



Frequently Asked Questions Individually Registered Girl Scouts

How can individually registered girls (IRGs) participate in Girl Scouting?

The Council and many Girl Scout areas implement special IRG-only events. IRGs may join Community, Region and Council-wide events, attend day/twilight and summer (resident) camps, sell Girl Scout Cookies and participate in trips with troops or attend events with friends of their choice.

Can IRGs work on badges and earn awards?

Yes! As a IRG, you are eligible to participate in most of the opportunities available to girls in troops, such as badge work. Sometimes you may go about doing some activities a little differently. For example, IRGs call upon their parents or adult relatives to act as the “troop leader” and friends can be the “troop members” for activities designed for groups.

Do IRGs participate in community service projects?

Absolutely! IRGs want to be advocates for good causes, and if they choose they may participate in Council-sponsored community service projects or other service projects in their area. Girl Scouting is about girls participating in activities they enjoy doing. When IRGs choose to work on badges and other awards, these girls will complete community service-oriented work as required.

How do IRGs find out about events?

All Girl Scouts in GSSJC receive five issues of the Council magazine, *The Golden Link*, and the summer camp catalog in the mail. Here you will find information about Council-wide events and upcoming program activities as well as information on summer camp. Select events are featured on the Council website, www.gssjc.org, by clicking on Activities in the green navigation bar. Complete events are found by logging in to My GS and clicking on the Activities tab.

How do IRGs sign up for events?

Follow registration instructions listed in *The Golden Link* or sign up for events by logging in to My GS, clicking on the Activities tab and clicking on the event. You may decide you want to participate with a bunch of your Girl Scout friends, a troop or you can just grab your favorite adult and go. However you decide to do it, make sure to join the fun!

Is there a special uniform or emblem for IRGs?

Although uniforms are not a requirement to be a Girl Scout, many girls wish to purchase one to identify themselves as a Girl Scout. An IRG may choose to purchase uniform components appropriate for her Girl Scout level or select Girl Scout T-shirts.

Can IRGs sell Girl Scout Cookies?

Definitely! IRGs receive their cookie materials, training and recognitions from their community cookie manager or community Juliette coordinator. An IRG selling cookies has four options:

1. She may sell with a troop at any level. Her recognitions are sent to the troop with the troop recognitions. Her bonus is kept with the troop bonus.
2. A group of IRGs within one community may sell cookies as a group. The bonus money is kept by the group.
3. She may sell individually. Her order is sent to the community cookie manager. Her recognitions are sent to the community cookie manager. Her bonus is shared between the community and Council.
4. She may participate as a member of a special interest group, such as the Green Starlettes or Mariners, or with a group of IRGs selling as a Council group. The bonus goes to the interest group. If she sells with the Council group, she will be treated to a special day and activity with the group.