



Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways Volunteers of the Month for May 2013

Congratulations to the following volunteers!

Debbie Berner has been a Girl Scout volunteer for many years. She has been a troop leader as well as the Service Unit Cookie Coordinator. Debbie has always been very organized, knowledgeable, and helpful to the leaders in her service unit. Debbie's daughter Caitlin is almost done with her Gold Award. We wanted to take this opportunity to let Debbie know how we appreciate her dedication over the years to Girl Scouts. Thank you Debbie!

(JOHNSON CITY SERVICE CENTER)

Joe Chilson of Corning, NY, has successfully coordinated yet another Powder Puff Derby. Once a small service unit event, he has expanded this program to now be open to the entire council. He also worked to form a committee of adults and girls to help support the "behind the scenes" efforts of this event. Through his guidance & leadership, this event continues to grow each year and is anxiously awaited for by the girls. Thank you, Joe!!

(HORSEHEADS SERVICE CENTER)

John and Sandy Liston serve as Treasurer for the Indian Trails Service Unit, and do a wonderful job. John and Sandy bring continuity and consistency to the Indian Trails Service Unit, as they have been involved in Girl Scouts for many years and in many different locations around the world. The Indian Trails Service Unit values their guidance and experience. John and Sandy have been an instrumental force when it comes to the service unit's book keeping. Most service units do not have a central treasurer and hold individual troop accounts. However, in Service Unit 512 they tend to do things a little different. Due to the high rate of leadership turnover, which is military affiliated, it was established that this service unit would go to a central banking system. John and Sandy are responsible for holding bank accounts for all thirteen of the troops in Service Unit 512 that also includes the service unit funds. John Liston has been an active Girl Scout Volunteer for the past 33+ years. His wife, Sandy Liston, has been an active Girl Scout Volunteer for more than 35 years. The many years they have volunteered with Girl Scouts shows their dedications and commitment to the scouting movement. The Listons are a wonderful asset to GSNYPENN and the Indian Trails Service Unit.

(WATERTOWN SERVICE CENTER)

Cindy Rhinehart has been a Girl Scout volunteer for the past seven years. During that time, she has served as her service unit's Cookie Program coordinator, Fall Product coordinator and recruiter. Cindy attends several open houses each year and is relentless in getting volunteers to come forward and place girls in troops. When that doesn't work, she is the first to come forward and start a series to get girls started on their Girl Scout journey. Cindy also serves as troop leader for Troop 10101 in the Fulton Service Unit. Her troop, currently 6th grade Cadettes is a very active group. In addition to spending several weekends at Camp Hoover each year, her troop has traveled to places such as Boston and D.C. and is currently planning a trip to Disney World. All of these trips are financed through the troop's extensive cookie sales. Each weekend during cookie season, chances are, you'll find Cindy and her girls sitting outside WalMart or other local businesses selling cookies as they work towards their goal.
(CICERO SERVICE CENTER)

Melinda Wittwer is a Girl Scout Junior troop leader in the Boonville area in Service Unit 210. Melinda is a team player and is always ready to help with the girls, support volunteers and her service unit and is a positive role model in the community. If help is needed with product sales, Melinda is one of the first to assist and help in any way she can. She has helped the unit plan wonderful trips for the girls such as to Hershey Park and this year to Boston. Melinda has been involved for many years and has taken training to help support the unit and allow the girls and their leaders to participate in such fun activities as camping. Melinda is a shining example of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. We thank her for her many years of service and hope she will continue to be a mentor for many more years to come! Thank you Melinda!
(NEW HARTFORD SERVICE CENTER)

Lynda Wright has done so much for so many girls not only in her troop, but she is a co-leader to another troop and a mentor to several others. Her troop does some very creative and fun activities utilizing the Girl Scout Journeys! She organized her troop to read books to the nursing home patients and they have also made Christmas cards and sang carols to them. Lynda has invited other troops that didn't have the proper training to join hers to go camping so the other girls do not miss out. She also spent countless hours planning and organizing many meetings, activities and fun adventures. Some examples are bowling, day trips to the land fill and most importantly many camping trips. Lynda is patient, compassionate and caring. She always goes above and beyond what is expected of her and she is enthusiastic about it. Her hard work and dedication to the girls is priceless
(PHELPS SERVICE CENTER)

Council staff will be choosing a volunteer from each service center's area each month. Look for the June 2013 Volunteers of the month in a few weeks! Volunteers may also submit nominations for Volunteer of the Month by contacting your council representative.