

# **2024 GSSJC ANNUAL MEETING**



# Call to Order

Callie Day



# Flag Ceremony

Alexandria Gomez- Troop 316521 Abigail Gomez- Troop 152016 Mackenzie Christopherson- Troop 152119 Preethi Diya Bhagavatula- Troop 152119



#### Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Preethi Diya Bhagavatula- Troop 152119

Melinda Reeves and Isis Rhone

# **Girl Scout Promise**

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God and my country,

To help people at all times,

And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

Girl Scout Law

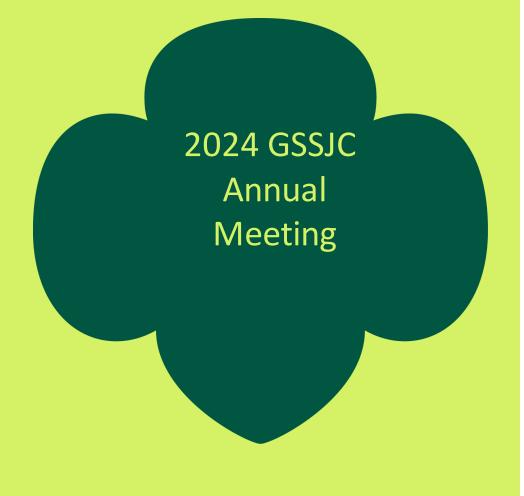
I will do my best to be: honest and fair, friendly and helpful, considerate and caring, courageous and strong, and responsible for what I say and do, And to respect myself and others, respect authority, use resources wisely,

make the world a better place,

and be a sister to every Girl Scout.

# Invocation

### Alexandria Gomez, Troop 316521



# Agenda

- State of the Council
- Mission Moment: Equitation
- Stewardship Report
- Registrar Report
- Board Slate and Election
- Community Recognitions & Panel Discussion
- Mission Moment: Mariners
- Election Results and Installation

# State of the Council



Mary Vitek Chief Executive Officer GSSJC



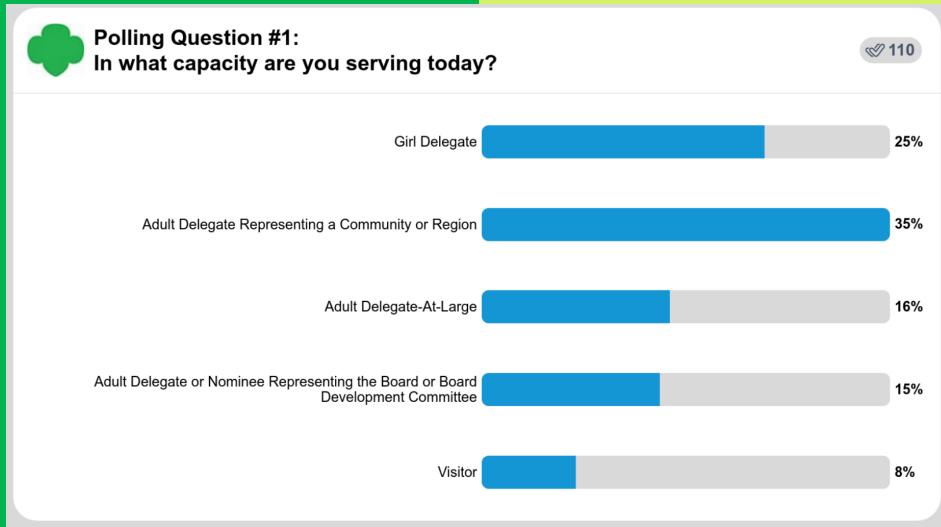
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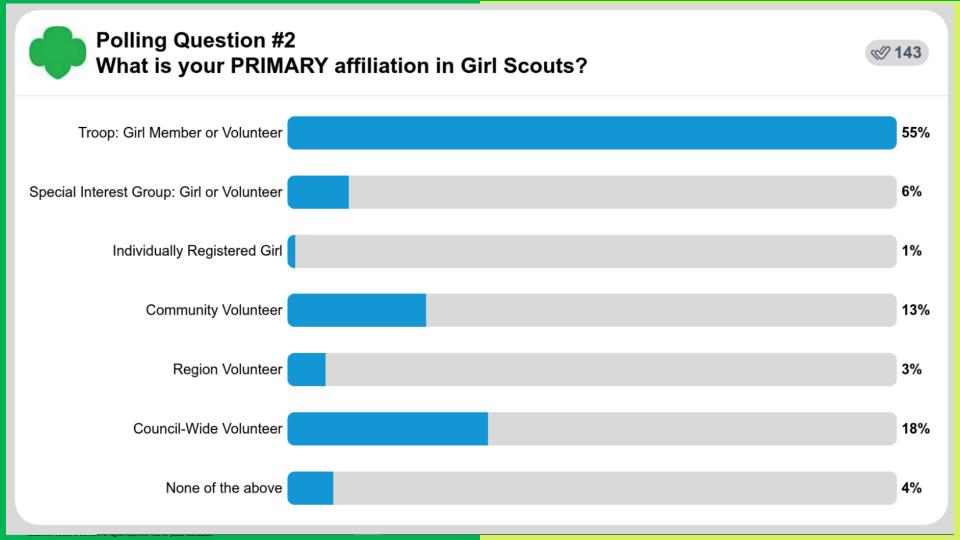
# Polling Instructions

