

Volunteer Voices



Yvette Leblanc Lucas was in Girl Scouts from first grade through her senior year. She re-registered as an adult in 2007 and became troop leader to Troops 402 and 2232. Yvette wanted to share her legacy with her own daughters, "Girl Scouts is such an integral part of whom I grew up to be. I volunteered because I wanted to show my own girls what scouts meant to me. I want to share my passion with them. I want my own girls to meet new friends, try new things and become leaders of their own lives."

Yvette still remembers in her youth being selected to go on a Wider Opportunity (today they are called Destinations), "When I was about 14, I was selected to attend a Wider Op in New York at the Edit Macy Conference Center. I flew on a plane all by myself there and back. I was so excited to be selected as well as travel across the US on my own. I made so many wonderful memories and friends with whom I still stay in contact." As an adult she enjoys watching the girls grow and learn, "I see the girls becoming more independent and willing to try new things. I love the expression on a girl's face when she tries something for the first time and is successful. The pride shows ... priceless." She says that is important to ask for help from others and believes that it encourages engagement from the parents and the girls in the planning process and when carrying out activities. As for what she tells outsiders about Girl Scouts, "Girl Scouts is an adventure and you can make it what you want it to be."

