

## **Sensitive Social Issues**

### **What is Girl Scouts' position regarding human sexuality, birth control, and abortion?**

Girl Scouts of the USA and Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois do 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. We feel these issues are best discussed between girls and their parents/guardians.

### **What is Girl Scouts' relationship with Planned Parenthood?**

Neither Girl Scouts of the USA nor Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois have a relationship with Planned Parenthood.

### **What is Girl Scouts' position on transgender youth?**

Girl Scouts is the premier leadership organization for girls in this 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.

### **Does Girl Scouting support families of faith?**

Yes. Girl Scouting supports girls from all backgrounds and beliefs. While we are a secular organization that refrains from teaching religious or spiritual beliefs or practices, we believe that the motivating force in Girl Scouting is a spiritual one, and we greatly value our longstanding partnerships with religious organizations across many faiths that share the values of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We encourage girls to develop connections to their own spiritual and religious beliefs by earning the My Promise, My Faith pin.

### **Where does the money from my purchase of Girl Scout Cookies go?**

The net proceeds from Girl Scout Cookie sales stay local. Cookie proceeds fund activities for girls year-round as well as impactful girl-led community projects.

### **Does any of the money from cookie sales go to Girl Scouts of the USA?**

No. All Girl Scout Cookie sale proceeds stay local. Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois does not provide any portion of cookie revenue to Girl Scouts of the USA.

### **Does Girl Scouting support diversity, equity, and inclusion?**

Yes. Girl Scouting is for ALL girls – regardless of race, religion, ability, or sexuality.