Text **GSSJC** to **22333** to connect to our polling system.

Once confirmed, you'll be able to participate in today's poll questions

Have a question? Text (832)-308-8344 anytime during today's Annual Meeting





# State of the Council

### Agenda

- Membership Year 2023 Highlights
- Membership Year 2024 Highlights
- Looking Ahead: Ten-Year Property Strategy Actions
- Focus on Improving the Volunteer Experience-Continuing the Conversation





## Membership Year 2023 <u>Girls</u> 38,514



Membership Year 2023 <u>Adults</u> 16,804



Membership Year 2023 <u>Total Members</u> 55,318 9.5 % increase #2 in the nation!

#### Badges Earned- FY23



### OUTDOORS 20,437





20,139

**STEM** 



#### ENTREPRENUERSHIP

24,605



LIFE SKILLS 30,038

Total: 95,219 (34% increase)



### Highest Awards- MY23

# 1,133 girls earned their highest awards in MY23

(8.3% decrease)





Camp Utilization 65%

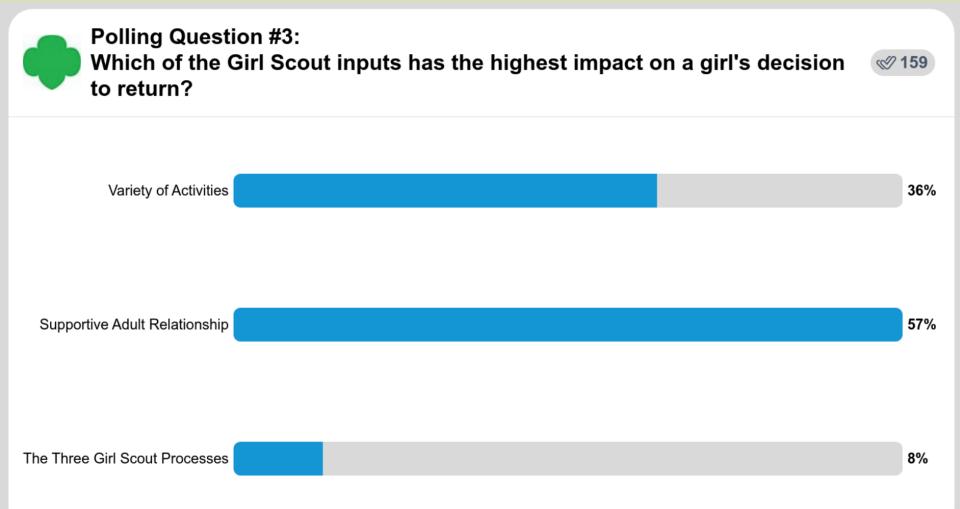
More than 7200 volunteers are camp certified!



