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GIRL SCOUTS OF

#### Girls Take the Lead



We asked some of the teen Girl Scouts who served as volunteer directors of SMILE Camp to tell us why they took on leadership roles, and what they have learned. Here is what they told us:

"When I was little I would take my older brother to

Smile Camp, and I always said that being a counselor at Smile Camp is what I wanted to do. Once I had completed three years as a counselor I just decided the next step was Director, and have been a Director for two years... I plan on becoming a physical therapist, and am attending the University of Florida this summer and majoring in pre-physical therapy. Leadership means being a role model to others and being their friend at the same time."

-Cristin Harcrow, 18, Jacksonville Smile Camp Waterfront Director

"I chose to be a Director for Smile Camp because it gave me an opportunity to directly affect people's lives



in a positive way.

I learned that as a leader you are also: a friend, a helper, a shoulder to cry on, an

ear to listen, and the biggest one, an encourager.

When you're in a leadership role, people look to you for support, and when they falter you have to be right there to catch them. Lead by example."

-Asbley Martin, 19, Green Cove Springs Smile Camp Arts & Crafts Director

"I've been with Smile Camp for six years. I knew that by becoming a leader for this event I could help ensure that Smile Camp would be a success.

I was in charge of over 100 people and it could be stressful at times, but a good leader looks to the positive side of things and recognizes everyone's strengths. Ten years from now I hope to be a doctor with my own private practice. Leadership is a gift. To be a great leader is a rewarding thing."

-Sandy Petry, 18, Orange Park Smile Camp Head Director

"I wanted to be a director because I like leadership, and I like working with all of the kids instead of just one. I have learned so much like we should stop paying attention to what we don't have and appreciate what we do have and that it really is imperative to smile. My involvement, not only as a volunteer but with children, especially children with special needs, I will continue that."

- Ashlyn Kendrick, 17, Jacksonville Smile Camp PR Director



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# What's Happening Around The Council



Get Going, Girl Scouts! www.girlscouts-gateway.org

September 22 - 24 & Sept 29 - Oct. I Aquatics Weekends at Camp Kateri

Orange Springs

Learn Canoeing, Sailing, Kayaking - courses available for all skill levels.



### October I Destinations Conquest

Jacksonville Service Center

Get a sneak peek at Girl Scouts Destinations travel opportunities and plan ahead for your 2007 summer Destinations adventure. October 13 - 15

Nistenha / Kheien:

Mother / Daughter Camp at Kateri

Open to girls of all ages - bring mom, aunt, grandma or older sister, or an important woman in your life over 18.

# October 14

### Camp Kateri Re-dedication

Orange Springs

Camp Kateri's 43rd Anniversary will be marked by a re-dedication ceremony. Girls of all ages are invited to attend with parents or troop.

#### October 21

### Girl Scout Family Maze Day

Conner's A-Maize-Ing Acres, Lilliard

Good old fashioned fun - to the extreme! Join in a Fear Factor style contest, a pie eating contest, treasure hunt, pedal cart relay races, a talent contest and an a-mazeing scavenger hunt!

#### November 5

#### Skate Your Heart Out

Skate Station Funworks, Gainesville

Bring a friend and skate to the latest top 40 hits.



# August 15 - August 31

## Early Bird Uniform Sale

10% OFF ALL OFFICIAL UNIFORM COMPONENTS

(Purchased In Store Only)

Vests Sashes Skirts Shorts Blouses

Pants Track suits T-shirts Skorts Socks

# The Council Shop Jacksonville Service Center

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Live Oak, FL 32064
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(866) 231-8573

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# Fall Product Sale September 22 - October 8

Girls take orders for Nuts and Candies.

#### November 8

Nut and Candy deliveries begin.

In addition to our delicious line up of nut and candy products, the second in a series of three Girl Scout Tins will be available for purchase during the 2006 Fall Product Sale Program. Talk to your troop leader for details.

