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## **Girl Scouts Honors Dedicated Volunteers**

*2018 Volunteer Awards will be presented on April 7 at annual event*

WICHITA, Kan. – Twenty Eastern Kansas residents will be recognized at our Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast on April 7 with special awards from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland for their extraordinary service as volunteers.

Every day, Girl Scout volunteers are helping girls blossom into their true potential by providing the environment they need to pursue the interests, causes, and leadership roles that matter most to them. Our dedicated volunteers ensure girls are standing up, standing out, and standing tall in every aspect of their lives in a girl-led and girl-only environment. We are proud to take time each year at our Annual Meeting and Recognition Breakfast to honor these community champions.

“Our volunteers dedicate their time and talents to empowering girls to take the lead and make a difference in their communities,” said Liz Workman, chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. “They are key to our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.”

East Kansas residents who received awards from Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland include:

**Appreciation Pin – For excellent service in delivering the Girl Scout mission to one or more geographic areas**

- Melissa Winters of Neodesha, Leader of Troop 70343
- Paula Roper of Emporia, Manager of Service Unit 208
- Virginia “Ginny” Wommack of Parsons, Leader of Troop 70161

**Honor Pin – For exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had a measureable impact on two or more geographic areas**

- Kelly Chapman of Parsons, Leader of Troop 70101, Service Unit 214 Manager and Board Committee Member
- Melissa Shoaf of Fredonia, Leader of Troops 70220, 70050, 70235, 70122

- Rita Gillman of Neodesha, Leader of Troop 70343

**Thanks Badge – For having a measureable impact on meeting the priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement**

- Rebecca “Becky” Falke of Parsons, Treasurer of Service Unit 214

**Fanestil Award – For exceptional service to the Council**

- Carl Headrick of Emporia, Product Sales Organizer of Service Unit 208 Product Sales Organizer, Cookie Manager of Troop 30037 and Support Volunteer of Troop 30038
- Terri Schmitz of Parsons, Leader of Troop 70107 and Product Sales Organizer of Service Unit 214
- Sophia Zetmeir of Parsons, Volunteer of Troop 70161

**Meierhoff Award – For exceptional service to the Council and a neighborhood**

- Marty Meadows of Iola, Manager of Service Unit 211
- Tiffany Jackson of Independence, Product Sales Organizer of Service Unit 214

**Volunteer of Excellence Award – For outstanding service working with girls or supporting the council’s mission**

- Aimee Kenyon of Caney, Support Volunteer of Troop 70635
- Ashley Marple of Chanute, Cookie Manager of Troop 70416
- Ashley McKnight of Council Grove, Leader of Troop 30216
- Chelsea Barton of Fredonia, Leader of Troop 70235
- David Meadows of Iola, Support Volunteer of Service Unit 211
- Jessica Blevens of Fredonia, Support Volunteer of Troops 70050, 70235 and 70134
- Laura Miller of Howard, Leader of Troop 30016
- Sherry Peppinger of Chanute, Leader of Troop 70236
- Tammi Burton of Eureka, Leader of Troop 30125

To become a Girl Scout volunteer and make a difference in the lives of local girls, go to [kansasgirlscouts.org](http://kansasgirlscouts.org) or call (888) 686-6468 for more information. For more information on any volunteers in your area, please contact [communications@gskh.org](mailto:communications@gskh.org).

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**About Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland**

*Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland serves more than 14,500 girls and adults in 80 Kansas counties through its operational headquarters in Wichita, Kan., and regional offices in Salina, Hays, Emporia and Garden City. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls’ healthy development and is the pre-eminent leadership development organization for girls. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.*