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of northern illinois

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# Welcome

Welcome to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois' 2025 Annual Meeting and Recognition Event! We are honored you have joined us to celebrate our successes and challenges over the past year. Your hard work and dedication to the Girl Scout Movement and GSNI ensures the Girl Scout Leadership Experience thrives in our local communities! At today's meeting, you'll hear the State of the Council report, elections, and other important council news. GSNI alum and Gold Award Girl Scout Katie Hogan will be our guest speaker.

After the business meeting, we'll be recognizing our exceptional Girl Scouts, volunteers, and community members with awards and more! These people have earned great achievements and empowered our local Girl Scouts to be successful in developing valuable, lifelong skills. Our Recognition Event is also a time for us to say, "Thank you!" to our Girl Scouts, volunteers, family members, Board of Directors, donors, alums, staff members, and friends. We are continually grateful for your support. Don't ever forget—you belong with us!

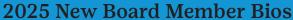
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#### Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois Belonging Statement

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.







Guest Speaker Katie Hogan Gold Award Girl Scout



Katie has been active in Girl Scouts for 15 years. She earned the Girl Scout Gold Award last year after completing her Gold Award project of Spartan Thrift—a thrift store she organized at her high school for students facing financial instability. She is now a sophomore at Grand Valley State University studying Biomedical Science and Chemistry.

Currently, Katie is a part of GSNI's Gold Award Committee where she is inspired to learn more about new Gold Award projects from other Girl Scouts. Katie says, "I would not be the woman that I am today without Girl Scouts and all of the skills and knowledge I have gained through this organization." She hopes to one day become a doctor and continue her passion of helping others and giving back to her community—which she discovered through Girl Scouts!

## Community Partner Awards

GSNI's Board of Directors established Community Partner Awards to recognize businesses or organizations that have significantly supported GSNI to better serve our Girl Scouts and volunteers. We are so appreciative of the many partnerships we have throughout the council!

#### Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens

Contact: Stephanie Hartmann Nominator: Marilyn Hartzog

Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum & Gardens has been a longtime supporter of GSNI. This past year, Tinker Swiss Cottage partnered with GSNI Historians to create a short series of videos highlighting the history of Girl Scouts in the area for Women's History Month. GSNI is happy to recognize Tinker Swiss Cottage for its support and passion for Girl Scouts!

#### Collins Aerospace

Contact: Tyler Bradford Nominator: Vicki Jacobson

Located in Rockford, Collins Aerospace has been a supportive partner of GSNI for 10 years. In addition to donating funds for projects at Camp McCormick, Collins has provided well over 50 volunteers who have put in countless hours to work on Camp McCormick's Maker Space. This committed partner also sponsored Girls in Aviation Day this past year which allowed 150

Girl Scouts and 35 adult members to explore aviation up close through United Airlines. GSNI is grateful to recognize Collins Aerospace in its continual support of Girl Scouts in their community!

#### Sycamore Public Library

Contact: Jill Carter Nominator: Joyce Bower

The Sycamore Public Library has been a supportive partner of GSNI for over four years. The library graciously allows multiple troops to meet at their location, provides larger spaces for parent meetings and bridging ceremonies, and even helps troops find necessary books to help complete badge requirements. The library has been open and accommodating to each troop's needs. GSNI is proud to recognize the Sycamore Public Library as a strong supporter of Girl Scouts throughout their service area.

#### Freeport First Free Methodist Church

Contact: Mike Phillips Nominator: Barb Lutz

Freeport First Free Methodist Church has been a great partner to Girl Scout troops in the Green Horizons Service Unit over the past 10 years. They have accommodated space for countless events, meetings, and activities without charging any fees. The church also provides space where Freeport-area troops can pick up their Girl Scout Cookies! GSNI is pleased to recognize Freeport First Free Methodist Church as a strong supporter of Girl Scouts in the Freeport community.

#### Fernando's Street Kitchen

Contact: Freddy Martinez Nominator: Mandy Stutenberg

Fernando's Street Kitchen in Batavia has gone above and beyond to provide a safe and welcoming space for Batavia Service Unit and Girl Scout troops in the area. Fernando's Street Kitchen continually opens their doors and donates space for meetings and events in their beautiful, centrally located location. This has created an environment for increased volunteer attendance and participation within the service unit. In addition, Fernando's Street Kitchen surprised volunteers by preparing and hosting a dinner at their December 2024 volunteer meeting! GSNI would like to recognize Fernando's Street Kitchen for their overwhelming support of Girl Scouts in their community.

#### Calvary Church of Stockton

Contact: Vicki Croffoot Nominator: Barb Lutz

Calvary Church of Stockton has been a longtime supporter of Girl Scouts—for over 20 years! The church donates space for bridging ceremonies, badge workshops, monthly service unit meetings, troop meetings, and more. Countless numbers of Girl Scouts have been impacted by the church's generous donation of their space. GSNI proudly recognizes Calvary Church of Stockton for supporting the Girl Scouts in their community!

#### GSNI Action Team and Task Force Pin



GSNI Action Teams and Task Forces support membership growth and increase a sense of belonging in our communities. These teams are led by GSNI staff members with volunteer and older youth member representation. As GSNI continues to explore and implement 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 Jasmin Arreguin\* Jennifer Archer Marge Blake Hillary Blevins **Ouinn Blevins** Tammy Bognetti Anna Bower Monie Burns Michael Campbell Jeanine Contreras Jennifer Edwards-Amberg Emma Eschenfeldt Sara Fair Lynda Fillipp Kay Flavin Kim French Mary Garza Louise Glon Sandra Gonzalez-Adamski Michael Guy Annette Happ Mary Jo Hare Shannan Harley Robin Henning Michelle Hicks Jessica Hirsch Ron Hosick Lisa Jackson Christa Jennings

