

Girl Scouts of
Northern Illinois
Annual
 **Meeting**
& Recognition
2023
event



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Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Belonging Statement

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois draws inspiration from our Girl Scout Promise and Law in our Belonging Statement. Being a member of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois means you are part of a community of diverse races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, abilities, and religions. We commit to providing an equitable and accessible Girl Scout Leadership Experience to all Girl Scouts in our council. We are champions for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access.

These are our promises to you:

- We will listen and seek to understand from diverse voices and experiences. We will act on what we have learned.
- We will offer a culture of welcoming and belonging to all members, potential members, and community partners of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.
- We will provide brave and safe spaces for Girl Scouts to participate with us. Members can expect to be themselves in a secure and respectful environment.
- We will incorporate the principles of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility at all levels of our movement.
- We believe every member (youth and adult) of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois should have respect and acceptance in our organization.
- We commit to a journey of being an anti-racist and anti-oppressive organization.
- We welcome you to join us in our movement and mission.

◆ You belong here. ◆

Welcome

Welcome to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' 2023 Annual Meeting and Recognition Event! We are so glad you are here to celebrate GSNI's accomplishments over the past year—all of which would not be possible without the hard work of our volunteers and staff!

Along with the State of Council report and elections, you will hear from GSUSA's National Board President Karen P. Layng and have an opportunity to provide input to GSNI's National Delegates on the 2023 National Council Session proposals. While all of this is important business of the council, the highlight of today's meeting is sure to be the recognition of our Girl Scouts, volunteers, and community members. Without their assistance and outstanding accomplishments, GSNI could not be successful in helping Girl Scouts develop the skills that will help them not just today, but throughout their lifetime.

While we will be recognizing outstanding youth and volunteers, today is a celebration of each and every GSNI member. Thank you to all the volunteers dedicating their time to help our Girl Scouts become leaders and to all the Girl Scouts who are solving today's problems. GSNI is PROUD OF YOU!

Land Acknowledgement Statement

A Land Acknowledgement is an expression of gratitude and way of recognizing the lasting relationship between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional homelands since time immemorial.

The Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) acknowledges that our Camps and Resource Centers are located on the ancestral lands of many Native Nations including the Fox & Sauk, Meskwaki, Peoria, Kickapoo, Ho-chunk and the Potawatomi.

GSNI is dedicated to the preservation of traditional lands. We seek to support Native American heritage by paying our respects to Indigenous peoples and are committed to honor their connection and care for the Land.

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Guest Speaker

Karen P. Layng

GSUSA National Board President



Ms. Layng is the CEO of M.A.I.T. Co., where she advises companies in the construction and engineering industries on development and strategic governance, ethics, insurance and compliance investigations and reviews. She is passionate about developing future women leaders and advocating for more women to work and excel in the construction and engineering industry. As an adjunct Professor in Northwestern University's College of Engineering MS Management for Design and Construction Program, she teaches ethics, due diligence and crisis management as well as ADR to mid-level executives seeking paths to the C-Suite and mentors them in their career paths.

Community Partner Awards

Cross and Crown Lutheran Church - Roscoe

Contact: Pastor Megan Vaughn

Nominator: Louise Glon

For over 25 years, Cross and Crown Lutheran Church in Roscoe has been a pillar for Girl Scouting. They have allowed Park North Stateline Service Unit to use their facilities to host troop, leader, and service unit team meetings, as well as many additional events. They provide advertising of local Girl Scouts events in their Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters to help spread the word. Cross and Crown has also allowed Girl Scouts to set up cookie sales before and after church services. With a lack of places for Girl Scouts to gather together after COVID, we are happy to recognize Cross and Crown Lutheran Church and—along with Park North Stateline Service Unit—send our countless thanks!

Kane County Sheriff's Department

Contact: Beth Drendel

Nominator: Shannon Baird

Beth Drendel and the Kane County Sheriff's Department have graciously donated their time to educate Geneva Girl Scouts and Camp Dean campers in emergency preparedness and First-Aid. Beth has offered several classes, at no charge to Geneva Girl Scouts, and joyfully added dates when needed to support our Girl Scout Mission and education. If a troop was unable to attend service unit group dates, she provided troops with private classes,

reaching over 300 Geneva Girl Scouts in the last year. Beth also visited Camp Dean throughout the summer and has shared her knowledge with approximately 350 campers and staff over the past summer. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is happy to recognize Beth and the Kane County Sheriff's Department for their support of Girl Scouts!

Oakhill Elementary School

Contact: Sherrill Dodson Lewis

Nominator: Emma Eschenfeldt

Since 2016, Oakhill Elementary School has hosted troops, including providing meeting space, staff support, materials, and much more for over 190 Girl Scouts. The school has provided space for meetings, either during students' lunch hour or after school, minimizing concerns about transportation. Oakhill also provides staff support, with social worker Sherrill Dodson-Lewis helping to coordinate and staff troops, and office staff helping ensure that paperwork is collected and communicating with Girl Scouts and families. Thanks to the school's support, consistency, and Sherril's support of troops the program has grown over the years. We are so grateful to Oakhill Elementary and Sherrill and recognize them for going above and beyond in recruiting new Girl Scouts, coordinating meeting dates and spaces, helping with programming during meetings, and assisting in the cookie program!

Prisco's Family Market

Contact: Andy Guzauska

Nominator: Laura Hohm

For over six years Prisco's Family Market has welcomed Girl Scouts to volunteer and collect food donations for local food pantries. Prisco's Family Market provided pre-bagged groceries for the community and delivered the collected items to local food pantries. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois thanks Prisco's Family Market for continuously supporting our Mission with enthusiasm and action!

Thompson Pipe Group

Contact: Shawn Guffey

Nominator: Erin Berry

Thompson Pipe Group has been a strong supporter of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois over the past two years through its lumber donations. Their contributions have directly impacted projects and improvements at our camps by making these projects viable, as lumber costs have drastically increased in the recent past. Our new slingshot range and tomahawk range at Camp McCormick are part of Silver Award projects that utilized Thompson Pipe Group donations. Special thanks to Shawn Guffey for coordinating with GSNI's Rangers and making it easy to complete projects without the worry of expenses for wood to make repairs around camps. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is honored to recognize Thompson Pipe Group for their ongoing support!

