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## **Make New Friends, But Keep The Old** *Girl Scouts Stay Connected After Graduation*

It happens every Spring. Girls graduate from high school and go off to make their way in the world. And every Autumn, College Campuses teem with fresh young faces. For Girl Scout Ambassadors about to make that leap, there are plenty of options for staying connected during college.

In Gainesville, several University of Florida student groups are actively involved with Girl Scouts.

**Alpha Phi Omega**, a co-ed service fraternity facilitates "Fit & Fun Days" at the Gainesville Service Center for local Daisy, Brownie & Junior Girl Scouts.

**Phi Sigma Rho** Engineering sorority facilitates events focusing on math and science for girls (Daisy, Brownie, Junior) as well as "Engineering Day" twice a year.

**Kappa Alpha Theta** sorority has hosted troops of Daisy, Brownie and Junior girls at their sorority house—in events with themes such as Spa and Beauty, Carnival and April Fools. KAT chapter members discuss the importance of good grades and good friends.

**Delta Phi Epsilon** sorority volunteers hosted the popular "Sister Soiree" for

the Community Development Service Unit in Gainesville. DPE members facilitated craft, face painting and jewelry making activities. Members were paired with Daisy & Brownie girls as their "personal buddy" for the evening.

In Jacksonville, **Campus Girl Scouts** at UNF is a very active group. These young women stay connected through Girl Scouting as adult volunteers—bringing their unique perspective on life to young Girl Scouts. Last year they hosted 70+ campers at Autumn Harvest at Seminole Springs. This spring they worked with the Society of Women Engineers to host a car care workshop and "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" day.

Jasmine Stanley is president of the UNF Campus Girl Scouts and has recently been selected to work as one of five members of the Young Alumnae Volunteers with the National board of directors of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Her goal is to create a system to talk with senior Girl Scouts about post-graduation opportunities.

"We will help them figure out how they can stay involved—either through connecting them with Campus Girl Scouts

at their college or starting a group if there isn't one" Stanley said.

She actively promotes Campus Girl Scouts through the group's blog and Facebook group.

"If you are interested in joining the UNF chapter or in creating a chapter at your college, please add me as a friend on Facebook, and join the National Interest Group" she suggests. For more information on connecting with Campus Girl Scouts at UNF, e-mail [gsunf@gmail.com](mailto:gsunf@gmail.com).



*Kappa Deltas help turn the Moroccan Shrine into "A Grecian Dream" for the father-daughter ball*

# What's Happening Around The Council

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Girl Scouts of Gateway Council serves over 18,000 girls and 7,000 adults in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Levy, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Suwannee and Union counties.

We are supported in part by the following agencies: United Way of Northeast Florida, United Way of Putnam County, United Way of St. Johns County, United Way of Volusia-Flagler and United Way of Suwannee Valley.



## Aquatics Weekends

May 15–17, 2009

### Seminole Springs

Are you looking for an adventure? Here is your chance to try something new and exciting. Come out to camp for the weekend and learn a craft of your interest. Canoeing, kayaking, sailing... maybe archery! Who knows you could be in the next World Cup race or the next Olympic Archer. You won't know until you try!

## Reading Camps

June 6–7, 2009

### North Fork

Help young girls and boys improve their reading skills in a week-long day camp. Counselors are trained to lead camps at several locations.



## Smile Camp

June 13–19, 2009

### Location to be announced

A week long residential camp for Seniors and Ambassadors who are trained as counselors to plan and facilitate a day camp for young campers with special needs.



## Summer Resident Camp at Camp Kateri!

June 14 through

July 31, 2009

### Camp Kateri

Check out the 2009 Camp catalog *Your World Unplugged* for everything you need to know about this summer's resident camp.

## Brownie Play Day

June 28, 2009

### Seminole Springs

Meet Brownies from around the council at beautiful Seminole Springs. Activities are planned and led by Program Aides.

## STEM Training

October 3, 2009

### NASA's Kennedy Space Center

Gateway Council will host a STEM training at NASA's Kennedy Space Center.



