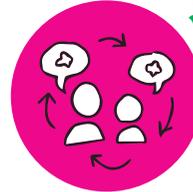


## GIRL SCOUT MYTHBUSTERS

Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are, and always have been, two very different organizations. Since Boy Scouts of America started recruiting girls to their program, there has been confusion. Here are common myths and the facts.

THE MYTH	✓ FACTS ABOUT GIRL SCOUTS
<p>“All “scouting” programs are basically the same”</p>	 <p>✓ <b>Not even close. At Girl Scouts, everything we do is designed with and for girls.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The all-girl, girl-led, single-gender space is where girls safely thrive.</li> <li>• Our programs are tailored to maximize impact by teaching girls in ways they learn best.</li> <li>• In single-gender spaces, girls are more apt to take healthy risks, try new things, and take on leadership roles.</li> </ul>
<p>“Girl Scouts doesn’t offer adventure”</p>	 <p>✓ <b>Girl Scouts have all kinds of opportunities for adventure!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Girls can choose activities including: archery, backpacking, rock climbing, kayaking, high ropes course, horse-back riding, winter survival, scuba diving and so much more.</li> <li>• 80% of girls said camping was their most memorable experience.*</li> <li>• Girl Scouts of Central Indiana operates five camp properties in Indiana and provides fun outdoor activities like ziplines, an obstacle course, and sailing.</li> </ul>
<p>“Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts offer the same STEM program”</p>	 <p>✓ <b>Have you seen our science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17,000 STEM badges were earned by Girl Scouts of Central Indiana in 2017.</li> <li>• The STEM interest—and confidence—gaps between girls and boys starts at age 6 and can be closed with activities that are designed for girls. Girls can earn badges in engineering, robotics, environmental science, cyber security, and space science.</li> </ul>
<p>“The cookie sale is just about making money”</p>	 <p>✓ <b>Girl Scouts do a great job of earning revenue, but the cookie program is so much more!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Girl Scout Cookie program is the world’s largest girl-run business. Girl Scouts of Central Indiana troops nearly earned \$2 million to fuel adventures, rewards, and service projects.</li> </ul>
<p>“Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award is less important than the Eagle Scout Award”</p>	 <p>✓ <b>The Gold Award requires completion of a rigorous project that prepares girls for a lifetime of possibility thinking and doing.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gold Award Girl Scouts identify an issue in their community, develop a plan, lead teams to develop a sustainable solution to the issue, and practice skills in advanced planning, organization, and team building.</li> <li>• The Gold Award is impressive to colleges and universities, and military, which advances Gold Award Girl Scouts a full rank when joining.</li> </ul>

\* 2014 Girl Scout Research Institute study

### Girl Scouts is For Girls. By Girls. All Girls.

The benefits of the single-gender environment have been well-documented by educators, scholars, other girl and youth-serving organizations, and Girl Scouts and their families. Girl Scouts designs our programming based on research about how best to empower girls to lead, thrive, and gain skills. By being a girl-led, girls-only program, we encourage girls to discover who they are, free of norms and rules imposed on them by media and society. For more on the Girl Scout Research Institute please visit [girlscouts.org/research](http://girlscouts.org/research).