

A G.I.R.L. Journey



Every Voice Counts

There is a lot to admire about the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. High on the list for me is access to civic engagement.

Girls need to learn early about civic responsibility and in Girl Scouts they do; from the littlest Daisies earning their Good Neighbor badge to the older Girl Scouts earning their Behind the Ballot or Public Policy badges. When girls get involved with their community – whether it’s their school, their town or their state – they become actively engaged citizens who are working to affect change.

The more you know about your community the more you feel a responsibility to take care of it, and its citizens, and one of the ways to take care of your community is to **vote**.

I haven’t missed voting in an election since I was 18. Did you know girls can [register](#) to vote at age 16 so they are ready at age 18? Everybody’s voice counts. Every girl’s voice counts. Girl Scouts is setting girls up to be lifelong voters.

I’ve already voted in November’s election. Have you?

Pattie Hallberg, CEO
Girl Scouts of Central and Western Massachusetts