



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

*Congratulations to the following volunteers!
Look for the next Volunteer of the Month feature in the fall. Enjoy your summer!*

Meghan Barbay is a troop leader in the Waterfalls Service Unit. Her troop is active, and plans and participates in many activities. Meghan has offered her help to Girl Scouting in many ways this year. She has become a trained volunteer facilitator. She has offered to plan and has helped implement numerous service unit and council sponsored program events. She is helping with spring recruitment and has recently taken on the position of volunteer recruiter, which will help us spread the message of Girl Scouting throughout Seneca County. It is clear that Meghan values Girl Scouting. And for all of this we recognize her as our volunteer of the month.

(PHELPS SERVICE CENTER)

Kate Beckage is an outstanding Girl Scout Leader and the Indian Trails Service Unit Purchasing Coordinator. The Indian Trails Service Unit, consisting of Fort Drum and the surrounding communities, is a growing Girl Scout unit. The growth they have experienced in the past three years is directly attributed to their volunteers. Kate is a wonderful role model and mentor for new leaders, guiding them through the leadership program of Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways, Inc. In her role as purchasing coordinator, Kate provides financial leadership to the newer volunteers, tracking the service unit's purchases and payments of Girl Scout materials. Kate exemplifies strong leadership skills and volunteerism to her troop of 4th and 5th grade girls, encouraging them to experience new opportunities and challenges. The Indian Trails Service Unit is very fortunate to have Kate as an important part of their team!

(WATERTOWN SERVICE CENTER)

Melanie Dunn has been a volunteer in the Jamesville Dewitt Service Unit for many years. After her girls graduated from high school and went off to college she was left wondering how she could stay involved in Girl Scouting. I invited her to meet the girls we were working with at the Butternut Community Center. She came to a few meetings and fell in love with the girls. She graciously assumed the troop leadership role and has been happily meeting with them since. She has engaged the moms in the troop to be a little more involved, has maintained the relationship with the community center, and will be taking the girls on their first overnight this summer. Not only has she taken on this troop, she's also become a valuable member of the Syracuse Service Unit and actively supports the work they do.

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Chrystina Fatula of Pegasus Service Unit, has been a stellar volunteer. Being a Girl Scout herself growing up, she understands the importance and value of Girl Scouts in our changing world. After her Marine Corp. service, Chrystina volunteered as an adult advisor in the Studio 2B program. What a positive role model for the older girls! She took the girls on many adventures, including extended trips. Fast forward a couple of years and now she's a leader of her daughter's troop. As expected, the troop is extremely active with "fun" being a requirement. Recently, Chrystina took on the service team position of program coordinator. Chrystina has been a driving force in the service unit, recruiting girls and adults for open positions. She is the one who gives reminders for adult recognition nominations. She is the one who hears the words "we need...", brainstorms ideas and forms a plan of action. She knows how to motivate and take on leadership with a team approach. With Chrystina on the Team, girls are inspired to truly do "anything". Thank you Chrystina! You are an awesome volunteer and we can't wait to see where the girls go with your leadership!

(HORSEHEADS SERVICE CENTER)

The New Hartford Service Center had a nomination for volunteer on the month for a team that co-leads Girl Scout Brownie Ttroop #20225 in Service Unit 242 – Kirkland/Clinton. We are pleased to honor both **Crystal Howe** and **Kelly English** this month. Kelly not only works with the Brownie troop to ensure the girls have a wonderful experience, she also has taken on the responsibility of service unit treasurer. She has done a wonderful job with both tasks. Her nominator states she is always willing to help in anyway and her Girl Scout spirit is in all she does! Crystal is also a great role model for her girls. Her willingness to listen to what the girls want and implementing programs and troop activities to address their ideas is what makes their troop girl led! The girls have experienced marching in parades, caroling, tea parties, pottery at the Kirkland Art Center, ice skating, sleepovers, as well as finding joy in serving their town with Community Clean Up days. Her nominator states that she even plans events they can walk to so they can learn something new while walking. What great role models of what teamwork can accomplish!! Thank you Crystal and Kelly for all you do for your girls, the service unit and Girl Scouts of NYPENN Pathways!!

(NEW HARTFORD SERVICE CENTER)

Kally Schoenfeldt is a leader for Girl Scout Brownie Troop 30245 in Vestal, NY. Kally recently planned a trip for her Girl Scouts to head to Philadelphia, PA. The girls were able to check out all the hot spots as well as learn about all the rich history. This was such a great experience for the girls. The troop has also worked really hard on a take action project. You can check out their project at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QYquhn7OM>. Kally is creative and it shows! Kally is a wonderful leader and we are very excited for her to be volunteer of the month.

(JOHNSON CITY SERVICE CENTER)

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