



2025 Annual Meeting

When: Saturday, February 8, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Where: Live Virtual Event
Registration Deadline: February 6

DELEGATE PACKET

Thank you to those of you who have agreed to represent your service unit as a delegate to the 2025 Girl Scouts of Western Washington Annual Meeting. As a service unit delegate or other voting member of the council, your responsibilities this year include electing our Girl Scouts of Western Washington board and board officers and the 2026 National Council Delegates. This packet includes board and NCS Delegate nominee bios for your review.

The 2025 annual meeting will be held virtually using the Zoom platform. There is no cost to attend the meeting, but all participants must register. You will receive a login link to the Zoom meeting after registering. You will vote electronically via a link or QR code.

Use the link below to register for the meeting.
Registration is required to receive the confirmation packet with the Zoom link.

[Delegate Registration](#)

Board of Directors Nominees

Girl Scouts of Western Washington's Board of Directors is charged with working in partnership with the CEO and other staff to provide mission-based strategic direction and governance, and fiduciary oversight for the council. Board members participate in defining the strategic framework of the organization, monitor progress toward established goals, and actively participate on various committees. As individuals who care deeply about the Girl Scout mission and our council's vision, board members are engaged in the community as ambassadors of Girl Scouts of Western Washington and work in collaboration with our philanthropy team to facilitate the identification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of individual donors and corporate and foundation partners.

Board Officers: The following are returning board members who are up for election to officer positions. These are three-year terms.

Dana Henderson - 1st Vice President

Seattle



Dana Henderson has been a lawyer for over twenty years, and after most of her career as a litigator, she is now General Counsel for the Northwest Seaport Alliance, the marine cargo operating partnership of the Port of Seattle and Port of Tacoma. Her favorite professional commitment is her service on the judicial evaluation committees for both the King and Pierce County Washington Women Lawyers. She graduated from the University of Washington and Tulane University School of Law. Outside of work, Dana and her husband Paul love to cook and are always planning their next golf trip.

Dana was a Girl Scout while growing up in Friendswood, Texas. Girl Scouts introduced her to camp. Dana's mom still tells the story of her crying when dropped off at Camp Arnold because she didn't want to go, and crying when she was picked up because she never, ever wanted to leave. Dana then spent every summer through college at camp.

Geeta McCormack - Treasurer

Seattle



Geeta McCormack has over 30 years of consulting and professional services experience spanning strategic planning and analysis, customer experience, process design and improvement, change management and communications, system implementations, and enterprise program management. She is the co-founder and Managing Director of Forum Solutions, a Seattle-based management consulting firm that works with clients to design and implement effective strategies for transformative and sustainable results. Prior to founding Forum, she was the National Practice Director for Point B and led that award-winning professional services firm through 10 years of growth and change.

Geeta is a Girl Scout alum and former Girl Scout leader for her daughter's troop of 24 girls, taking them from Daisy through Junior. Geeta is an active supporter of community service and believes that we all benefit from building a healthy community. Geeta resides in North Seattle with her family.

Addendum to the Initial Delegate Packet

Board Officer: The following is a returning board member who is up for election to an officer position. This is a three-year term.

Amy Betts

Tacoma



Amy Betts is an experienced leader with over 30 years of progressive experience in finance, investor relations, sustainability, environmental, social & governance (“ESG”) and diversity, equity & inclusion (“DEI”). In her current role at Umpqua Bank, she provides leadership and strategic vision to develop, implement and advance its enterprise-wide ESG and DEI programs ensuring alignment with the company’s corporate strategy, sustainability design, and culture. She chairs her company’s 401(k) committee and received her BBA from Pacific Lutheran University.

Growing up in Sandpoint, Idaho, Amy was active in the Girl Scouts and is a proud lifetime member. She is passionate about empowering girls and women to aspire to and achieve financial independence and volunteers as a financial literacy instructor for nonprofit organizations. Amy and her husband, Jay, have been married for over 30 years and have a college-aged daughter, who also was a Girl Scout.

