

Alum Newsletter



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Group Updates

Berks County

We had 6 ladies at our holiday gathering. We had a great time and did some brainstorming about ways to get some Berks Alum active again. We will hopefully have a summer event (or two) planned.

For more information contact Sandy Faust at wmnrsmrtr@aol.com

Chester County

We had a wonderful holiday get together in early December and we have several new alums joining the group.

The Chester County Girl Scout Alums will be gathering on Saturday, April 29 for brunch (10:30 AM) at Hank's at Broad & Birch Streets in Kennett Square. We will be collecting non perishable food items for the Kennett Food Cupboard.

Please contact Molly Scott at gollymolly44@gmail.com if you are planning to attend.

Delaware County

This group has been busy. They gathered in January for a potluck lunch. They also celebrated the Girl Scout birthday with a painting party!



There will be an event sometime in June. For more information contact Nicole Creely at nicole.creely@gmail.com or Beth McCall at girlscoutspdsu504@gmail.com or join their Facebook group at Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania DelCo Alumnae Group.

Lehigh Valley

The Lehigh Valley Alum Lunch Bunch met at George's Oasis Restaurant on Friday, March 17 to celebrate GS week. 11 people attended and had a great time.

We will be at Camp Mountain House Tuesday, May 9 for the entire day! There will be a lunch program for the early birds and then another option for the "after work" crowd. Just trying to be flexible!

Join the Facebook group – *Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Greater Lehigh Valley Alumnae Group* – to get regular updates on activities!

Shelly Ridge

The Shelly Ridge Alum met on Thursday, March 16 to celebrate Girl Scout week. Once again they made about 100 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the homeless. They also held a brief Scout's Own.

The group played "guess who's memory" where each person wrote something and the group had to guess who wrote it.

Here are some of the memories:

- "I remember my first Girl Scout Sunday. It was at the Presbyterian Church. We wore uniforms and white gloves. I was never at a service in a Protestant church before this one."
- "I worked as a camp counselor at Girl Scout camps Tohikane, Tweedale and Camp Furnace Hills in Lebanon PA."
- "Crying when my girls flew up to adult Girl Scouts."
- "I travelled to three WAGGGS World Conferences. I especially loved the one in Hong Kong."
- "I remember when Girl Scout cookies sold for 25 cents a box."
- "I sang on the stage at the Civic Center with Debbie Reynolds. I also remember the Do Dad bridge and Huck Finn ferry at Camp Laughing Waters."
- "I was able to visit Our Cabana (WAGGGS center in Mexico) twice. Once as a girl and once as an adult."
- "The alum group doing an investiture ceremony for me."
- "For the 75th anniversary I was chosen to sing and be recorded with a few other girls – our voices were recorded and we were the background music while folks enjoyed the celebration at the Philadelphia Convention Hall. My very first job was working at Camp Tohikane. It was there I met my very best friends – that I have now had for 50+ years!"
- "I was the counselor in the Prim unit at camp. One year my girls wanted to make a dugout canoe for a July 4th regatta on the lake. Unfortunately, we picked a VERY hard tree. Despite chopping and even trying to burn it we didn't get very far. As far as I know that log is still where we left it."

They will be meeting again on Thursday, June 15. Contact Mary Jane Meconi at amj4347@verizon.net for more information.

12th Annual Collectors meet

When - Friday April 21, 4 - 8 PM, and Saturday April 22, 9 AM - 3 PM

Where – Valley Forge Office, 100 Juliette Low Way (Rt. 23), Phoenixville, PA 19460

All are welcome. Girls can explore the exciting past of Girl Scouts on a memorabilia scavenger hunt! Chat with collectors and take a self-guided tour of the museum to complete requirements toward their Girl Scout Way badges. Between 11 AM and 2 PM you can "meet" Juliette Low!

Everyone can buy and view Girl Scout memorabilia. All ages can take advantage of seeing some of our history, and you don't need to be a Girl Scout or a collector to attend!

