



Proposed Girl Scout Pathways for Girls

The six proposed Girl Scout Pathways are the ways in which girls might participate in Girl Scouting. Girls can choose any one, all, or some of these pathways within a single year; however, different pathways will be geared specifically to different grade levels. The Girl Scout community nationwide continues developing a new approach to ensure that girls and adults can participate in Girl Scouting in the ways they want to!

Defined Girl Scout Pathways are flexible ways that girls and adults participate in Girl Scouting:

1. **Camp** Girls participate in day or resident camps with a focus on the out-of-doors and/or environmental education
2. **Events** Girls participate in events (e.g., career day)
3. **Special Interest** Girls participate in a series of programs with the same group of girls relating to a specific theme or purpose (e.g., high-adventure teen group, completion of the "It's Your World—Change It!" journey over a six-week period)
4. **Travel** Girls plan, earn money, prepare, and participate in regional, national, and international trips
5. **Troops** Girls participate in a series of programs with the same group of girls over the course of an academic year
6. **Virtual** Girls participate in interactive, high-quality program activities in a safe, secure, online environment supplemented by live events

Organizational Benefits The likelihood of girl satisfaction and retention in Girl Scouting will increase because we nurture girls' individuality and leadership potential, while providing a fun and enriching program. Pathways will establish consistency throughout the Girl Scout Movement.

The **New Girl Scout Leadership Experience** incorporates the **Discover-Connect-Take Action** keys to leadership. Girl Scout experiences are **girl-led** as much as possible, and encourage **learning by doing** and **cooperative learning** processes. We provide opportunities for all girls, anywhere in the world, to have consistent Girl Scout experiences and outcomes.

Criteria National consistency in the implementation of Girl Scout Pathways requires all councils to apply the following standards:

- Be mission-driven
- Align to the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience
- Adhere to the *Blue Book of Basic Documents 2006* and *Safety-Wise*
- Be relevant and accessible to all populations
- Provide opportunities for continuous involvement
- Support volunteers through the Single-Entry System (SES) and volunteer structures
- Provide consistent volunteer learning opportunities (training)

Key Messages Girl Scout Pathways for girls adds value in the following areas:

Girl Experience

- Girls have the freedom to choose from any of the pathways to join Girl Scouting and may participate in multiple pathways within a membership year
- Girls can explore their skills and interests while helping to shape a variety of fun and enriching leadership experiences that inspire them to reach their personal best
- Girls, no matter where and how they participate, get the necessary guidance from adult volunteers and council staff to develop leadership skills and understand how those skills can be used to make a difference in the world.