## SAVE THE DATE

## 2010 Jacksonville Ball

January 23, 2010

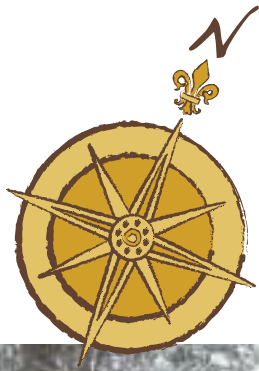
Next year's Father / Daughter dance in Jacksonville will be held on January 23, 2010 so mark your calendars!

For more information on upcoming programs look for details in **DISCOVER** or at [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org)

# Serve to Preserve

Girl Scouts from Columbia Service Unit, Brownie Troop 332 and Junior Troop 17 earned the Governor's Serve to Preserve Award

in Chiefland, Florida. They learned about Florida's ecosystem, the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge and the animals that make their home in it. They performed hands on cast seine nets, learned about the native Americans that lived in the coastal area and the history of the shell mounds.



## Destinations!

Travel and Adventure Just For Girl Scouts



For Girl Scouts ages 11–17, Destinations go beyond the troop/group experience to give girls broader perspectives on the world around them. These events, sponsored by Girl Scout councils, Girl Scouts of the USA, and other collaborators, are open to all Girl Scouts who meet the qualifications.

Emily Richards of Jacksonville traveled to Minnesota for a dog sledding Destinations. Emily traded her flip flops for parkas and skis training at the Outward Bound base camp before heading out on a 6 day ski and dog sledding trip.



Emily and her new friends took turns skiing and mushing during the day. At night they took care of the dogs and put up their own tarps.



After a 6 day frozen adventure Emily learned more about herself and how strong she could be. "I never will feel the way I felt standing in boundary waters Minnesota, looking up at the stars and listening to the dogs in the night."

For more information about how to apply for Destinations visit: [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org) or call **Cari Holland** at (904) 291-0648.

# COOKIES 4 a change

The annual Girl Scout Cookie activity is much more than a sale. It's a way for girls to earn money to realize their dreams, and it's a hands-on leadership and financial literacy program that helps them learn the benefits of teamwork, planning and goal-setting.

Girl Scout Senior Troop 888 from Atlantic Beach funds all troop activities with proceeds from cookie sales so the girls have never had to ask their parents to fund any project, trip or event. Cookie sales have allowed the girls to go camping, take leadership training courses, plan and facilitate a Health & Fitness Festival for younger girls and do a High Ropes Adventure course.



"We have a treasurer in our troop. She helps us keep track of our money. We spend it on necessary provisions for camping, and if we want to do an activity we check to see if we have enough money," says Louise Burton.

"We are planning to go on a cruise, where we will earn two interest patches." Says Hanna Hullender.

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1216 from Neptune Beach learned financial planning and budgeting early on to make sure they were doing the right thing with their Girl Scout Cookie proceeds.



The girls agreed to save 10% for local service projects and last year donated toys to Smile Camp. The girls also put 20% into long term savings for future projects and 70% is spent on activities—like a trip to Savannah Georgia, to visit the birthplace of Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low.

"We stressed the importance of setting aside monies for registration and troop maintenance, to establish proceeds before spending." Said troop leader Deanne Dunlop.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 201 in Sawamish splits their Cookie Proceeds between troop expenses and fun trips and activities. The girls suggest events for the year in the fall and vote on two or three to do. With that in mind the girls plan a budget for each event to figure out that year's cookie goals.

Incorporating badges and service projects into each event the girls spend most the year helping others. At the end of the year the girls plan a "Sweet Rewards" event; last year this meant spending 3 days at the Fernandina Little House where they worked on the Fernandina Beach Patch,

the Flora and Fauna Patch, and the Native American Patch.

Girl Scout Senior Troop 5 in Mandarin Meadows planned a "Cookie Rally" for Girl Scouts in their area. At the rally girls learned about the Gift of Caring: Imagine if we can change the world... one homeless child at a time benefiting the clients of the Sulzbacher Center in downtown Jacksonville. At the rally a representative from Sulzbacher Center talked to the girls about the children at the center, how they got there, and what Girl Scouts can do to help.

"This is journey we started in August and we're hoping will not end until all girls have gone the 'extra mile,'" said Mary Young, volunteer Cookie Activity Manager for Mandarin Meadows.



