

# Youth Agency Info for UMC-DSMC

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## **About Girl Scouts of the USA**

Girl Scouts of the USA is the world's preeminent organization dedicated solely to girls—all girls—where, in an accepting and nurturing environment, girls build character and skills for success in the real world. In partnership with committed adult volunteers, girls develop qualities that will serve them all their lives, like leadership, strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth.

Founded in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scouts' membership has grown from 18 members in Savannah, Georgia, to 3.4 million members throughout the United States, including U.S. territories, and in more than 90 countries through USA Girl Scouts Overseas.

## **Girl Scout Leadership Experience**

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience engages girls in discovering self, connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a better place. All Girl Scout experiences are intentionally designed to tie to one or more of the 15 national leadership outcomes, or benefits, categorized under three keys to leadership.

## **The Three Keys to Leadership**

- **Discover:** Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.
- **Connect:** Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.
- **Take Action:** Girls act to make the world a better place.

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience provides three processes for adults partnering with girls to incorporate: Girl Led, Cooperative Learning, and Learning by Doing.

## **The Journeys**

The Girl Scout Leadership Experience is made easy and fun for girls and adults through the journey approach.

- Journeys provide an important foundation for each level in Girl Scouting for girls and volunteers.
- The journeys have been created to provide meaningful and fun experiences centered on the three keys to leadership for all girls.
- Journeys help girls to frame topical issues that are all around them, with Girl Scout values.
- In partnership with adults who utilize the Girl Scout processes, girls encounter a safe environment, both physically and emotionally.
- Girls become aware of women who have used their talents, skills, and abilities, including celebrity status, to take raise public awareness on issues such as discrimination and personal rights.
- Girls see examples of females who have spoken and acted with courage, confidence, and character.

As girls progress through the levels from Daisy to Ambassador, their awards signify attaining new and higher levels of knowledge and skills, and ultimately a deeper understanding of what it means to be a leader who makes a difference in the world.

## **Girl Scout Levels:**

- Girl Scout Daisies (Grades K-1)
- Girl Scout Brownies (Grades 2-3)
- Girl Scout Juniors (Grades 4-5)
- Girl Scout Cadettes (Grades 6-8)
- Girl Scout Seniors (Grades 9-10)
- Girl Scout Ambassadors (Grades 11-12)

- Girl Scout Adults (Ages 18 and up)

### **Girl Scout Promise and Law**

The Girl Scout Promise and Law are shared by every member of Girl Scouting. The Girl Scout Promise is the way Girl Scouts agree to act every day toward one another and other people, and the Law outlines a way to act towards one another and the world.

### **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.

<http://www.girlscouts.org> = website for Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), has links for both girls and adults

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**Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan** – 6 Regional offices in Ann Arbor, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Marshall and Saginaw – Serving girls and volunteers in Clare, Isabella, Gratiot, Clinton and counties surrounding the regional offices.

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Jackson Regional Center, 4403 Francis St, Jackson, MI 49203  
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**Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore** – 6 regional offices in Big Rapids, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, Ionia, Muskegon, and Traverse City – Serving girls and volunteers in Ionia, Montcalm, Mecosta, Osceola, Missaukee and counties in western and northern Michigan.

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Grand Rapids Service Center, 3275 Walker Avenue N.W. Grand Rapids MI 49544  
616-784-3341

Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Muskegon Service Center, 1217 E. River Road, N. Muskegon MI 49445  
231-744-4774

Hours: Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Traverse City Service Center, 1820 Oak Hollow Drive Traverse City MI 49686  
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