Wesley United Methodist Church - Aurora

Contacts: Rev. John Bell/ Jennifer Pawlowski

Nominator: Kelly McCleary

The Wesley United Methodist Church of Aurora has provided building space to troops and the Circle of Friends Service Unit for the past 10 years. Not only do they offer the use of the building whenever it is available, but church members also share their talents with troops when needed. The church has been exceptional in supporting troop fundraising through the use of its kitchen facilities to provide pancake breakfasts and spaghetti dinners. Along with the Circle of Friends Service Unit, Troop 4785, and Troop 4340, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois thanks all at Wesley United Methodist Church for their resources, time, and support through the years!

In Summer of 2021, GSNI completed an Appreciative Inquiry process and created Action Teams and Task Forces to drive and support our membership growth and sense of belonging in our communities.



GSNI Action Team and Task Force Pin

These hands-on teams are led by GSNI staff members with volunteer and older youth member representation. As GSNI continues to explore new ways to create a culture of belonging and acceptance, the volunteers and staff who participate in these groups are vital to GSNI's ability to provide opportunities for all Girl Scouts, volunteers, community members, and future members. We thank them for their time and talents!

Kim Agnello
Jennifer Archer
Sundra Arroyo
Mrs. Baldwin
Mark Barckley
Holly Bartelt
Kathleen Baylis
Marge Blake
Anna Blevins
Hillary Blevins
Tammy Bognetti
Monie Burns
Michael Campbell
Natalie Castaneda
Jeanine Contreras
Dana Crosby
Michele Doonan
Lauri Doyle

Judy Dunne
Jennifer Edwards-Amberg
Kelly Erboe
Emma Eschenfeldt
Meredith Feldshau
Lynda Fillipp
Kay Flavin
Kim French
Mary Garza
Louise Glon
Sandra Gonzalez-Adamski
David Gould
Michael Guy
Annette Happ
Mary Jo Hare
Shannan Harley
Karen Harris
Jill Helser
Robin Henning

Jessica Hirsch
Chastity Hoarde
Tracy Hooper
Ron Hosick
Lisa Jackson
Jason Jones
John Jones
Shante Jones
Christina Kirsch
Theresa Lemont
Jordann Langner
Emily Lenore
Ericha Lilly-Hosick
Alisa Liu
Barb Lutz
Brianna MacMullen
Colette Marquardt
MaryBeth Markwell
Vanessa Mendoza
Beth Metzler
Susan Metzler
Angela Musial
Stephanie Olivas
Melanie Olsen
Althea Parker
JeanieAnn Parma
Sue Pasetti
Karin Podolski

Caron Prettyman
Heidi Provo
Charlie Qualls
Tasha Reddic
Maggie Rivera
Kari Rockwell
Tiffany Ronimous
Michelle Rossi
Gina Roxas
Sara Fair
Nadia Shaaban
Maggie Sifuentes
Ann-Marie Soderstrom
Kyla St. Pierre
Joselyn Taylor
Serene Taylor
Lesley Tennessen
Kris Trusk
Dana Vierck
Sharon Wade
Janey Welch
Michelle Wiederholtz
Robin Witt



Save the Date

Join us for a day of
Fun at Camp Dean!
June 3, 2023 • 10-4 p.m.
Open to all GSNI families!
Cost is \$20/person with lunch.

Overnight options available,
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The Camp Dean Experience



GSNI Plaque Commemorates Juliette Low at Castle Menzies, Scotland

By Louise Glon, GSNI Historian

In 1911, after Juliette met Sir Lord Baden Powell, Juliette, her mother, and sister traveled to the Glen Lyons Valley area of Scotland to escape the bombing in London. Juliette had been recruiting and forming patrols of Girl Guides in London and decided to rent Castle Menzies near Aberfeldy, Weems, Scotland. While at Castel Menzies, she formed a Girl Guide patrol there. Along with her housekeeper, they posted flyers all over the area to see if they could recruit a patrol. They baked and made many desserts and treats with seven girls coming to the first meeting. This was a poor area of Scotland. Girls were sent to London for work and sent money home to their families. Juliette helped the Guides learn childcare, cooking, and First Aid so they could take care of younger children at home, and the parents could go out to earn a living. They also taught them how to raise chickens and sell the eggs to the local hunting club. The girls learned how to spin and weave and sold the yarn to local weavers to become financially independent young women. They were taught outdoor survival skills, camping, signaling, and drilling.

When Juliette passed this first patrol on to other leaders, the older girls were going out into the world. They started a very special candle ceremony called the “Juliette Low Eternal Flame Ceremony” which is still used today here in the United States. In every case, the girls’ lives improved along with their families’ lives.

In August of 2022, GSNI representatives presented a plaque commissioned by Ray Croffoot to Castle Menzies in Scotland to commemorate the castle hosting Juliette Gordon Low during wartime. During the presentation, GSNI representatives performed the ceremony with some Guides.

“Here she formed one of her first Girl Guide Patrols before founding Girl Scouts of the USA in 1912.”





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Service Unit Goals

The following GSNI service units met or exceeded one or more of the following goals: 2022 Membership Year (MY) Girl Scout and/or Adult Membership, 2021 Fall Product Program, or the 2022 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Girl Scouts are great at setting goals and achieving them. These service units are an example to today's Girl Scouts in high achievement. They continue to enable more young people to have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through their efforts.

2022 MY Girl Membership

Circle of Friends

2022 MY Adult Membership

Chippewa	Osceola
Lake Zurich	Park North Stateline
Menominee	Southeast Valley
North Star	

2022 MY Girl and Adult Membership

Arapaho	Geneva
Barrington	Lee
Batavia	Northern Ogle
Fox Tales	Quapaw
Fox Valley	Spring River

Fall Product Program Goals

Aztec	Lake Zurich
Barrington	Park North Stateline
Broken Arrow	Pleiades
Chippewa	Quapaw
Doubletree	Southern Ogle
Fox Valley	Trefoil
Geneva	Win-Du-Pec
Kaskaskia	Wynonwy

Girl Scout Cookie Program Goals

Arapaho	Jo Daviess
Batavia	Lake Zurich
Broken Arrow	Lee
Cheyenne	North Star
Fox Valley	Quapaw
Geneva	



Volunteer of Excellence

The Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with Girl Scouts in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the national program portfolio or who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to youth and adult members.

