

Privacy Policy

Welcome to the official Web site (the "**Site**") of Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Inc. (sometimes called "**GSOFACT**") This Web site is owned and operated by Girl Scouts of Connecticut, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization headquartered in Hartford, Connecticut. Girl Scouts of Connecticut is committed to protecting the privacy of our Site visitors and users. This privacy policy (this "**Privacy Policy**") discloses how we collect, protect, and use information you provide us online, as well as how we protect children's privacy. By using the pages on this Site, you are accepting the practices described in the Privacy Policy.

If our Privacy Policy practices change in the future, we will let you know by posting the Privacy Policy changes on our Site. However, we will treat all personal information we collect in accordance with the privacy policy in effect at the time the information is collected.

DATA COLLECTION

Girl Scouts of Connecticut uses reasonable safeguards to respect and protect the privacy of its Site visitors. At our Site, we do not collect personally identifiable information from individuals unless they provide it to us voluntarily and knowingly. This means we do not require you to register or provide information to us in order to view our Site. Girl Scouts of Connecticut only gathers personally identifiable data on the Site, such as names, addresses, zip/postal codes, email addresses, etc., when voluntarily submitted to us by a Site visitor. For example, personally identifiable information is collected on the Site in order to process online transactions or online donations. This information is used solely by Girl Scouts of Connecticut or other entities (including without limitation GSUSA) that we contract with who are involved in the operation of this Site for internal purposes. We do not sell information you provide to us online to third parties. We will only share personally identifiable information with (a) third parties when (i) the person submitting the information authorizes us to share it; (ii) sharing the information is a necessary operation of the Site, for instance, to process a credit card transaction, or (iii) we are required to by law and (b) GSUSA. Girl Scouts of Connecticut has no control over or responsibility for the data collection and use practices of third parties that process online transactions.

LINKS TO OTHER WEB SITES AND SERVICES

This Site may be linked to other sites and services that are not maintained by GSOFACT or GSUSA. This linked Web sites have their own privacy policies, which you should review prior to visiting them. We have no responsibility for linked Web sites and provide these links solely for the convenience and information of our visitors.

OUR SECURITY SAFEGUARD

The safety and security of your online experience is of the utmost concern to us. We ensure the appropriate physical, electronic, and managerial procedures are in place to safeguard and help prevent unauthorized access, maintain data security, and correctly use the information we collect online.

Credit Card Safety

Protecting the safety of your credit card information is also important to us. We use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) technology as part of our reasonable safeguards to protect your credit card information as it is transmitted to us. SSL is the industry standard in Internet encryption technology, which is a highly sophisticated method of scrambling data as it travels from your computer to our Web site servers. We also encrypt your credit card number when we store your order and whenever we transfer that information to participating merchants.

To make sure you are accessing our secure server before you submit personal financial information, look at the lower left-hand corner of your browser. If you see an unbroken key or a closed lock (depending upon your browser), then SSL is active. To double-check for security, look at the URL or Address line of your browser. If you have accessed a secure server, the first characters of the address in that line should change from "http" to "https." It is important for you to protect against unauthorized access to your password and to your computer. Be sure to sign off when finished using a shared computer.

Children

If you are under 18, you need parent/guardian permission to use a credit card to make purchases online.

CHILDREN'S PRIVACY

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) protects the personal information of children under the age of 13. This applies to individually identifiable information about a child that is collected online, such as full name, home address, email address, telephone number or any other information that would allow someone to identify or contact the child. The Act and Rule also cover other types of information—for example, hobbies, interests and information collected through cookies or other types of tracking mechanisms—when they are tied to individually identifiable information. It is important for you to understand this law; we encourage you to read more about COPPA.

Note to Parents on Our Privacy Policy

Girl Scouts of Connecticut is committed to providing a safe, secure, and fun online experience for children who visit our site. We are dedicated to safeguarding any personal information collected online and to helping parents and children have positive experiences on the Internet. Consistent with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, we will never knowingly request personally identifiable information from anyone under the age of 13 without prior verifiable parental consent.

Parents can revoke their consent and ask that information about their children be deleted from the site by contacting our offices. To do this or to review personal information collected from children, we must verify the identity of the requesting parent. When a parent revokes consent, we will stop collecting, using, or disclosing information from that child. To respect the privacy of parents, information collected and used for the sole purpose of obtaining verifiable parental consent or providing notice is not maintained in retrievable form by the site if parental consent is not obtained after a reasonable time.

Girl Scouts believes it is good policy not to collect more personally identifiable information from children under 13 than is necessary for them to participate in our online activities. In addition, be aware that all sites that are targeted to children under 13 are prohibited by law from collecting more information than they need.

HOW TO CONTACT US

If you have any questions about our Privacy Policy, you can contact us at:

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Thank you for visiting our site.