The event is open to the public. There is a \$5 admission fee for adults that will be collected at the door. Children are free.

Adult Camping Weekend – Registration is OPEN!

Join us at Camp Laughing Waters on August 18, 19, 20, 2023 for Adult Camping Weekend (ACW). Come enjoy a relaxing weekend or just the day, building memories at Girl Scout Camp. Spend time with old friends, and meet some new friends. Sing songs by the campfire, try some new crafts, spend time in the pool, join in a service project with Fashion Patrol, and check out in the sports samplers around camp. Sleep in a platform tent or a cabin, all flush toilets with hot and cold running water. Hot showers are available. All meals are cooked and served in the Dining Hall and it is not your usual camp fare! The most exciting part of the weekend is the Silent Auction, raffle baskets, online auction, and 50-50. Savor the sisterhood of Girl Scouts while raising money for girls. We work hard to fundraise money for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania Older Girl Scholarship Fund. Last summer's \$20,000 raised is begging to be beaten. Please plan to attend, donate, or just follow along on Facebook (ACW 2023 at GSEP). See you in August!

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Mini Golf Events - Save the Date

Our annual alum mini-golf event will take place the weekend of September 23 and 24. Families and troops are welcome to attend. We will be gathering school supplies for our funded troops. There will be more information in a future newsletter. Check in with your area group for more specific information.

Alum Spotlights

Beth McCall

1. Why Lifetime Membership?
I figured after volunteering for 13 years and since it was half price and I have no intention of leaving, why not? I love the organization!
2. What roles have you enjoyed in GS (past and present)?
Brownie Girl Scout for 2 years.
School Leader for 57075 for 13 years.
School Coordinator
SU Team Member
SU First Aider
Camping training
Service Unit Manager
ACW Committee Member
ACW Emergency Response Sub Committee
3. What has Girl Scouts done for YOU?
I actually learned quite a bit about leadership and business planning while helping my daughter with her Silver and Gold Awards. It was interesting that some of what I learned was included/discussed during my degree process! Made many friends- people I would not have met elsewhere. Allowed me to share my knowledge and passions with Girls and fellow adult members.
4. How do you (or how do you wish to) give back to Girl Scouts?
I continue to serve as a Service Unit Manager, (I think my second term is coming to an end soon) and serve on Adult Camping Weekend. I would consider a future Board of Directors position if it was offered.
5. Share one favorite GS memory!
Just one? Leading my daughter's troop and watching her grow into the wonderful person she is today!

Rachael McCullough

1. Why Lifetime Membership? When and How did you get your Lifetime?
I was gifted my lifetime membership by my Service Unit after earning my Gold Award in 2019. It's a tradition we do, every girl who gets their Gold, gets a lifetime membership.
2. What roles have you enjoyed in GS (past and present)?
I was a girl member for 13 years, I then became a service unit volunteer, and I lead Junior Girl Scouts!! I also serve on the Adult Camping Weekend committee, and on the DelCo Alum committee.
3. What has Girl Scouts done for YOU?
Girl Scouts has opened so many doors for me. I've earned scholarships, become more confident, learned how to be a better leader, and so much more. I credit Girl Scouts with giving me the life skills, emotional skills, and physical skills that got me to where I am today.
4. How do you (or how do you wish to) give back to Girl Scouts?
Right now I give back by being a Girl Scout leader. I instill the same values and skills in my girls that my leaders did for me all those years ago.
5. Share one favorite GS memory!
I have so many amazing memories and experiences that I've had through Girl Scouts and it's hard to pick just one. One that stands out to me is when I bridged from being an Ambassador Girl Scout to being an adult member. I was the last person to bridge at the event, I went after all of the girls who I had mentored over the years and when I crossed over my mom who was my leader and my mentor and service unit manager, Nancy, met me on the other side. They took my vest off, and put the adult member scarf around my neck and gave me a new membership pin to signify the beginnings of my new role in Girl Scouts. It was truly a beautiful moment and I won't ever forget it.