Board Members: The following are new board members who are up for election to three-year terms as members at large.

Lori Bradshaw

Maple Valley



Lori Bradshaw is the Managing Director of Guest Care at Alaska Airlines. Her teams ensure that guests have a great experience when they reach out to Alaska's contact centers needing support with their reservations or with post travel inquiries. Throughout her 20 years in the travel and aviation industry, she has been a driver of transformational change, leading many large-scale projects and programs.

Lori studied international business at the UW (go Huskies!). She currently lives in Maple Valley with her husband, two daughters, and French bulldog. While growing up in Port Angeles, she participated in Girl Scouts as a Brownie, and has been a lifelong Girl Scout cookie aficionado (Samoas are her favorite!). In her free time, she loves to travel the world and explore the great outdoors.

Tannis Goliebiewski

Seattle



Tannis Golebiewski is a wife and mother of five. She is active in her community volunteering with various youth organizations, her church, and as the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board for the City of Mill Creek. Her four daughters are Girl Scouts and Tannis has been a volunteer with Girl Scouts of Western Washington since 2007. Her first volunteer role with her daughters' troops was as the Product Manager for cookies and she has worked in that capacity ever since, currently serving as the product manager for her Service Unit. She has been a troop leader since 2015 with her troop of current Ambassadors and started a new troop in 2022 which is currently up to 16 Daisies through Juniors. As a Girl Scout herself, Tannis attended horse camp at River Ranch in elementary school: her camp experiences were truly magical and she is passionate about sharing that experience with the Girls in her own troops and beyond, serving as Encamporee Director for her Service Unit since 2019.

New Board Members Continued

Janeé Lester

Seattle



Janeé (she/her) is an ICF-certified executive coach and the principal and founder of Model Executive, a premier consultancy specializing in coaching, facilitation, professional development training and consulting. Most recently, as a top-performing corporate IT sales executive and leadership coach, Janeé has established herself as a master communications and brand strategist. For years, she has been at the forefront of building and transforming brands for some of the most influential AI, digital media, and information technology giants, including Amazon, Cox Media and Thomson Reuters.

Janeé's expertise began early in her career as a Brand Ambassador for Elite Model Management, representing many of the most coveted retail brands. She also served as an Executive Senior Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, where she coached and mentored a team of over 200 women in personal and professional development and sales performance. It was here that her love of coaching and supporting girls and women was honed. "Anyone who knows me knows that I am; and will always stand and be, an advocate for girls and women. I understand the power of supporting young girls and women and the positive impact it has on the world. Girl Scouts is a prime example of a phenomenal global community that aligns with my mission and understands the transformational change that comes from providing support, safe-spaces, community, and sisterhood. The possibilities are limitless! Not to mention my two darling nieces, Janae and Arianna, said their Girl Scouts journey was one of the best experiences of their lives."

Everything Janeé does NOW, aligns with her unique gifts, purpose, experience, and passion for being a change advocate. She is a socially and environmentally conscious culture & DEI champion, firmly believing that representation matters. Janeé is dedicated to encouraging and inspiring people, especially BIPOC and girls/women, in their professional and personal development. "Improving our communication will enhance relationships in families, workplaces, businesses, communities, and life overall."

New Board Members Continued

Roger Starkweather

Seattle



Roger Starkweather is a multifaceted leader who combines his exceptional business development acumen with his artistic and creative talents. His commitment to success, out-of-the-box thinking, and dedication to his clients' growth goals make him a true force to be reckoned with in the industry. With a wealth of industry experience, Roger has honed his skills in strategic planning, project management, and fostering collaboration. His thoughtfulness, attention to detail, and ability to inspire and motivate others have earned him a reputation as a trusted leader and mentor.

He is a visionary business leader who drives national growth in the brand world. With a client roster that includes industry giants such as Seattle Sports Commission, Starbucks, REI, Nordstrom, Hershey's, and Westfield, Roger has proven his business development acumen time and time again. His unique approach to weaving practical growth objectives with out-of-the-box thinking has consistently aligned with the client's growth goals, resulting in unprecedented success.

