

Award	Criteria	Examples
Appreciation Pin	<p>Recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which had a measurable impact on one geographic area of service, helping the council reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.</p> <p>A nominator and 1 endorser</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: Sara goes above and beyond when serving our community. She takes her roles seriously and goes above and beyond to help anyone and everyone no exceptions. Sara takes the cookie cupboard volunteer to a whole new level. I expect nothing less than exceptional service to the people to help girls reach goals and help parents, troop leaders, and new TCCs with every aspect of the "cookie verse".</p> <p>Well Written: Sara goes above and beyond when serving our community. Whether it's the daily tasks of running the Service Unit or the 24-hour on-call for cookie assistance. Sara takes the cookie cupboard volunteer role to a whole new level, by helping girls from all over reach their cookie goals by ensuring all girls have the cookies they need. This year she hosted a cookie cupboard, provided training for leaders, helped girls reach their goals, and helped parents, troop leaders, and new TCCs with every aspect of the "Cookie-verse".</p>
Honor Pin	<p>Recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, which has had a measurable impact on two or more geographic areas of service, allowing the council to reach and surpass its mission-delivery goals.</p> <p>A nominator and 1 endorser</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: Kim has been an active Yorba Linda Service Unit member for many years. She is instrumental in the success of heading up and operationalizing the Yorba Linda Day Camp every year, even during the pandemic. Kim serves as one of the mentors for leaders in the service unit. She is always willing to help answer a question, provide feedback and suggestions, or give a helping hand.</p> <p>Well Written: During the cookie season, Kim leads in opening the Yorba Linda cupboard so other troops can pick up extra cookies without having to drive to the Irvine HQ. Throughout the year, Kim supports additional Service Unit events. Without Kim, Yorba Linda and all cities that benefit from YL Day Camp may have to find another camp to go to. She took over the program because of her leadership and people skills. The day camp has been building back up to its former numbers. She is a driving force for the girl-led experience. Many of the programs are fully led by girls and several more girls are staying with the camp as adult leaders after graduation.</p>
Thanks Badge I	<p>Recognizes an individual whose service to the organization has been outstanding and is so significantly over and above the call of duty that no other award would be appropriate. Additionally, the nominee's service must have benefited the total Council or the entire Girl Scout organization. The highest award is given in Girl Scouting.</p> <p>A nominator and 2 endorsers</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: Mary has been a registered Girl Scout for 28 years and is the epitome of what Girl Scouts stands for. Mary was a Brownie Girl Scout and a Junior Girl Scout. In 2000, she rejoined Girl Scouts as an adult when her daughter became a Daisy Girl Scout. Mary was her daughter's co-leader for 13 years and proudly wears her Gold Award Parent Pin. Mary thought her scouting days were behind her, but she returned in 2018 as a Service Unit Lead.</p> <p>Well Written: Mary's leadership and innovativeness have been a vital part of our Service Unit. Mary's energy, knowledge, leadership, and passion for Girl Scouts revitalized Rancho Portola and created a strong team. Mary recruited new members, leaders, and team members, but also organized recruitments at every Family Fun Night, Back to School Night and School Book Sale at the elementary schools within our service unit. Mary has also shared her passion and skills with GSOC as a GSOC Delegate, GSOC Alternate Delegate, She is a Girl Scout Champion, and has been a Mystery House during cookie sales for many years. She has been an active member of several GSOC Committees including the Recruitment group that influences recruitment tactics and suggests service unit and troop incentives, the Service Unit Advisory Group that helped influence the new 3 Lead role descriptions and revised Service Unit Roster roles, and an active South County Regional Service Unit Manager member attending monthly meetings, and other regional Service Unit Managers prior to the pandemic.</p>
Thanks Badge II	<p>Recognizes an individual who has already received the Thanks I Badge and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.</p> <p>Nominee has received Thanks Badge I</p> <p>A nominator and 2 endorsers</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: Lisa is such a positive person, and she enjoys empowering our girl scouts and believes in our mission. She is constantly putting into practice our promise in law. We need more volunteers like Lisa who are constantly advocating for Girl Scouts and want to build girls of courage, confidence, and character.</p> <p>Well Written: As a member of the GSOC Gold Award Support Team, Lisa continues to support OC Girl Scouts who "go gold" and always puts the girls first. She communicates clearly, concisely, and positively with girls, parents, volunteers and other members of the Gold Award Support Team. Lisa has been a valued member of GSOC for over 50 years. Her contributions have continued to make a significant difference in many ways. Lisa conducted statistical analyses of the data collected for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. The data shows trends by community, age level and interest. The data collected can be used by several GSOC departments from Fund Development to Girl Experience. Additionally, Lisa is part of the Global Action Team and works with staff and volunteers to support girls on connecting globally through GSOC's participation in the UN's Commission on the Status of Women, Destinations, celebration of Global Action Days, and council travel patrols.</p>
President's Award	<p>Recognizes the efforts of a community team or program delivery team for moving its assigned area or audience toward achieving the council's goals during a fiscal or membership year.</p> <p>A nominator</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: The Lake Forest Day Camp Leadership Team is responsible for many decisions required to create a memorable summer week for young Scouts and is made up of adults and girls because of the girl-led nature of our day camp. The Team requires a strong working relationship built of good communication, knowledge, and trust of each individual and their position, good coaching from the adults and encouragement to help ensure it is girl-led, and strong leadership abilities from the Youth Directors.</p> <p>Well Written: The Lake Forest Day Camp Leadership Team invited older girls from surrounding service units to help plan the event and invited the younger scouts to participate. In the last few years, with the pandemic shadowing every decision, the team was one of the few that still planned and held a Day Camp. They work hard to ensure the camp is filled with meaningful activities, from badge work suitable to multiple scouting levels, including journey work, and even allowing the older scouts to earn their leadership awards. I volunteered at camp this year for the first time and was blown away by how smoothly everything went. This team tackled the challenges imposed by COVID and the new requirements to have sufficient car space for every scout in case of an emergency evacuation. They worked hard and made this camp a memorable experience for all the campers. So much of the culture of Day Camp is created by the teamwork of the Leadership Team, and these nominees have come together to create a magical experience that the younger Scouts will forever remember and pay forward when they grow into Camp Aides and Senior Girls.</p>
Volunteer of Excellence	<p>Recognizes an individual who has contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through the National Program Portfolio OR who has contributed exceptional service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.</p> <p>A nominator</p>	<p>Needs Additional Information: Samantha is a go-getter and she believes in our Girl Scout Mission. She collaborates with our Service Unit and is a true leader. Samantha's passion exudes through our service unit. She leads by example and works well with the Service Unit and our stakeholders.</p> <p>Well Written: Samantha has really stepped up to assist our new leaders. She contacts them directly, explains how the SU works, and provides them with countless resources, tips, and tricks. We recently had several new troops join, including one at a couple of elementary schools where we have not had troops for the last couple of years. Samantha connected with them to help them not feel overwhelmed and to best prepare them for the Girl Scout year. Samantha has also worked to maintain our social media site and keep all leaders up to speed on the calendar, meeting dates, slides from the council, and pictures of SU activities. She is actively working to migrate this site to a new platform as the current platform is closing down.</p>