# Fall Product Sale Kudos!

**KUDOS** and **THANKS** to the 561 troops and families who supported the council's 4th annual Ashdon Farms/QSP Fall Product Sale Activity. Every participant made a difference! For each item sold or address booklet submitted, the revenue generated supports Girl Scouting in Gateway Council. Your efforts resulted in an average of 23 items sold per girl! In addition, 724 girls participated in the Online Magazine Program. This activity allowed girls to email friends and family with information about the magazine sale. Over 1,300 subscriptions were renewed or ordered! Twenty Girl Scouts sold 10 or more magazines.

## Congrats to our top 3 Magazine subscription sellers!

Magazines Sold	Name	Troop #	Service Unit
18	Casey Peterson	1322	Beaches
20	Sage Trunnell	923	Azalea Trails
27	Catherine Hurley	178	Mandarin Meadows

## Congrats to our top Fall Product Sale sellers!

Items Sold	Name	Troop #	Service Unit
125	Kalynda Heck	289	Alapaha
125	Jalicia Thomas	1112	Beaches
125	Gwen Emmethaninz	1251	Bradford Union
125	Daisy Masciale	616	Keystone
125	Katelyn Hall	212	Mandarin Meadows
125	Jennifer Phipps	135	Nassau
125	DaCarrah Odum	1404	Orange Blossom Cove
125	Taylor McArthur	1063	Orange Park
125	Cassidy Pace	87	Twin Hills
126	Sarah Evans	195	Hatchet Creek
126	Aviana Williams	1948	Indigo
126	Samantha Schrader	48	Sawamish
128	Kari Millen	1035	Sawamish
128	Desirai Carr	305	Twin Hills
131	Sara Loveland	1009	Indian Creek
134	Alexis Justice Kinnear	604	Black Creek
137	Ashley Thompson	179	Nassau
139	Emily Daclouche	909	Creeks Cove
140	Morgan Davis	671	Twin Hills
153	Skylar Smith	1211	Carolina Hills
160	Jordan Stewart	13	Nassau
161	Kanazeya Thomas	947	Indian Creek
163	Chante McCray	1249	Bradford Union
171	Cassidy Taylor	1330	Twin Hills



Girl Scouts of Gateway Council has teamed up with The Players Championship "Birdies for Charity" campaign. A contest that

gives you a chance to win some fabulous prizes while supporting the Girl Scouts! To find out more go to [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org) and look for the birdie!



# NATIONAL COUNCIL SESSION

Ten individuals represented Gateway Council at the Girl Scouts National Council Session in 2008. All told, over 9,000 Girl Scouts from throughout the country converged at the event in Indianapolis. Four teen Girl Scouts and two adult volunteers from Gateway Council attended the Girl Scout Leadership Institute, learning from various speakers and presenters and from one another. Two of the girls remained

with the delegation for the council session. Our entire delegation came back reenergized and recommitted to Girl Scouts and knowing that Girl Scouts can and do lead everywhere!



# 2008 GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD RECIPIENTS



**Jordan Benton**, of **Troop 107** in Gainesville, taught dance to children who then performed in the Fifth Avenue Arts Festival. She presented the *Student Choreography Project* to Gainesville's Chance to Dance Community Outreach Program and it was adopted into their afterschool program. *"The most successful aspect of my project was how happy it made the girls who participated."*



**Jessica Brown**, of **Troop 988** in Jacksonville, worked with Community Connections in Jacksonville to develop an afterschool playroom for elementary school children. She collected books and educational toys for the children and redecorated the room to make it more inviting. *"Just seeing the faces on the children when the project was finished... This is why I would like to study to be a teacher."*



**Julia Butler**, of **Troop 320** in Orange Park, led a week long *Vacation Bible School* for kids and volunteers at her church. She also collected donations of school supplies and food for the less fortunate, teaching the children about giving back the community. *"My mom and I both heard this was the best Vacation Bible School the members and their children had here."*

**Katelyn Carter**, of **Troop 897** in St. Augustine, built houses for exotic cats at the St. Augustine Wild Rescue. *"I learned that I actually enjoy building and architecture related activities."*



Jennifer Ciuffetelli

**Jennifer Ciuffetelli & Megan Gillespie**, of **Troop 107** in Gainesville, designed and decorated a recreational room for the homeless at Holy Trinity Church. They painted walls, refurbished furniture and floors, added a TV and organized donations to create a family friendly relaxation area. **Jennifer:** *"I learned that self motivation is the key to accomplishing many tasks."* **Megan:** *"I learned that I'm very handy and that I can accomplish many things when I put my mind to it."*