Jason Jones John Jones

Shante Jones

**Emily Lenore** 

Maria Gardner Lara

Jordann Langner Theresa Lemont Ericha Lilly-Hosick Nancy Lopez Myah Loria Barb Lutz Brianna MacMullen Colette Marquardt MaryBeth Markwell Alma Martinez\* Vanessa Mendoza-Reynoso Beth Metzler Nicole Murphy\* Angela Musial Stephanie Olivas Melanie Olsen Sara Ortinau Althea Parker JeanieAnn Parma Sue Pasetti Elisha Pendleton Heidi Provo Tasha Reddic Maggie Rivera Tiffany Ronimous Michelle Rossi Gina Roxas Maggie Sifuentes Ann-Marie Soderstrom Kyla St. Pierre Joselyn Taylor Serene Taylor Lesley Tennessen Kris Trusk Dana Vierck Sharon Wade Janey Welch

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes new Action Team members



#### **Belonging Award**

The annual Belonging Award recognizes activities or projects performed by either an individual (Girl Scout youth or Girl Scout adult), troop/group, or service unit that has made significant contributions to advancing GSNI as a welcoming organization to our diverse members and potential members. This award is open to those who have made an exceptional dedication to advancing GSNI's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Access goals and objectives.

#### Kristin Maksymiw

Circle of Friends Service Unit Nominated by: Robin Shaff

Kristin serves as the Assistant Director and Registrar of the Circle of Friends Day Camp Committee. The goal of the day camp is to provide quality camp experiences to Girl Scouts in Aurora and North Aurora. Knowing what an impactful experience day camp can be, Kristin wanted to ensure all Girl Scouts in the area knew about the opportunity to participate in the camp.

Kristin also recognized that members of the community who wanted to attend day camp may not have the financial means to register for it. Kristin went above and beyond to secure funding beyond the GSNI Campership Fund to ensure that any Girl Scout who wanted attend camp would be financially supported to do so. Through Kristin's dedication and determination, young people from all socio-economic backgrounds to had the opportunity to participate in day camp!

#### **Robin Shaff**

Circle of Friends Service Unit

Nominated by: Kristin Maksymiw & Robin Shaff

Post-pandemic, Robin recognized that the older girl members of Troop 4785 were coming to her meetings with a different mindset. Feeling the stress that teens face day-to-day nationwide, compounded with the additional stress from the COVID pandemic, troop members wanted to be creative and focus on arts as a form of stress relief. Using her background in visual arts and special education, Robin created the Creators' League.

To help provide supplies for the troop, Robin secured a grant from the Kiwanis Club of Aurora. The majority of Girl Scouts in the Creators' League were either home-schooled, had learning or emotional disabilities, or have autism. Parents of these Girl Scouts have noted their girls have grown in maturity as well as feeling more relaxed in social situations.

#### Janey Welch

Potawatomi Service Unit

Nominated by: Erin Berry & Kris Trusk

In the Woodstock area, Janey has supported ensuring that every Girl Scout knows they have a place in her service unit. Janey has prepared and hosted tables at Hispanic Heritage and Pride community events in her area. She wants everyone who comes to her booth to know that Girl Scouts is a welcoming organization!

Janey has also been a member of the GSNI Belonging Team since its inception. She never hesitates to advocate for underserved youth in her area. She has spent time working with the LGBTQ+ team to develop a training and documentation for volunteers who work with LGBTQ+ youth. Janey also contributed to the writing of GSNI's Belonging Statement. This statement has impacted the Girl Scouts of GSNI with members commenting it demonstrates that—no matter who you are—you can be included in the Girl Scout Movement!

#### Spring River Service Unit

Marge Blake, Service Unit Manager Jenn Hauch, Cookie Coordinator & Fall Product Coordinator Olivia Petitt-Martinez, Service Unit Treasurer Adele Ratslaff, Recognition Chair Jessica Stobart, GSLE Nominated by: Marge Blake

The Spring River Service Unit hosted a Girl Scout station at a Día de los Muertos event in October at a local bilingual elementary school. The team recognized that it was important for them to inform Hispanic and Latina families about Girl Scouts, demonstrate how they can be involved, and to invite them to join the Girl Scout Movement. Spring River Service Team members researched the history and tradition of Día de los Muertos and found culturally responsive activities for the community to take part in.

Over 300 community members attended the event, and the impact of Spring River's activities and welcoming actions is ongoing. Some girls joined troops, and community members were excited to learn about Girl Scouts and our mission. The service team experienced a genuine interest in Girl Scouting from the community and is invited back to the event next year!



#### Service Unit Goals

The following GSNI service units met or exceeded one or more of the following goals: 2024 Membership Year Girl Scout and/or Adult Membership, 2023 Fall Product Program, or the 2024 Girl Scout Cookie Program! Girl Scouts are great at setting goals and achieving them. These service units set an example of high achievement for today's Girl Scouts. They continue to enable more young people to have access to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through their efforts.

#### Youth Membership

Barrington Lake Zurich
Batavia Menominee
Cary-Grove North Star

Cheyenne Park North Stateline

Double Tree Potowatomi
Fox Tales Quapaw
Fox Valley Spring River
Genesis Whiteside Carroll

Geneva

#### **Adult Membership**

Barrington Geneva Boone Lake Zurich Cary-Grove Menominee

Cheyenne Park North Stateline

Chippewa Quapaw
Double Tree Trailblazers
Fox Valley Windupec

Genesis

#### Fall Product Program

Barrington Lake Zurich Batavia North Star Cary-Grove Quapaw Cheyenne Southern Ogle Chippewa Spring River Fox Tales Stargazers Genesis Trailblazers Whiteside/Carroll Geneva

#### Girl Scout Cookie Program

Barrington Lake Zurich

Boone Lee

Cary-Grove Park North Stateline

Cheyenne Potowatomi
Fox Tales Southern Ogle
Genesis Spring River
Geneva Stargazers



#### 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. This award also recognizes those individuals who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to youth and adult members.

