

GSUSA confirms that its local councils and troops may collaborate with Planned Parenthood:

In 2014, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released this Q&A regarding Girl Scout concerns. View screenshot below or see #4 at the link below

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/youth/catholic-scouting-questions.cfm>

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(4) Does GSUSA have an official relationship with Planned Parenthood?

GSUSA has stated that it has no official relationship with Planned Parenthood. It has also acknowledged that, due to the structure of GSUSA and the Girl Scouting movement, the national office (GSUSA) does not have the authority to prohibit local councils or troops from collaborating with or forming their own local relationships with Planned Parenthood (or other organizations) as long as parental consent and other necessary approvals have been provided.

The USCCB report referenced above is currently being promoted on the official GSUSA website.

http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/faith/catholic_church_relationship.asp

In 2011, GSUSA spokeswoman Michelle Tompkins confirms in a CNSNews interview that local Girl Scout councils are permitted to partner with whomever they choose, including Planned Parenthood. Listen at minute mark 3:45 <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwgPf0j4ehs>

In 2004, GSUSA CEO Cathy Cloninger confirms the Girl Scouts affiliation with Planned Parenthood on national television (the Today show). She stated: “We partner with many organizations. We have relationships with our church communities, with YWCAs, and with Planned Parenthood organizations across the country, to bring information-based sex education programs to girls.” See the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZKiQub0ZnA>

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Below is a partial list of examples of local Girl Scout councils working with their local Planned Parenthood affiliates over the last five decades:

From 1995-2003: Girl Scouts Bluebonnet Council in Waco, TX co-sponsored Planned Parenthood's Nobody's Fool sex education program. See [USA Today article](#) reporting on the controversy and 2003 Planned Parenthood [event flyer](#) listing Girl Scouts as a co-sponsor.

2006-2007: In conjunction with an education program targeting pre-adolescent and adolescent girls, Planned Parenthood of Chester County, PA collaborates with Girl Scouts of Freedom Valley. See page 4 of the bi-annual report [here](#).

2009: In its annual report, Planned Parenthood of Western New York lists Girl Scouts of Western New York as its community partner. See page 6 of the Planned Parenthood Western New York annual report [here](#).

2009: Planned Parenthood of the North Country New York states that its educators provided comprehensive sexuality education to local Girl Scouts troops. See page 5 of annual report [here](#).

2010: Planned Parenthood of Rochester/Syracuse lists Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways as its community partner. See page 7 of this [link](#).

2012: Girl Scouts of San Diego Council utilize the local Planned Parenthood Community Engagement Manager as a role model and presenter at an event for girl members. See news article by Imperial Valley Press http://webmedia.newseum.org/newseum-multimedia/tpt/2012-08-10/pdf/CA_IVP.pdf.

2012 to 2013: Girl Scouts of Northern California states that it may refer at risk tween and teen girls to Planned Parenthood for family planning or other services. Although Girl Scouts Northern California scrubbed the statement from its website in December 2013, it is unknown if referring girls to Planned Parenthood has discontinued or rather just no longer proclaimed publicly. View a screenshot at [here](#).

2013: Girl Scouts of Western New York (GSWNY), together with Planned Parenthood and other abortion rights advocacy groups, sponsors an on-going effort called "Sister to Sister", a project aimed at pre-teen and teen-age girls to address various issues including teen pregnancy. See page 1 at this [link](#).

2014: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops released a Q&A regarding Girl Scouts, in which GSUSA confirms the option of local Girl Scout troops and councils to collaborate with Planned Parenthood is on-going. See #4 at this link: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/who-we-teach/youth/catholic-scouting-questions.cfm>

Recently, a pro-life researcher shared numerous newspaper clips dating back to 1972, documenting the Girl Scouts' involvement with Planned Parenthood. Access the articles at this link: <http://saynsumthn.wordpress.com/2014/02/19/girls-scouts-have-long-standing-relationship-with-planned-parenthood-dating-back-to-the-1970s/>

World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) collaborates with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF):

1990: The relationship between GSUSA's umbrella group, WAGGGS, and IPPF can be documented at least as far back as when WAGGGS participated in an IPPF project called "Xall Yoon." The project involved "training youth leaders in . . . sex education, contraception, abortions, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), pregnancy, and sexual relations." See [scans](#) of two pages from an IPPF publication showing the relationship between WAGGGS and IPPF. The source is: Senanayake, P., and Kleiman, R. L. (eds.). 1993. Family Planning: Meeting Challenges, Promoting Choices. Proceedings of the IPPF Family Planning Congress, New Delhi, October 1992. Carnforth, England: Parthenon. **CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE**

2010: In the IPPF report Achievements, IPPF credits its close [partnership](#) with WAGGGS for its increasing success in reaching youth with the IPPF message of sexual and reproductive rights. See a screenshot and link to full IPPF report [here](#).

2012: WAGGGS, along with IPPF and other pro-abortion groups, was a member of the steering committee for the December 2012 ICPD Global Youth Forum. WAGGGS delegates were key players in formulating the "Bali Youth Forum Declaration," which demands unrestricted access to abortion, comprehensive sexuality education "free of religious intolerance" and the decriminalization of sex work. WAGGGS actively promotes the Bali Youth Forum Declaration, instructs girls to "read, share and disseminate" this document. See a well-documented report regarding WAGGGS' work with IPPF at the ICPD Global Youth Forum with links to WAGGGS own resources [here](#).

2013: WAGGGS, in the name of its 10 million members, served on the Youth Advisory Group for the Women Deliver Conference along with International Planned Parenthood Federation and Planned Parenthood Global (PPFA Global). <http://www.womendeliver.org/deliver-for-youth/100-young-leaders/youth-working-group/>

WAGGGS states that "Anyone who is a Girl Guide or a Girl Scout is automatically a member of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)." http://www.waggs.org/en/join_us

Girl Scouts confirms it will fund WAGGGS with \$1.5 million each year for the 2012-2014 triennium. See screenshot and link to Girl Scout documentation [here](#).