



# Quick Facts about Our Council

**Here a few things that might be important to know, or will come in handy when you are talking to your family, friends, colleagues or anyone who is interested in learning more about Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska.**

- Spirit of Nebraska came to be on May 1, 2008. We merged five Nebraska “legacy” councils on that date.
- Fran Marshall, our first CEO has been involved with Girl Scouts since the early 1990s.
- We are the largest girl-serving organization in the state of Nebraska.
- Our members are geographically located over approximately 77,000 square miles.
- Last year 41 Nebraska Girl Scouts earned their Gold Award--the highest achievement in Girl Scouting--with a combined total of 3,280 hours of community service.
- We serve 92 Nebraska counties (Dakota being the exception) and Carter Lake, Iowa.
- Spirit of Nebraska has more than 26,000 members. Approximately 19,000 girls and 7,000 adults, who are all official members of Girl Scouts of the USA .
- Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska is supported by several United Way agencies across the state.
- Our staff consists of 80 employees who work out of seven service center areas statewide.
- Omaha is our largest service center with about half of the statewide membership.
- Spirit of Nebraska is home to six camp properties, two of which are simple cabins.
- We are currently raising funds for Hilltop House, a new program center in Lincoln and a new Lakeview Cabin on Lake Maloney.
- We own an island just off the shores of Camp Maha in Papillion. “Girl Scout Island” is 93 acres of floodplain forest.
- Our camps span a total of 407 acres, which includes the two properties that are on lease grounds.
- Our board consists of 22 members with representation from all areas of the state.
- We deliver more than 300 Girl Scout programs per year, both indoor and at our camp facilities.
- We sell a little more than 2,000,000 boxes of cookies in the state of Nebraska each year.
- The Girl Scout Cookies we sell are baked in Sioux City, IA at Interbake Foods/ABC Bakery.
- All Spirit of Nebraska publications are created in-house by our award-winning design team.