



Family Partnership Campaign 2010 Frequently Asked Questions

How are the Funds used?

Funds raised through the Family Partnership campaign provide leader recruitment, training and ongoing support; girl programs and events; property maintenance; and financial assistance to girls who otherwise could not afford to participate in Girl Scouts.

Did you know that your employer may match your charitable contribution?

You can double or even triple your donation! Check with your HR department to see if your employer will match your gift to the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles (GSGLA).

I already give my time why should I give to Family Partnership?

Your gift of time is Girl Scouting's most valuable asset. Your financial support through Family Partnership reinforces your commitment and helps ensure that the programs will continue to thrive for every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout.

How is the Family Partnership money used by the council?

100% of all contributions supports your GSGLA council and all Girl Scout troops/groups. Your contribution helps reduce our dependency on product sales and provides necessary funding for services and activities.

We already pay for registration, troop dues and some program costs, why should we give to the Campaign? And why doesn't the council keep part of the National Membership dues?

The registration fee is sent directly to the Girl Scouts of the USA. These fees are used toward development and production of program materials; activity insurance for all girl and adult members while participating in Girl Scout activities; official handbooks and materials; national advocacy on behalf of girls as well as other initiatives and national projects. None of these fees remain with GSGLA.

Troop dues cover troop activities, while program fees cover the direct costs to provide programs, such as supplies and rental fees associated with specific program events. It costs nearly \$300 to provide a year of Girl Scouting for one girl. Program fees and rental fees are not used to support the services provided by local council service centers. Such services include: providing resource materials and trainings for leaders, organizing council-wide events/activities, maintaining safe and clean campsites, and much more.

My daughter sells cookies and other products and we buy them, isn't that enough?

We appreciate your support of the product sale programs, which are great opportunities for girls to gain budgeting, goal setting, time management and presentation skills. We want the girls to focus on building these skills. So while the proceeds help support the council service centers, troops and service units, we do not want to ask our girls to sell more products, instead we need our parents and adult members to help close the gap.

Can't the funds be raised from corporations or foundations?

While we always have a number of grant proposals and requests for funding pending or in development, we are one of many worthy non-profits vying for a limited amount of grants and contributions.

Foundations also consider the number of Girl Scout parents and adult members who support us financially before funding a request. To funders, your support indicates that you are committed to our organization and that we have maximized our available resources.