

## 2 girl scouts of greater mississippi

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#### "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers."

- Juliette Gordon Low, founder of Girl Scouts of the USA

At Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi, we firmly believe that a program designed with girls in mind is critical to developing girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. We believe this because research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led and girl-friendly environment, such as a Girl Scout troop. Girl Scouts creates a safe space where girls can try new things, develop new skills and become a leader just by being themselves.

This report provides a glance at 2018 and some of the outcomes Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi has seen. These outcomes show achievement, training, adventure, community service and development of our program participants, whether they are in a school setting, in a traditional troop, or participating in special events. There are numerous ways for girls to be involved in Girl Scouting.

Through the dedication of our volunteers, staff and supporters, a leadership development program of the highest caliber is offered right here in Mississippi. Our donation base is comprised of the generous gifts from corporations, foundations, grants and individual donors. Our council board and staff contribute each year to the program - they see firsthand how Girl Scouting builds future leaders. We invite you to continue with Girl Scouts of Greater Mississippi as we expand our program offerings to more girls in our state with your support.

Becky Traweek Chief Executive Officer Gloria Johnson Board of Directors, Chair



#### WOMEN OF DISTINCTION 2018:

Becky Traweek (CEO), Ruth Kellum Fredericks, M.D., Patricia Bennett, J.D., Monica Sethi Harrigill, Juanita Sims Doty, Ed.D., Lauren King McGraw, Gloria Johnson (Board of Directors, Chair)



BUILDING ON OVER 100 YEARS OF GIRL SCOUT HISTORY AND GIVING GIRLS A SENSE OF HISTORY INSPIRING THEM TO BE THE BEST THEY CAN BE



BADGES IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING HELPING GIRLS SEE HOW THEY CAN ACTUALLY IMPROVE THE WORLD

1085 LEADERSHIP JOURNEYS INSPIRING GIRLS TO DISCOVER MORE OF WHAT THEY REALLY CARE ABOUT

### 4167

LIFE SKILL BADGES HELPING GIRLS GAIN THE SKILLS TO ACCEPT CHALLENGES, OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND TAKE THE LEAD.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP BADGES ALLOWING GIRLS TO MASTER TOPICS LIKE BUDGETING AND MONEY MANAGEMENT



COUNSELORS IN TRAINING SERVING AS A ROLE MODEL AND MENTOR FOR YOUNGER GIRL SCOUTS AT CAMP 1557 OUTDOOR BADGES EARNED DEVELOPING A LIFELONG APPRECIATION FOR NATURE AND THE OUT-OF-DOORS

3154 COUNCIL PROGRAM EXPERIENCES BUILDING COURAGE, CONFIDENCE AND CHARACTER

67 PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS TAKING SERVICE BEYOND THE GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM

## IMPACT AT

## **HIGHEST AWARDS**





BRONZE AWARDS At The Bronze Award Level, Girls Must Work In A Team Setting.





SILVER AWARDS When Girls Work On Their Silver Award, They Have The Option To Work Individually

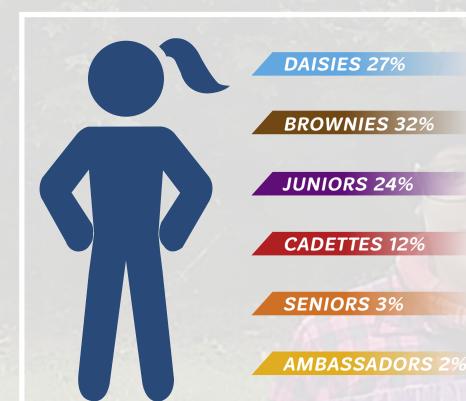
Or In A Group Setting.



GOLD AWARDS

The Gold Award Represents The Highest Achievement In Girl Scouts, Which Girls Must Earn As Individuals.

SCIENCE - TECH



#### **51.8% GIRL RETENTION** FROM FY 2017

## 688

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS DISCOVERING THEIR TALENTS AND PASSIONS IN A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ALL-GIRL SETTING

## 8455

REGISTERED GIRL MEMBERS LEADING THEIR OWN ADVENTURE AND TEAMING UP WITH OTHER GIRLS IN AN ALL-GIRL ENVIRONMENT TO CHOOSE THE EXCITING, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES THAT INTEREST THEM MOST.

