



Family Partnership FAQ

What is the Family Partnership Campaign?

The Family Partnership Campaign is a way for Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England to raise critical funds that stay within our council and directly support girls and Girl Scout programming. Family Partnership gifts help to support camps, leadership development opportunities, healthy living initiatives, and science and technology experiences- the overall Girl Scout Leadership Experience. But the Family Partnership Campaign is more than just a fundraiser. It is an opportunity for our Girl Scout family- and the family of our Girl Scouts- to say “I support Girl Scouts, I believe in what we accomplish together, and I appreciate the experiences that Girl Scouting has afforded my girl.”

What does money donated to the Family Partnership Campaign support?

All contributions go directly to support Girl Scout programs in the Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England council- both the traditional troop programs and our Urban Outreach community programs. In addition, Family Partnership funds support our camp properties and camp programs, volunteer support and trainings, development of new programs, and financial assistance for girl and adult members who would not otherwise benefit from Girl Scouting. Moreover, your gift supports the Girl Scout experience for the girl in your life. No matter what programs she has participated in, she has been touched by the Family Partnership Campaign.

Who are the chief investors in the Family Partnership Campaign?

Members of our “Girl Scout Family”- including parents, volunteers, staff, and alumni. Individuals who directly benefit from the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Troop Leaders support the campaign because they’ve seen the power of Girl Scouting first hand as they watch their girls grow. They also know that supporting Family Partnership means making sure that the program is sustainable for more girls down the road. Families give too because they have seen the positive benefits firsthand. They know their gift helps ensure that a strong Girl Scout program continues for their daughter, granddaughter, neighbor, or niece. They are grateful for a program that is helping their girls grow strong, capable, and confident.



Why should I give? I already give so much to Girl Scouts, why should I give more?

Did you know that it costs GSSNE \$543 to provide a girl with one year of Girl Scouting? With 6,500 girls in the GSSNE council, that equates to over \$3.5 million! With the \$10 GSSNE council registration fee that stays local, less than 2% of that \$3.5 million is generated to provide an amazing and inspirational Girl Scout experience. Girl Scouts is the premiere leadership development organization for girls. We are girl centric, girl led and Girl Scouts builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. With the support of families through our Family Partnership program we will increase the amount of funding we have available to provide amazing leadership opportunities for our girls.

How much should I give?

Please give what feels right. This past year, we have been asking families to consider investing \$10. We know that everyone has organizations that they support. We are asking that Girl Scouts be in your top three. We appreciate whatever you can do for Girl Scouts. The most important factor in Family Partnership is participation. We want to engage all of our families in giving and supporting their daughters and troops in Girl Scouting. Our goal is to have 100% of our Girl Scout families participating at whatever level they can give. Giving is a personal decision – please give what you can and know that your investment allows us to do more for your daughter and thousands of other girls who deserve amazing leadership experiences! We too feel the pinch and are doing all we can to support our girls. Monthly giving is a great option to give what you can without significantly impacting your budget for one month.

How can I give?

You can make a Family Partnership gift online, via mail, or at our council headquarters. Online, visit our website www.gssne.org and click on the “Donate+” tab. Mail in your donation and form to the GSSNE Headquarters at 500 Greenwich Ave, Warwick, RI 02886 or donate in person! You can also make your Family Partnership gift as you renew your membership or sign up as new member. There are so many different ways to give!

Can I give through my United Way gift?

Yes! We receive funds from United Way. If your company runs a United Way campaign, you can choose to give your Family Partnership gift through that campaign by selecting Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England.

How can I get my company involved?

Some companies will match your contributions and some companies will even support agencies for which you volunteer! Ask your employer and apply for the match- we can put it to good use supporting our girls!

What about Amazon Smile?

We're glad you asked! Visit smile.amazon.com to register with Amazon Smile and select GSSNE as your charity of choice. Then just shop online and 0.5% of the price of all your purchases will support our girls!