Megan Gillespie



**Jordan DeCoy**, of **Troop 988** in Jacksonville, developed a sports and fitness area for kids and adults at Community Connections as part of the Girl Scout Healthy Living Initiative. She collected donations of sporting equipment to give kids an opportunity to exercise and have fun. *"I learned that helping kids can be fun—and the kids had fun... being active and becoming more physically fit."*



**Hannah Jones**, of **Troop 5**, renovated a nursery and personalized children's rooms at an orphanage in Poland. She stripped lead paint from cribs and repainted them, decorated the nursery and helped the older children personalize their rooms with fresh paint, wall murals and new bedding. She taught the kids how to sew their own blankets and pillows. *"Traveling to a less fortunate area was extremely humbling. It allowed me to appreciate my family and home."*



**Kelcie Lloyd**, of **Troop 193** in St. Augustine, created a fun place for kids to play at the St. Johns County Courthouse. The existing playroom for children who are testifying in court was not very inviting, so she repainted, built new child accessible shelving, got donations for toys and play tables to make the room more comfortable. *"This project taught me a lot about myself. There were bumps and obstacles along the way, but the final product was just how I wanted it."*





**Hope Olexa**, a **ZIP Girl Scout** in Gainesville, created a *Synchronized Swimming Instructional Kit* for community organizations that

work with children. Kits were used at the 300 Club, Gainesville Community Club Pool, Girl's Club of Alachua County, Worthington Pediatrics, Westside Pool, Lincoln Middle School, St. Patrick Elementary /Middle School, and in an exhibit at the Alachua County Fair. *"This project helped me decide to go into physical therapy as a career. As a physical therapist I will be able to help others learn exercises so they can improve their health and lifestyles."*



**Melinda Picciuolo**, of **Troop 320** in Jacksonville, collected and donated gifts to the New Life Inn Homeless Shelter. With the help of

family, friends and her school, Melinda collected enough gifts for more than 100 homeless people in Jacksonville, and delivered the gift bags to the shelter just before the holidays. *"The fact that I made a difference and made someone feel just a little better was the reward."*



**Sarah Pendergraft**, of **Troop 1294** in Jacksonville, taught teens about Autism. She hosted an ice cream party with crafts for kids living with Autism, and

invited other students at her high school. She created a pamphlet about Autism to be distributed to all the students as well as other community groups. *"I helped brighten a day in the lives of my school's autistic teenagers, which is important."*



**Jennifer Reid**, of **Troop 320** in Jacksonville, collected donations for the Jacksonville Humane Society.

After cleaning and helping landscape the pet cemetery, she organized a donation collection for pet care items. *"So many of my family, friends and neighbors made an effort to help, either by donating items or their time. I learned that I am capable of starting a project that interests me and helps the community as well."*



**Amanda Solomons**, of **Troop 988** in Jacksonville, built bird houses for a Bluebird Habitat. Amanda enlisted the help of children

at the Community Connections center to help her construct and paint bird houses for a park in Marietta.

*"I learned I can complete anything I set my mind to."*



**Carlina Williams**, of **Troop 988** in Jacksonville, helped Community Connections put together a computer lab for children at the center. She

received donations of computers, updated the software and redecorated the computer lab. *"I learned that I really like to help kids and I'm good at working with technology."*



**Jacqueline Wood**, of **Troop 1290** in Hastings, worked with the Family Life Center to promote services for victims of domestic violence

in Flagler County. In addition to designing display boards for the Center, she made flyers in English and Spanish about the effects of domestic violence and how to get help. *"The most successful aspect of my project is that it has already impacted the life of at least one person and will hopefully continue to reach many more people in Flagler County."*

To learn more about the Girl Scout Gold Award, visit us on the web at [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org)

# Grecian Dreams

Father Daughter Ball

Jacksonville 2009 Gainesville





# You Go Girl Scouts!



# SHOUT OUTS & KUDOS

## GIRL SCOUTS ARE DOING GREAT THINGS ALL AROUND GATEWAY COUNCIL!

To feature your accomplishments here, email "Shout Outs" to [communications@girlscouts-gateway.org](mailto:communications@girlscouts-gateway.org) or send to the communications department at the Jacksonville Service Center, 1000 Shearer St, Jacksonville, FL, 32205



*Carolina Hills Service Unit* warmed hearts with their Christmas Caroling event.