#### Want to Know More?

Check out our online events calendar at www.girlscouts-gateway.org or call the Jacksonville Service Center at (904) 388-4653 or (800) 347-2688

For more information on these or any Girl Scout activities.



#### Other Council Properties

Camp Kateri, Orange Springs
Camp Seminole Springs, Orange Springs
North Fork Ranch, Middelburg
Beaches Little House, Neptune Beach
Fernandina Little House
Palatka Little House

"Every time you show your courage, it grows."

- Juliette Gordon Low

Founder of the Girl Scout Movement in the USA c'mon girls - this is your space! fill it with your GS shout-outs, articles, stories, photos, drawings, poems, etc. send them to:



Communications Girl Scouts of Gateway Council 1000 Shearer St Jacksonville, Fl 32205-6055

or via email to: communications@girlscouts-gateway.org

We can't promise to return all photos or artwork, but if you include an SASE we'll try our best!



# Girls Speak Up:

# Why I Volunteer



#### Amy Cutrer 16, Senior Girl Scout

"An instant self-esteem booster and a wonderful hobby, volunteering is something that every-

one should be involved in."



#### Emma Bevers 16, Senior Girl Scout

"For the past couple of years, my troop and I have been Program Aides at Girl Scout day camps. We also participate in

beach clean-ups and donations to children's homes. I have donated canned food, helped at the local Blood Bank's blood drive, and still have many more projects that I can't wait to be a part of. Volunteering has always made me thankful for what I have— and the smiles on people's faces only adds to it."



#### Kelcie Lloyd 16. Senior Girl Scout

"I contribute to the world around me. I have had a great time volunteering as a program aide for songs and games at day

camps. The younger girls give you the greatest amount of respect; working with them is very rewarding because you get to be a role model. My troop and I also like to work with food drives [and other events] for both humans and animals. Volunteering gives me a sense of fulfillment and is one of the most enjoyable things I do."



# Laura Lee Pack 12. Cadette Girl Scout

"Volunteering makes me feel good inside because I feel like I have really helped somebody who needed it."



# Volunteerism Rocks My Socks!

Suzanne Exposito
Senior Girl Scout, Jacksonville

My mother had me join a Girl Scout troop as a Cadette, an apathetic 8th grader with no real Girl Scout experience aside from my miserable few months as a Brownie. I had initially made the assumption that most of our time would be spent doing arts and crafts and s'mores—yet after a couple of months in Girl Scouts, I found myself spending weekends reading to Brownies and devoting myself to organizing special events.

As I got older, my projects grew not only in proportion but also in success. It started with organizing a troop mini-orchestra to entertain girls at the craft sale. Months later we prepared dinner at the Ronald McDonald House, and also became planning [and cleaning] committee of the service unit craft sales.

Eventually, we received our Silver Award in 2004. After two years, three craft sales, and many weeks spent volunteering at Kateri, I now feel that I'm finally ready to take on the biggest volunteer project known to Girl Scouts—the Gold Award.

Throughout my few years as a Girl Scout, I've been able to say that I've made a difference in my community—and really, this is exactly what anybody else would say about the Gold Award. Any opportunity to lend the public a good hand makes a difference, whether it means the smile on one's face or the smiles on the faces of a whole community. For all I know, I could've made a difference to any younger scout by simply being there for them as I have during my C.I.T. training. I could've been their role model, or even motivated them to volunteer, too. I feel great when a Brownie remembers me from a Geography lesson, or a campout from months ago- not because of the movie star-like recognition, but because I feel that I might've changed the way the girl may utilize her role as a Girl Scout for now and even for the future.

In doing any volunteer project, especially with children, one could even be the driving force behind a child's generosity when they get older. To think I could make such an impact on someone else helps me develop as a more responsible person, and also helps increase the confidence and trust I need in myself to become more independent. And now that my graduation year is coming up, I feel I can take on nearly anything that comes at me. (College visits, scholarship applications, entry essays? No problem!) Because I have played mentor to dozens of children, and even because I have swept dozens of foreign floors, I feel like a bigger person because of it—and the self-assurance I've earned through volunteerism is enough to keep me going through the tough stuff throughout the rest of my life.