Returning Board Members: The following are returning board members who are up for election to three-year terms.

Steve Ricco

Bainbridge Island



Steve has lived in the Pacific Northwest since 1978. Originally from California he moved to Washington in high school. Graduating from Mercer Island High School in 1981 and attending college at Central Washington University. Steve began his career with Group Health Credit Union working with them on and off throughout college, eventually being offered a full-time job after graduation. Steve had a 30-year career working for multiple companies affiliated with PEMCO, working in the Banking, Insurance, IT services, and Credit Card Processing industries all while being part of the same organization.

Steve resides on Bainbridge Island with his wife Lisa, now enjoying the empty nest life as a parent of three adult children, two boys, and a girl.

Addendum to the Initial Delegate Packet

Board Members: The following individuals are up for election for a three-year term as a member at large.

Dana Riley Black

Seattle



By way of fostering partnerships across education systems and the broader community, Dana's career has pursued community vitality by ensuring opportunity for students to access high quality learning experiences with attention to alignment to in-demand careers. Her work has largely focused on the leadership necessary to conceive, convene and resource programs which support program development professional development for K-12 educators, university faculty, and industry professionals and, in-turn the educational experiences for students. Such work requires attention to contemporary educational research, practices, and policies; workforce trends; convening collaborative partnership across a diversity of sectors including business, labor, and non-profits.

Dana currently serves The Museum of Flight as its Vice President of Education. She serves on the board for the aerospace supplier, Skills Inc., is an appointed member of the State Board of Education and serves on the Governor's STEM Education Innovation Alliance. Dana has served as an Educational Specialist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Director of the K-12 Institute for Science and Math Education at the University of Washington, Director of the Center for Inquiry Science at the Institute for Systems Biology, and an Assistant Superintendent for Everett Public Schools.

Better known as Zuul when she volunteered at Girl Scouts' Woodland Park Day Camp, Dana is a third-generation troop leader. She has fond scouting memories of summer camp at River Ranch, Robbinswold and Saltwater Park; and she found enormous inspiration from the scouts in her troop, especially as they collaborated and competed as a Girl Scout FIRST Lego League team.

Dana grew up in Washington State attending Federal Way Public Schools. She received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Washington, Masters in Science Education and Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Curriculum Studies from Miami University. Dana is married to Benjamin Black. They have two children and live in Seattle.

New Board Members Continued

Christie Britton

Arlington

I am honored to accept the nomination for Board Member-at-Large with Girl Scouts of Western Washington's Board of Directors. As a dedicated Girl Scout volunteer since 2011, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of GSWW on my own daughter, as well as on countless youth members and volunteers.

Over the years, I have become increasingly concerned with the challenges of growing and sustaining troops, recruiting volunteers, and filling volunteer-run camps—challenges that have been especially difficult since COVID. One of my top priorities is strengthening membership for both youth and adults by empowering new volunteers with the confidence, resources, and support they need to be successful Girl Scout leaders.

I have led two troops in Arlington, WA, most recently launching a new Daisy Troop in October 2025. I have also had the privilege of volunteering at Kayak Community Camp since 2012, serving as Camp Director for Alpenglow Day Camp, and acting as Co-Service Unit Manager for Service Unit 215. Currently, I am working to relaunch Kayak North Day Camp in the Arlington area. Additionally, I take immense pride in the fact that my daughter is a Gold Award Girl Scout, a testament to the leadership and personal growth that Girl Scouts fosters.

As a Special Education teacher for the past 26 years, I am passionate about making Girl Scouts inclusive and accessible to all, regardless of ability or background. Every child deserves the opportunity to build confidence, develop leadership skills, and be part of a strong, supportive community.

As a Board Member, I will advocate for expanding accessibility, strengthening volunteer support, and ensuring that Girl Scouts remains a welcoming and empowering space for all members. I would be honored to bring my experience, leadership, and passion to the Board, working collaboratively to uphold the mission of Girl Scouts of Western Washington and inspire the next generation of leaders.

