

Who are we?

We're part of a global movement, with more than 10 million members in 145 countries. Girls see Guiding as fun, adventure and friendship. But look deeper and Guiding gives your daughter confidence as she develops skills in leadership and teamwork. Guiding grows leaders as girls who work in teams, achieve goals, improve communities and develop the confidence to be their best.

Sandra, a parent, says ...

"Charlotte gets to do things at Guides that I would never think to teach her at home. She came home one night and said 'Mum, I know how to light a match.' She was only six at the time so I was blown away as it's not something I would have taught her at home. But under the supervision of her Leaders, my little girl learnt a simple, yet valuable life skill."

We provide a unique girls only space

Contemporary research shows that girls need "girl only" activities to develop their potential. In single gender environments girls tend to be more independent and more positive about their gender. In a mixed group, girls often take a subordinate role in physical activities, and may not assert their opinions or compete with boys for leadership positions.



Christine, a parent, says ...

"I've got two words to say to parents of tweeniebooppers – Girl Guides. Once a week my tween leaves the flashing neon world of shopping centres and Nintendos and enters the land of chums, freckles, campfire songs and problem solving using sticks and ropes. She has camped under the stars, helped charities, learnt to sail and surf, sat quietly in the bush and laughed herself stupid. Try it."

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1300 GIRL GUIDES

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www.girlguides.org.au

where you will find a link to Guiding in your State or Territory.

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It's time to **take a fresh look!**



Be your Best!

with Girl Guides Australia





Guides are ...

Girls and young women from all cultures, faiths and traditions aged from 5 to 17. The program is structured so that your daughter gets to spend time with girls her own age. And at any age, there's plenty of scope to take on a leading role – from running a game to planning an entire meeting. Whatever your daughter chooses to explore in the world of Guiding, it's all about trying to be her best.

Giving girls and young women a voice ...

Empowering girls and young women has been our mission since Girl Guides was founded over 100 years ago and we continue to achieve this by helping girls reach their potential and be their best – whatever their ability or background. We also align our program to important initiatives such as the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals. By participating, your daughter gets to make a difference locally, nationally and globally.

Wendy, a parent, says ...

“When my daughter joined Guides she was so shy she could barely look an adult in the face. Today, she's a confident and successful young woman, dealing with life, living away from home and studying at university. That sense of confidence and the belief she has in herself today is the greatest gift Guiding can ever give any young girl.”

When do we meet?

Guides generally meet weekly during school terms. Units are led by at least two adult female volunteers and at least one of these is a qualified Leader. Guide Unit Leaders have undergone formal training to work with girls and young women to deliver the Australian Guide Program. All Leaders have undergone a child safety check. As a member of a local Unit, your daughter can be involved in events and activities with other local Guides or with Guides from around the country or even internationally.

Keeping costs low

Our membership fee is extremely competitive when you consider the value of Guiding alongside many other out of school activities. There are two charges – an annual membership fee, and a fee for the Unit's own costs. New girls have several weeks to decide whether they want to stay before fees are due.

Do Guides wear a uniform?

Guides wear a uniform that was chosen by them. It is modern and practical. There is a range of options to choose from.

Personal rewards

Your daughter will learn new skills and have the opportunity to earn rewards such as badges and achievement awards which recognise these skills.

Guides also participate in community events such as the Mobile Phone Recycling Program, Clean Up Australia Day and Harmony Day and work with other community organisations that make a difference.

The long term benefits are significant. Guides go on to do great things in later life – in their local communities and future careers. There's also the chance to travel and participate in worldwide Guide initiatives.

Genevieve, a parent, says ...

“My daughters are at a co-ed school so we wanted something where they could just be in a girls only space and enjoy everything from adventure to more practical skills. When you think about the skills our daughters need for life, it's critical that they learn confidence and independence. Girl Guides gives them that.”

To give your daughter an edge in life call

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