# EXTREME VOLUNTEERISM

### Service Project Spotlight

EXTREME Troop 102's Silver Award Project gave us something we can all be proud of: a new 220 seat Amphitheater at Camp Kateri









**Dedication Ceremony** 





Girls and their families pitched in together to get the job done,



Then the girls celebrated their achievement with an EXTREME troop trip!

# Volunteer Opportunities for Adults









We need your help to provide opportunities for girls to learn. No matter what your experience, your age, or the amount

of time you have to give, you can make a difference in the lives of girls in your community. The energy you share will instill in girls confidence that will last a lifetime.

Here are some of the many ways you can volunteer with Girl Scouts:

#### Work With Girls

- Be a mentor guiding girls to explore their interests and learn about possible careers.
- Work as a troop/group leader directly with girls, leading meetings and coordinating activities.
- Teach a workshop and help girls learn a skill that you're passionate about.

#### Reach Out to the Community

- Speak about Girl Scouts to community groups or college community service centers.
- Suggest a service project that girls can do to help their community.
- Become a communications liaison and help get publicity for troops or groups.
- Be a translator and assist with outreach to non-English speaking communities.

#### Share Your Skills

- Design a troop or group's Web site, or offer to teach girls how to create their own.
- Provide administrative assistance and supervision in registering participants for events.
- Offer secretarial services and assist with troop record keeping and other paperwork.
- Indulge your love of history while organizing the council's historic archives.

#### Flex Your Leadership Muscle

- Organize and direct events to educate and recruit potential members.
- Lead workshops and seminars for Girl Scout volunteers.

Call 800-347-2688 or go to www.girlscouts-gateway.org today, and let us help you match your skills and talents with the volunteer opportunity that is right for you.





### Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida Supports Volunteer Training

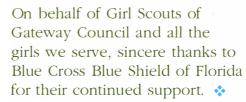
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida has awarded Girl Scouts of Gateway Council a \$50,000 grant to support adult volunteer training in 2006.

Among the activities and material these funds help provide are:

- CPR training materials including infant and adult mannequins, videos and visual aids
- Lifeguard Instructor certification course
- American Canoe Association and US Sailing training

Effectively training adult volunteers ensures that every girl has a safe and positive experience. Through participation in outdoor activities, girls develop new skills, gain self-confidence, learn to care for themselves and their belongings, learn new ways to respect and care for the environment, and gain

leadership skills.







BlueCross BlueShield of Florida

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#### Kudos To:

Melvarose Scippio
of Columbia County who has received the
NAACP Volunteer Award.
Miss Rose is a lifetime
member of Girl Scouts
and has been instrumental
in keeping troops in her
community together.

Bambi Hobgood
co-leader of Cadette Troop
853 and a student of
Respiratory Care at FCCJ
in Jacksonville, who was
recognized by "Who's Who
Among Students in
American Junior Colleges"
for volunteering with
Girl Scouts and keeping
a high GPA.



Courage, Confidence, Character and.

Connections

Honoring our Girl Scout Heritage



Troops in the St. Stephen Cluster of the Norweaster Service Unit in Jacksonville hosted a celebration of the life of long-time Girl Scout volunteer, Woman of Distinction and former Gateway Council board member, Mrs. Jesse Elizabeth Meuse. Mrs. Meuse was instrumental in forming and maintaining Girl Scout troops in her community.

Many of the women who were mentored by Mrs. Meuse were invited to share their memories. Girls and adults from all parts of the Norweaster Service Unit participated in the event. Mrs. Meuse's children and members of their family were also in attendance.

Special kudos go to St. Stephen Cluster Program
Coordinator Mrs. Selma Rutledge for her tireless work
on the event.



























# Kudos For Kapers

Thanks to the Girl Scouts and family members who volunteered their time, tools, and talents during Kapers Weekends at Kateri and North Fork Ranch!