New Board Members Continued

Devyn Britton

Hometown: Arlington, Currently Resides in Cheney

I accept the nomination for the position of Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. I meet the qualifications stated in the Bylaws by being older than 18 and live in the area served by Girl Scouts of Western Washington. Here are my qualifications for the position of Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors.

Through my time as a Girl Scout, over the last 14 years, I have earned my Bronze, Silver, and Gold Award. A top cookie seller for 8 consecutive years, I have been able to fund global experiences with GSUSAs Girl Scout Destinations Program. In addition to the skill and experience I have fundraising, I am also a role model; Being a leader to younger Girl Scouts; participating as a CIT; Songs Leader; Teaching Fire and Knife Safety in several different camp settings and cultures. I have even taught first aid and sign language over zoom during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Since I graduated from high school in 2022, I have attended Eastern Washington University where I joined Alpha Omicron Pi. In my short time as a sorority member, I have held several leadership positions. I recently finished my officer position of being the Director of Philanthropy (DOP) where I was in charge of keeping track and providing volunteer opportunities for members as well as planning and hosting a philanthropy event each quarter. This requires me to develop others' capacity to fundraise.

I recently completed a position on the Panhellenic Council for Eastern Washington University where I was the Vice President of Community. As the VP of Community I was in charge of the Instagram account and connecting possible new members to different chapters and providing them with information. I was also in charge of creating visual graphics and flyers for all Panhellenic hosted events. Making community connections is a favorite skill of mine.

At EWU, I have also held a position in student government as the Senator for Student Activities. In this position, I created a variety of Club Constitutions for new clubs (about 1-2 a quarter), as well as working in conjunction with Faculty members to plan our 100th Eagle Family Homecoming Week/Family Weekend. This highlights my skill in Marketing, Event Planning, and Governance. My skill at empowering the action and creativity in others is something I am grateful for.

In addition, as part of the Finance Committee we awarded funds to Student Clubs; the Rule and Procedures committee we updated our bylaws; and chairing the Club Sports Federation Committee we worked to award Student Club Sports teams their budget for the following academic year. I was also a part of the Student Advisory Board which discussed student-led recommendations and implementation strategies for on campus issues or concerns regarding the general student experience, specifically to the president and provost, as per RCW 28B.15.190.

As you can see I have extensive background with grassroots community organization, and it is an honor and privilege to use the skills that I developed as a Girl Scout to continue seeing the organization build a strong foundation.

This June, I am graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Business Management and a Bachelor's of Science in Entrepreneurship and a minor in Theatre. I have also recently started the process of starting up my own company. My business is a costume and prop design company that specializes in whatever our customer needs are. We are starting with the market segment of renaissance faires and providing affordable and time-accurate pieces.

I am filled with much gratitude to have the opportunity to use the skills I have developed in a meaningful way with Girl Scouts of Western Washington, which has shaped me into the person I am today.

New Board Members Continued

Zachary Conner

Bellingham

I accept the nomination for the position of Member-At-Large of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of Western Washington. I meet the qualifications stated in the Bylaws by being older than 18 and live in the area served by Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

Here is why I think I'm an excellent candidate for this position and why I hope the voting members (Delegates, Past Presidents, and Nominating Committee Members) would elect me to this position.

I am a recent graduate of Western Washington University where I majored in Business & Sustainability with minors in Honors, Economics, and Business Administration.

During my time at university I worked as a Student Ambassador Lead with Donor Relations in the Foundation for WWU & Alumni, and through clubs I volunteered as Co-President of the Bellingham Rotaract Club, and as a founding member & treasurer of Campus Girl Scouts. I helped my community organize time, talent, and treasure to raise over \$2.1 million in scholarships, local community youth welfare programs, and for multinational basic needs organizations.

Fundraising is often a key component in running a sustainable non-profit. As you can see from my qualifications, I have extensive experience in organizing philanthropy through community; or friend-raising. Through my activism, I have established a community of wonderful people who'd love to support the extraordinary opportunity that Girl Scouts provides. While I understand that there are limited staff hours, I would also like to empower volunteers in their efforts to establish local grassroots community philanthropy as an expression of their affinity for Girl Scouts.

