



# Formal Education in Japan and Girl Scouting

## Japanese formal educational system

In Japan it is compulsory to attend elementary school (6-12 years old) and junior high school (13 - 15 years old). Almost 100% of students continue their education to high school (3 years) and the enrollment rate in colleges/universities is one of the highest in the world. The Japanese academic year starts from April and ends in next March.

## Program and Goal in Girl Scouting



### For Tenderfoot Girl Scouts (Age 5-6 years old)

Goal: Have rich sensibilities

Emphasis on activities: Enjoy playing with five senses and develop curiosity

### For Brownie Girl Scouts (Elementary School, grade 1 to 3)

Goal: Express ourselves

Emphasis on activities: Enjoy challenging

### For Junior Girl Scouts (Elementary School, grade 4 to 6)

Goal: Cooperate with peers

Emphasis on activities: Have various experiences with peers



### For Senior Girl Scouts (Junior High School)

Goal: Discover ourselves through experiences

Emphasis on activities: Find issues and experience planning

### For Ranger Girl Scouts (High School age, 15-17 years old)

Goal: Use our abilities with responsible roles

Emphasis on activities: Plan, manage and evaluate events useful to communities



### For Adult Members

Goal: Aim creative living

Emphasis on activities: Contribute to local communities

## The Three Points of Activities

### Self Development

Discover and develop your potential

Girls are engaged in wide variety of activities to develop their potentials and discover their interests and abilities and expand their skills through experiences in different areas.

### Communicating with other people

Cooperate with other people and be responsible for building a harmonious society

Through group activities, girls learn to be responsible for their own actions, and how to run groups democratically. Through communication with people from different backgrounds, positions and values, they learn to act globally with people of different values.

### Living with Nature

Learn to live in harmony with nature and cultivate sensitivity.

Outdoor activities let girls learn the importance of all lives and nature, which lead to their actions to conserve environment and respect for nature. The experience with nature also provides opportunities to develop variety of skills, abilities, and flexibilities to respond to unexpected situations.