#### The Girl Scout Leadership Experience (GSLE)

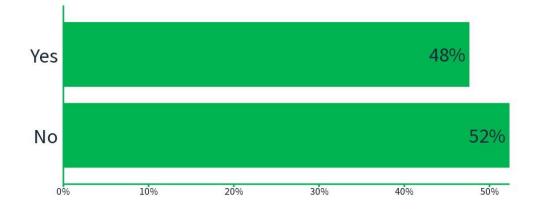


Regular meetings / activities | Emotionally & physically safe space | Girl Scout traditions



### 2023 National Council Session Update

# Do you think we should amend the Promise and Law to use more potent, actionable language?



#### 2026 National Council Session Washington, D.C.

#### July 20-25, 2026 Application coming in Summer 2024 Golden Link



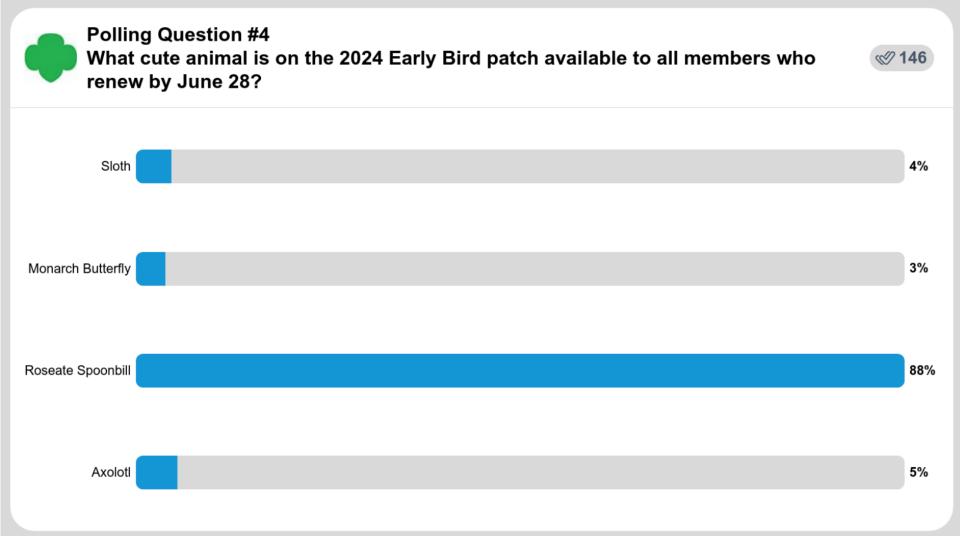






### 2024 Membership

We are now 7 months into the 2024 membership year and on track for a strong finish. We are currently 4.5% ahead from this date last year!







<u>2025 Early Bird</u> <u>Campaign</u>

April 1-June 28

\$20 off Lifetime Memberships!

#### 2024 Cookie Program

- Participating Girls: 15,210 (1% increase)
- Cases Sold: 312,953 (7.4% decrease)
- Per Girl Average: 247
- Introduced Shipping Promotion
- Let's talk Digital Cookie!





