

Describe in detail why this nominee should receive special recognition for his or her service in Girl Scouts.

Our troop leader, Ms. SAMPLE, empowers girls from across the GSKH Council to find their own path to success. She is an exceptional troop leader. Using her thousand-watt smile combined with her organization skills, she incorporates life lessons as varied as financial management and conflict resolution into activities the girls enjoy. At a cookie booth this past year she walked a couple of girls through a disagreement using basic communication techniques and even taught other girls in the troop how to work through arguments in their lives afterwards. Our girls were able to communicate effectively and clearly to one another and became quite understanding towards one another. She could have easily told them to “Calm down” or “ Be quiet”, but instead used it to teach the girls (and me) a new skill.

How has the nominee gone "above and beyond" in their volunteer duties?

She is not only a troop leader, but also an active member of her Service Unit lead team, managing Cookie Product Sales and prior Service Unit Manager, and a mentor for new troop leaders in the Service Unit. As if that is not enough, she also puts in plenty of hours volunteering at the Cookie Cupboard! She speaks positively in front of anyone about Girl Scouts and the opportunities it presents. She is a mentor and an adult any of our girls could turn to and trust that they would feel heard.

Is there anything else the Volunteer Award committee should consider as they review this nomination?

She leads by example, showing the girls how much even just one woman can do. On top of all the energy she devotes to Girl Scouts, she has a demanding career/or home life, and is in school pursuing a higher degree. Whether in or out of Girl Scouts, our troop leader is invaluable to our girls and Girl Scouts of Kansas.

Tips:

1. Give specific ways your volunteer nominee serves her/his community, troop, and/or service unit in Girl Scouts, i.e. S/He led an event for Girl Scout Week, attended service unit meetings, made each girl a special SWAP, etc.
2. Was there a time you could not have completed a project/task/event without their assistance?
3. Tell a story. We love stories. They help the committee paint a picture of why this person deserves to be acknowledged.
4. Think outside the box! Sometimes we only see the Girl Scout side of our volunteers but they tend to be pretty awesome all around. How is your nominee a go-getter, risk taker, innovator or leader in other roles in their lives?
5. Share the fact you nominated someone and call others to do the same!