My second key priority and personal passion is Accessibility. I admire GSWW's extraordinary commitments to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Racial Justice, and Belonging (DEIRJB), and on the GSWW website, the accessibility and disability justice lens is only discussed in the important contexts of the physical environment and social media. I'd like to see us take accessibility to the next level; making room at the table for disabled voices isn't enough, we must also make the table accessible and bring the table to them. Some of my ideas are to implement Universal Design for Learning principles; use universally accessible web design; and update policies, principles, and practices to include a streamlined trauma informed and accessible approach. I'd like to foster a wider discussion about any other way we can implement accessibility, not just universally, but at an individual level too.

Organizations like Girl Scouts and other scouting organizations in the United States & Canada have made a profound difference in my life and the lives around me. It is an honor to be a person who supports youth organizations and I look forward to being a part of bringing sustainability and growth to this community.

New Board Members Continued

Karen Dix-Colony

Stanwood

Thank-you for the nomination.

Madame Chair and Members of the Council – I accept the nomination for the position of Member at Large of the Board of Directors. I am qualified to represent our members in this capacity for the following reasons:

Girl Scout experience: I have been a registered Girl Scout for almost 40 years: 11 years in Southern California as a Brownie through Senior Girl Scout, 15 years as a leader and volunteer for my kids, 2 years after that as SU Co-Manager (SU 211), and most recently 9 years as a co-leader for my grandkids' troop. During these last few years I have consistently participated in efforts to increase outdoor programs for scouts and have been our SU Secretary for the last 2 years.

Board of Directors experience: I am on the Board of Directors for the Red Curtain Foundation in Marysville, our local community theater. In that capacity I am the secretary, I volunteer at the productions, I have brought in other volunteers, and have secured a sponsorship from a local business (Colony-Dix-Colony Realtors).

Work Experience: I got my Civil Engineering degree from the University of Washington while raising 4 kids. As an Airport Engineer with the Boeing Company I worked with airport engineers and their Civil Aviation Administrations (our FAA) to ensure that Boeing aircraft would operate safely in the world's airports. I also represented the interests of our airline customers and Boeing in setting policy for safe aircraft operations worldwide.

When I retired in 2017, my goal was to spend my time on activities that would make this world a better place for my kids and grandkids. Girl Scouts is one area where I see the greatest return on my (time and energy) investment. Working on the GSWW Board of Directors as a Member at Large is a natural progression to make this a reality. I can bring to GSWW my critical thinking, my mission to thoughtfully volunteer where I can positively impact our youth, and to share my life-long love of Girl Scouting and outdoor activities with our western Washington community.

I had the chance to talk with Andrea during a cookie site sale last year and I was so hopeful that she'd be able to bring my voice - our voice - to the Board. I know change takes time and often more money. As a Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors my goal would be to increase representation on the Board from ALL areas served by GSWW, to be a direct voice of the Volunteer Experience, and to help find fundraising opportunities throughout ALL of the Service Units served by GSWW.

New Board Members Continued

Val Manuel

Mt. Vernon

I accept the nomination for the position of Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors. I meet the qualifications stated in the Bylaws by being older than 18 and live in the area served by Girl Scouts of Western Washington.

Here are my qualifications for the position of Member-at-Large of the Board of Directors.

Girl Scout Experience: I grew up in Canada and participated in the Girl Guides of Canada program from the age of 6 through graduating from high school, earning the highest award available at the time, the Canada Cord. I continued as a leader, working with my old unit (troop) and then leading older girl programming in both Manitoba and the Northwest Territories. I was a volunteer member of the provincial Camp Committee, and a Trip Advisor for a province wide trip to Our Cabana.

After moving to Washington State, I was a volunteer at a Wider Op (now known as Destinations) and a troop leader for many years. Beyond the troop level, I have been a Service Unit Manager, Service Unit Treasurer, SU Fall Product Manager, Event Director, Encamporee Director, Trip Advisor, SU Delegate, North Regional Event committee member, and advisor to the Northern County Teens group who organized the Sleepless at the Mall event for over a decade.

I am currently the chair of the volunteer Travel Support Team, chair of the Northern WAVE Team, registrar for Skagit Twilight Camp, and once again a Troop Leader.

Education and Work Experience: I have a Bachelor of Commerce (Honors) degree, majoring in Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management. I have worked as an assistant hotel manager, administrative manager in the commercial real estate group of a bank, and am currently supporting multiple mid and upper level management executives in local government.

Other Volunteer Experience: Besides Girl Scouts, I am one of the founding members of the Tulip Valley Gardeners garden club, and have served as president, secretary and treasurer. This club adopted a garden in downtown Mount Vernon, and recently funded an endowment through the Skagit Community Foundation to provide for maintenance of the garden in perpetuity. As part of the fundraising efforts for the endowment, I am part of a volunteer team who created and continue to organize the Skagit Garden and Art Fair, which is in its fourth year. I also hold the position of treasurer on the board of the House of Grace and Gratitude, a non-profit serving Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties by providing free plus size and big and tall work/interview clothes; and am the secretary for the Everett Medic One Foundation, which provides and supports training, research, and evaluation programs for out-of-hospital emergency medical services to the public in Everett and Snohomish County.

As a Lifetime Girl Scout Member, I am dedicated to making sure Girl Scouts of Western Washington is an organization that I want to continue supporting with my time, energy, and finances. I am seeking this nomination as I feel the communication between volunteers, staff, and the board can, and needs to, improve. There are many opportunities that would enhance the program for Girl Scouts, make things easier for volunteers, and improve the visibility of Girl Scouts in the public eye.

New Board Members Continued

Sarah Reyes

Blaine

Sarah Reyes has been a lawyer for more than twenty years, serving as Section Chief for the Office of the Attorney General's Bellingham location and focusing her legal practice on child abuse and neglect advocacy. She is a graduate of Western Washington University and Seattle University School of Law. Sarah is a Lifetime Member of Girl Scouts and has had a lifetime of commitment to helping Girl Scouts around the state accomplish their goals. Sarah was a Girl Scout while growing up in Olympia and spent two summers working at Camp St. Albans. She has volunteered with GSWW (and previously Totem Council and Pacific Peaks Council) in various roles, including Troop Leader, Cookie Parent, Trip Leader, Troop Volunteer, and Day Camp Core Team Member, dating back to her college days. She was a Girl Scout parent for 13 years. As an empty-nester, she started a troop in Bellingham three years ago that meets at a local housing authority complex and works to make Girl Scouts inclusive and accessible to all. Sarah is interested in serving on the Board of Directors to further her commitment to Girl Scouts of Western Washington and to provide greater representation from rural areas of the state and by active troop-level volunteers.

Girl Scouts of Western Washington

2026 National Council Session Delegates and Alternates

Every three years Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) holds a National Council Session (often called convention) that brings together Girl Scouts from across the US to discuss, debate, and vote on issues important to the Girl Scout Movement and elect national leaders for the next triennium. Girl Scouts of Western Washington (GSWW) elects delegates from the membership body to represent our council at this national council session. GSWW is committed to ensuring youth voices at NCS and approximately half of our delegation is traditionally youth members. The July 2026 NCS is slated to be held in Washington, D.C. The following delegates have been chosen by a committee made up of members of the Board Nominating and Governance Committee as well as past NCS Delegates. This is a three-year term during which time delegates are expected to communicate with GSWW members and volunteers for their input and ideas regarding items up for review or vote at the National Council Session.

Based on membership numbers, GSWW has 12 delegate slots at the 2026 session. Two are filled by the CEO and Board President/Chair, the remainder by members of GSWW’s membership body keeping in mind the need for both youth and adult representation. Below is the slate of nominees for the 12 delegates and three alternates.

