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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

To fulfill this mission and our commitment to girls, we are renewing the Girl Scout experience by making it compelling, relevant and impact-driven for 21st-century girls. Thousands of members around the country have contributed ideas and perspectives, culminating in decisions by the National Board of Directors in August 2006.

Girl Scouts of the USA will phase in some exciting program changes beginning fall of 2008. With changes, come questions! Here are answers to some of the most Frequently Asked Questions as distributed by GSUSA earlier this year. More questions and answers will appear in subsequent Delegate Bulletins.

What is the Girl Scout philosophy of leadership?

The Girl Scout philosophy of leadership says that for girls to become leaders they need to:

- Understand their values, and use their knowledge and skills to explore their world (Discover)
- Care about, inspire and team with others locally and globally (Connect)
- Act to make the world a better place (Take Action)

Discover, Connect and Take Action are the three Girl Scout keys to leadership.

What are the elements of the new Girl Scout Leadership Development Model?

The elements of the leadership model are *activities, processes, short-term and intermediate outcomes, and long-term outcomes*. **Each of these elements will be further outlined in the next Delegate Bulletin.**

Why is the Girl Scout Leadership Development Model so important?

The leadership model ensures that everyone speaks in one, powerful, national voice about the benefit of Girl Scouts to girls: leadership development. It provides the design for what girls do in Girl Scouting, illustrates how adult support strengthens girls' experiences, and defines and displays all of the elements that must be in place to positively impact girls' lives.

What is the Girl Scout Leadership Development Program?

Since the leadership model defines and displays all of the elements that must be in place to positively impact girls' lives, the Girl Scout Leadership Development Program, then, is the model in action.

How will the changes impact the volunteer experience?

Over the next several years, Girl Scouts of the USA will strive to improve the volunteer experience by:

- Making it easier for busy volunteers to join, stay involved and serve in flexible ways.
- Providing user-friendly new materials, resources and training that make it easier for volunteers to deliver a fun and impact-driven Girl Scout experience.
- Helping volunteers to better see (and show others) the difference they are making in girls' lives.

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