



MONEY MATTER\$

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



2008-2009 Family Partners Lead Family is Chris and Ralph Carey, with Bess, Grace, and Peter. Photo by Leon M. Liss



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MONEY MATTERS in Girl Scouting. Here is how Girl Scout program is funded at the council, troop and national levels.

Council Funding Purpose

To provide facilities, maintenance and upgrades, insurance, council-wide programs, day and resident camp, financial assistance, training, equipment, administration, resource development, troop/service unit support, recognitions and communications to efficiently run Girl Scout activities here in our own council.

Girl Scouts is open to all girls and adults. Girl Scout “FUNdships” provide financial assistance to girls and adults whose families cannot afford dues, supplies and program fees. Contact your leader and go to our Web site for more information:
www.girlscoutspw.org.

SOURCES OF COUNCIL FUNDING

Girl Scout program is funded by “Family Partners” contributions, foundation grants, planned gifts, bequests, special events, individual donors, tributes and memorials, matching gifts, volunteer service grants, activity fees and a portion of program sales. Area corporations and some (but not all) area United Way agencies also support Girl Scouting.



Troop Funding Purpose

To fund activities planned by Girl Scouts in partnership with trained adult leaders.

SOURCES OF COUNCIL FUNDING

Troop dues are the main source of income for the troop treasury. Each troop sets its own amount and timeline for collection based on its needs and plans for the year. Money belongs to the troop as a whole; it is not distributed to individual girls. Funds are held in a bank account. (Daisy Girl Scouts do not have a bank account; activities and supplies are funded through parent assessment.)

Earnings from the cookie and all product programs also help the treasury grow. When extensive trips or adventures are planned, it is sometimes necessary to hold additional fund raisers (car washes, bake sales, etc.).

Note: Some companies and organizations may assist Girl Scout troops in non-financial ways. Troops must not solicit businesses, organizations or individuals for monetary support.

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) Funding

Purpose

To provide national programs and initiatives, set and enforce governance policies and standards, provide national and international opportunities for girls and adults and to provide supplemental medical insurance.

SOURCES OF GSUSA FUNDING

GSUSA receives all of the membership dues collected with registration forms from all Girl Scout councils in the United States. Additional funds are sought by GSUSA from corporations and foundations, individual gifts and bequests. Planned gifts and vendor license fees also support GSUSA and its endeavors.

Will your employer help you MAXIMIZE YOUR INVESTMENT?

Leading companies recognize that employees are their greatest resource. Corporate giving in these firms reflects that philosophy. Companies give to those organizations that their employees invest in, volunteer for, or benefit from.

JUST A\$K!

Your employer may match – or even multiply – your contribution to Girl Scouts – the cause you believe in. Please visit your company’s Human Resources department, pick up a matching gifts form and mail it back to us. We’ll take care of the rest.

HOW GIRL SCOUTING IS FUNDED

FAMILY PARTNERS CONTRIBUTIONS (voluntary)

THE COUNCIL PROVIDES

- Workshops
- Summer Programs
- Day and Resident Camp
- Outreach Programs
- Training and Materials
- Equipment for Loan
- Camps and Facilities
- Publications
- Web site
- Service Unit Support
- Troop Support
- Girl Scout FUNdships
- Awards/Recognitions
- Resources/Library/Archives
- Safety Services/Quality Control
- Insurance
- National Training Support
- Administration

OTHER SUPPORT

- Foundation/Corporate Grants
- Bequests/Planned Gifts
- Tributes/Memorials
- Individual Donations
- Matching Gifts/Service Grants
- United Ways
- Program Sales
- Activity Fees

TROOP DUES (required*)

THE TROOP PROVIDES

- Service Project Materials
- Field Trips
- Badge Labs and Activities
- Craft Supplies
- Recognitions

OTHER SUPPORT

- Cookie Program Earnings
- Fall Product Program Earnings
- Approved Fund-Raising Activities

MEMBERSHIP DUES (required*)

GSUSA PROVIDES

- Standards & Policies
- National/International Programs
- Supplemental Medical Insurance
- Edith Macy Training

OTHER SUPPORT

- Licensing Agreements
- Foundation/Corporate Gifts
- Bequests/Planned Gifts
- Tributes/Memorials
- Individual Donations
- Matching Gifts/Service Grants
- Civic Organizations/Clubs

Financial assistance is available from the COUNCIL for GSUSA registration fees and troop dues.

Note: GSUSA and COUNCILS seek support from most of the same sources.

