



Girl Scout Individually Registered Member Welcome Guide

For over 100 years, Girl Scouts of the USA has given girls the tools to lead, break barriers, and create positive change. These are the girls and young women who dream big and do bigger.

There's never been a better time to be a Girl Scout and share the experience with friends and family. Girl Scouts offers a home to girls of all backgrounds, and we are so excited to offer a home to your Individually Registered Member!

Resources

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland's Website

Our council website can provide you with information from everything to cookies, programs and events, and more. Not only that, but it houses many of the important documents you may find yourself needing throughout your Girl Scouts journey.

Volunteer Toolkit

The Volunteer Toolkit (VTK) is your digital portal for easy, fun Girl Scout activities year-round! With this step-by-step guide, you'll discover how you can help take the Girl Scout experience to the next level. To access the VTK, go to gsoh.org and select My GS VTK, and then Volunteer Toolkit.

Email Communications

As an IRM caregiver, you will receive email communications that will bring you news and updates from council. This might include program highlights, IRM of the Month spotlights, Campfire Connections, shop information, membership renewal updates, and more.

Membership Support Webinars

We're offering free webinars about different aspects of Girl Scouts that are the perfect place to ask questions and get the tips and tricks you need to help your Girl Scout reach their goals. And don't worry, if you can't make the live session a recording of each webinar will be available to watch at gsoh.org/webinars. At certain webinars, Girl Scout Shop staff members will join to address questions about uniforms, badges and patches, and more.


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Who are we?

Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland Council exists to meet the needs of every girl in a girl-centric and girl-driven environment. It is our mission to show girls that they have the power to have a positive effect on not just their community, but the world. With the support and essential leadership skills that Girl Scouting provides, girls are empowered to truly aim for the stars. Whether it means pursuing her dream of being the first female President, or starting her own animal shelter, if she dreams it, she can do it. And together, we can help her get there.

Our Mission

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

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.

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.



What is an Individually Registered Member?

An individually registered member (IRM), or Juliette, is a Girl Scout who chooses not to participate in the traditional troop setting with Girl Scouts, but still has access to the surplus of resources, experiences, and learning opportunities made available by Girl Scouts. Individually Registered Members have the unique opportunity to make their own schedule and cater their Girl Scouts experience to what works particularly well with their family and their schedule. It is a custom-made Girl Scout Experience, a “choose your own adventure”! This way, every individual can explore their own personal interests.

There are many ways to have fun and explore the world in Girl Scouts. It all depends on what each Girl Scout is interested in; earn badges while experimenting with science in the outdoors, make new friends at resident camp, travel, explore volunteering and what it means to lead younger Girl Scouts, and learn what it takes to run a business during the cookie program. Every Girl Scout has opportunities to build skills and confidence in STEM, the outdoors, Life Skills, and Entrepreneurship – the pillars of the Girl Scout leadership Experience.

Opportunities

During a membership year, each Individually Registered Member will get to choose what to do from an extensive list of activities. Girl Scouts is girl-led. Girl Scouts supported by their caregivers will work to set goals and make plans for their year based on what is most appealing to them!

Badge and Journey earning activities

Girl Scout badges and journeys are a great way for Girl Scouts to explore their interests and learn new skills- and to remember every adventure by proudly wearing them on their uniform!

Fall Product Program and Girl Scout Cookie Program

In addition to honing entrepreneurial skills and building the 5 Skills, Individually Registered Members have the opportunity to set goals and earn program admissions and great rewards!

Travel and Destinations

In Girl Scouts, travel presents the opportunity for individuals to learn about themselves, other cultures, new places, and the outdoors as they prepare, plan, and budget for their trip.

Day Camp and Resident Camp

With four wonderful camp locations and an abundance of outdoor programming, there is no shortage of different outdoor camp opportunities for Girl Scouts to choose from. Whether it's a full week of resident camp at Camp Molly Lauman, a day program at Camp Ken-Jockey or visiting for a program at Camp Crooked Lane – there is plenty of outdoor fun to be had!