Arapaho Leslie Guy Mike Guy

Batavia Christy Arends Natalie Wierzbicki

Cary-Grove Megan Criscione Carissa Evans Michelle Garlick

Circle of Friends Cindy Allen Lisa Musante

Double Tree Tammy O'Neil

Fox Valley Kathleen Baylis Amber Theis

Geneva Jessica Latinovic Natasha Stevens

Green Horizons Bridget Toay Lake Zurich Cassie Pioli Kelly Wittich

Park North Stateline Tara Foster Connie Prohaska

Quapaw Karen Szumanski

Southeast Valley Jessica Freeman Valerie Merle Reves

Spring River Roberta Monigold Theresa Paradiso Nichole Patterson Tiffany Strong

Whiteside/Carroll Christa Jennings-Foat Melissa Morel Hugo Olivas Jillian Stange

Winnebago Jessica Badgerow Alex Hickey-Zangara



#### 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.

Cary-Grove Helena Kedrok

Circle of Friends Laura Hohm Rozella Poi Jonna Skeen-Dosado

Fox Valley Lisa Ryan

Green Horizons GariLynne Reed

Potowatomi Samantha Josefowski Quapaw Peggy Berlin-Sena

Nicole Prentice

Spring River Bobbi Brown Randi Nisius Adele Ratzlaff

Stargazers Charlotte Castaneda

Trailblazers Heidi Lendi

Whiteside Carroll Dana Grant Becka Reese



#### 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.

Batavia Mandy Stutenberg

Circle of Friends Kristin Maksymiw GSNI Historians Marilyn Hartzog

Spring River Melissa Toltzman



#### Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership, and service has had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission-delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

### Olivia Petitt-Martinez, Spring River Service Unit

Nominated by: Marge Blake

Olivia has been an integral member of the Service Unit Team as Treasurer and leader, as well as helping with events and recruitments. She saw a need for a new Daisy troop this year and stepped into the leadership role, giving herself two troops.

She was on the planning committee for our Trunk or Treat for the community. She hosted a Trunk or Treat event, created a photo opportunity, and presented certificates and prizes for Best Trunk and Best Costume. Olivia was also on the planning committee for the Girl Scouts Love State Parks recruitment at Rock Cut State Park and ran an activity station for youth. She also helped with the group that worked with the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee to represent Girl Scouts at the Día De los Muertos at Machesney Park Elementary School. Olivia went above and beyond by helping other committees and events which impacted many people in the community, including Latina youth and their families!





#### Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II honors a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role, resulting in a measurable impact that benefits the entire Girl Scout Movement.

### Annette Happ, Green Horizons Service Unit

Nominated by: Barb Lutz

Annette has been a Co-Service Unit Manager for many years and attends every meeting, taking the lead when needed. Serving on the Event Committee for Green Horizons, she plans and helps execute every event. She even oversaw the service unit camporee last year at Camp Benson. Annette is also mainly responsible for the Older Girl Lock-In every year. Many young people, from all Girl Scout levels, have participated in the events Annette helps to plan within her service unit. Her leadership skills and availability to help and plan are what make these events possible!

She is committed to the Girl Scout Movement, recruiting in her area, and works with new troops getting started to make sure they have everything they need. A member of the Council Adult Recognition Committee for over five years, she also attends meetings to work through the nominations. Annette's leadership over the years has been valuable, impacting the lives of many adults and youth!

#### Jennifer Hauch, Spring River Service Unit

Nominated by: Olivia Petitt-Martinez

Jenn has gone above and beyond this year to serve Girl Scouts in the community. She hosted a recruitment booth at National Night Out where more than 500 families could learn more about Girl Scouts. She also decorated a trunk at our annual Trunk or Treat event that welcomed the entire community. Over 200 families attended this much-anticipated event! Jenn also hosts a GSNI Cookie Cupboard at her home. She was on the Fall Rally and Cookie Rally planning committees and hosted activity stations where Girl Scouts learned about financial literacy.

Jenn is a troop leader and the Service Unit Product Chair. She ensures her troop has many opportunities for new learning experiences, constantly instilling our Girl Scout community service values. Jenn goes above and beyond her required duties by hosting rallies to get each Girl Scout interested in and prepared for their cookie business!

#### Dara Nelson, Circle of Friends Service Unit

Nominated by: Robin Shaff

Dara has held many positions in both the Fox Valley legacy council and GSNI over the past 30+ years, including troop leader for her three daughters' troops and five granddaughters' troops. She has directed or facilitated many council and service unit programs and events, impacting young people and adults for many years.

Dara has been the Fall Product Program and Girl Scout Cookie Program Coordinator for the past couple of years, has hosted a cookie cupboard in Aurora for about 10 years, and supported leaders and volunteers during cookie season. She has also served as a Site Monitor at Camp Dean and Camp McCormick, taught outdoor training, and helped to make troops' camping trips and events run smoothly. This has given Girl Scouts the best outdoor experiences available and taught leaders how to manage their troop's camping trips. Dara continues to help youth and leaders have top-notch experiences in Girl Scouts!

### Jessica Stobart, Spring River Service Unit

Nominated by: Marge Blake

Jessica strives to keep positivity alive in our service unit and is always willing to help anyone! She gives presentations so troop leaders can help Girl Scouts discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place. She shares how to use the Volunteer Toolkit and help leaders with Honor Troop forms and more. She is a Girl Scout Leader for an older girl troop and a Girl Scout Leadership Experience coach for the service unit, as well as an active recruiter.

Jessica has recruited new members at the Loves Park National Night Out, the service unit's Trunk or Treat event, and at the end of year school fun fairs. She continually goes above and beyond trying to think of new opportunities to get the GSNI brand out in the community by hosting tables at community events and educating leaders about what Girl Scouts has to offer!



