Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore
Understanding of Inclusiveness

Girl Scouting provides opportunities and resources to prepare girls to seek and meet the challenges of an ever-changing society. As we participate in the Girl Scout program we:

Welcome, Embrace, Appreciate and Live our Values with others.

As a member of Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore I am committed to the following principles and will practice them at all times. I will also welcome feedback from my peers as I learn about the variety of backgrounds in my community.

I will:

WELCOME

1. Seek out girls and adults from a variety of backgrounds* and welcome them into my troop/group/activity/pathway.
2. Honor both similarities and differences by including girls and adults in Girl Scouting who bring with them a variety of backgrounds.
3. Strive to get to know, beyond a surface level, girls and adults from a variety of backgrounds, interests, talents and skills.

EMBRACE

4. Encourage and participate in dialogue with fellow Girl Scouts that embraces the variety of ideas and opinions, making Girl Scouting a great place to prepare to meet the challenges of an ever-changing society.
5. Seek out and include opinions and information from as many sources and perspectives as possible when planning and making decisions that affect my troop/group/activity/pathway.
6. Make sure that Girl Scouting is welcoming for girls by including a variety of options in planning and implementing programs and activities.

APPRECIATE

7. Take advantage of opportunities to step outside of my own culture to experience, learn about and appreciate the world around me.
8. As a result of stepping outside of my own culture, identify and practice behaviors that are respectful of all people.

LIVE OUR VALUES

9. Think about how I use my personal resources (time, money, talents) and seek to share my resources in situations and places where the values of including and respecting others are welcomed.
10. Make sure that our communications (newsletters, announcements and other written materials) reflect the diversity of our troop/group/activity/pathway and are respectful of all people.

*Each background is a unique combination of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender, socio-economic status, age, geographic origin, size, physical and mental ability, family, religion, opinions, talents, skills, experiences, education, profession, interests, personality, and hobbies.

I sign my name to show my commitment to these principles.

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Signature of Girl Scout Adult Date

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