Aztec

Shay Cooper
Ryan O'Reilly
Cecilia Rygula
Carrie Turner

Barrington

Jyoti Bammi

Batavia

Melissa Bardzinski

Cheyenne

Kelli Zetzel

Chippewa

Amber Combs
Maggie Griswold

Circle of Friends

Kristin Maksymiw
Kelly McCleary
Dara Nelson
Robin Shaff

Fox Valley

Lisa Perrault
Kim Ramge

Genesis

Christina Adams
Shannon Cozzens
Sara Fair
Nicole A Johnson
Sara LaDeur
Carrie Lapidus
Susan Markunas
Kimberlie Mattern
Gloria Olson

Geneva

Sarah Sandrok

Green Horizons

Amanda Ludwig
Heather Moore

Lake Zurich

Heather Benoit
Jessica Wettstein

Lee

Sarah Habben
Melanie Healey
Lisa Yepsen
Carmella Zigler

North Star

Veronica Bruhl
Vanessa Nava

Park North Stateline

Chrissy Davison
Shawn Guffey
Christine Woodard

Spring River

Bobbi Brown
Sophie Gaziano
Sandra White

Stargazers

Linda Harbacek

Whiteside/Carroll

Racheal Asencio
Amber Cech
Amanda Hollowell
Nancy Lopez

WinDuPec

Heidi Kuhls-Freese



Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This service which has had measurable impact on one geographic area of service, helps reach and surpass the mission-delivery goals of the area.

Batavia
Sharon Ettlie

Chippewa
Bobbie Bredemeier

Double Tree
Kari West

Green Horizons
Rebecca Spindler

Kaskaskia
Pattie Klassen

Lake Zurich
Ann Kidd

Northern Ogle
Vicki Farbo

Park North Stateline
Erin Berry
Jacqueline Fox
Amanda Guffey

Potowatomi
Denise Mercuri

Spring River
Melissa Toltzman

Whiteside/Carroll
Debbie Mann

WinDuPec
Randi Bryant



Honor Pin

The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.

Geneva
Shannon Baird

Kaskaskia
Marianne Koeppen

Lee
Cheri Wickert

Potowatomi
Janey Welch

Spring River
Jessica Stobart
Jennifer Hauch



President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service-delivery team or committee whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact toward reaching the council's overall goals.

Aztec Service Unit Twilight Camp Committee

Committee Members: Helena Kedrok, Chair; Nora Hyde, Director; Sharon Startzel, Treasurer; Marissa Lapekas, Registrar; Stephanie Steiner, Graphic Design; and Committee Members Carissa Evans, Michelle Garlick, Ashley Goebel, and Alex Mamula

Aztec Service Unit's Twilight Camp Committee planned and delivered a camp that was not only fun but provided opportunities for girls to learn by doing. Working with 24 program aides, ages 12–18, they successfully offered an amazing GIRL-led camping experience. The committee thought outside of the box to provide for and manage an outdoor education and skill development experience that allowed the 84 campers, ages 5–13, to improve outdoor skills, try new things, and participate in traditional camp activities such as hiking, target sports and learning new Girl Scout songs. Campers, especially first-timers, left excited to come back next year!

Chippewa Service Unit Program Aide Training Committee

Committee Members: Heather Bernhard, Becky Cox, Cathy Johnston, Sarah Mahler, Meredith Santerelli, Liza Smith, Betty Szwankowski, and Angela Zaleski

These volunteers understand the value of leadership training for girls and the importance of Program Aides to the service unit's day camp and events. Due to COVID and girls moving from girl members to adulthood, the number of Program Aides in the service unit was extremely low. This group stepped in to develop and carry out trainings that helped girls understand the mentor role of a Program Aide and learn skills of planning, leading problem solving, and reflection, as well as learning and practicing their outdoor skills. The trainings provided PA Basic for 17 girls and PA Outdoor for 29 girls. Girls were excited to learn leadership skills, improve their current skills, make new friends, and discover opportunities to use their newly developed leadership skills.

Cookie Rally Team 2022, Park North Stateline Service Unit

Committee Members: Jacquie Adams, Jennifer Archer, Erin Berry, Nathan Berry, Amanda Guffey, Angela Musial, JeannieAnn Parma, Samantha Swinbank, Donnann Tritten, and Jason Woodard

This group developed a cookie rally focusing on fulfilling badge steps for multiple age groups. Badges completed included My First Cookie Business (Daisy), My Cookie Customer (Brownie), My Cookie Team (Junior), and Cookie Market Researcher (Cadette). More than 140 of the 220 girl members participated, along with 60 adults—the first time the service unit came together in such large numbers. The cookie rally led to an increase in girl-led cookie goals and initial sales by 15,000 packages.

Geneses & Vega Day Camp Committee

Committee Members: Erin Tallman, Director; Trisha Goodnough, Asst. Director/First Aider; Cathy Perry, Asst. Director/Programming; Kim Mattern, Programing; and Unit Leaders Christina Adams, Kim Balder, Shannon Bella, Shannon Cozzens, Sara Fair, Lori Janis, Nicole Johnson, Sara LaDeur, Carrie Lapidus, Kim Mantey, Gloria Olson, Shannon Reynolds, Kyla St Pierre, and Sandy Thomas

This camp averages 200 attendees and is geared toward providing girls with new experiences and outdoor knowledge. Program Aides train the younger Girl Scouts in outdoor skills and lead by example. The committee strives to maintain a low cost to provide more opportunity to those in financial need. The 2022 camp was the first back to full function since COVID. The previous year's camp had been half-day sessions, and camp attendees were happy to be back to normal. Surveys indicated that programming was well received at each level and attendees were excited about new experiences. The service unit sees growth as a direct link to those who participate in day camp.

GSNI'S STEW Committee

Committee Members: Brea Barnes, Erin Berry, Alishea Frye, Patricia Graw, Amanda Guffey, Ericha Lilly-Hosick, Ron Hosick, Heidi Provo, Lesley Tennessen, and Robin Witt

The STEW Committee has never stopped providing exceptional enrichment programs to our volunteers, even through a pandemic. In 2020 the committee had to quickly shift into a different way of providing the program to our adult volunteers, as they did not want to cancel the event even if it meant lowering the capacity. In 2021 the committee still had to shift the program model so the event could still take place. In 2022 the committee worked hard and effortlessly together so that the event could go back to the original model of providing hands-on activities without having to pre-package meals or supplies. STEW continues to retain 75% of participants since the start of the program almost 10 years ago! The committee looks for workshop leaders to provide relevant programing for today's Girl Scouts and helps leaders become confident in providing different programs to their Girl Scouts.