#### 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.

#### **Banking Pilot Troop Leaders**

Carley Alcorn, Shannon Bell, Alyssa Carter, Nadia Crudele, Charlene Lawinger, Kathleen Ksiazek Michalski, Colleen Kling, Xochitl Mendoza, Allison Oneill, Kelsey Penge, Margaret Reid, Ashley Ross, Emily Schmidt, Corinne Wodzinski, Jessica Woloszyk

Troops leaders from Cheyenne and Fox Valley Service Units volunteered to participate in a pilot process with a new bank partner for troops opening bank accounts. Leaders who volunteered to participate agreed before knowing if it would be extra work for them, and yet they were still willing to work with GSNI staff and the bank, to test the new process and make adjustments. Volunteers helped GSNI work through what gaps existed, and what was needed to make the new process work smoothly. Their feedback was invaluable, and their patience and help led to an updated process that will benefit volunteers across GSNI in the future!

#### Circle of Friends Service Unit Day Camp Committee

Malinda Gonzalez, Laura Hohm, Kristin Maksymiw, Kelly McCleary, Lisa Musante, Ileana Rascon, Robin Shaff, Jonna Skeen-Dosado, Mandy Stutenberg

The committee worked as a team to plan, budget, staff, and prepare for a full week of day camp that served 34 girls in grades 1–6, 11 Program Aides, and many volunteers. Girl Scouts in Circle of Friends and Batavia Service Units were positively impacted by learning outdoor skills, cooking outdoors, making crafts, earning badges, going to the Phillips Park Zoo, geocaching, hiking in the park, and (most of all!) playing in the park's splash pad at the end of each day to cool off. The kids enjoyed singing Girl Scout camp songs each day and loved participating in the bubble-torch relay with the camp's Olympic theme. They had a great time doing Outdoor Skills Blitz, building the Eiffel Tower out of recyclables, and attending an all-camp picnic and Olympics-type competition on Friday afternoon. Many campers said they wanted to come back to camp in June 2025, because they had such a good time at Circle of Friends Day Camp!

#### Green Horizons Service Unit Camporee Committee

Sara Bourquin, Dawn Crowley, Annette Happ, Sabrina Lewis, Jacqueline Lincoln, Barb Lutz, Katie Nolan, GariLynne Reed

The committee planned a camporee for the troops of Green Horizons Service Unit at Camp Benson in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. In addition to the activities supplied by Camp Benson, the committee planned a flag retirement ceremony for Friday night, held a team building event for Saturday's free time, provided a S'mores Day patch handout, and created a scavenger hunt for the campers to do during their free time on Friday and Saturday.

Overall, 33 Girl Scouts, from Daisies to Cadettes, and 15 adults attended the camp. Campers had fun activities to do during the day and slept in cabins for two nights. There were many activities for them to do, including archery, climbing wall, candle making, and the Gaga Ball pit. Campers who zip lined also really enjoyed the experience! There were many comments from Girl Scouts who can't wait to participate again next year.

#### GSNI Delegates 2022-2025

Julia Baird, Shannon Baird, Hillary Blevins, Quinn Blevins, Amanda Guffey, Hannah Guffey, Denise Mercuri, Karen Tatlock, Kris Trusk, Dana Vierck, Janey Welch

All delegates are expected to be prepared to make informed decisions at the National Council Session (NCS) and share the results with council members. At NCS in 2023, there was a commitment to the value of a diverse Movement. The delegate team was called to serve twice, at the first-ever Special NCS in 2024. The decision was made to adjust membership fees for youth and adults, so the Girl Scout Movement has resources to be successful now and in the future. Each of these decisions requires thoughtful consideration of the impact on GSNI and GSUSA. The impact of these decisions is momentous,

and this delegate team should be recognized for their exemplary service to the Movement.

All members are directly impacted by the decisions made at the recent NCS and Special NCS with clear commitment to valuing diversity, reaffirmation of the wording of the Promise and Law to allow Girl Scouts to try, fail, learn, grow, and resources for the Movement to react and adapt to changing times.

#### **GSNI Historian Committee**

Chris Alsip-Kostelc, Peggy Bartelt, Joanne Baylis, Vicki Croffoot, Janice DeVore, Lori Farris, Louise Glon, Marilyn Hartzog, Mary Ann Knoll, Betty Moore, Jody Niles, Patricia Potempa, Susan Reimer, Karen Tatlock

The Historians help to provide GSNI with a variety of activities, including tea parties, troop, camp and service unit visits, STEW facilitators, and special museum days. The Historian Committee provides Girl Scouts of all levels (and adults!) with education in Girl Scout history, including topics like Juliette Gordon Low, Girl Scout ceremonies, outdoor cooking, weaving and crafts, and badges like Social Butterfly and Girl Scout Ways. The committee works together preserving artifacts and sharing Girl Scout and council history with all members through program and guest visits to service units, troops, and council events. They work hard sharing their skills and knowledge with all GSNI's membership!

#### The Most Magical Race on Earth Camporee Committee – Spring River Service Unit

Marge Blake, Olivia Petitt-Martinez, Priscilla Ramos

Girl Scouts learned new skills and were able to use some of the activity stations as steps towards earning a legacy badge through this camporee! Even though it was some of the hottest days of the year in May, campers said they had a great deal of fun and still talk about this event.

There were five activity stations throughout camp. 1. Practice lashing skills by creating a boat from sticks and string to help "Moana" carry the "Heart of Tefiti" across a kiddie pool. 2. Be an artist like "Rapunzel" using stencils and various painting techniques to paint the sun from Tangled® on a canvas before adding flowers and glitter to their painting. 3. Sing like Little Mermaid's® "Ariel" at the Craft Castle learning songs, skits, games and decorating picture frames with sand and seashells before taking a troop photo to put in their frame. 4. Join the adventures of "Zurg" and "Merida" from Brave® by testing their NERF® archery/blaster skills. 5. Find treasures during a Mickey Mouse® Head Scavenger Hunt.

## Spring River Service Unit Bridging and Highest Awards Committee

Marge Blake, Jennifer Hauch, Tiffany Mlsna, Olivia Petitt-Martinez, Adele Ratzlaff, Jessica Stobart

This was an event planned by the committee to recognize and honor Girl Scouts who earned their highest awards, Girl Scouts who bridged to the next

level, and people who were receiving other youth and adult recognitions. The event featured an emcee on stage announcing all the highest awards for Girl Scouts. Each level was announced, and recipients crossed the bridge to be pinned on the other side. Adult recognition awards were also announced, along with special "shout outs" to adults and each Girl Scout who assisted throughout the year.

