



Volunteer Essentials

Money

Supporting GSNorCal

We believe that when girls succeed, so does society. Whether they're coding a website, planting a rain garden, or running a literacy program, Girl Scouts are unleashing their inner G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)[™] to build a better world for all of us, every day.

When you contribute to Girl Scouts of Northern California—no matter the amount—you make an immediate difference in the lives of girls. Every dollar you give stays right here in our communities, bringing Girl Scouting to more than 40,000 girls.

We also believe that all girls should have access to the Essential Girl Scout Experience and that is why our expanded Opportunity Fund is so important. Each year, GSNorCal serves over 12,000 girl members who live in low-income communities. Gifts to the Opportunity Fund ensure that all girls who live in low-income communities and/or communities recovering from local disasters have equitable access to—sisterhood, supportive adults, and experiences that help each girl feel valued—through troops and at camp. [Click here to support girls \(www.gsnorcal.org/donate-now\)](http://www.gsnorcal.org/donate-now)

Employee Gifts, Volunteer Hours, Matching Gifts and United Way

Many employers offer a matching program for charitable gifts or participate in employee gift programs offered through agencies such as the United Way. Please make sure to designate Girl Scouts of Northern California as your preferred gift beneficiary.

Sometimes employee gifts require additional approval by the employer in order to process gifts to GSNorCal. For questions or to get help with employers' forms, contact FundDevelopment@gsnorcal.org. We can sign, verify or validate any paperwork needed to set up the gift process.

Companies and corporations also offer matching gifts or volunteer-hour matching gifts to honor and support employees. This is a great way to maximize your gift to Girl Scouts. Ask your human resources department if there is an option for your company to match. The GSNorCal Fund Development Department will assist you with any additional paperwork that the employer provides or needs. For GSNorCal support, please email: FundDevelopment@gsnorcal.org

Council Service Fee

A council service fee of \$15 per girl is collected when girls register or renew their membership (there is no council service fee for adult members). The \$25 annual membership dues goes directly to our national organization: Girl Scouts of the USA. GSUSA uses the membership fee to invest in national programs and to purchase Girl Scout activity insurance.

Our council, Girl Scouts of Northern California, does not receive any of the \$25 national membership fee, but GSNorCal does receive the \$15 per girl council service fee. The purpose of a council service fee is to help councils raise additional revenue in the face of rising costs. The council service fee helps us maintain properties and continue to invest in the technology and

services that volunteers (and girls) want. On average, Girl Scouts of Northern California spends about \$300 per girl member each year to pay for camps, technology, outreach programs, and all of the back-office services that support our volunteers. The \$15 council service fee will help us keep Girl Scouts fun, strong, and safe in Northern California.

If GSUSA's membership dues or GSNorCal's council service fee are a financial hardship for a family, we encourage them to request financial aid. To do so, check the box to request financial aid on the 'Registration Summary' page during the online registration process.

Most families are well-aware of the benefits of Girl Scouting, and often are eager to defray the cost of providing Girl Scouting to their own daughter or to provide Girl Scouting for another girl.

Cost of providing Girl Scouting for one girl:	\$300
Funds raised through program and camp fees, product program and property rentals	<u>\$240</u>
Amount needed per girl	\$60

The annual adult membership fee is \$25. Adults do not pay a council fee.

Financial Aid

We are committed to ensuring all girls have the opportunity to participate in Girl Scouts. Financial aid is available as a resource for girls and troops who might not otherwise have access to the Essential Girl Scout Experience. Funds provided can help with annual membership dues, uniform costs, program and event fees, travel expenses and camp sessions. If you have questions about financial aid for additional program opportunities, or would like to donate to assist girls or troops, contact Info@gsnorcal.org