Spring River Service Unit Recruitment Committee

Committee Members: Marge Blake, Jennifer Hauch, and Jessica Stobart

Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, Spring River Service Unit surpassed their Girl Scout girl and adult membership goals for the year! Slowly coming out of the pandemic, this group thought outside the box and hosted an outdoor event combining Girl Scouts Love State Parks Day with a service unit wide recruitment event at Rock Cut State Park. They also hosted several Daisy Recruitment events with older Girl Scouts helping to lead activities. They did not stop there! When area schools were still not allowing events, they hosted an event at the Loves Park City Hall. They also started a new troop at a school that did not have Girl Scouts. Activities at these events included scavenger hunts, learning about birds and insects, STEM activities, and rocket ship activities. Overall, the events served over 70 girls and 50 plus adults, with the majority of families choosing Girl Scouts for their daughters! With the added bonus of a number of adults signing up as leaders or adult volunteers.



Hall of Fame Award

The Hall of Fame Award recognizes a lifetime commitment to the Girl Scout Movement within Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. The recipient has supported GSNI in a variety of ways including advocating for Girl Scouts in the community, volunteering in a variety of roles, and financially supporting GSNI. The Hall of Fame Award can be given posthumously.

Sylvia Shaff

Nominated by Dara Nelson

Endorsed by Sue Reimer and Kelly McCleary

Sylvia has been a Girl Scout for 59 years and during this time she has done it all! She has been active at the local, council, national, and international levels.

As a girl member for seven years, Sylvia was a Browne, Junior and Intermediate Girl Scout and earned the Curved Bar—the highest award a girl could earn!

Jump forward to 1969 when her daughters began their Girl Scout adventure. Sylvia was there to take on the role of troop leader, which she held until her youngest daughter graduated high school in 1982. She jumped into her role taking her troops on overnights at Camp Dean, chaperoning extended trips, and acting as Cookie Mom.

As her daughters got older, Sylvia became involved at the council level—first with Fox Valley Girl Scout Council and then with Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. In Fox Valley, she served as the council's Program Committee Chair planning and running a variety of council events. She developed a council patch in celebration of America's Bicentennial. She was instrumental in the implementation of a council Wider Opportunity in 1997, which served 56 girls and adult chaperones from 28 states and two countries. Sylvia

also served on Fox Valley's Board of Directors for 27 years, nine of those as Board President. She was also on the Fox Valley's Fund Development Committee and chaired the long running Holiday Harvest Silent Auction event. She attended 10 GSUSA National Council Sessions and served as a Council Delegate to the National Council Session four times. She was part of the transition team that worked to form Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. Her involvement also extended internationally when she acted as secretary at the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts 25th World Conference in Tarrytown, New York.

During her tenure on Fox Valley Council's Board of Directors, Sylvia helped to make improvements at Camp Dean from which today's girls and adults still benefit. This includes replacing the swimming pool and pool house, replacing latrines with composting latrines, fencing the property, bridge replacements, and more. All of these changes have made Camp Dean a beloved retreat for girls and leaders alike for generations. Next time you visit Camp Dean, you may notice the McCleary-Shaff Lodge, which was made possible through a generous donation from Sylvia's daughter and son-in-law, Scott and Kelly McCleary, who were both active in Fox Valley and continue in GSNI. The legacy continues!

Dara Nelson said it best, "Sylvia's impact on the Girl Scouts of Fox Valley and Northern Illinois councils for the past 50 years is immeasurable. She was the steady hand guiding girls and volunteers of the Fox Valley Council in so many ways that her impact is experienced by girls and volunteers of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois today that have never even met her. This is her lasting Girl Scout legacy."

Membership Milestones

Five years

Marbella Alvarez
Aubri Ammons
Racheal Asencio
Jyoti Bammi
Cynthia Bland-Bell
Roberta Bredemeier
Ava Castro
Sadie Castro
Amber Cech
Liliana Cech
Byron Czopek
Vicki Farbo
Lynda Fillipp
Trisha Goodnough
Coralee Hendricks

Kim Hendricks
Ava Hollowell
Destiny Jackson
Nicole A. Johnson
Sylvia Keene
Nona Klassen
Pattie Klassen
Erin Koeppen
Marianne Koeppen
Brynleigh Krupke
Emma Mann
Evelyn Mann
Hugo Olivas
Isabelle Olivas
Dr. Magdalena Rivera
Cecilia Rygula

Sarah Sandrok
Jessica Wettstein
Sandra White
EllaMae Wise
Kelli Zetzl
Carmella Zigler
Sadie Zigler

Ten Years

Sabrina Arshad
Julia Baird
Anna Blevins
Angela D'Andrea
Kate DeGreve
Lauri Doyle
Alishea Frye
Linda Harbacek
Laura Hohn
Tatum Keene
Kensi Kensel
Myah Loria
Noel Maina
Stephanie Olivas
Simrin Raju
Lillian Reingold
Linda Shaaban
Nadia Shaaban

Fifteen Years

Brea Barnes
Debbie Mann
Denise Mercuri
Jennifer Tackett-Irwin

Janey Welch

Twenty Years

Elizabeth Boyd
Rachel Loria
Katherine Pasch
Heidi Provo
Amy Riddell
Jennifer Robinson
Cathy Shipp
Liza Smith
Ann-Marie Soderstrom

Twenty-Five Years

Lucinda Maina
Joselyn Taylor

Thirty Years

Miriam Fleig

Thirty-Five Years

Malinda Gonzalez
Darcy Tatlock

Forty Years

Karen Tatlock

Fifty Years

Linda Christianson

Sixty Years

Sue Reimer
Paula Sabotta
Sylvia Shaff

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President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes United States citizens and lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service during a specified time frame.