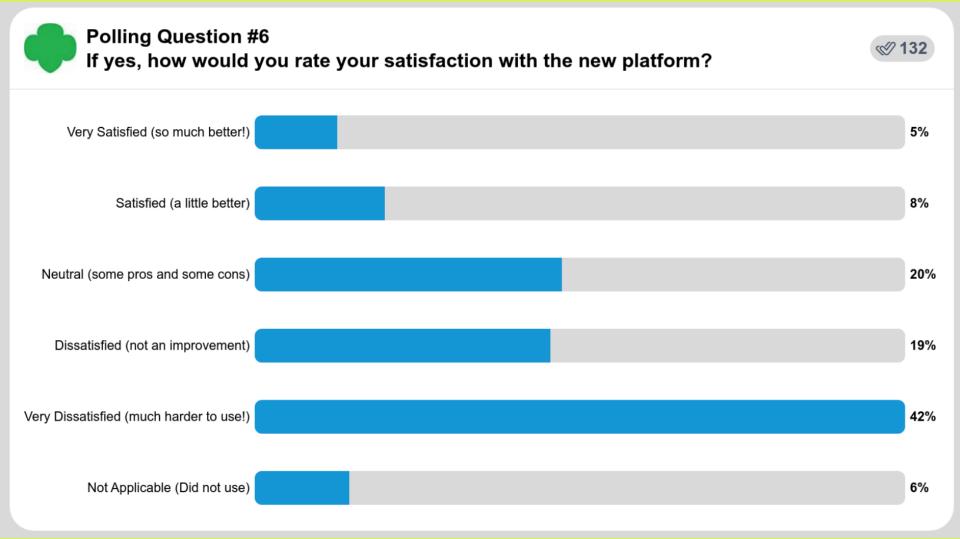


Yes

32%

68%

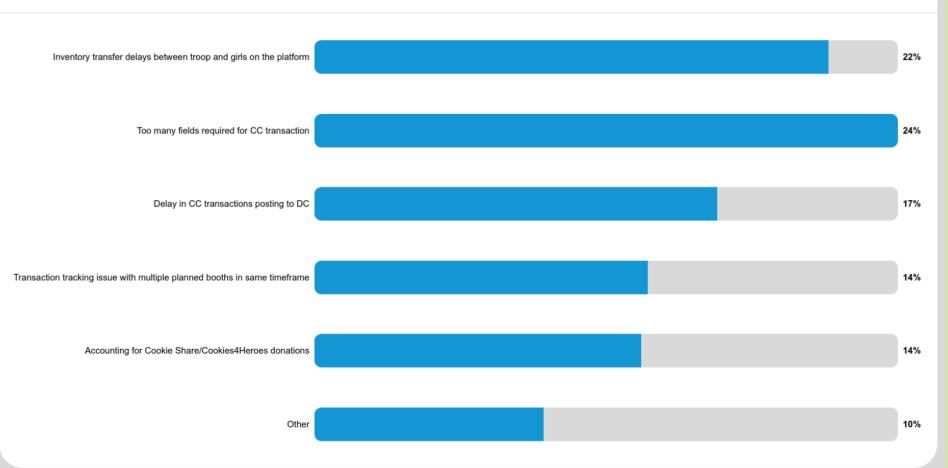
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#### Polling Question #7 Continuing ... Which of the following pain points affected you (choose all that apply)?





# Program Updates: Girl Scout Experience Box

Starting a new Daisy troop has never been easier!



#### New Mental Wellness Patches!



#### Knowing my Emotions

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## Program Updates: Discover Aviation Patch





#### Summer Camp 2024

Currently Day and Overnight Camp are 69% to goal.

Overnight camp leads the way at 82% to goal with several sessions already filled.

We can't wait to see everyone at camp this summer!

## Polling Question #8

How many San Jacinto camps have you visited during your time as a Girl Scout?

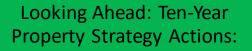
(Response between 0 - 9)

#### Decide your answer with the list on the right and ENTER ON NEXT SLIDE!



Agnes Arnold Casa Mare Galveston Bay House Misty Meadows Ranch Pryor Robinwood Silver Springs Whispering Pines Wind-A-Mere

#### Polling Question #8 **150** How many San Jacinto camps have you visited during your time as a Girl Scout? Zero 2% One 7% Two 11% Three 13% Four 11% Five 10% Six 19% Seven 11% Eight 8% Nine 9%



Southern Camps

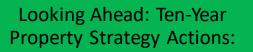
Wind-a-mere

#### Join us for a closing campfire on Sunday, April 28



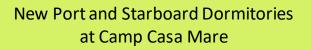




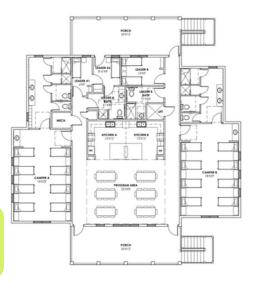


Southern Camps:

CASA MARE







#### Key features of the new dorms:

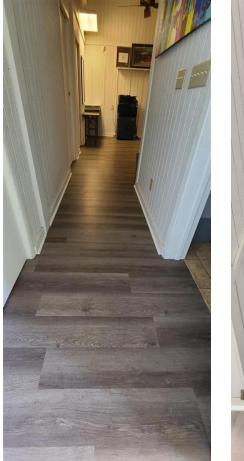
- 9,300 sq.ft. per dorm
- Program rooms
- Laundry rooms
- Lifts for accessibility
- Kitchens (1 per side)
- Separate sleeping rooms and bathrooms to accommodate up to 40 campers and adults per dorm
- Air conditioning
- Covered patios

Looking Ahead: Ten-Year Property Strategy Actions:

Southern Camps:

LAKE JACKSON







Looking Ahead: Ten-Year Property Strategy Actions: Northern Camps:

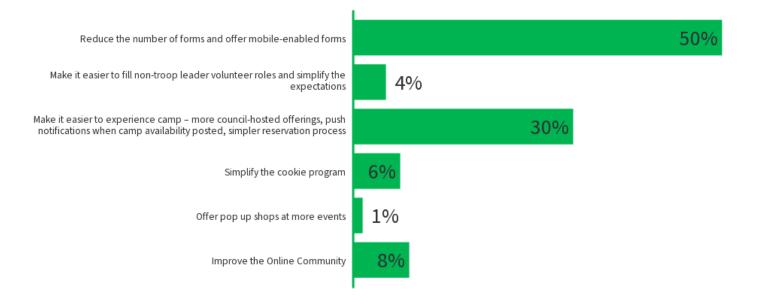
Northern camps

Agnes Arnold

#### New Target Sports Complex at Camp Agnes Arnold



## If you had to pick one topic for the council to focus on, which of the following would be the top priority:





#### Forms Update

Removed over 200 forms and documents and others have been consolidated, resulting in a 50% reduction of forms on our website!



#### Camp Access

Doubled council-hosted events and workshops in first half of the year.

Coming in June: Jotform version of F-127 Camp Reservation Form!



#### Coming Soon:

#### Volunteer Mobile App!

- Electronic permission slips and forms
- Training, certifications, recognitions tracking and more!

## Coming Up- CLT Panel Discussion









## **Mission Moment**

## Equitation SIG Jyoti Shah and Ellie Day





#### **SPURS AND STARS**

The Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council's leadership and equitation program





S.P.U.R.S.

#### Super People Using Riding Skills

SPURS are girls who help walk troopers through various program opportunities at Misty Meadows Ranch. We guide daisy, brownie, and junior rides, vaulting, love hug and groom, brownie and junior badge workshops, and Misty Ranch Hands.



#### S.T.A.R.S

#### Super Terrific Awesome Scouts

STARS is a program that runs by levels. You learn different topics about horses through the levels as well as progress riding skills too. Once you reach the 4th level, PA training, you become a PA and are able to teach girls all of the knowledge you have gained through each weekend of attending camp.

### SPURS AND STARS SIG Mission Moment





"The S.P.U.R.S. program has had such a positive impact on my life. In 5 years, I have gone from a shy and lonely girl, to a strong and confident young woman. In this program, I have found my true passion in life (equine medicine) and I have made true life long friends" -Aubrey, level 5 SPUR



S.P.U.R.S is such a great program. Before I joined SPURS I was a very shy person and would barely talk to people. SPURS has helped me talk a lot more, I am still a shy person but I love this program and know it will help be become more outgoing"-TJ, level 3 SPUR



#### **IEA** Teams

IEA is an organization that hosts shows in the Western and English discipline. In IEA you draw a random horse you have never ridden before and are expected to perform and show the horse well.

#### Extracurriculars



### Vaulting

Vaulting can be described as gymnastics on horseback. Girls on this team come to practice to learn compulsories and make up a freestyle routine to compete with at competitions.



### Parade Team

The parade team is made up of level 3,4,and 5 SPURS and STARS PA's. Level 3 SPURS can be ground crew on this team. They support the level 4 & 5s that ride on horseback representing the council in the Willis and HLSR parades.

## Stewardship Report

## Jay Lewis



## Stewardship Report- Jay Lewis, Treasurer



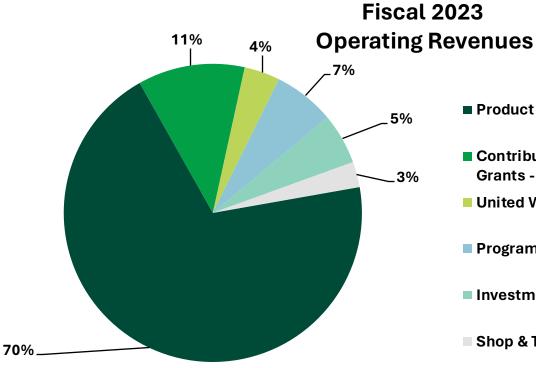
#### The Operating Statement

- Expenses
- Revenues

**Net Assets** 

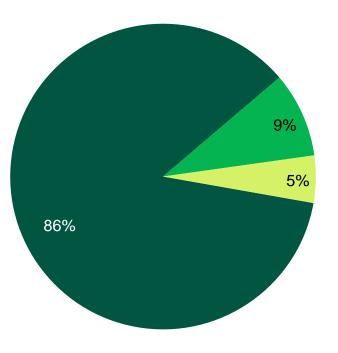
Looking Back

Looking Forward



- Product Sales, net \$12.6M
- Contributions (Other than United Way) and Government Grants - \$2.1M
- United Way Contributions \$.7M
- Program Service Fees \$1.2M
- Investment and Other \$1M
- Shop & Trading Post Sales, net \$.5M

