

Service Unit Volunteer Awards Guide

Volunteer Excellence Awards

Girl Scout volunteers leave a lasting, positive impact on not only the girls they serve, but also with their fellow volunteers and the communities in which they reside.

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania has developed the Volunteer Excellence Awards that can be utilized by Service Units to recognize volunteers who step up and stand out!

The Volunteer Excellence Awards target specific components of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience and the volunteer experience to recognize exemplary volunteers.

GSHPA encourages Service Units to share these awards with your volunteers to nominate and honor their service and dedication to our mission. The frequency and method of presenting these awards can be at the discretion of each Service Unit.

Outdoor Champion: This volunteer supports their Girl Scouts and/or fellow volunteers in embracing exciting opportunities and activities in an outdoor setting such as a camp or nature center. They may host an encampment, develop an outdoor program, or even mentor other volunteers in outdoor opportunities.

Rising Star: First or second year leader who made a splash! Might be someone who has embraced training opportunities, has been super engaged at the Service Unit level, often says YES to opportunities to help and/or participate, etc.

Recruitment Pro: This is awarded to a volunteer or a troop who is committed to GSHPA recruitment efforts, Service Unit recruitment efforts, and the promotion of Girl Scouting in their communities. They find ways to tell the Girl Scout story whenever possible and seek out promotional opportunities.

Leader Among Leaders: Troop leaders who continually exemplify the Girl Scout Promise and Law. They treat their fellow leaders with respect, kindness and compassion. They help to foster an open and welcoming Service Unit environment, and they offer extra help to new leaders who need guidance.

Meaningful Mentor: This award is given to a volunteer who is an exceptional mentor to girls. This volunteer not only promotes the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, but serves as a role model and someone for their girls to look up to. This volunteer provides girls with new and meaningful opportunities and experiences.

Girl Empowerment: This leader empowers their girls to take the lead of their Girl Scout experience. Places an emphasis on the girl-led portion of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Troop of Distinction: This troop exemplifies leadership and service by giving back to others in their community through take action and service projects

Reaching Higher: This leader has expert knowledge on the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. They promote higher awards in their troop or Service Unit. They encourage their girls to lead their projects, while supporting them along the way. They also exemplify the principles of the higher award model.