Award Recipients, ages 5–10

Bronze, 26–49 hours

Emma Bourquin, *Green Horizons Service Unit, Troop 5076*

Coralee Hendricks, *Fox Valley Service Unit, Troop 1647*

Madelyn Wambangco, *Fox Valley Service Unit, Troop 1647*

Mattea Wood, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Sadie Zigler, *Lee Service Unit, Troop 2189*

Silver, 50–74 hours

Isaac Blevins, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*

Sadie Castro, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Liliana Cech, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Sophia Gallegos, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Ava Hollowell, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Emma Mann, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Aliannah McCleary, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Hugo Joel Olivas, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Rosalie Velazquez, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Emelia Willis, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Gold, 75+ hours

Victoria Castanedo, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Anniah Garcia, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Isabelle Olivas, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Award Recipients, ages 11–15

Bronze, 50–74 hours

Ava Castro, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Evelyn Gibbons, *Geneva Service Unit, Troop 1384*

Frances McGroarty, *Geneva Service Unit, Troop 1384*

Jordyn Olalde, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Silver, 75-99 hours

Evelyn Mann, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Gold, 100+ hours

Julia Baird, *Geneva Service Unit, Troop 1384*

Annabelle Blevins, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*

Award Recipients, ages 16-25

Bronze, 100-174 hours

Angela D'Andrea, *Geneva Service Unit, Troop 1384*

Silver, 175-249 hours

Kate DeGreve, *Batavia Service Unit, Troop 1200*

Gold, 250+ hours

Noel Maina, *Boone Service Unit, Troop 191*

Award Recipients, ages 26+

Bronze, 100-249 hours

Joanne Baylis, *GSNI Historians*

Vicki Croffoot, *GSNI Historians*

Denise Ethun, *GSNI Historians*

Larry Ethun, *GSNI Historians*

Lori Farris, *GSNI Historians*

Marilyn Hartzog, *GSNI Historians*

Kimberly Hendricks, *Fox Valley Service Unit, Troop 1647*

Terry Moore, *GSNI Historians*

Patti Potempa, *GSNI Historians*

GariLynne Reed, *Green Horizons Service Unit, Troop 5410*

Natasha Stevens, *Geneva Service Unit, Troop 526*

Heather Thomas, *North Star Service Unit*

Katie Ward, *WinDuPec Service Unit, Troop 268*

Silver, 250-499 hours

Shannon Baird, *Geneva Service Unit, Troops 1384 and 144*

Marge Blake, *Spring River Service Unit*

Marshall Blevins, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*

Sara Bourquin, *Green Horizons Service Unit, Troop 5076*

Bobbie Bredemeier, *Chippewa Service Unit, Troop 603*
Randi Bryant, *WinDuPec Service Unit, Troops 791, 31 and 2160*
Amber Combs, *Chippewa Service Unit, Troop 387*
Margaret Griswold, *Chippewa Service Unit, Troop 1923*
Sabrina Lewis, *Green Horizons Service Unit, Troop 5410*
Nancy Lopez, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*
Barbara Lutz, *Green Horizons Service Unit, Troop 5047, 565 and 1816*
Debbie Mann, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*
Betty Moore, *GSNI Historians*
Hugo Olivas Jr., *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*
Melanie Olsen, *Lee Service Unit, Troop 2189*
Lisa Perrault, *Fox Valley Service Unit, Troop 1743*
Kimberly Ramge, *Fox Valley Service Unit, Troops 407 and 2407*
Carly Siriann, *WinDuPec Service Unit Troops 31 and 791 and Park North
Service Unit, Troop 3361*
Stephanie Vavra, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*
Cheri Wickert, *Lee Service Unit, Troop 2189*

Gold, 500+ hours

Chris Alsip-Kostelc, *GSNI Historians*
Peggy Bartelt, *GSNI Historians*
Erin Berry, *Park North Service Unit, Troop 1243 and 1398*
Hillary Blevins, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*
Staci Bumgarner, *Kaskaskia Service Unit, Troop 1620*
Sylvia Christensen, *Wynonwy Service Unit, Troop 466*
Vicki Farbo, *Northern Ogle Service Unit, Troop 2157*
Pattie Klassen, *Kaskaskia Service Unit, Troop 1318*
Donna Leitzinger, *WinDuPec Service Unit, Troop 791*
Lucinda Maina, *Boone Service Unit, Troop 191 and 1031*
Jody Niles, *GSNI Historians*
Stephanie Olivas, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*
Sue Reimer, *GSNI Historians*
Michelle Rossi, *North Star Service Unit, Troop 2385*
Mandy Stutenberg, *Batavia Service Unit, Troop 796*
Karen Tatlock, *GSNI Historians*

Lifetime Award Recipients, 4,000 hours+

Hillary Blevins, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*

Group & Family Award Recipients

Silver, 500-999 hours

Baird Family, *Geneva Service Unit Troops 1384 and 144*

Mann Family, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Lopez-Castanedo Family, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

Gold, 1,000+ hours

Blevins Family, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 1504*

Christensen Moore Family, *Wynonwy Service Unit, Troop 466*

G & V Day Camp, *Genesis Service Unit*

GSNI Historian Committee

Genesis Service Unit

Girl Scout Troop 1384, *Geneva Service Unit*

Olivas Family, *Whiteside-Carroll Service Unit, Troop 150*

SAVE THE DATE

September 16 to Make a Splash!



19th Annual Thin Mint Sprint

Lions Park in Fox River Grove

Run along the Fox River at our 19th annual race for fun and funds supporting GSNI's financial assistance programs will feature fun activities, vendors, and more!

GSNI Scholarship Recipients

Each year through an application and interview process, GSNI awards scholarships to registered, graduating Girl Scouts who have been actively involved in Girl Scouting during their high school years. These Girl Scouts have committed to furthering their education, demonstrated their understanding of the Girl Scout Promise and Law, and live by those values. Thanks to generous donors for providing GSNI's 2023 Scholarships.

GSNI Gold Award Scholarship

Tatum Keene, *West Chicago*

GSNI Ambassador Scholarships

Kensi Kensel, *Plano*

Lillian Reingold, *Aurora*

Vivian Tackett-Irwin, *Gilberts*

Kathleen Thomas, *Woodstock*

Maureen Zywicki, *Oswego*



2023 GSNI Scholarship Recipients



Tatum Keene
GSNI Gold
Award
Scholarship



Kensi Kensel
GSNI
Ambassador
Scholarship



Lillian Reingold
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Vivian Tackett-Irwin
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Kathleen Thomas
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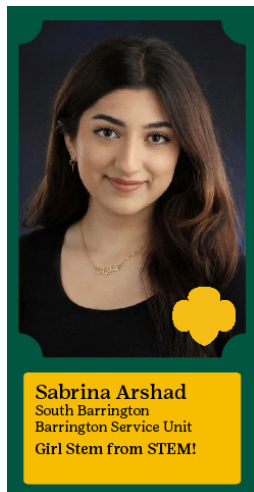
Maureen Zywicki
GSNI
Ambassador
Scholarship

For more information:
www.girlscoutsni.org/scholarships

Girl Scout Gold Awards - 2023

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the mark of the truly remarkable! It recognizes Girl Scouts in grades 9–12 who demonstrated extraordinary leadership through sustainable and measurable Take Action projects. Since 1916, a Gold Award Girl Scout has been the dreamer and doer who takes “make the world a better place” to the next level. Gold Award Girl Scouts are driven, passionate, and optimistic. They are the leaders of tomorrow today.

