



Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines

## Awards

**OUTSTANDING LEADER/CO-LEADERS AWARD:** Purpose: To recognize persons who have demonstrated the giving of service above and beyond that which is normally expected of a leader. This person would have demonstrated that she/he can help girls grow in their abilities to make decisions, work in a group, and give service to their community.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member serving as a troop leader or assistant troop leader, 2) Each has completed Leadership Essentials and Council Basics Training. 3) Performance is so outstanding it merits recognition by the Service Unit (requires confirmation of leadership skills, communication skills at Council, Service Unit, troop level, and membership skills - meets goals).

**OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER AWARD:** Purpose: To recognize individuals other than, or in addition to, leaders who have provided benefits to the service unit beyond the expectations for the position. Given for outstanding delivery of service by an adult in a position primarily other than a leader.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member, serving in a position primarily other than leader. 2) Received appropriate training for job or has equivalent experience. 3) Service performed benefits the Service Unit/Council, beyond the expectations of the position, warrants area-wide recognition.

**APPRECIATION PIN:** Purpose: To recognize active adult members whose service is outstanding, above and beyond the expectations for the position held, contributing to the council's goals and objectives.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member, either as a volunteer or employed staff member. 2) The service performed is outstanding, above and beyond the expectations for the position held, is delivered to at least one service unit with the council's jurisdiction, and contributes to the council's goals and objectives.

**HONOR PIN:** Purpose: To recognize active members whose service is outstanding, is delivered to two or more service units, and contributes to the council's goals and objectives.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member, either as a volunteer or employed staff member. 2) The service performed by the individual is outstanding, above and beyond the expectations of the position held, is delivered to two or more service units within the council's jurisdiction, and contributes to the council's goals and objectives.

**THANKS BADGE:** Purpose: To recognize truly outstanding individuals who significantly benefit the entire council or Girl Scout Organization.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member, either as a volunteer or employed staff member. 2) The service performed by the individual is truly outstanding, benefits the total council or the entire Girls Scout organization and is so significantly above and beyond the call of duty that no other award is appropriate.

**THANKS BADGE II:** Purpose: Similar to that of the Thanks Badge, as a way of saying thanks again to an outstanding individual. Also might acknowledge outstanding performance that surpasses the earlier achievement.

Criteria for Selection: 1) Active GSUSA registered adult member, either as a volunteer or employed staff member. 2) Has received the Thanks Badge. 3) The quality of service performed is the same as that performed for the Thanks Badge. Additionally, this award might acknowledge outstanding performance that surpasses the earlier achievement. It is a way of saying thanks again to an outstanding individual who has contributed greatly to Girl Scouting.

**BEACON AWARD:** Purpose: Recognizing exceptional non-monetary contributions given to Girl Scouts, the Beacon award honors the individual, business, school, or organization that has gone above and beyond expectations in supporting and making Girl Scouts possible in their community. Examples of Beacon award recipients include, the custodial staff person who makes sure doors are always opened so troops can meet or the local newspaper who makes sure the community knows about Girl Scout activities and what they bring to the community. It could also be a special non-Girl Scout adult who takes on a project and does an outstanding job providing opportunities for girls.

Recipients of the Beacon Award are chosen by Service Units/Steering Committees and presented at the community level. The presentation is time and place is determined by the Service Unit/Steering Committee.

***PINE TREE AND ELSIE MOOERS AWARDS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW***