

Girl Scouts of the USA

Stance on Abortion/Planned Parenthood/Contraception

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/faq/social-issues-faq.html> -Questions and Answers for the Girl Scouts on their website:

- **Does GSUSA have a relationship with Planned Parenthood?** No, Girl Scouts of the USA do not have a relationship or partnership with Planned Parenthood.
- **Did GSUSA distribute a Planned Parenthood brochure at a United Nations event?** No, we did not. In 2010, GSUSA took part in the 54th Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations. Our participation in that conference was the subject of numerous Internet stories and blogs that were factually inaccurate and troubling. **Girl Scouts had no knowledge of the brochure in question and played no role in distributing it.**
- **What is Girl Scouts of the USA's position regarding human sexuality, birth control, and abortion?** **Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) does not take a position or develop materials on these issues.** We feel our role is to help girls develop self-confidence and good decision-making skills that will help them make wise choices in all areas of their lives. Parents or guardians make all decisions regarding program participation that may be of a sensitive nature. **Consistent with that belief, GSUSA directs councils, including volunteer leaders, to get written parental permission for any locally planned program that could be considered sensitive.**

https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsusa/forms-and-documents/about/GSUSA_Annual-Report-2020.pdf pp.32-35

- In their 2020 Annual Report, 52 of the pro-abortion/Planned Parenthood United Way chapters donated to their local Girl Scout Chapters. They are listed on their page as “honorary donors.”

<https://www.girlscouts-swtx.org/en/about-girl-scouts/who-we-are/what-we-stand-for.html>

- “In some areas of the country, Girl Scout troops or groups may choose to hold discussions about human sexuality and/or pregnancy prevention and may choose to collaborate with a local organization that specializes in these issues. Participation in these discussions is optional, and parental consent must be provided prior to a girl’s participation. However, please consider that the

Southwest Texas region has among the highest rates of teen pregnancy in the nation and for girls in some communities, it would be appropriate for them to receive pregnancy prevention education from a factual perspective in Girl Scouts.... As a result, GSUSA does not have a position on specific issues such as abortion and contraception. Rather, ***GSUSA recognizes and supports the primacy of parents as they educate their daughters with regard to human sexuality and pregnancy prevention.***”

<https://gshealthpatch.org/modules/sexual-health/>

- GSUSA states on it’s website that it “does not take a position or develop materials on these issues. We feel our role is to help girls develop self-confidence and good decision-making skills that will help them make wise choices in all areas of their lives. Parents or guardians make all decisions regarding program participation that may be of a sensitive nature,” (first source listed above). Despite this, they have and promote a “Sexual Health” patch girls from 6th grade-12th grade can earn for their Public Health Patch. They explicitly state, “We have to protect ourselves from STDs, pregnancy, and potentially dangerous situations that could affect our future....You should be educated and prepared BEFORE you consider engaging in sexual activity. Talk to a trusted adult about sex and relationships. Then, make an appointment with your healthcare provider so that you find out what you need to know about birth control. Those who are sexually active should make sure they are protected every time they engage in sexual activity. Realize though, that no method is 100% effective. If you get pregnant, tell a parent or other adult so they can help you with the decisions ahead.”

<https://msmagazine.com/2022/07/20/supreme-court-roe-v-wade-girl-scouts-girls-women-politics/>

- Account from a Troop leader on their troop being present and devastated over the Dobbs v. Jackson decision on June 25, 2022. “Between those two historic moments walked the next generation of American girls. They found themselves trapped between the posthumous correction of a flagrant disregard for human life and the declaration that their government’s founding document sees no room for their personal bodily autonomy.”

<https://www.breitbart.com/politics/2019/03/04/girl-scouts-partner-with-abortion-industry-anal-sex-tutorial-promoter-teen-vogue/>

- Girl Scouts attended the Teen Vogue Summit in 2019, which promoted “women’s reproductive health justice” at the summit; other admissions of the GSUSA’s involvement with pro-abortion agenda like Roe v. Wade, and admission to involvement with PP in the early 2000’s.