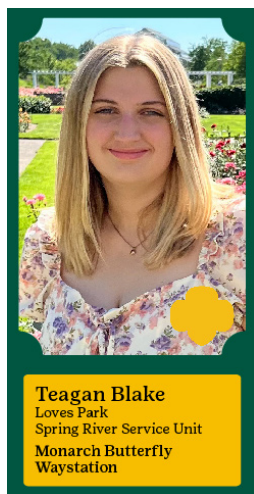
We are proud to present the 2023 Gold Award Girl Scouts!



Sabrina Arshad
South Barrington
Barrington Service Unit
Girl Stem from STEM!

Sabrina Arshad, Girl Stem from STEM! *South Barrington, Barrington Service Unit*

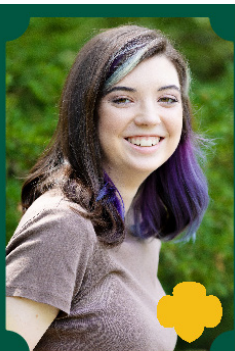
Sabrina wanted to address the issue of the lack of information and encouragement that is provided to young girls about and for STEM-related activities, which leads them to not take action to further their potential interests and creates an absence of women in up-and-coming STEM disciplines. Sabrina organized an event where middle school girls could be immersed in many different areas of STEM. They could complete activities given to them by big brand presenters like SC Johnson and Pepsi. They also heard from high schoolers about possible classes and clubs they could join when they get older and more interested in STEM. With the hopes of getting girls into classes in high school and furthering their knowledge of STEM. Sabrina has gotten a number of girls interested in STEM and ready to move forward with their love for it.



Teagan Blake
Loves Park
Spring River Service Unit
Monarch Butterfly
Waystation

Teagan Blake, Monarch Butterfly Waystation *Loves Park, Spring River Service Unit*

Teagan's goal was to address the threatened habitat loss of the monarch butterfly. As of July 2022, the monarch butterfly is classified as an endangered species according to National Geographic. Since the 1990's there has been a steady decline in their population of about 90%. Teagan held an event at Rock Cut State Park for elementary-grade girls. At the event, her team taught them why the monarch butterfly is important to us, why its population is declining, and how they could help save it. They guided them through interactive stations that explained what is causing the monarchs to decline in population and what they can do to help. She gave them milkweed seeds to inspire them to plant their own garden. Teagan also planted her own registered waystation at Camp McCormick, providing monarchs a place to safely get food and rest.



Aisling McGrath

Batavia
Batavia Service Unit
Ending Child Marriage

Aisling McGrath, Ending Child Marriage *Batavia, Batavia Service Unit*

Aisling wanted to address child marriages in Illinois. Child marriages are widely perceived as an issue only in developing countries. Aisling discovered during her Students Opposing Slavery (SOS) 2019 Summit Camp in Washington D.C. that this was a problem in the United States and Illinois. Currently, the legal age of marriage in Illinois is 18, as low as 16 with parental consent. Aisling realized that many child marriages are forced marriages and have a negative impact on the lives of those affected. Aisling created a patch program to educate middle and high school students about this issue. She shared her patch program with Girl Scouts, Jack and Jill of America, Rahab's Daughter, and other organizations. She also did presentations to spread the message about this important topic.



Frances McGroarty

Geneva
Geneva Service Unit
Bilingual Mental Health
Awareness and Coping Skills

Frances McGroarty, Bilingual Mental Health Awareness and Coping Skills

Geneva, Geneva Service Unit

Frances wanted to address the need for more awareness of mental health issues and the different kinds of coping skills for mental health, and the need to reduce stigma. She worked with two homeless shelters, a juvenile justice center, and a preschool program. Frances provided each coping skills sheets in both English and Spanish to educate staff and clients. She also provided the two homeless shelters with various art supplies and fidgets that they needed and the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center with fidgets. Frances also donated homemade, upcycled crayons to the preschool program. She hosted a table at two community events where she showcased facts and statistics about mental health in English and Spanish and handed out her bilingual coping skills sheets and green mental health awareness ribbons her team had made. Frances also distributed upcycled crayons to promote art as a coping skill. She partnered with the Geneva School District 304 Communications Office to have the coping skills sheet included in the "Online Backpack."

Girl Scout Gold Award Recipients 2022 Recognition Event

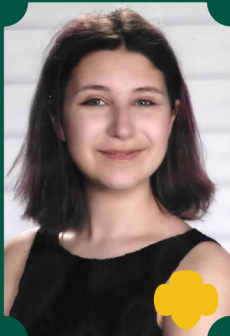




Simrin Raju
South Barrington
Barrington Service Unit
Saving the Earth with Education

Simrin Raju, Saving the Earth with Education *South Barrington, Barrington Service Unit*

Simrin aimed to address the lack of education and curriculum surrounding Earth Day and helping the environment in her community. There was a lack of information, effort, consistency, and prioritization of curriculum surrounding the topic of helping the environment that could be easily implemented around Earth Day in the elementary school. Simrin created a four-part curriculum that taught kids about climate change, recycling, plastic waste, and water waste. In order to provide them with the basic knowledge of habits they can adopt to help the environment. Simrin was hoping that teaching girls at a young age would help the environment in the future by providing the knowledge they need to keep plastic waste out of our oceans.



Lillian Reingold
Aurora
Genesis Service Unit
Hospital Environmental Anxiety Relief Through Creativity (Heart-C)

Lillian Reingold, Hospital Environmental Anxiety Relief Through Creativity (Heart-C) *Aurora, Genesis Service Unit*

Lillian's project HEART-C is designed to work specifically with populations in the hospital setting that are under great stress - hospitalized adults and children, cancer patients, caregivers, and the nursing staff. Lillian's team addressed stress and anxiety due to hospitalization, as well as the stress and wellbeing of nurses and staff at the Rush Copley Hospital and Waterford Cancer Resource Center with monthly crochet kits, crocheted animals, instructional videos, a HEART-C website with basic instruction, and in-person crochet classes. Based on feedback from the staff, they planned the kits for the season and for fun. This was so anyone receiving the kits could use them at their leisure. The nursing staff looked forward to the delivery of animals and kits. The Oswego East Crochet Club is going to continue HEART C.



