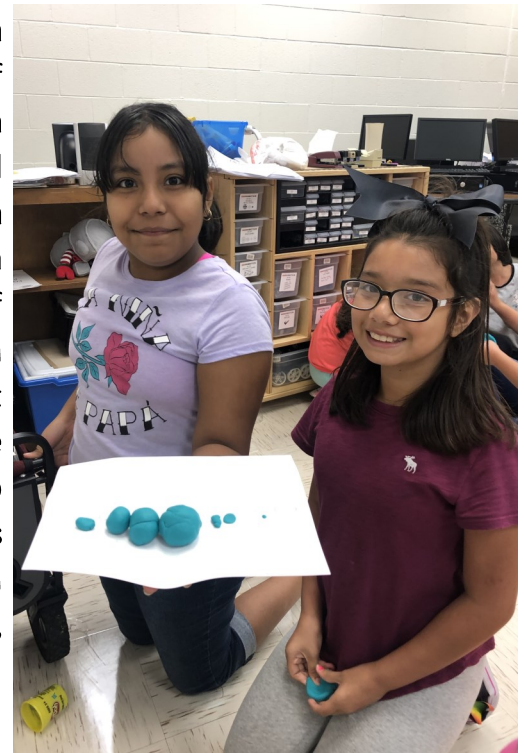


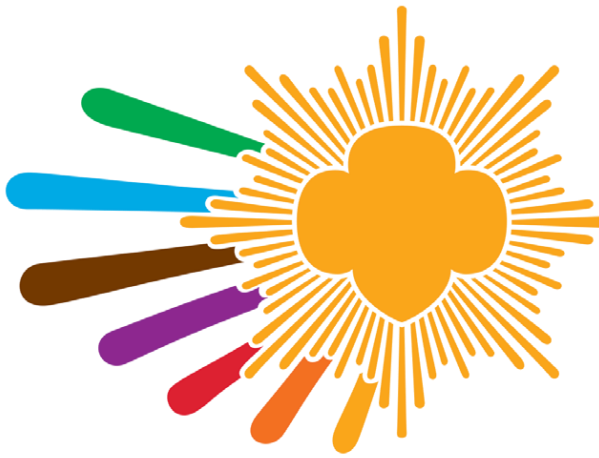
Layla is in 2nd grade and a Brownie Girl Scout from Heights Elementary in Laredo, Texas. She has been able to participate in the Girl Scout program at her school for the past three years. "The program has definitely helped her come out of her comfort zone and flourish," says Layla's mom Stephanie. Layla has been taught many skills that help her manage more activities in school, be more creative, assertive, responsible, caring, inspirational and independent. "It has been so inspirational watching her blossom into a super leader in all things she does. I'm so grateful for Girl Scouts, it has impacted my daughter's life and mine! Thank you for allowing this program to be incorporated in my daughter's development and curriculum, as well as teaching her skills and tools she needs to succeed over the years!" says Stephanie.

"In Girl Scouts, I have learned to always be nice and respectful to others. I have also learned to be a sister to every Girl Scouts and follow the Girl Scout laws every day." - Layla



The GSGST Outreach Program targets girls in various school districts and reaches girls of all ages from Kindergarten through fifth grade. The program activities are conducted at the school they currently attend. Research shows that girls are keenly interested in STEM and excel at it. Yet, for a variety of reasons, girls often don't pursue STEM starting as early as elementary school, but we can change that. At Girl Scouts we encourage girls to see that STEM can help make the world a better place. Girl Scouts who participate in girl-focused STEM programs become better problem solvers, critical thinkers, and inspirational leaders.





Gold Awards

Our Girl Scout Leadership Experience culminates in the Gold Award, our highest honor for girls. The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable—proof that not only can she make a difference, but that she already has.

Seniors and Ambassadors who earn the Gold Award tackle issues that are dear to them and drive lasting change in their communities and beyond. Think of the Gold Award as a key that can open doors to scholarships, preferred admission tracks for college, and amazing career opportunities.

Jasmine Leal saw a need for a library at Child Protective Services (CPS) in Mission, Texas. The library within CPS is titled Rainbow Room Library for Forsaken Angels. She wanted to help fill a gap for children of all ages that are involved in CPS. Jasmine wanted the children to be able to have a space to read books while waiting for placement. She realized that many of these children are disadvantaged and never have access to literature. Jasmine hopes the library will be the inspiration to help foster kids everywhere to have an escape through literature during troubled times in their lives.