This family event filled all 150 seats! Youth from all levels were able to see their peers bridge and be recognized for their achievements. Younger Girl Scouts were in awe watching the older Girl Scouts' achievements. All candidates went above and beyond their roles by adding in something extra for youth and adults. This included the Brownie Elf skit, an enhanced venue with a stage, and recognizing the leaders and each Girl Scout of the service unit who helped during the year!

#### Spring River Service Unit Fall Rally

Marge Blake, Jennifer Hauch, Randi Nisius, Nichole Patterson, Olivia Petitt-Martinez, Adele Ratzlaff, Jessica Stobart, Brandi Tedder

The Fall Rally celebrated Girl Scouts Love State Parks and was held at Rock Cut State Park. The rally included activity stations for jump rope, relay races, tug of war, and parachute games—all while learning more about goal setting, money management, customer service/people skills, product knowledge, and business ethics. This was a unique way to engage Girl Scouts in activities while learning and having fun!

The kids loved learning about the 5 Skills while doing active events outdoors. For some, this was the first time they had jumped rope or learned Double-Dutch! This committee, including the Girl Scouts of Troop 1095, went above and beyond their roles by helping to plan this unique outdoor event incorporating the 5 Skills of the Fall Product Program. Adults helped keep this youth-led and applicable to all levels while committing to specific stations and outcomes during the event!



#### 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 recipients have 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.

#### Betty and Terry Moore

Nominated by: Marilyn Hartzog

Endorsed by: Denise Ethun and Karen Palagi

Betty and Terry have been involved in Girl Scouting for many years, with Betty as a troop leader for their daughters with much support from Terry. Both have long-standing knowledge of and devotion to Girl Scouting. They have been instrumental in organizing supportive projects. These projects include the Free Closet, the 110th Anniversary display at Midway Village, and

the coordination of Rockford-area alums over many years.

Betty started the huge project of organizing numerous items pertaining to Girl Scout history. Over the last 12 years, many worked under Betty's direction to sort items by decade, organize and identify uniforms, catalogue badges, handbooks, and patches and to read council minutes and newsletters. She even found a Golden Eaglet pin in its original box when they moved items from the old Girl Scout center on Auburn Street in Rockford!

Betty has been tireless in following up on donations and reading council minutes and newsletters to develop lists of council officers, staff, and Gold Award recipients. She has collected extensive information on council history. Using the NEWSBANK program, she found many interesting stories in the local paper recording early troop events and local leaders.

Betty has been Rockford's Chief Historian, while Terry has served as a support for historian projects and coordinates computer needs. They also financially sponsored the yurts that have been installed at Camp McCormick. They have served the Girl Scout Movement, legacy council Girl Scouts – Rock River Valley, and GSNI with devotion, commitment, and boundless energy. We are so grateful to them!

#### **Robin Shaff**

Nominated by: Kristin Maksymiw

Endorsed by: Laura Hohm, Lisa Musante, Mandy Stutenberg

Robin has been a Girl Scout for 55 years and is a Lifetime Member. She was a youth member from 1969–1981. As an adult, she has chaperoned Destinations at Penn State University and "Artists of the Past, for Artists of the Future" in Washington D.C. She was a catalyst and served on a committee for four years planning "Coasters, Cabins, and Mrs. O'Leary's Cow," that was held in July 1997, at LaSalle Manor in Plano, Illinois, for legacy council Girl Scouts - Fox Valley.

In the past, Robin served as a member on legacy council Girl Scouts - Fox Valley's Council Volunteer Program Committee as events coordinator, as Borealis Service Unit Manager in the 1990s, and was involved in "Train the Trainer" at camp. She also created and directed a Girl Scout Art Camp in Aurora from 2001–2003.

Robin has faithfully trained leaders in Ceremonies, Overnight and Lodge Training, and different Level Trainings several times over the years and continues to be a volunteer trainer for Circle of Friends leaders to this day! She led the Candle Making workshop at S.T.E.W. in 2023 and has been an Aides-in-Training Unit Leader.

Robin has been a troop leader for 35 years, attended four Girl Scout National Council Sessions, and founded the Creator's League. She is Circle of Friends Service Unit Manager—taking over mid-season—to lead the team into doing big things. She also chairs and directs a phenomenal volunteer led day camp.

It is Robin's unparalleled dedication and lifetime of experience that makes it possible for GSNI to dream big, reaching out to troops and across service units to collaborate in making the Girl Scout Leadership Experience available to all! Thank you to Robin for so many years of service!

## Membership Milestones

#### **Five Years**

Genavieve Baird Emma Bennington Megan Criscione April Fox Olivia Gaziano Sophie Gaziano Stephanie Hartman Delaney Kazmer Lindsey Lancaster Lydia Miller Tabitha Miller Madelyn Payne Amanda Phillips Jillian Stange Addison Symmonds **Emily Symmonds** Kimberly Symmonds Addyson White Sandra White

#### Ten Years

Lucy Berry Britta Bissell Rebekah Bumgarner Michael Campbell Jennifer Carter Madeline Carter Audrina Glawe Olivia Hauch Sally Hoelterhoff Eleanor Hooper Tracy Hooper Amethyst Lendi Heidi Lendi Noel Maina Michaela McClain-Smith Amy Felicia Montrose Sierra Montrose Addison Morgan Nylah Novack Connie Prohaska Azra Rizvi Leah Shayan Lillian Shepeck Lily Sleeth Lindsey Sleeth **Brooke Surprenant** Shannon Thomas Anita Werderich

#### Fifteen Years

Vivian Williams

Erin Berry Patrick Hogan Trinity Hultquist Jennifer Shepeck

#### Twenty Years

Kim French Melissa Margason Jo Dee Nicosia Tiffany West

#### Twenty-Five Years

Jennifer Archer Michelle Hicks Angela Musial Ann-Marie Soderstrom Kyla St. Pierre Serene Taylor

#### Thirty Years

Ruth Gonzalez Jesika Moffitt Jacqueline Nelson Patricia Potempa

#### Thirty-Five Years

Theresa Paradiso Suzanne Whittington

### **Forty Years**

Lori Farris Dara Nelson

### Fifty-Five Years

Robin Shaff



#### President's Volunteer Service Award

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes those who have achieved the required number of hours of service during a specific time frame.

