

Beyond Badges: Her Girl Scout Growth Chart

Did you know Girl Scouts are more likely than other girls to get excellent grades, graduate from high school and college, and to expect a great future for themselves? Through Girl Scouts, your daughter will grow in ways that change everything about the way she holds herself, the way she expresses herself, and how big she dreams. This kind of growth is the most important outcome of her Girl Scout experience and what will help her harness her potential and live her best life.

Although some youth-oriented organizations pride themselves on handing out medals and awards to boost a child's sense of self, at Girl Scouts we believe in *education* over decoration. By that, we mean that our program comprises meaningful experiences that have been proven to teach girls about themselves and their own potential in their schools, communities, and society at large.

When your girl takes part in Girl Scouting, she's following in the footsteps of numerous female world leaders, astronauts, inventors, entrepreneurs, and artists. There's no limit to where Girl Scouts can take her!

Watch for and celebrate these five areas of growth in your girl:



STRONG SENSE OF SELF: She'll find confidence in herself and all that she's capable of as she tries new things, faces her fears, and learns from her mistakes—forming a healthy identity in the process. This will help her stand up for herself, avoid peer pressure, and stay authentic as she pursues her dreams—whatever they may be.



POSITIVE VALUES: She'll learn to act ethically, lead with honesty, be responsible, and show concern for others with every step she takes. These solid values will help her do the right thing even in the face of peer pressure from her school friends today or from her colleagues in the future.



CHALLENGE SEEKING: In Girl Scouts' all-girl environment, she'll feel free to take appropriate risks, which will open new opportunities and new experiences in her world. Importantly, she'll also learn that failure is never a reason to give up, only another opportunity to try something different.



HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS: She'll practice communicating her feelings directly and resolving conflicts constructively—the kind of relationship-building skills that will help her successfully navigate her school years, form treasured friendships, and understand how to navigate conflict with respect. These skills will also help her ace job interviews, manage teams, and lead with positivity and empathy as she grows older.



COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING: She'll identify problems in her school and neighborhood and create plans to solve them. And she'll always know her contributions are meaningful and filled with purpose. This will set her on the path to being an involved member of her community—one who not only speaks up for change but also brings innovative solutions to the table.