Adult Delegates

Andrea Anderson - CEO, Girl Scouts of Western Washington	Seattle
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The CEO of Girl Scouts of Western Washington, Andrea is a passionate advocate for women, girls, and young people, with a deep commitment to social justice and community empowerment. She is a graduate of Seattle’s prestigious Leadership Tomorrow program, where she honed her leadership skills and expanded her network of impact-driven professionals.

Throughout her career, Andrea has been actively involved in a range of organizations dedicated to advancing gender equity and supporting underserved communities. She has contributed to initiatives with Girls on the Run, Planned Parenthood, and the Washington Women’s Foundation, among others. In addition, she has played a key role with The IF Project, the Junior League, and The Coalition to End Gender-Based Violence, working to create systemic change and improve the lives of those facing social and systemic challenges.

Her work reflects a lifelong commitment to improving access to opportunities for women and girls, fostering resilience in communities, and advocating for a safer and more inclusive society.

Adult Delegates Continued

Lynda Baxter

Marysville



Lynda is a Lifetime Member residing in Marysville. She is a mom to two Gold Award Girl Scouts who are also lifetime members now. Lynda is a retired Boeing test engineer, avid outdoor explorer and loves traveling to National Parks with her husband. She is a Cadette troop leader, Service Unit Manager, Twilight Camp and Weekend Camp director, SU Fall Product and Cookie Assistant Manager and Facilitator with the Council Learning Team. Lynda is also involved in several volunteer led groups which create programming opportunities for Girl Scouts around the council.

Amanda Miniken

Hoquiam



Amanda is an educator, Girl Scout leader, and lifelong learner with over 30 years of experience in scouting. She leads two troops: Troop 40949, which has met in Hoquiam, Washington, since 2005, and Troop 41728 near the Quinault Indian Nation by Queets, Washington, where she also teaches 2nd and 3rd grade. A student in the ALM program in Religion at Harvard Extension School, Amanda is passionate about exploring culture, communities, and how we can learn and grow together. Her studies enhance her work, inspiring her to foster understanding and shared growth among diverse groups. An animal lover, particularly devoted to cats, Amanda also enjoys reading, outdoor photography, and wildcrafting in her free time.

Heather Park

Woodinville



Heather is a Lifetime Member and recent Washingtonian, having moved here with her husband and 2 daughters after leaving 11 years of military service. She is entering her 10th year as a Volunteer and has held roles including Troop Leader, Troop Product Manager, Service Unit Manager, Service Unit Product Manager, Event Director, Encamporee Director, Learning Facilitator, and Service Unit Delegate. Heather enjoys eating good food and traveling when not working in Human Resources. She is beyond thrilled and honored to represent Girl Scouts of Western Washington at the next National Convention.

Adult Delegates Continued

Lory Ruiz

Lacey



Lory is a Lifetime Member residing in Lacey with her husband and three youngest daughters. Due to her husband's time in the military, Lory has lived in five different states and has held volunteer positions in both GSWW and GSCTX. She is a former GSWW staff member, current Troop Leader, Travel Troop Leader, Service Unit 623 volunteer, Troop Product Manager, Service Unit Product Manager when part of SU621, SU Encamporee Team, council Facilitator, and member of conference planning teams. Lory is also part of the volunteer family support team with her daughter's High School Dance Team. Lory is the Branch Chief for Integrated Food Safety Systems Training in the US Food and Drug Administration's Office of Training, Education and Development.

Shelley Whelan - Board Chair/President

Mercer Island



Since 2006, Rochelle (Shelley) Whelan has been an owner and board member at Overall Management Company, a multigenerational family office that invests in businesses and real estate across the Pacific Northwest. Prior to her work at OMC, Shelley spent nearly 10 years with Intel Corporation in a broad range of senior marketing roles. Shelley joined the Board of Girl Scouts of Western Washington in 2019 and became the Board Chair in 2024. She is a Lifetime Girl Scout member and has been a troop leader for Service Unit 430 for 16 years. Shelley was previously a board member with the Alliance of Angels (2012-2020) and an advisory board member with the University of Washington Buerk Center for Entrepreneurship (2014-2020). A lifelong tennis player, Shelley was an NCAA DIII women's tennis singles and doubles champion and will be inducted into the Intercollegiate Tennis Association hall of fame in 2024. Shelley received her BA from Pomona College and her MBA from the University of Washington.