At this annually scheduled event, volunteers cut down dead trees, replaced old tents, pressure washed buildings and walkways, cleaned units, moved furniture, stocked supplies, dusted fans, replaced light bulbs and painted, all to get our beautiful camps ready for summer.

Following the workday, families enjoyed the beautiful weather, spending the rest of the weekend sailing, canoeing, water skiing, swimming, hiking, and more. A special shout out to hard working event coordinators Barbara Swank and Laurie Denman at Kateri, Kathi Sharp and Donna Hernandez at North Fork Ranch. Job well done!



### Service Projects Shout Out

We're compiling a list of the great service projects that Girl Scouts of Gateway Council members perform in 2006.

Don't be left out - Add your project to the list! E-mail the info (sure, send a pic too, if you have one) to

communications@girlscouts-gateway.org
or complete this form and send to::

Communications Department Girl Scouts of Gateway Council 1000 Shearer Street, Jacksonville, Fl 32205-6055

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escribe the proje	ect in 50 words or less. In	clude who the project be	nefitted and the number	er of items collected, m	nade, donated, etc.)
For more	info contact:				



# Shout Out to our Super Sellers!

These girls sold 1000 or more packages of cookies in 2006.

Boxes Sold	Name	Troop#	Boxes Sold	Name	Troop#
2423	Leondra Robinson	375	1097	Cheyene Stanley	778
1505	Kyleigh Moniz	1118	1067	Shirley Sumlar	589
1452	Brooklyn Crews	771	1066	Caitlyn Smith	352
1307	Heaven Higgins	1321	1062	Kristine Locke	63
1273	Jennifer Reid	320	1061	Celeste Pietramali	301
1200	Bella Hughes	761	1050	Cassie Edens	23
1192	Cheyenne Dale	401	1027	Destiny Dunaway	300
1113	Rachel Rachlin	1054	1005	Tenysha Lee	959
1101	Caitlin Nyman	244	1001	Jenny Gouge	189
1101	Jessica Baker	959	1001	Taylor Bennick.	189
1100	Lacey Clayton	525	1000	Danielle Spence	147
1100	Sheldon Taylor	771	1000	Adrionna McDonald	213
1100	Samantha Schrader	48			





2006 Cookie Celebration



Congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in the 2006 Cookie Sale Program.

Over 327 girls qualified to attend the 500+ Sellers Cookie Celebration at the Clay County Fairgrounds.

Girls enjoyed a show presented by Mad Science and other hands-on science activities, plus they got a sneak preview of the theme for the 2007 Cookie Sale Program. ❖



Several Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts completed the PR Stars workshop earlier this summer. The girls visited professionals in television, radio and print media,

where they learned

about careers in the media industry and public relations.

Skills addressed included television and radio interviews, writing for the news, and photo-journalism. Their experience will help them in future opportunities to represent Girl Scouts of Gateway Council in the media.

Thanks to Darlene Waterous at CBS 47 and Fox 30, Dee Davenport of WROO Rooster Country 93.3 and Joseph Lorentzson of the Clay County Leader for their help in facilitating this program.

If you are interested in becoming a PR Star, contact Tia R. Ford by email at tford@girlscouts-gateway.org or by phone at (904) 388-4653 ext. 1162. ❖



**GIRL SCOUTS** 



Then

A young girl learned leadership skills and the importance of community

service in the Girl Scouts



Now Pegeen Hanrahan

Serves as Mayor of the City of Gainesville





Girl Scouts make the world a better place.