*Girl Scouts from St. Augustine Service Unit* collected Christmas gifts to provide 210 foster kids in St Johns County with toys for the holidays. More than 350 Girl Scouts from St. Augustine also enjoyed caroling at the annual *Night of Lights* celebration in down town St. Augustine.



*Troops 1225 and 1215 from Springfield* celebrated the holidays by caroling during the *Springfield Historic Home Tour*. They sang traditional and non-traditional Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanza songs for everyone to enjoy.



*Girl Scout Junior Troop 447 from Lake City* participated in a United Way photo shoot.



*Girl Scouts from Simpson Memorial U.M.C.* in Jacksonville have gone *MAD ABOUT SCIENCE*—shown here at their recent "*Science Madness*" campout at *Camp Kateri*. The group sends a shout out to graduating GS Ambassadors *Danielle Sanders, Loren McClendon and Ashlee Cooper*—three Girl Scout Gold Award recipients who are off to make the world a better place! Congrats!



*Daisy Girl Scout Troop 1225 from Springfield* participated in the *Samartian's Purse Operation Christmas Child* the girls wrapped and decorated shoe boxes with holiday stencils and drawings, then filled them with love and gifts for children in need (*these three went to little girls in Africa*).



Troop 17 from Lake City led the pledge of allegiance at the City Council meeting!



**Girl Scout Troop 728** from **Orange Park** joined girls from 4 other troops and went on a ski trip to **Davis West Virginia** over winter break from school. The girls used product sale proceeds as well as other fundraising ideas to finance the trip that allowed them to connect with other girls from other troops and service units and learn how to ski!



**Girl Scout Junior Katie** and **Girl Scout Cadette Kayla** carry on an important tradition as third generation Girl Scouts. **Great Grandma Ruth** was **Grandma Claudia's** troop leader 75 years ago and now volunteers with Katie and Kayla's troops. They spoke at the troop's Investiture and Rededication Ceremony and help out at Cookie Booths.



Girls from the **Simpson Memorial Troop Cluster** in **Jacksonville** volunteered at the arts and craft station at the **Special Olympics**, and served lunch to attendees.



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 848** from **Jacksonville** went on a nature walk to see how our neighborhood could be cleaner then created flyers to encourage others to be earth-friendly. They also cleaned up the parks around their meeting area and with the help of **TerraCycle Inc.** started a juice pouch recycling program at **John Stockton Elementary**, where most of **the girls in the troop attend.**



**Troop 1146** from **Crossroads Creek** enjoyed reading stories, singing and signing Christmas songs, and sharing joy with residents of **Wyndham Lake's Assisted Living Facility.**



**Girl Scout troops from Eagle Academy** proudly represented **GSGC** at the **Martin Luther King, JR Day Parade** in Jacksonville!



**Girl Scouts from Bradford/Union Service Unit** participated in the **Starke Holiday Parade**. After the parade Cadette Girl Scouts facilitated an event for the younger girls where they sang songs, played games, did crafts and decorated cupcakes.

# SHOUT OUTS & KUDOS (continued...)



**Girl Scout Troop 1244** from **Mandarin** went above and beyond to earn the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's "Girls Caring for Children" patch, collecting over one hundred baby items to donate to **Healthy Start**. A **Healthy Start** representative came to a troop meeting to talk to the girls about at risk mothers and their babies, the services **Healthy Start** provides, and the items they needed. The girls collected items from friends and neighbors and used their fall product sale earnings to garage sale shop for more. "When people heard what we were doing they became very generous, even giving us things for free. We received several homemade quilts, a bassinet, and a rocking chair," said troop leader **Lynie Spencer**.



**Troop 582**, from **Sawamish** knows how to share the holiday spirit! The Cadettes made 24 "Hal the Moose" stuffed animals for Santa to distribute at **Shands Hospital's Children's Oncology Ward**. The girls handcrafted special Christmas cards for the patients. The troop also helped collect and stuff 20 stockings with toiletries and non-perishable items for homeless citizens in Gainesville, AND made Christmas ornaments for a nursing home in Levy County. The ornaments were delivered, with festive caroling, to the residents of the nursing home.