What you do
means so much.

MORE



Erin Rothenbaum
St. Charles
Apache Service Unit
Advancing Girls in STEM

Erin Rothenbaum, Advancing Girls in STEM *St. Charles, Apache Service Unit*

Erin wanted to educate girls in STEM. Gender stereotyping comes from a place of misunderstanding and underrepresentation regarding women's roles in a field. As addressed in her exploration of the root cause of this problem in STEM, girls lose confidence in their skills early in their education. Further, they start to believe that women are not suited for STEM fields. Erin's goal was to tackle these problems through education and experience. Her project addressed these issues by holding a five-day camp for younger girls in STEM. Erin created hands-on workshops with lots of fun tactile labs. Her goal was to introduce the girls to the fun aspects of the respective STEM areas and help them gain further interest and confidence. She also wanted to introduce them to additional resources to expand their learning beyond camp.



Sara Rothenbaum
St. Charles
Apache Service Unit
Reduce Your Plastic (RYP)

Sara Rothenbaum, Reduce Your Plastic (RYP) *St. Charles, Apache Service Unit*

Sara focused on the need to reduce our plastic consumption. She addressed this issue through increasing awareness of the consequences of over consumption, educating people on ways to use less plastic, and striving to motivate people to make the changes necessary to reduce their plastic usage. She started by creating a brochure entitled "Reduce Your Plastic" that described her project. The brochure included information on the consequences of our plastic pollution, as well as significant statistics on its impact on our environment and physical health. The last page included information on what you can do to make a difference with lots of tips to help reduce plastic usage. In a "How to Get Involved" section she included the addresses of her four social media sites. To reach more people, Sara created videos and held workshops to share the information.



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the world.**

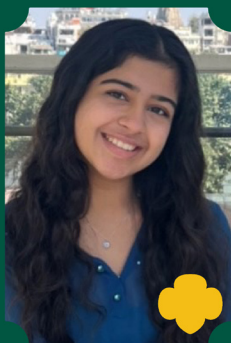


Nadia Shaaban
South Barrington
Barrington Service Unit
Developing PreK—12
Curriculum for a Mental
Health Unit

Nadia Shaaban, Developing PreK—12 Curriculum for a Mental Health Unit

South Barrington, Barrington Service Unit

The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that one in every five people live with a mental health condition. Nadia addressed the lack of awareness and education surrounding mental health by creating a four-lesson unit for each class at her PreK—12 school. Nadia focused her lessons on positive coping skills, mindfulness, emotions, and communication to both teach students that everyone struggles with their mental health at times and to give them the tools to navigate those times. She also placed a focus on sharing and open discussion throughout her lessons so students could practice talking about emotions in a fun and positive environment. These discussions also allowed students to see that it is okay to talk about difficult emotions and they are not the only ones with struggles. With older classes, Nadia also covered self-esteem, mental health stigma, and common mental health conditions to provide them with accurate information and establish school as a safe space.



Vedika Shah
Prairie Grove
Chippewa Service Unit
Book Bags for a Better
World

Vedika Shah, Book Bags for a Better World

Prairie Grove, Chippewa Service Unit

Vedika's project aimed to address a lack of resources for young students to educate themselves and engage in healthy conversations about current topics. Her goal was to provide information that would allow students to be more kind, empathetic, and understanding of people in an increasingly diverse world. Vedika created and curated four book bins that included books on topics like religions around the world, the environment, kindness, gender equality, different types of families, and a curated resource sheet with discussion questions for each book, plus links to additional classroom games, videos, and activities at three different locations. She spent time training the high schoolers who teach in the preschool lab and the elementary teachers who would have access to the book bins. Vedika was interviewed for her high school's newspaper by a fellow student and worked with librarians at the locations to spread the word.

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Graduating Girl Scouts

GSNI is happy to present our graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors for 2023.

Congratulations! May you take your Girl Scout experience with you wherever you go!

Samantha Adams, *Palatine*
Mackenzie Alford, *Oregon*
Samantha Allison, *Sycamore*
Marbella Alvarez, *Oregon*
Kiara Anders, *Belvidere*
Emily R. Anderson, *Cary*
Breanna Anderson, *Sycamore*
Adeline Arana, *Woodstock*
Sabrina Arshad, *South Barrington*
Ashley Avila, *Belvidere*
Kaley Barsic, *Maple Park*
Madeleine Bartmess, *Crystal Lake*
Lillian Belstra, *Crystal Lake*
Olivia Berg, *Sycamore*
Cheyanne Bierman, *Woodstock*
Shailen Birkett, *South Elgin*
Kailey Bodey, *Belvidere*
Martiqua Bracy, *Rockford*
Journey Broadbent, *Montgomery*
Heaven Brotherton, *Hanover*
Melissa Brusko, *South Elgin*
Sophie Buck, *Hanover*
Sofie Burke, *Apple River*
Emily Bychowski, *Genoa*
Savannah Capes, *Maple Park*
Rachel Carlson, *Geneva*
Jaylyn Carter, *Warren*
Kylee Clark, *Rockford*
Megan Clark, *Crystal Lake*
Estella Copas, *Cary*
Alyssa Cotter, *St. Charles*
Elizabeth Culotta, *Bartlett*

Natalie Czarnik, *Deer Park*
Karlise Davis, *Rockford*
Lindsay Debuhr, *Bartlett*
Hope Dirksen, *Rockford*
Genesis Dock, *Rockford*
Chloe Doody-Catalano, *Elgin*
Lily Doyle, *Sycamore*
Sydney Dubois, *Sycamore*
Rebecca Duda, *Dekalb*
Jillian File, *Sugar Grove*
Clara Franken, *Plainfield*
Lina Freedman, *Elgin*
Kelly Fry, *Crystal Lake*
Ingrid Gay, *Woodstock*
Abigail Geis, *Wonder Lake*
Emily Gillmore, *Bartlett*
Liadan Gray, *Rockford*
Dietre Griesinger, *Maple Park*
Sarah Grunewald, *West Chicago*
Rachel Guddendorf, *Sugar Grove*
Sydney Hamilton, *Hanover*
Alana Hamwi, *Lake Barrington*
Katelyn Hansen, *Dundee*
Allison Hartness, *Montgomery*
Victoria Hengels, *Rockford*
Anjel Henry, *Rock Falls*
Kathryn Zoe Hilton, *Lake Zurich*
Elizabeth Hinton, *Prophetstown*
Hailey Hoelterhoff, *Bartlett*
Katie Hogan, *Sycamore*
Abby Howell, *Cary*
Sydney Jaime, *Carpentersville*