These Girl Scout volunteers were recognized for their exemplary service at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council

#### **Thanks Badge II**

Pauline Carter Vickie Marcus

#### **Continued Excellence Award**

Karen Kneeland

#### Thanks Badge

Ellen Clark Barbara Swank Joanne Wyman

#### **Honor Pin**

Donna Barnes Raenell Blackwell Chris Blake Tina Jewett

#### **Gateway Council Award**

Sandra Gardner Sandy Owen DD Stein

#### **Appreciation Pin**

Marie Breslin
Adrenne Deason
Kathy Fox
Karen Hunter-Nowak
Delilah Jackson
Casie Lalicker
Anna Mulkey
Diana Naber
Patricia Patton
Barbara Smith
Diane Varner

## Volunteers In The Spotlight

#### Outstanding Leader

**Jackie Arsenault** Bonnie Barnes Suzanne Barrett Terry Biehl Mary Binkley Kristina Burkey Sheila Casey Laurie Cass Tina Certain Tremery Chambers Elizabeth Ciuffetelli Linda Clineman Pam Coates Angela Collier Patty Combs Rhonda Combs Donna Congi Cindy Cox Stacy Dale Cheryl Daughtry Lisa Dean Kim Delaney Jackie Edwards Robin Eikill Jennifer Fairchild Jackie Fralick Lisa Frederickson Tanya Fucci Michelle Godwin-Ware Wendy Grove Patricia Harding Kristen Heise Robin Herriff Tina Hooks Selena Hunt Yvette Jenkins Karen Kalka Nicole King Marie Klingner Dorothy Krieg Roxanne Krueger Lori Lamb Ann Landess Kristal Langley Brenda Lanier Michelle Larson Jennifer Levi-Longyear

Diane Marreno Norene Marsh Gina Moniz Dawn Peavey Michelle Peery Karen Peil Anne Pigney Beth Pigney LeAnn Quaresimo Lisa Rapson JeriAnn Salak Becky Schroder Jessica Schroeder Laura Sheppard Debbie Smith Marina Smith Tina Smith Sue Sowinski Melody Stallings-Mann Denise Stewart Beth Sullivan Brian Taylor Cyndee Thomas Joan Thomas Janet Tsoutsos Christine Tvardos Wendy Umpress Marion Usina Pam Vincent Brenda Walton Tracy Williams

#### Exceptional Leader

Diane DeCoy Cheryl Fazio Lisa Seymour Kristen VanSickle

# Outstanding Volunteer

Monica Agate Sherree Alvarez Wendy Antonucci Linda Arndt Beth Barnett Michelle Belanger Arlene Bell Kimberla Braddy

Julie Brown Melina Buncome-Williams Ginger Butler Beth Cecil April Chismark Lennette Daniels Wendy Davis Mary Dennard Myra Eastwood Tammy Edens Jaimie Fuime Kathy Geddes Inga Glaspey Andrea Gouge Penny Green Renee Greene Wendy Grove Eileen Handberg Tonva Harding Donna Hernandez Debbie Kimbrell Penny Lane Barbara Lassiter Jessica Law Diane Lloyd Peggy Maskasky Rosemary McKissick Henrietta McMahan Deborah Mirador Elizabeth Mountain Courtney North Mary Ellen Olsen Pam O'Neal Kenneth Risberg Jean Ritch Colleen Rosatone Colleen Serven Georgie Serven Robbie Simmons Debbie Smith Tracy Stein Alison Stockli Dawn Stuart Renay Taylor Chris Veres Tiffany Vickery Lanette Wahlstrom

Barbara Breitberg







Bridget Maney





Lori Waugh

Edna Westerwelle

# Celebrating A Lifetime of Leadership In Girl Scouting

Mrs. Natalie "Nat" William S. Taylor, Jr.

A highlight of the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council was witnessing "Nat" Taylor receive the tenure pin recognizing her 70 years in Girl Scouting.

Formerly of Ponte Vedra, now in retirement in Gainesville, "Nat" was instrumental in advancing the Girl Scout movement throughout her life – serving as a troop organizer, consultant, trainer, council vice president, Gateway Council president, and chair of the board of directors.



From the Historical Archives Council President Natalie Taylor receives the Thanks Badge

"Do well your part today.

The work of today is
the history of tomorrow,
and we are its makers."