# A GLANCE

**2284** DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS GUIDING GIRLS THROUGH THE GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

E WITH NATIONAL AWARDS

**21 COMMUNITY PARTNERS** PROVIDING ADDITIONAL PROGRAM EXPERIENCES FOR 697 GIRLS

31

405

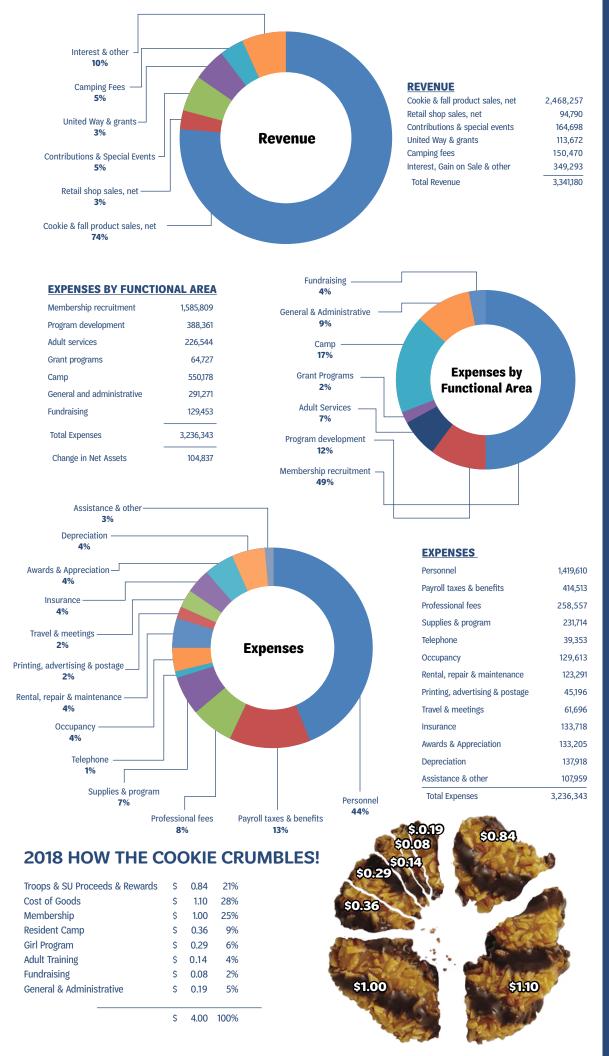
LIFETIME MEMBERS STAYING CONNECTED TO THE LARGEST LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION FOR GIRLS IN THE WORLD

### 14

MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS VOLUNTARILY SUPPORTED THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF GIRLS AND STAFF AT SUMMER CAMP

1804 ADULTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED NEW LEADER TRAINING

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## 5 WAYS GIRL SCOUTS HELP GIRLS THRIVE

#### STRONG SENSE OF SELF

GIRLS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES AND THEIR ABILITIES, AND FORM POSITIVE IDENTITIES

#### **POSITIVE VALUES**

GIRLS ACT ETHICALLY, HONESTLY, AND RESPONSIBLY, AND SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS

#### **CHALLENGE SEEKING**

GIRLS TAKE APPROPRIATE RISKS, TRY THINGS EVEN IF THEY MIGHT FAIL, AND LEARN FROM MISTAKES

#### HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

GIRLS DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS BY COMMUNICATING THEIR FEELINGS DIRECTLY AND RESOLVING CONFLICTS CONSTRUCTIVELY

#### COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING

GIRLS DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD IN PURPOSEFUL AND MEANINGFUL WAYS, LEARN HOW TO IDENTIFY PROBLEMS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND CREATE "ACTION PLANS" TO SOLVE THEM





#### **The Girl Scout Mission**

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#### **The Girl Scout Promise**

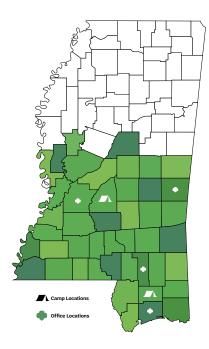
On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

#### The Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be honest and fair, Friendly and helpful, Considerate and caring, Courageous and strong, And responsible for what I say and do, And to respect myself and others, Respect authority, Use resources wisely, Make the world a better place, And be a sister to every Girl Scout

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45 COUNTIES SERVED 2 CAMP PROPERTIES 4 SERVICE CENTERS

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