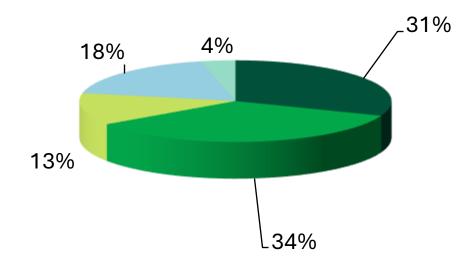
#### **Fiscal 2023 Operating Expenses**



- Girl Scout Leadership Experience \$16.5M
- Management & General \$1.7M
- Fundraising \$.9M

Other Expenditures: Capital expenditures -\$979,000

#### Net Assets as of August 31, 2023



- Land, Buildings & Equipment, net \$14.9M
- Undesignated (General Expenditures) \$16.6M
- Board Designated \$6.1M
- With Donor Restrictions (Endowments) \$8.8M
- With Donor Restrictions (Programs & Facility Improvements) \$1.7M

#### Looking back:

Pre-pandemic we were in a strong financial position.



After March 2020, we received federal grant support and the generous donation from the MacKenzie Scott Foundation to support recovery and to continue our mission.

The cookie program grew in 2023 to 337,000 cases compared to 307,000 cases in 2022.

Our current year cookie program came in at 313,000 cases.

1,499 troops earned \$3,421,000 in 2024 compared to \$3,073,000 in 2023 from the cookie program (avg \$2,282/troop).

977 troops earned \$698,000 in fall 2024 compared to \$710,000 in fall 2023 (avg \$714/troop).

#### Looking forward:

Operating reserves are still strong.

Strong cash position.



FY 2024 operating budget is cash flow neutral (break-even) after \$400k allocation of Scott funds.

Higher earnings on our operating and rainy-day funds are helping to offset inflationary pressures.

Inflation rates are predicted to continue to flatten back towards "normal" rates, however, the impact of prior year increases will continue to be a challenge, especially in employee costs, utilities and insurance premiums.

Endowment accounts are almost fully recovered from the 2022 market downturn.

Registrar Report Keely Kole

Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Annual Meeting April 20, 2024

# Adoption of Standing Rules, Consent Agenda, and Minutes Approval

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## **Presentation of Slate**

## Rhonda Smith

Board Development Committee

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# Candidates for Officers of the Board of Directors



#### Jane Gasdaska

#### Vice Chair (two-year term)



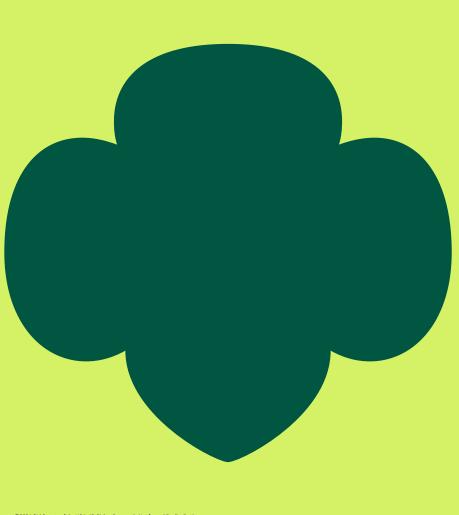


James Lewis

#### Treasurer (two-year term)



Candidates for board members-at-large (two-year term)



