

Rainbow is a non-profit, service-oriented organization that teaches girls three basic virtues: **FAITH** in a Supreme Being and other people, **HAVING HOPE** in all that they do, and **CHARITY** toward others.

The seven colors of the Rainbow represent seven teachings that each member receives on her journey toward the pot of gold.

LOVE: Love in all its forms. It reminds us that we must love everyone, our God, our families, our friends, and even our enemies. This lecture teaches us to see the good behind the bad things in life. Even when someone is gone from our lives, it is the love that remains.

RELIGION: Because the founder of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was a Christian minister, he uses examples from Christianity to teach the general truths applicable to all organized religions, such as "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". This lecture teaches us the importance of a Religion based on love and forgiveness.

NATURE: Nature and its lessons should always be present in our lives. This lecture teaches us that the environment is not just a "cause", it is where we all live, an atmosphere from which we can gain inspiration. We must do our best to protect our environment so that we may continue to take lessons from it.

IMMORTALITY: Death is a part of life. This lecture teaches us that we must each learn to cope with the idea that eventually death will come to each of us. In addition, we must learn to grieve and go on after those we love pass away.

FIDELITY: Honesty. When we make a promise, we must keep it. When we say we will do something, we must do it. When a friend trusts us with a secret, we must keep it. This lecture teaches us to show others by our actions that we are honest and reliable.

PATRIOTISM: Be loyal to our country. Sometimes we think of service to our country as military service, but this is not the only way we can serve. This lecture teaches us to be a proud citizen of our country, to respect its flag, and to defend it through military service when called to do so.

SERVICE: This lesson ties all of the others together. This lecture teaches us that service does not have to be a big thing. It can be as simple as helping with family chores or visiting a shut-in. It is important to do things for others, not just when it is convenient. Service to others should be an everyday part of each of our lives.



DUCK INTO RAINBOW



2007—2008 Pennsylvania Grand Officers



RAINBOW ACTIVITIES

Through **SERVICE** projects, members learn first hand the joy that comes from helping others. Rainbow teaches its members to be charitable at all times.

Some charities supported include: Scottish Rite Hospitals, Make-A-Wish Foundation, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, Leukemia Foundation, and many more.

Rainbow Girls enjoy activities such as Christmas parties and caroling at nursing homes, monthly parties for residents at Masonic-Eastern Star Villages, collecting eye glasses for Lions Clubs, collecting stamps for the Animal Rescue League, or visiting hospitals and providing a warm, friendly smile or a soft touch of a hand.

Many members, after their experiences as a Rainbow Girl, continue serving their community, church and home for a lifetime.

Rainbow Girls participate in **FUNDRAISERS** that teach the importance of generating revenue to meet different expenses.

As we all do, Rainbow Girls love to have **FUN**. Members enjoy many activities such as picnics, bowling, miniature golfing, camping trips, holiday parties, game nights, craft making, parade performances, drill teams, scrapbook making, horse back riding, amusement park get-togethers, sleep-overs, softball and much, much more!

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RAINBOW HERITAGE

Rainbow is an active organization throughout the United States and in Aruba, Queensland and New South Wales in Australia, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the Philippines.



Leandra Logan, Grand Worthy Advisor 2007-2008

RAINBOW TEACHES....

Rainbow teaches young ladies the art of **LEADERSHIP** by conducting meetings, organizing peer group activities and learning from adult Rainbow Leaders. Rainbow Girls learn about **PUBLIC SPEAKING**.

Each assembly meets formally two times per month. At these meetings, Rainbow Girls learn standard **MEETING PROTOCOL** and **PARLIAMENTARY** procedures.

Adult Rainbow Leaders are always present to provide **support, guidance, and encouragement**.

RAINBOW IS DIFFERENT!

Rainbow does have some closed meetings that only members attend. This is similar to sororities that bring groups of women together, but also have closed meetings. Rainbow is different; it allows not only members, but also members' parents, grandparents and legal guardians to attend those meetings.

Nothing in Rainbow—meetings or activities, will ever be contrary to basic Christian teachings. You do not have to be a Christian to be a member, but you can be assured that the values promoted by Rainbow are strong and basic to many religions.

No actions will ever be required of members that would be against their personal beliefs or the instructions of church or home. In fact, members are encouraged to be loyal to their church and home. Members are never asked to make pledges or participate in activities that would be contrary to their moral values or make them feel uncomfortable.

To begin the process of becoming a member of Rainbow is simple! To find a local assembly nearest to you and to learn more about joining this wonderful organization...

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE RAINBOW FOR GIRLS



Founded in 1922, Rainbow helps prepare today's young women to be tomorrow's leaders. Former Rainbow Girls include: Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger, actresses Lee Merriweather, Ruth Buzzi, Dawn Wells, Barbara Eden, first woman president and CEO of Ford Motor Co. of Canada Bobbie Shunk Gaunt, State Senator Carol Hudkins, and US Senator Olympia J. Snow.

YOU CAN BE A RAINBOW GIRL TOO!

Rainbow is open to girls between the ages of 11 and 20, regardless of race, creed, color or national origin throughout the state of Pennsylvania. A local group is called an Assembly. The state organization is a Grand Assembly and the international body is Supreme Assembly. Many states also offer Pledge Groups for younger girls who wish to join Rainbow when they turn 11. The age range for Pledges is usually 8-10 years old.