

Volunteer Voices



Rolanda Latour is the troop leader for Troop 2703 in Service Unit 205. Although she had no desire to volunteer at first, she has grown to love being a leader, she says, "I was asked to be an assistant; I thought okay that won't be too hard. It turned out to be very rewarding to work with my daughter and the girls. The next year I stepped up and took the lead as their leader." Her daughter was a Brownie at the time and is now a Cadette. She has girls from all age levels in her troop and plans to be here for many more years to come.

Rolanda says there are too many wonderful memories to pick just one favorite moment, but she adds, "I have seen girls (my daughter included) join Girl Scouts and be very quiet, shy and reserved. After a couple of meetings, they are taking charge and helping, interacting in our community service projects. They had confidence in being themselves." She tells others that Girl Scouts is a wonderful opportunity to build girls' self-esteem. It is a place where they can visualize and realize the people they want to become, and what they can do to change things that matter to them. Her advice to other volunteers is to reach out and meet other volunteers. Communication is important and, "One mind is great, but together we are brilliant!"