## Erin Abbey





### Ann Deaton





### Shelly deZevallos, Ed.D.





## Jigna Bhakta





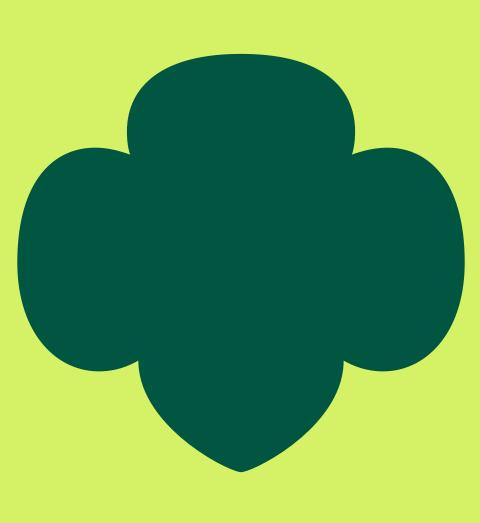
#### MeiPo Ho





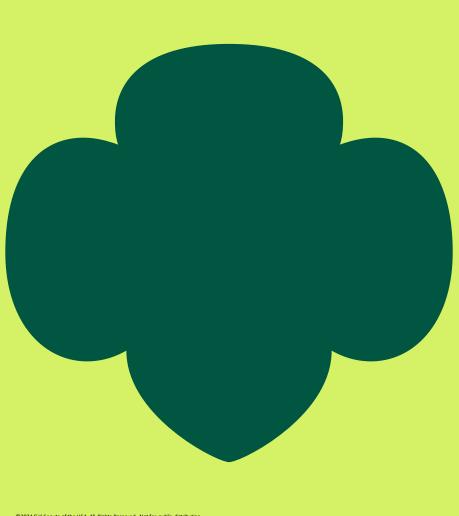
### Audrey Ogawa Johnson





### Candice Koederitz





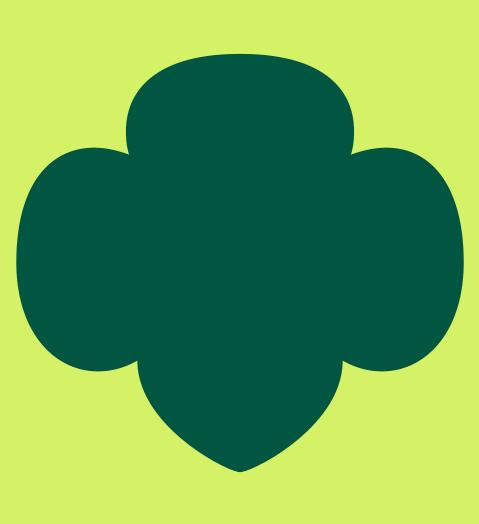
### Judy Moses





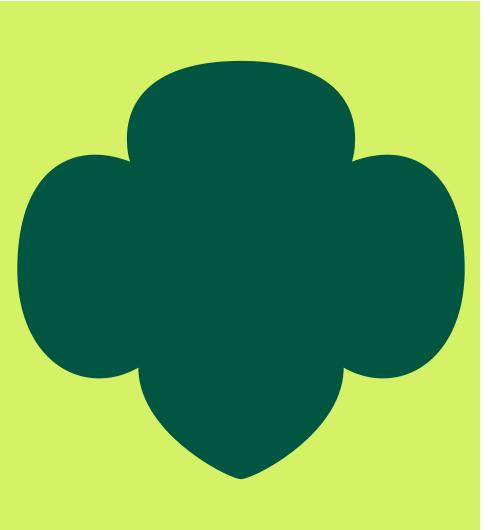
### Cassandra Mott





### Anne E. Neeson





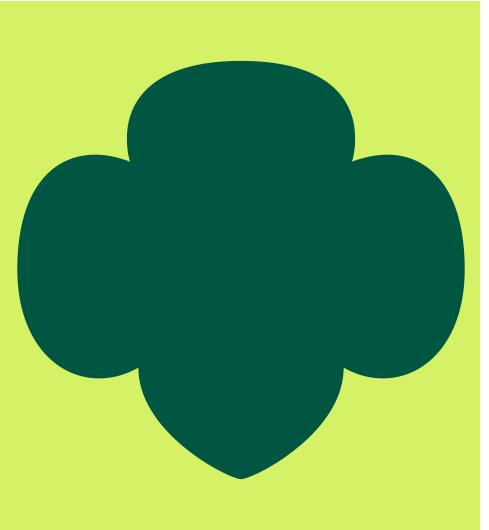
### Kelly Oden-Prasser





### Holden Rushing





### Amanda Vavilala



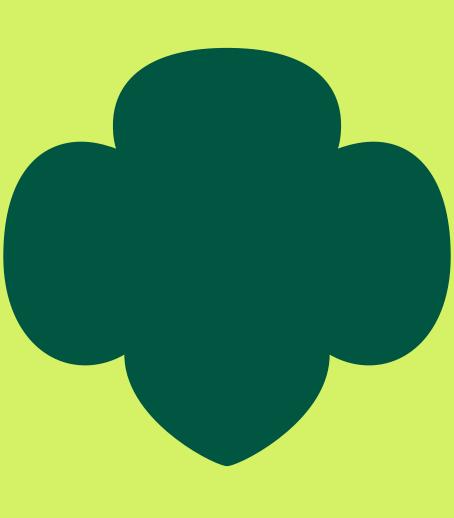


### Sarah DeJay Willis



Candidates for Board Development Committee

(three-year term)