Emma Johnsen, *Aurora*
Katherine Johnsen, *Aurora*
Jordan Johnson, *Pearl City*
Tatum Keene, *West Chicago*
Kensi Kensel, *Plano*
Anna Kettner, *Genoa*
Violet Kidd, *Crystal Lake*
Lauren Kloss, *Elizabeth*
Kyra Kopec, *Geneva*
Kayleigh Kruger, *Schaumburg*
Madeline Kulton, *Deer Park*
Maxine Lathrop, *Sycamore*
Theresa Lemont, *Woodstock*
Kaitlyn Lozada, *Warren*
Katherine McClellan, *Lakewood*
Katie McLaughlin, *Wonder Lake*
Kaly Morris, *Island Lake*
Isabella Nauman, *Rochelle*
Yu Xuan Ni, *Sycamore*
Lillian Noe, *Wonder Lake*
Elizabeth Nowak, *St. Charles*
Emily Olp, *Elburn*
Mira Patel, *West Chicago*
Karissa Patel, *South Barrington*
Talyn Peavy, *Rockford*
Kellie Peters, *Sugar Grove*
Rhianna Petersen, *Crystal Lake*
Isabel Pike, *Aurora*
Thea Raczon, *Woodstock*
Simrin Raju, *South Barrington*
Macy Ramos, *Rochelle*
Kelsey Randall, *Elizabeth*
Katrina Rath, *Hampshire*
Lillian Reingold, *Aurora*
Teagan Ricci, *Carpentersville*
Delaney Robinson, *Wauconda*
Mia Schwengel, *South Barrington*

Jessica Scigliuolo, *Elgin*
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Nadia Shaaban, *South Barrington*
Vedika Shah, *Prairie Grove*
Kate Shepherd, *West Dundee*
Kate Shondy, *Lake Zurich*
Kristen Silenzi, *Carpentersville*
Joselyn Silva, *Cary*
Yamina Slimi, *Pingree Grove*
Isabella Spychala, *West Dundee*
Sophia Stout, *Shirland*
Vivian Tackett-Irwin, *Gilberts*
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Emma Walters, *Elizabeth*
Jenna Wasson, *Somonauk*
Catherine Zamora, *Dekalb*
Maggie Zimmerman, *Algonquin*
Maureen Zywicki, *Oswego*





Honor Troop

The Honor Troop guidelines provide troops—Girl Scouts and leaders—with a roadmap for the Girl Scout year. Following this roadmap leads to an exceptional experience and sets troops up for success!

Troop 6, *Rockford*
Troop 26, *McHenry*
Troop 31, *Pecatonica*
Troop 73, *Lake in the Hills*
Troop 96, *Holiday Hills*
Troop 143, *Cary*
Troop 144, *Geneva*
Troop 150, *Rock Falls*
Troop 190, *South Beloit*
Troop 191, *Belvidere*
Troop 241, *Loves Park*
Troop 276, *Bartlett*
Troop 283, *Fox River Grove*
Troop 334, *Elgin*
Troop 337, *Hampshire*
Troop 353, *Sycamore*
Troop 382, *Cary*
Troop 409, *Rochelle*
Troop 445, *Lake Zurich*
Troop 447, *Crystal Lake*
Troop 463, *Cary*
Troop 466, *DeKalb*
Troop 518, *Wauconda*
Troop 519, *Crystal Lake*
Troop 523, *Bartlett*
Troop 646, *Sycamore*
Troop 700, *Montgomery*
Troop 733, *Aurora*
Troop 748, *Algonquin*
Troop 755, *Crystal Lake*
Troop 757, *Batavia*

Troop 791, *Pecatonica*
Troop 890, *Batavia*
Troop 915, *Cary*
Troop 968, *Fox River Grove*
Troop 1063, *Island Lake*
Troop 1095, *Loves Park*
Troop 1132, *Bartlett*
Troop 1137, *Oregon*
Troop 1189, *Freeport*
Troop 1303, *Roscoe*
Troop 1384, *Geneva*
Troop 1504, *Morrison*
Troop 1728, *Lake Zurich*
Troop 1743, *St. Charles*
Troop 1752, *St. Charles*
Troop 1797, *Plano*
Troop 1821, *Rockford*
Troop 1870, *Steward*
Troop 1907, *Cary*
Troop 2189, *Dixon*
Troop 2219, *Roscoe*
Troop 2230, *Belvidere*
Troop 2244, *Marengo*
Troop 2340, *Lake in the Hills*
Troop 2385, *South Elgin*
Troop 3127, *Loves Park*
Troop 3172, *Loves Park*
Troop 3334, *Loves Park*
Troop 5076, *Warren*
Troop 5410, *Orangeville*

Counselor In Training I (CIT I)

Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors earn this award by completing a leadership course on outdoor experiences and work with younger members over the course of a camp session.

Mackenzie Alford, *Oregon*

Lillian Bruhl, *Elburn*

Audreynah Gillentine, *Zion*

Aubrey Groff, *Rockford*

Hannah Guffey, *South Beloit*

Amethyst Lendi, *Sugar Grove*

Ivy Suman, *Aurora*

Counselor In Training II (CIT II)

Girl Scout Ambassadors earn this award by working with younger members over the course of at least one camp session while focused on increasing their skills in specific areas, such as the arts or outdoor skills.

Julia Baird, *Geneva*

Hayden Duda, *Carlisle, IA*

Emma Johnsen, *Aurora*

Frances McGroarty, *Geneva*

Samantha Tallman, *Plainfield*

Lauren Viebrock, *Elgin*

Olli Wroten, *Aurora*



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Thank You!

Congratulations to all our Girl Scout award recipients! Thank you for all you do. Thank you to those who recognized how amazing these volunteers are! Let's continue to grow in Girl Scouting.

We'd like to say a special thank you to the following volunteers who give of their valuable time to ensure the triumphs and successes of both GSNI Girl Scouts and GSNI adults are continually recognized!

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Vicki Croffoot	Patricia Potempa
Louise Glon	Sue Reimer
Annette Happ	Lana Wroten

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We have done our best to spell all names correctly and recognize each recipient under the appropriate category. We apologize for any errors. Please let us know of any corrections at customercare@girlscoutsni.org. Thank you!

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