<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/youth/catholic-scouting-questions#tab--does-wagggs-promote-so-called-%E2%80%9Csexual-and-reproductive-health-rights%E2%80%9D>

- USCCB’S comments: The LMFLY (Laity, Marriage, Family and Youth) Committee considered the possibility of local councils or troops collaborating with or forming a relationship with Planned Parenthood to be an area of serious concern deserving close attention at the local level. As noted below, conversations between dioceses and Girl Scouts councils, and the establishment of a memorandum of understanding, may be helpful toward clarifying local practices and ensuring that Catholic troops are free from any programming or activities contrary to Catholic teaching.”

Stance on LGBTQ+

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/discover/about-us/research-and-data/a-new-decade-of-girls-leadership.html>

- According to the Girl Scouts, “Girls care most about the environment, girls’ and women’s issues, LGBTQ and racial equity, and disability rights.”

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/faq/social-issues-faq.html> -Continued questions and answers for the Girls Scouts:

- What is Girl Scouts' position on serving transgender youth? Girl Scouts is proud to be the premiere leadership organization for girls in the country. **Placement of transgender youth is handled on a case-by-case basis, with the welfare and best interests of the child and the members of the troop/group in question a top priority. That said, if the child is recognized by the family and school/community as a girl and lives culturally as a girl, then Girl Scouts is an**

organization that can serve her in a setting that is both emotionally and physically safe.

- How does Girl Scouts' position on serving transgender youth apply to situations involving camping or volunteers? These situations are rare and are considered individually with the best interests of all families in mind. **Should any girl requiring special accommodations wish to camp, GSUSA recommends that the local council makes similar accommodation that schools across the country follow in regard to changing, sleeping arrangements, and other travel-related activities.**

<http://blog.girlscoutsww.org/2022/05/girl-scout-camp-changed-our-lives/>

- This story of a little girl identifying as a boy was featured in the GSUSA 2021 Annual Report of Wester Washington about the LGBTQ+ Girl Scout Camp she went to.
 - “I came out as trans in seventh grade. I’ve dealt with some pretty transphobic teachers and policies at school. Outside of camp, I sit in the corner and doodle in the margins. At LGBTQ+ camp, our counselors had us all share our pronouns when we first met. It was amazing! They normalized asking about gender instead of assuming. I knew they’d respect and accept who I am. They wouldn’t think I was faking it, seeking attention, or wrong about my own identity.”

<https://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsus/forms-and-documents/activity-zone/all-ages-levels/multicultural/LGBTQIActivities.pdf>

- Form and workbook to discuss LGBTQ+ support and activities for Troop Leaders to discuss in June for “Pride Month.”

<https://www.redvoicemedia.com/2023/06/seattle-pride-parade-featuring-boy-girl-scouts-organizers-banned-uniformed-police-officers-videos/>

<https://twitter.com/TPostMillennial/status/1673034216366555136?s=20>

- On June 25, 2023, the Girl Scouts of America, along with the Boy Scouts, led the “PRIDE” parade in downtown Seattle, Washington.

Relationship with pro-abortion WAGGGS:

<https://www.girlscouts.org/en/footer/faq/social-issues-faq.html>

<https://girlscoutswhythnot.com/mfldc/>

[https://duz92c7qaoni3.cloudfront.net/documents/WAGGGS Trustee Report and Financial Statements 2021.pdf](https://duz92c7qaoni3.cloudfront.net/documents/WAGGGS_Trustee_Report_and_Financial_Statements_2021.pdf)

- P.6 of WAGGG’s Trustee and Financial Report indicates showcases their “activism” in Rwanda: “FAMILY PLANNING IS MY RIGHT AND MY CHOICE – RWANDA NATIONAL PROJECT Young people, particularly young women, face issues in accessing information regarding their sexual reproductive health and rights, so I want to contribute to the actions of changing lives of young girls and boys through this project.”



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