



Girl Scouts of Central Indiana Transgender Inclusion Statement

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana believes that transgender girls are girls, and we welcome them with open arms and open hearts. We also believe that transgender boys are boys; however, we recognize that many of them have lived experience in girlhood and, despite their authentic gender identity, still face the same unfortunate barriers and discrimination as their female-identifying peers, as do large numbers of nonbinary youth. We also recognize that every trans and nonbinary person transitions in their own way in their own time and that the sudden shift to all-male spaces may be jarring or, worse, detrimental; therefore, we believe that all who start a journey with Girl Scouts should be allowed to finish that journey regardless of how they may change and grow along the way.

Since the founding of Girl Scouts over a century ago, our organization has continued to evolve to do our best to create and maintain a safe, welcoming environment for all. By encouraging and fostering diversity within our troops, we are preparing our Girl Scouts to be good citizens who embrace outward differences and recognize inner similarities – all to make the world a better place.