

Invest in Girls, Change the World.



Making the world a better place,
one Girl Scout at a time.



Girl Scout Bill

Mission-critical funding for Girl Scouting comes at a crucial time for our youth, supporting proven initiatives and high-quality supplementary STEM education that engage girls from all backgrounds, including underserved communities, across the state of Minnesota.

College and career readiness helps youth channel their passions, hobbies, and interests toward meaningful careers and contributions to society.

Culturally responsive programming creates one-of-a-kind spaces where youth can unapologetically celebrate their authentic selves while building community.

We meet youth where they are, providing **social and emotional support** to help raise their confidence, build a strong sense of self, and improve academic performance.

Changing their World through Representation

Funding allows more girls to participate in engaging programs that highlight fields where women are underrepresented and celebrate the cultures of our members. Some past activities have included:

- **African Dance: A Diasporic Experience**, a cultural exploration of the art of dance and storytelling.
- **STEM Programming** such as Power Girls camp and the SciSummit event provide hands-on opportunities for girls to engage in the sciences.
- **It's Mai Time Hmong Day Camp** is a weeklong camp that brings youth together to learn about and celebrate their shared history and identities.
- **Partnerships** like with Cass Lake School where the Ojibwe language is celebrated and incorporated into Girl Scout traditions and program activities.





Serving Girls Across Minnesota



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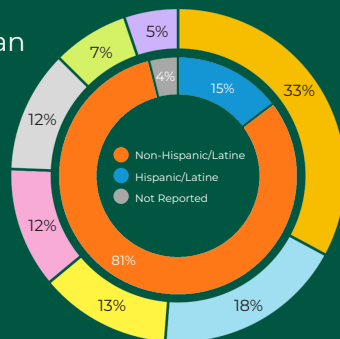
“Girl Scouts after-school is a great opportunity and allows for many Latino families to participate. The girls are always excited to come to school on Monday because it is Girl Scout day!”

*Cultural Liaison Coordinator
for Rocori School District*

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Identities of 2022-2023 Girl Scout Participants Across MN

- Black/African American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Multiracial
- Unreported
- Native American
- Other



34% report transportation as a barrier to participation in after school activities (Lakes and Pines)

ConnectZ Program¹

ConnectZ is a staff-led program created to make participation in Girl Scouts easier for youth. Culturally responsive activities are led in partnership with schools and community organizations.

- Participants are **11% more likely to enroll in postsecondary education** than their female peers, statewide
- BIPOC participants are **17% more likely to enroll in postsecondary education** than their female BIPOC peers, statewide
- FRPL eligible student participants have **higher rates of high school graduation and postsecondary enrollment** than their FRPL eligible peers, statewide

Supporting Social & Emotional Wellbeing

- **85%** said Girl Scouts helped them feel more connected to other girls and to their community
- **77%** said Girl Scouts helped them feel less isolated and lonely
- **82%** said that being in Girl Scouts, they've developed friends who play a positive role in their lives
- **86%** said Girl Scouts has given them positive adult role models

Girl Scouts Achieve¹

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- **82%** Graduated high school
- **90%** of those high school graduates went on to enroll in postsecondary education
- **72%** believe their troop leader helps them think about their future

¹ Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System results, ConnectZ alumni 2018-2020

GIRL SCOUTS RIVER VALLEYS PURPOSE

To boldly lead as an antiracist organization that empowers every girl to know their worth and lead in their world.

THE GIRL SCOUT MISSION

To build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

THE GIRL SCOUT MOTTO

Be prepared.

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.

**Members may substitute for the word God in accordance with their own spiritual beliefs.*

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What Girl Scouts are saying...

“Girls Scouts has helped me come out of my shell and become who I am.”

“The best thing about Girl Scouts is having a support system to rely on when things get tough.”

“I loved being able to connect with other girls around my age and making a difference!”