Alumni

Ashley Neely, joined Girl Scouts in 1999 as a Daisy and stayed with the program as a member until she graduated high school in 2013. Then became a Lifetime Member. Ashley continued to actively volunteer with GSGST for another three years, driving down home from college just to help out with events and summer camp. Over the 14 years she was a girl member, Ashley grew from a shy Daisy to a self-assured Ambassador. She earned her Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards and served as a representative of GSGST at the 2011 National Convention and 2012 Girls' World Forum. Despite being involved in a plethora of other organizations (e.g., 4-H, NHS, One Act Play, sports, etc.), Ashley stayed with Girl Scouts for 14 years because it offered activities she could not do elsewhere and helped her form lifelong friendships. Serving as camp staff each summer from 2009 to 2016 helped her gain invaluable skills in leadership, public speaking, conflict mediation, time management, and overall improved confidence and self-worth. With her experiences and accomplishments as a Girl Scout on her resume, Ashley was awarded over \$50,000 in scholarship offers, earned her Bachelor of Science and Arts in Biochemistry and Master of Science in Nutritional Sciences from The University of Texas at Austin, and currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin.



Travel

Girl Scouts offers many different travel opportunities so girls can see new places, meet new people, and learn about different cultures and ideas. Whether exploring their own neighborhoods, going on overnight trips, participating in council-sponsored trips, flying to one of the four world centers, or going on a Girl Scout Destination, Girl Scouts are continually expanding their horizons.



Camp

Girl Scouts provides amazing opportunities for girls to develop and grow a love for the great outdoors. There are many ways to bring the outdoors into Girl Scout meetings— and not a better way to explore than at Girl Scout camp! Girl Scout camp is for every girl!



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“Long live the Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas.”

“The Girl Scouts organization is the foremost group of girls in America. To belong to a troop is a privilege and honor. Being a Girl Scout builds character and integrity. I know of no other organization that includes the moral and physical skills learned by these girls from Daisies to Senior Girl Scouts.

It is both Charles’ and my wish that all girls could have these experiences of life skills and leadership. Through this exposure we have greater communities and states, and ultimately build a better nation. Isn’t that something worth striving for?

Charles and I support these girls in every way we can. We feel it is a privilege and honor to be a part of their lives.”

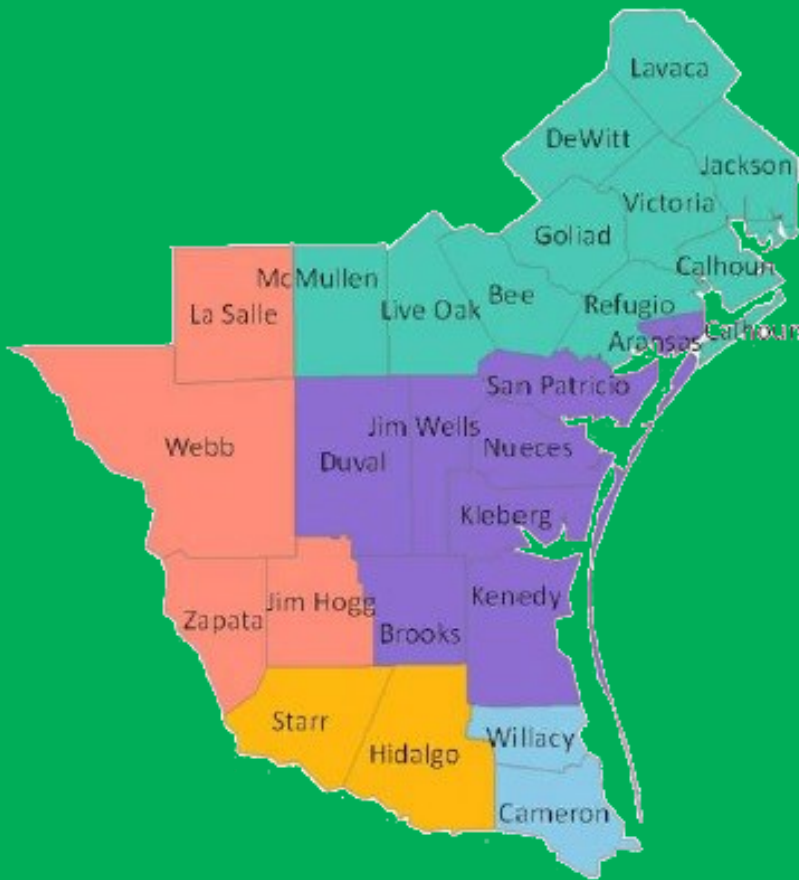
– Bennie Thompson

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