Signature Events

GSOH hosts incredible signature events that all Girl Scouts can attend and enjoy with their family from the Tree Tapper's Festival, where Girl Scouts will learn all about maple syrup production, tour the maple grove, and enjoy a day at Camp Ken-Jockey in the early spring to the Mad Mud Challenge where Girl Scouts will enjoy challenging themselves as they navigate obstacles and barriers in the summer!

Community Service and Take Action Projects

Whether it's through planting a garden, painting a mural, or launching a letter-writing campaign, she'll make the world a better place.

Highest Awards

The highest awards are opportunities for Girl Scouts to take an interest and skyrocket it to a project that helps their community! These awards are something Girl Scouts can aspire to achieve!



Uniforms

For over a century, Girl Scouts have proudly worn distinctive uniforms that symbolize the ideals of our organization. Girl Scouts at each level wear one required element (tunic, sash, or vest) to display official pins and awards. Girls can mix and match pieces from the official Girl Scout collection for their Girl Scout level with items from their own wardrobes.

Shopping List

- Sash, Vest, or Tunic
- Juliette patch
- Council Identification Set
- Insignia tab
- Membership pins
- Flag patch
- Girls' Guide to Girl Scouting

Optional

- Level shirt or white polo
- Brownie or Daisy uniform bottoms
All levels may wear any khaki bottoms
- Girl Scout Accessories



Juliettes



Girl Scout Shops

By purchasing items at one of our local Girl Scout Shops, or through our online store, you support local girls and activities right here in our community. Check out our website for the most up-to-date hours of operation!

► Council Headquarters

1700 Watermark Drive, Columbus, OH 43215
 Phone: 614-487-8101
 M, T, W, F
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Th
 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Sat
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 *Closed Holiday Weekends

► Chillicothe Service Center

1130 Western Ave., Chillicothe, OH 45601
 Phone: 740-773-2146
 M - Closed
 T - 12:30-4:30 p.m.
 W - 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Th - 12:30-4:30 p.m.
 F - 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

► Mansfield Service Center

24 W. Third Street | Suite 110, Mansfield, OH 44902
 Phone: 419-522-0391
 M, W, Th, F
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 T
 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Third Saturday September - May
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m..)

► Zanesville Service Center

3230 Bowers Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701
 Phone: 740-454-8563
 M
 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
 T-F
 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
 Third Saturday September - May
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m



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Your Role as an IRM Caregiver

Participating as an IRM is a girl-led, family driven Girl Scout experience. As a caregiver of an individually registered member, you and your Girl Scout will be partners, shaping and sharing in the fun of the Girl Scout Experience.

Caregivers will:

- Register your individual as a Girl Scout. Go to gsoh.org and click on “My GS” to register/renew her membership, paying the annual membership dues, which provides insurance coverage for her Girl Scout activities.
- Consider becoming an adult Girl Scout! By registering yourself, you become a sister Girl Scout entitled to member benefits, including access to free training, activity accident insurance, and communications from Girl Scouts.
- Help her choose her passion and path. At the start of the Girl Scout year, and throughout, check-in with your Girl Scout and decide when to meet and what Girl Scout activities, badges and awards they’d like to earn.
- Explore the Volunteer Toolkit, a digital portal for easy, fun Girl Scout activities and step-by-step guides for completing badges and journeys. To access the VTK go to gsoh.org and click on “My GS”.
- Find events and opportunities. Explore our activities calendar and assist her in registering for activities that fit her interests. Find events and opportunities at <https://www.gsoh.org/en/activities/activities-list.html>
- Nominate your IRM for IRM of the Month! This is an excellent opportunity for you to share all the hard work your Girl Scout has been doing! All IRMs of the Month receive a certificate and unique patch by mail. You can nominate your Girl Scouts using this link: https://bit.ly/IRM_Nomination
- Participate in any IRM Meet-Up opportunities offered. These will be shared both on the GSOH Individually Registered Members Facebook page and through the monthly emails.

