

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

### What is Girl Scouts?

Girl Scouts is the preeminent leadership organization for girls. It is a not-for-profit, volunteer-led, all-girl program that empowers girls to lead, learn by doing, and cooperate with others, ensuring that they have fun and develop friendships while acquiring leadership skills for life. It is part of an international association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912. Today, there are 2.5 million Girl Scouts: 1.7 million girl members and 750,000 adult members working primarily as volunteers.

### What do Girl Scouts do?

Girls plan and participate in many different activities. They can earn badges in outdoor skills and environmental awareness, science and technology, entrepreneurship and business, the arts, innovation, animals, history, and more. Girl Scout troops do outdoor activities like hiking and camping, they may sell cookies to earn money and learn financial management, they learn songs and crafts, new skills, and they participate in service activities for the community.

#### How does it work?

Girls meet 1 or 2 times a month in a small group called a troop. The troop members are usually the same grade, although they may have two grades (like Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade, combined). A minimum of five girls and two adults is required to form a troop. Troops can meet anytime that is convenient – after school, in the evenings, on weekends.

## Do they wear a uniform?

Kindergarten girls are called "Daisy" Girl Scouts, and wear a blue tunic with special insignia. They can add the badges and petals that they earn during the year to the tunic. The tunic lasts for two years, until they become "Brownie" Girl Scouts in second grade, and have a different uniform.

# Who leads Girl Scouts?

Volunteers, usually parents, lead the Girl Scout troops. Training and support, such as help planning meetings and activities, is provided.

### How much does it cost?

Annual membership: \$25

Annual Troop dues/activity fee: \$40

Uniform: \$30

## Where can I find out more information?

Contact Debbie Marchione at <a href="marchione@tbcs.org">dmarchione@tbcs.org</a> or 425-681-8170. She volunteers to coordinate and support the Girl Scout troops at Bear Creek.

The Girl Scouts of Western Washington website has much more information about the program and how to sign up. www.girlscoutsww.org