#### Award Recipients, Age 26+

Gold Level, 500+ Hours

Erin Berry, *Park North Stateline, Troops 1243 & 1398* Marge Blake, *Spring River, Troop 475* 20 Staci Bumgarner, Kaskaskia, Troop 1620 Suzanne Caraker Whittington, Fox Valley, Troop 380 Jennifer Edwards-Amberg, Lake Zurich, Troops 166,1409 & 1897 April Fox, Chippewa, Troop 755 Leslie Guy, Arapaho, Troop 473 Mike Guy, Arapaho, Troop 473 Jennifer Hauch, Spring River, Troop 1095 Samantha Josefowski, Potowatomi, Troop 828 Frances Louie, Quapaw, Troop 1888 Tabitha Miller, Kaskaskia, Troop 2055 Stephanie Olivas, Whiteside Carroll, Troop 150 Melanie Olsen, Lee, Troop 2189 Lisa Perrault, Fox Valley, Troop 75 Olivia Petitt, Spring River, Troops 1821 & 1940 Amanda Phillips, Kaskaskia, Troop 2055 GariLynne Reed, Green Horizons, Troop 5410 Sue Reimer, Circle of Friends, GSNI Historian Jennifer Robinson, Southern Ogle, Troop 257 Robin Shaff, Circle of Friends, Troop 4785 Carly Siriann, Park North Stateline, Troops 1243, 1398 & 3361 Jillian Stange, Whiteside Carroll, Troop 150 Mandy Stutenberg, Batavia, Troop 796 Karen Tatlock, Double Tree, Troop 646 Camille Tchoi, Barrington, Troops 125 & 1763 Amber Theis, Fox Valley, Troops 380 & 427

Family/Group Gold Level, 1,000+ Hours

Tiffany West, Southern Ogle, Troop 257

Cheri Wickert, Lee, Troop 2189

Bumgarner Family, *Kaskaskia*, *Troop 1620* Genesis & Vega Day Camp, *Genesis* Genesis Service Unit Team, *Genesis* Geneva Service Unit Team, *Geneva* GSNI Historians Olivas Family, *Whiteside Carroll, Troop 150* Stange Family, *Whiteside Carroll, Troop 150* Troop 380, *Fox Valley* Troop 150, *Whiteside Carroll* 

Lifetime Award Level, 4,000+ Hours Erin Berry, Park North Stateline, Troops 1243 & 1398 Sylvia Christensen, Wynonwy, Troop 466

### 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 2025 Scholarships.

#### **GSNI Gold Award Scholarships**

Noel Maina, *Poplar Grove* Anita Werderich, *Yorkville* 

#### **GSNI Ambassador Scholarship**

Julia Baird, Geneva



Noel M. GSNI Gold Award Scholarship

For more information: www.girlscoutsni.org/scholarships

Juilia B.
GSNI Ambassador Scholarship

Anita W. GSNI Gold Award Scholarship

#### Gold Award Girl Scouts - 2025

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 2025 Gold Award Girl Scouts!



## Madeline Archer, Curriculum Development on Revitalizing Native Pollinators

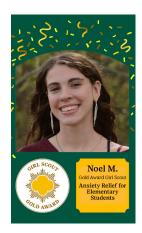
Roscoe, Park North Stateline Service Unit, Troop 3361

Madeline's project raised awareness about native pollinators like bees, butterflies, bats, and birds—many of which are endangered. It also highlighted the importance of pollinators native to our environment, contrasting them with popular but non-native species. To promote education, Madeline developed a pollinator program aligned with the Illinois Science Curriculum for preschool through first grade. The curriculum helps young learners and teachers understand local pollinators and provides practical ways to support the sustainability of our environment. Madeline led a team to develop and put together program kits for her local teachers, sustained through use of the curriculum included in the science curriculum for each classroom.



#### Beatrix Gambardella, Kindness Closet Revamp Woodstock, Potowatomi Service Unit, Troop 1300

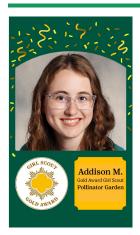
Beatrix spearheaded the creation of her high school's Kindness Closet, a donation-based initiative providing personal care items to students in need. Recognizing the impact of hygiene and appearance on self-confidence and self-esteem, the project aimed to support classmates facing financial challenges. The space was also made welcoming for gender non-conforming and transgender students who may prefer to access personal care items discreetly. Beatrix led a team to revamp the closet, designing grab-and-go bags for students to easily access the items they need. The Kindness Closet, sustained through generous donation drives, is kept active by the high school.



### Noel Maina, Anxiety Relief for Elementary Students

Poplar Grove, Boone Service Unit, Troop 191

In response to the rise in anxiety among elementary students post-pandemic, Noel partnered with her local school to provide essential resources and support. Noel noticed the impact of anxiety on classroom environments and attended school events like reading nights and fun fairs to educate students on coping techniques. She also provided anxiety coping kits for classrooms. To promote physical activity as a coping mechanism, Noel constructed a Gaga Ball pit, encouraging outdoor play. As a result, the school reported improved student moods. Both the coping kits and focus on outdoor activities proved beneficial in supporting mental well-being! Noel's project is sustained through the elementary school's counselor who will continue to utilize her curriculum and coping kits with students for years to come.



