

GIRLS ROCK CAMP ALLIANCE - FACT SHEET

The Girls Rock Camp Alliance (GRCA) is an international non-profit coalition of Girls Rock Camps whose shared mission is to empower girls and women through music education to foster self-esteem and confidence. GRCA was founded at the initiative of Rock n' Roll Camp for Girls in Portland, Oregon, in 2007, as a steering committee of 16 people representing seven camps from Europe and the United States. In 2012, GRCA became its own 501(c)3 non-profit run by its forty-three member camps, a two person volunteer staff and a board of directors.

"...best camp ever! It gave me so much more experience with working in a band, and sharing my music ideas with other people." (camper, GRCA questionnaire 2011)

While individual program details vary so as to best serve their local communities, at every girls rock camp, campers form bands, receive instrument instruction, write a song, and play a show. GRCA member camps exist in countries across the world and collectively strive to eliminate gender, socioeconomic, cultural, and other barriers that too often prevent girls and women from studying or approaching musical instruments. To that end, GRCA camps aim to create a safe and supportive environment where mentors help girls and women demystify what it is to be a musician, create music, perform, be loud, and take up space.

The Girls Rock Camp Alliance exists to unite, develop, and support its member camps. In keeping with this goal, each year the GRCA hosts a conference where delegates of each member camp meet for training, resource sharing, networking, teambuilding, and re-energizing. The GRCA Annual Conference changes sites every year, allowing camp organizers to not only visit with other experts in the field but also the chance to see other camp communities in person.

The operations of GRCA are carried out through five departments: Membership and Programming; Fundraising and Marketing; Diversity and Inclusion; Research; and Legal, Human Resources & Finance. Each of the departments is chaired by two board members and is then open to people involved in the member camps. 100% of the work is volunteer-based.

Being a member of the GRCA means being part of a worldwide social justice movement that provides resources and networking opportunities for its member camps and promotes the establishment of like-minded institutions. Currently, the GRCA consists of forty-three member camps in the US, Canada, Europe and South America. This number continues to grow annually.

For any further information on the history, activities and member camps of the GRCA, please visit: www.girlsrockcampalliance.org