- Juliette Gordon Low



2006: Natalie Taylor receives ber 70 year Tenure Pin

### Tenure Awards

70 Years

Nat Taylor

50 Years

Linda Chandler

40 Years

Marge Henschel Nancy Spikes

35 Years

Kim Bernhart Pauline Carter

30 Years

Joyce Conners Beth Richardson Kathleen Roberts Lisa Seymour Willmonteen Smith Barbara Wingo

#### 25 Years

Angela Blankenship JeriAnn Salak Phyllis Smith Nancy Thornton Cecil Wright

#### 20 Years

Chris Cartaya Linda Clineman Robin Cross Sandra Erickson Cheryl Fazio Christine Kelly Mala Lawrence Judy Mariani Sheryl Montrowl Waltonia Murray Joan O'Connell Misty Phillips Laura Shepard Barbara Smith Kristin Van Sickle Trisha Woessner

#### 15 Years

Terry Biehl Marie Breslin Margaret Dimsdale Elizabeth Farmer Joy Flowers atricia Harding heila Hinton Delilah Jackson Joanne Kazmierski-Bachansingh Cindy Laukert Lynn Murff Vicki Rafuse Kathleen Schofield Radha Selvester Linda Smith DD Stein Donna Walt Debi Wood Sabrina Wright



















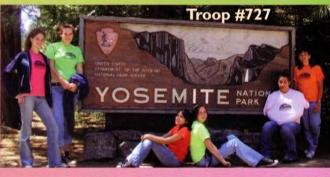
















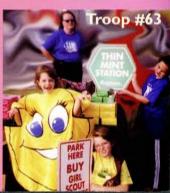














Chrome Divas

Want to share your troop or group's pics, kudos & shout outs? e-mail to communications@girlscouts-gateway.org or send on disk or (non-returnable) prints to the council communications office in the Jacksonville Service Center.

Cadette Troop 853 participated in the Relay for Life. The girls set up a tent and took turns walking the track to help remember those affected by cancer.

WTG for spending a Friday night during summer break to support the American Cancer Society.





Amanda Lent of Troop #1077 in Live Oak donated 13" of hair to Locks-of-Love. Love the new do, Amanda!

# shout outs

This Spring the awesome Gainesville Chrome Divas - joined by the Jax Beach and Ocala Diva chapters and the Enforcers (a motorcycle club of law enforcement riders) organized a Hunny Bunny Poker Run to benefit Girl Scouts. The Divas raised \$825 to be used for financial assistance to send girls to resident camp.



Brownie Troop 111 hosted a yard and bake sale to support the Chets Creek Elementary School Media Center. Proceeds of this event were used to purchase books about extraordinary women in history. These books were then presented to the school during a special event, "Her Story Tea."

### USO Greeting Cards Service Project

Join this council-wide effort to show our support and appreciation to the troops who serve our country. Girl Scout troops are encouraged to make holiday greeting cards for troops stationed abroad. Completed cards may be dropped off at the Jacksonville or Gainesville Service Centers through November 17.



their 2006 World Thinking Day celebration. Hosted by Cadette Troop 853, the theme for the day's festivities was "TV Around The World."



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#### Why Girl Scouts SHARE

The reasons parents, leaders, volunteers and families make financial contributions to SHARE (Show Her A Real Experience) are as varied as the girls in Gateway Council.

Volunteers and leaders donate because they understand the necessity and value of the Council's commitment to provide quality staff, training, training materials and facilities to meet the needs of today's girls.

Girl Scout families give because they witness first-hand the life-changing experiences Girl Scouting provides for their daughters.

Girl Scouts of Gateway Council strives to make Girl Scouting available to any and all girls who wish to participate. Your contribution to the SHARE campaign ensures the delivery of a quality Girl Scout program for all girls.

Matching gift programs are part of many corporate giving initiatives, and an easy way to double or triple your contribution to Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. Find out if your company participates in a corporate matching program by contacting the payroll or human resources department.

To make a gift to SHARE, you can either mail your check to Gateway Council's Jacksonville Service Center or donate online at www.girlscoutsgateway.org