### Addison Morgan, Pollinator Garden Island Lake, Menominee Service Unit, Troop 1528

Addison observed a decline in pollinators within her community, especially where manicured lawns and paved lots dominated the landscape. Determined to make a change, she envisioned pathway gardens that would guide pollinators throughout her hometown. Leading her team, Addison helped create multi-season gardens that would provide sustenance for pollinators from early spring through late fall. Over 550 square feet of garden space was planted, and after a period of careful nurturing, the gardens thrived. Today, they stand as a lasting sanctuary, offering vital resources for pollinators for years to come.



Why not GSNI Girl Scout Camps?



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## Brielle Rach, Hands-On & Fun Exposure to STEM for Young Girls

Rockford, Southeast Valley Service Unit, Troop 1273

Brielle dedicated herself to closing the gender gap in STEM by inspiring and empowering school-aged girls in her community. Leading a team, Brielle organized engaging STEM events, offering hands-on activities and presentations on a wide range of STEM topics. Through surveys and participant feedback, she successfully raised awareness and sparked interest in STEM among attendees. Brielle's project continues to thrive with the support of Neiman Lab, which maintains ongoing community programming and outreach efforts!

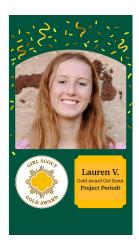


#### Rhiannon Reynolds, Preschool Nature Program Update

Oswego, Genesis Service Unit, Troop 4221

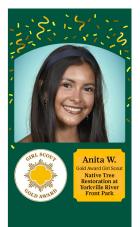
Rhiannon's passion for nature-centered preschool curricula inspired her Gold Award Project. Partnering with her local park district, Rhiannon designed a physical play space for a popular nature-based preschool program in her community. Collaborating with a team of preschool educators, she created play stations and developed curriculum aligned with current nature-based education topics. With the goal of accommodating up to five classrooms at once, the space offers ample room for growth and learning. Rhiannon's project continues to thrive, as the park district sustains the curriculum and opens the play space to the public for ongoing education and exploration.





### Lauren Viebrock, Project Periodt Elgin, Geneva Service Unit, Troop 1384

Lauren addressed period poverty by providing essential sanitation supplies to her local Girl Scout camp. As a camper herself, Lauren observed the discomfort and self-consciousness her peers felt during unexpected menstrual events, particularly when they were unprepared. Determined to empower other campers, Lauren worked to ensure they could access sanitary products without needing to ask others. She led the Counselors in Training at Camp Dean to build weatherproof supply bins in the camp's latrines and indoor bathrooms and organized supply drives throughout the summer. Lauren's project continues to thrive through the support of the GSNI Property and Outdoor Program team, as well as the ongoing contributions from Girl Scout campers who are united in the fight against period poverty.



#### Anita Werderich, Native Tree Restoration at Yorkville River Front Park

Yorkville, Stargazers Service Unit, Troop 1441

Anita's Gold Award Project was inspired by the lack of arboreal diversity along the Yorkville riverfront, which was contributing to soil erosion. Witnessing the instability caused by a single tree species along the river, Anita worked with her community to develop a natural, biodiverse solution. Anita and her team researched native trees that would create a healthier environment for the river, while also enhancing local parks and community spaces along the riverfront. Through presentations on the importance of biodiversity, Anita rallied a team to help plant and care for the trees. Once established, the trees now naturally sustain the riverbank. Look for a QR code among the new trees to learn more about Anita's Gold Award Project!

### Graduating Girl Scouts

GSNI is happy to present our graduating Girl Scout Ambassadors for 2025. Congratulations! May you take your Girl Scout experience with you wherever you go!

Delia Akyea, Troop 1424 Mackenzie Allen, Troop 1528 Julia Baird, Troop 1384 Britta Bissell, Troop 5410 Anna Blanton, Troop 2122 Zoe Bosonetta, *Troop 603* Cassie Boyer, *Troop 5047* Madison Brady, Troop 316 Paige Bredemeier, Troop 603 Brielle Brough, Troop 866 Chloe Broughton, Troop 3172 Lillian Bruhl, Troop 2385 Molly Burch, Troop 4622 Ashleigh Burger, Troop 440 Alanna Cabral, *Troop 928* Sydney Carson, *Troop 603* Madeline Carter, Troop 1441 Nadia Cooper, Troop 603 Harper Crizer, Troop 603 Madison Curcio, Troop 1245 Sedona Derose, Troop 191 Morgan Doyle, IRG Cadence Flatland, Troop 1491 Lillian Freedman, Troop 191 Samantha Fry, Troop 1152 Danielle Fulton, Troop 1325 Anahi Garcia, Troop 4004 Cathryn Graham, Troop 1229 Savana Halfman, Troop 316 Jennavieve Harms, *Troop 3361* Sarah Heller, Troop 1424 Audrey Hillmer, Troop 1424

Hannah Hitchings, Troop 4622 Trinity Hultquist, *Troop 1235* Katie Hynes, Troop 1424 Ellen Jahoda, *Troop 4622* Ryann Janis, Troop 1424 Megan Johnson, Troop 2385 Elizabeth Johnson, Troop 440 Caitlyn Johnson, Troop 448 Samantha Kennedy, *Troop 4340* Amanda Kirschbaum, Troop 879 Leah Kleisch, Troop 1528 Berlynn Kleisch, Troop 1528 Avery Koch, Troop 5352 Madelynn Konstant-Jedrcejczak, Troop 1084 Kaedence Kreider, Troop 1325 Brianna Kuhn, Troop 533 Amethyst Lendi, Troop 1384 Shaina Luckett, *Troop 1491* Noel Maina, Troop 62 Audrey Martin, Troop 1245 Hailey Matz, Troop 62 Michaela McClain-Smith, Troop 191, Troop 3361 Hailey McColl, Troop 440 Lily McConnell, Troop 1384 Alexa Medina-Protz, Troop 1447 Olivia Merkel, Troop 1296 Amelia Minalga, *Troop 1441* Sierra Montrose, Troop 1441 Addison Morgan, *Troop 1528* Sloane Mueller, Troop 1157