Sixty **Inglis** area Girl Scouts and families participated in the annual Christmas parade. They were awarded first place in the marching and singing contest, singing "We are One Voice."



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 454** assembled Thanksgiving baskets for local families. Each girl contributed an element of the traditional Thanksgiving Feast and the troop added a supermarket gift card. They decorated the baskets with festive paper turkeys!



**Troop 1112** created a Holiday Basket for **The Daniel Foundation**. Seen here at their mid-year Court of Awards in December, they were given the patches and try-its they had earned to date and also gave back by filling a laundry basket with food and household items for a daniel sponsored family. This is the second year the troop has donated a Holiday Food Basket to the foundation.



**Brownie Troop 558** enjoyed a day in Savannah Georgia with girls from **Junior Troops 579** and **1121**. The morning was spent touring the **Juliette Gordon Lowe Birthplace** and lunch was at Paula Deen's famous Lady and Sons restaurant, where they met Miss Georgia, former Girl Scout **Kimberly Gittings!**



**Troop 63** has learned even the best of friends can have hard times working together so they try to remember the three basic rules of friendship—speak no evil, see no evil, hear no evil. Shout out to their **AWESOME TEAM of LEADERS!**



The girls in **Troops 140, 150 and 343** wanted to help less fortunate children, so they filled two large boxes with toys to donate to Toys for Tots and surprised Santa with the gifts! **Marine Lance Corporal Honor** attended on behalf of the **Toys for Tots** organization. The girls also stuffed and sent several holiday stockings to the soldiers they adopted in Iraq.



**Troops 1067 and 604** challenged themselves by climbing up and rappelling down a 44 foot high climbing tower at **Camp Echockotee**. They learned the basics of rock climbing—skills, safety, types and use of equipment, climbing commands. They earned the GSVSC Basics of Rock Climbing IPP / Climbing badge and had loads of fun!

**Cross Roads Creek** and **Creeks Cove Service Units** got together to **Camp Your Way**. The girls enjoyed meeting girls from other troops. Each girl got to select the activities she wanted to attend—things like Cake Decorating, Archery, Yoga, Canoeing, String Art, Basket Weaving, Soap Making, Volleyball and "Just Chillin." Kudos to the volunteer event team for making it such a success! These two service units also hosted a very posh **Green Carpet Ball** and just look at the lovely Cookie Cake one of the volunteers made for the occasion! A similar cake was featured on Food Network's **Ace of Cakes**. Each layer of the cake actually tasted like the cookie that decorated the outside!



**The Sawamish Girl Scouts Choir** performed at the Williston Veteran's Day program, leading the Pledge of Allegiance and singing patriotic songs. The choir currently consists of Brownies from **Troop 355**, Juniors from **Troop 256** and one Cadette Girl Scout. They are welcoming interested girls from the area to join the fun!

Girl Scouts joined Jacksonville **Mayor John Peyton** at the **Jacksonville Arboretum and Gardens** to participate in nature walks and educational activities.

# SHOUT OUTS & KUDOS (continued...)



**Troop 247** in **Jacksonville** learned the art of quilting from their “troop grandmother.” Then they made a beautiful “handprint” quilt, which they decided to present to **Mrs. J.E. “Flo” Davis**, Ortega resident and honored Girl Scout Alum. **Mrs. Davis** was touched by the girls’ gesture and the lovely gift, telling them *“I will cherish this for as long as I live.”*



**Girl Scout Troop 1387** are **Super Girl Scouts!** They created a film about different types of bullying and how to solve bullying “the super Girl Scout” way. They premiered their film at the **Women’s Film Festival at UNF**. It depicts the girls as Super Heroes, fighting off bullies with the help of their friends. They were able to earn the Cadette interest patch “From A to V: Audiovisual Production.” Special thanks to the **UNF Campus Girl Scouts** for their help!



**Junior Troop 1249** in **Bradford/Union Service Unit** held a flower investiture ceremony to welcome their friends back for another year of Girl Scouting.