### Samina Farid





### Marty Lundstrom





### Tracey A. Prince



# Election

2024 GSSJC Annual Meeting April 20, 2024

# 2024 President's Award Recipients

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## **Buffalo Trail**

# Colony Creek

# **Emerald Oaks**

# Gulf Meadows

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## Klein Trails

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## Lone Star Treasures

# Lone Star Trails

# **Shooting Stars** V V

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## Stargazers

# Woodland Trails

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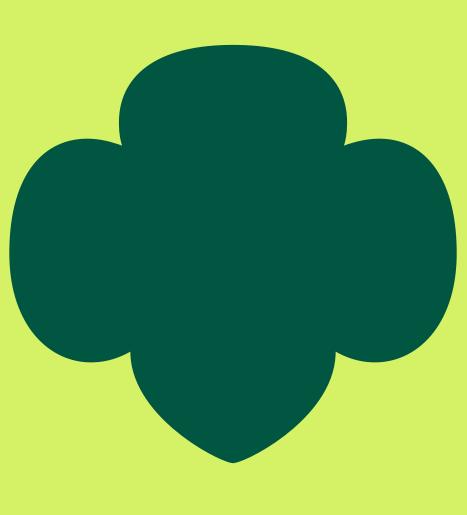
### Yellow Rose

# Community Recognitions



## 100% Total Girl Goal Communities

Membership Year 2024



### 100% Total Girl Goal

Magnolia Blossom Hills Spring Creek Trails Cypress Bend Copper Creek Meadows **Rose Petals** Tall Pines Hill **Gulf Meadows** Willow Rock Yellow Rose Heart of the Brazos Wharton County Bay Pals



# 100% Retained Girl Goal Communities

Membership Year 2024



### 100% Retained Girl Goal

Tannybo Magnolia Blossom Hills Spring Creek Trails Lone Star Trails Woodland Trails Wildflowers **Rainbow Trails Emerald Oaks** Rainbow's End Tall Pines Hill Harmony Creek Western Horizon Way Out West



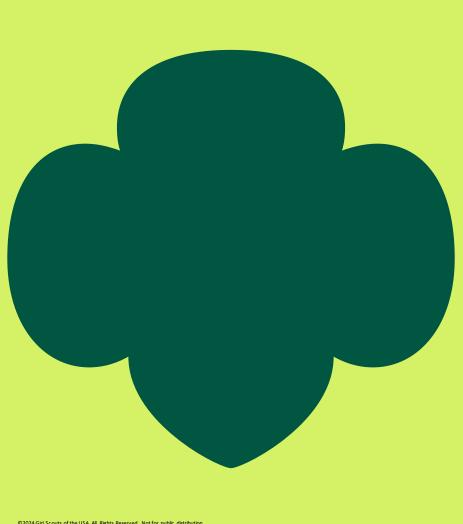
### 100% Retained Girl Goal (Continued)

**Golden** Coast East Enders Crystal Cove **Gulf Meadows** Stargazers **Shooting Stars** Willow Rock **Buffalo** Trail Yellow Rose Heart of the Brazos Bay Pals Colony Creek



# 100% New Girl Goal Communities

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# **Community Leadership Team Panel Discussion** and Q&A

### Mission Moment: Olivia Dittrich Mariners









# Installation

2024 GSSJC Annual Meeting April 20, 2024



### Oath of Office

I solemnly promise that I will, to the best of my ability, faithfully perform all the duties belonging to the office for which I have been elected.

I promise to uphold the standards of the Girl Scout Promise and Law and to always be mindful of what is in the best interest of the girls in this Council.

I pledge to support the mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place and also to support the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging.

### Thank You!



### GSSJC Annual Meeting April 20, 2024