Lilli Mueller, Troop 1441 Layney Mumford, Troop 533 Jasmine Nagy, IRG Clara Nowak, Troop 1245 Genevieve Olsen, Troop 1447 Mackenzie Ouellette, Troop 1424 Makenzie Page, Troop 1441 Gabby Papp, Troop 4622 Nora Pelkowski, Troop 1296 Hanna Peterson, Troop 316 Lauren Potts, Troop 1491 Cassandra Rannie, Troop 603 Olivia Rattie, IRG Rhiannon Reynolds, Troop 4221 Kayleigh Rosinski, Troop 462 Veronica Sample, *Troop 1157* Abigail Sanders, *Troop 1245* Genevieve Severson, Troop 1528 Lillian Shepeck, *Troop 1319* Rachel Shepherd, Troop 440 Ilyana Silva, IRG Alice Sondergaard, Troop 462 Clara Strain, Troop 1528 Sara Sulemanjee, Troop 462

Brooke Surprenant, Troop 1441

Kaylie Szczepanik, IRG Addy Tazbier, Troop 658 Stella Thome, Troop 1152 Merissa Tosello, *Troop 1157* Chloe Trenkler, *Troop 1245* Maddie Trznadel, Troop 440 Aubrey Vickers, Troop 1471 Aneeka Vij, Troop 1424 Abbygale Vinger, *Troop 3172* Angelina Vitale, *Troop 1296* Erin Weightman, Troop 1319, Troop 3361 Anita Werderich, Troop 1441 Arihana Wheatley, *Troop 1325* Alyssa M Williams, Troop 1424 Rebecca Wise, Troop 5410 Meghan Wiseman, IRG Kaitlyn Wolf, *Troop 1441* Kaeli Wolford, Troop 1296 Olli Wroten, IRG

Katey Wynard, Troop 1424

Jessica Zizas, Troop 1157

Makayla Young, Troop 4686

Charlotte Zakosek, Troop 2385

Audrey Zimmerman, Troop 658





#### 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!

Batavia Service Unit

Troop 890

**Boone Service Unit** 

Troop 870

Cary-Grove Service Unit

Troop 283 Troop 1932

Cheyenne Service Unit

Troop 523 Troop 1132 Troop 2030 Troop 2261

**Double Tree Service Unit** 

Troop 33 Troop 353 Troop 646

Fox Tales Service Unit

Troop 337 Troop 4811

Fox Valley Service Unit

Troop 2206

Genesis Service Unit

Troop 202 Troop 2053

Geneva Service Unit

Troop 144 Troop 311 Troop 609 Troop 1384

Green Horizons Service Unit

**Troop 5047** 

Lake Zurich Service Unit

Troop 445

Menominee Service Unit

**Troop 1063** 

North Star Service Unit

**Troop 2385** 

Park North Stateline Service Unit

Troop 241 Troop 1243 Troop 1398 Troop 2219

Southern Ogle Service Unit

Troop 409 Troop 1870

Southeast Valley Service Unit

Troop 875

**Spring River Service Unit** 

Troop 6 Troop 475 Troop 1821 Troop 3172

Stargazers Service Unit

Troop 1797 (K-5) Troop 1797 (6-12)

**Trailblazers Service Unit** 

Troop 539

Whiteside/Carroll Service Unit

Troop 150 (K-5) Troop 150 (6-12) Troop 1504

Windupec Service Unit

Troop 268

Winnebago Service Unit

Troop 222 Troop 754

Wynonwy Service Unit

Troop 466 Troop 1489

### Counselor In Training I (CIT I)

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

Charlotte Baine, *Lake Zurich*Lucy Berry, *Park North Stateline*Rebeckah Bumgarner, *Kaskaskia*Hannah Furman, *Park North Stateline* 

Eleanor Hooper, *Double Tree*Cheyenne Hosick, *Fox Tails*Lily Sleeth, *Batavia*Charlotte Wirtz, *Barrington* 

### 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.

Quinn Blevins, *Whiteside Carroll*Rebeckah Bumgarner, *Kaskaskia*Addison Carroll, *Park North Stateline*Alexandria Castaneda, *Stargazers*Samantha Guffey, *Park North Stateline*Chevenne Hosick, For Tales

Cheyenne Hosick, Fox Tales
Delaney Pitner, Girl Scouts of Greater
Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Angelina Sirianni, *Park North Stateline* 

Sarah Smith, *Lee* 

Ivy Suman, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana

Elizabeth Wigton, *Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana* 

Jane Wirtz, *Barrington* Katherine Woodard, *Park North Stateline* 



Thin Mint Sprint 5K run/1 mile walk

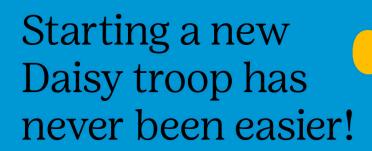
### Registration:

\$45 per person After July 31, 2025

Lions Park in Fox River Grove Neighborhood Run | Virtual Options

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September 13 | 8:30 a.m.





To all of our GSN\* Volunteers:

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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!

#### **Recognition Committee**

Marge Blake Maureen Mosca
Brooke Cheek Lisa Perrault
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Louise Glon Sue Reimer
Annette Happ Lana Wroten

#### **Gold Award Committee**

Linda Christianson (Committee Chair)

Kathleen Baylis Hillary Blevins Janey Welch

Erin Berry Katie Hogan

### Scholarship Committee

Miriam Fleig Linda Oshita Michelle Forster Brenda Rock

Louise Glon

Tiffany Mlsna

We'd like to especially thank Miriam Fleig and Linda Oshita as long time members of GSNI's Scholarship Committee. After many years of service to this committee, they are stepping down. We deeply appreciate the difference they have made in the lives of countless Girl Scouts. Thank you, Miriam and Linda!

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South Elgin, IL 60177

#### Lake Zurich Resource Center 499 Ela Road Lake Zurich, IL 60047

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