**Troop 1331** from Jacksonville had a blast at the Circus!



**UNF Campus Girl Scouts President Jasmine Stanley** has been selected to work with the **National Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of the USA!** She will be

one of five members of the **Young Alumnae Volunteers**. They will be mentoring and training the younger girls on the **National Board Task Groups** and will also receive professional training directly from the **National Board of Directors**. **Congratulations Jasmine!**



**Mandarin Meadows Troop 293** looking fabulous at their investiture ceremony! This year they plan to hold **Outdoor Adventure Days for Girl Scout Daisies** to teach them the basics of camping.



**Golden Sands Service Unit** celebrated **Thinking Day at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church**—more than 20 troops and 220 girls and leaders participated in the event, which was planned by **Cadette Troop 324**. Here’s **Troop 813**, representing Israel!



**Brownie Troop 152** met the Newberry Watermelon Queen at the High Springs Christmas Parade!



Three troops from the **Beaches** held a Valentine's Day **Share the Love Food Drive** collecting about 60 bags of food to help stock **BEAM's** food pantry.

**Diane Harris** sends a big thank you to **Troops 987, 966, 1307, & 813** for your help and donations to their blood drive. They had 15 units of blood donated.



**Junior Troop 1062** held their investiture and rededication ceremony at *Eagle Academy*. The girls planned the entire event which included a red carpet, balloons, roses, chocolate, a reception, the pinning, and reciting the promise and law. They invited friends, family, and teachers.



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1502** from Jacksonville made a quilt for the first baby girl born on Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday. They presented the quilt to the happy new parents on November 1st.



**Cadette Troop 842** in *Carolina Hills* participated in the *Susan G Komen Race for the Cure*. Instead of walking/running the race, the girls decided the best way to help with the race was to cheer on the runners and help with post-event clean up. The girls had so much fun chanting and cheering. After the race they watched the ceremony, which really got them thinking. As you can see, the girls snapped a quick pic with First Coast News anchor and event chair *Jeannie Blaylock*.



**Girl Scout Troop 997** attended the *University of Florida Gymnastics Meet*—as a special event to help raise awareness about breast cancer. During the match, the troop participated in a banner contest and **WON FIRST PLACE!** All the girls, along with their parents, lent a “hand” in creating a unique display of both their support to the *University of Florida Gators* and *Breast Cancer Awareness*.



**Girl Scout Troop 63** of *Orange Park* performed a labor of love and civic pride, handing out between 8–10 cases of water to thirsty participants of the *Breast Cancer Walk-a-thon*. They had a BIG Time cheering on the runners and the walkers, and supporting everyone who came out for such an important cause!



**Girl Scout Junior Troop 1415** used a portion of their cookie proceeds to purchase and decorate Christmas trees for the *Wounded Warriors Project*. The girls were able to meet with some soldiers that were wounded in battle and taught them how to do the Girl Scout Friendship Circle.



**Girl Scouts in Nassau County** collected 478 pounds of peanut butter and 348 pounds of jelly for local charities—enough for 4,400 sandwiches! This marks the tenth anniversary of the Girl Scouts partnership with the *Nassau County Volunteer Center* for *Make a Difference Day*.



**Brownie Troop 462** from Jacksonville started a recycling program in their school lunchroom to earn their *Cookies 4 Change* patch.



**Brownies** from *Golden Sands* held a clothes drive for girls in need.



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## Get Real & Get Unplugged!

Spring and summer are exciting times of the year for Girl Scouts. The weather is right and it is time to enjoy the outdoors! Girl Scout camp is a great way to experience being outside in ways you can't anywhere else.

Camp gives girls the chance to develop a better sense of self, explore new friendships and experience challenges and diversity. They will not only become educated, but will also gain the ability to educate others. It allows girls the ability to get away from the technology distractions of today—hiking beneath the tall trees, gliding across the lake in a sailboat, kayak, or canoe, drifting down the trail on horseback—these moments spent in nature are the moments girls will treasure forever. That is why we call it life, unplugged!



Your contribution to **SHARE**, Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's *Family Giving Campaign*, allows the Council to provide the best camp experience for all girls. From financial assistance to attend camp, to camp maintenance, staff and volunteer training and supplies, 100% of your contribution to **SHARE** is used to support the program we offer girls.

To make a gift to **SHARE**, you may send a check by mail to *Girl Scouts of Gateway Council's Jacksonville Service Center, 1000 Shearer Street, Jacksonville FL, 32205* or make a donation online at [www.girlscouts-gateway.org](http://www.girlscouts-gateway.org) (*click on donate*).