



Thank you for allowing us to submit this request to support our GSYES program and camperships for girls in Tempe.

Studies show that Girl Scouting supports academic success and life outcomes in alumnae. Girl Scouts demonstrate increased self-confidence and become strong leaders in their own lives and communities.

GSACPC brings our program to more girls by providing accessible and consistent programming in places where traditional Girl Scouting has not yet taken root. This effort is known as GSYES (Girl Scouts Youth Engagement and Support), a range of free services to girls residing in low-income or underserved neighborhoods through staff-led troops.

GSACPC facilitates programming at partner sites – schools, Boys and Girls Clubs, and community centers – where girls experience new learning opportunities through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE). GSLE provides a setting to develop friendships and practice skills needed to work with others, while learning skills specifically tied to success factors in life. Subjects include citizenship, healthy living, STEM, and financial literacy. We tailor the program to various needs and circumstances, and work to create strong troops that can be transitioned into traditional independent troops led by volunteers.

Currently in Tempe, GSYES is at the Native American Program at the Bustoz Learning Center. This program recently completed week five of a seven-week program with an emphasis on STEM. GSYES staff have created a relationship with volunteers who will be leading this program during week 6. Beginning in Spring 2019, we will have another six-week program at Escalante Center, where there will be an emphasis on Financial Literacy. We will continue to identify opportunities like these in Tempe to serve girls who might not otherwise benefit from Girl Scout programming.

We also serve at-risk girls by providing scholarships, or “camperships,” so they can experience Girl Scout camp. The goal of camp is to challenge girls to do new and exciting activities in the outdoors. At camp, girls step outside their comfort zone, take risks, and grow as leaders. In 2018, the Tempe Diablos helped us provide 13 camperships for girls in Tempe to attend summer camp.

We know that Girl Scouting opens the doors of access and opportunity for girls. Through our program, whether in a troop or at camp, girls learn leadership skills that provide them strategies for success in school and life. They develop a strong sense of self, learn to respect one another, and establish a sisterhood.

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