

The world is always changing, and Girl Scouts try to keep up with these new situations and challenges. We work hard to make sure our organization is relevant to today's young women and that we are fulfilling our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

While the world changes, however, the basic tenets of Girl Scouting stay the same. Since its creation more than 100 years ago, Girl Scouts has valued diversity and individuality, patriotism, good citizenship and the power of girls to change the world around them. At GSSA, we work toward this every day.

The following details the principles that Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama embraces:

- GSSA is pro-family. Throughout the year, we provide a variety of events that promote family togetherness. We encourage girls to participate in Girl Scouts with their entire family and make the program something that brings them closer to their parents and siblings.
- GSSA is committed to diversity and inclusiveness, as Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.
- GSSA does not promote a political agenda. We encourage girls to develop skills that reinforce a belief in themselves through courage, confidence and character.
- GSSA emphasizes good citizenship via community involvement. Girls are encouraged to look around their communities to identify community needs and join the effort to make their world a better place.
- GSSA provides hands-on, experiential education that supplements traditional school programs. We help girls learn to discover, connect and take action. We emphasize skill building in the outdoors and respect for the environment.
- Girl Scouts does not take a position on abortion or birth control and these topics are not part of the Girl Scout program or our materials. We believe these matters are best discussed by girls with their families.
- The national umbrella organization, Girl Scouts of the USA, does not have a relationship with Planned Parenthood on a national level and does not plan to have one.
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- It should also be noted that not having a relationship with Planned Parenthood includes not having a financial relationship.
 - They do not give Girl Scouts money, and Girl Scouts does not give them money.
 - In fact, GSSA has gift acceptance policies which state we have the right to refuse funds from organizations that do not enhance, promote and ensure the purpose of Girl Scouting. Planned Parenthood falls under this category.

Girl Scouts of Southern Alabama will continue its work to empower girls to make the world around them a better place. We will remain relevant to today's girl, while we continue to hold dear the values our founder, Juliette Gordon Low, set forth so many years ago. We look forward to partnering with you in our effort to serve generations of girls to come.