Youth Delegates

Jade Dotson

University Place



Jade is a National Junior Honor Society 9th grade student at Curtis Junior High School and top cookie seller for Troop 433153 as well as a member of the WING Girl Scout Squadron (WINGGSS) and Girl Scouts Film Festival award winner. Jade is a competitive Lacrosse athlete and serves as her team’s defensive captain and leads the school band in the percussion section. She is also a passionate community volunteer for the Tacoma Rescue Mission as a meal preparation food handler, Oakbrook Cat Rescue as a foster assistant and Sealife Rescue & Rehabilitation as a Marine Mammal assistant. Her future career aspiration is focused on commercial aviation and became a solo glider pilot during Summer 2024. She lives in the South Sound with her parents, younger sibling and husky puppy.

Emily Francisco

Mountlake Terrace



Emily is a 9th grader at Mountlake Terrace High School and is in her 10th year as a Girl Scout. She has earned her Bronze Award and is a Program Aid at both Woodland Park Day Camp and Cedar and Sound Twilight Camp. Emily volunteers at Skillettes and Junior Skills events and loves being a part of the Girl Scout community. She has traveled to Portland, OR, and Boston, MA with her troop. She participates in her school Technical Student Association, STEM competitions and is learning American Sign Language. Emily is excited to join the National Delegate Team.

Josie Good

Seattle



Josie started her junior year at Ballard High School last fall. She started Girl Scouts as a Daisy. She was a CIT at Robbinswold last summer and is excited to return as an intern. She also participated in WINGGSS in 2022-23. Josie is currently working on her Gold Award. She has enjoyed making friends and preparing for life after high school through Girl Scouts. Outside of Girl Scouts, she participates in Mock Trial and helps run a support club for her school library. She enjoys hiking, spending time with her two dogs and playing Ultimate Frisbee in her free time.

Youth Delegates Continued

Miranda Reskusich-White

Seattle



Miranda is a freshman at Garfield High School and a senior in troop 44572. This is her 9th year in Girl Scouts. She has earned a Bronze Award, is planning to complete her Gold Award, and has served as a Program Aide numerous times at Woodland Park Day Camp and Service Unit events. Miranda considers Girl Scouts a crucial part of her life and is always eager to sign up for the next camping trip or community activity. She enjoys reading, writing, cross country, musical theater, playing trumpet in her school's concert and jazz bands, and making art. She is honored to have the opportunity to serve as a delegate and help her council's voice be heard, as well as to meet other Girl Scouts from across the country.

Samantha Sutherland

Gig Harbor



Samantha is a homeschooled 10th grader and a Girl Scout Senior in Troop 43185. This is her 10th year in Girl Scouts. Samantha has completed both a Bronze and Silver award, and is currently working on a Gold Award. Samantha particularly loves Girl Scouts because it is an inclusive, safe space to learn, grow, and achieve her goals. She is passionately involved in theatre arts, including acting, special effects makeup, and filmmaking. Samantha loves all things nature. In her free time she loves to hike with friends and family, swim on her swim team, make bracelets and sew. Samantha is honored to be selected as a delegate and is excited to work with other delegates to "make the world a better place."

Kate West

Woodinville



Kate, an 8th grader Cadette at Timbercrest Middle School, has been a dedicated Girl Scout since kindergarten. She cherishes the opportunities Girl Scouts has given her, including being a P.A. at Girl Scout Woodinville Day Camp, attending Girl Scout Family Camp and Mountain Valley Community Camp annually, and working on her Silver Award project at Camp Robbinswold. At school, Kate is a W.E.B. Leader, mentoring 6th graders, and participates in the Robotics Club, building underwater robots. She also enjoys soccer and basketball and is the president of her school's National Junior Honor Society chapter.

Alternates to the National Council Session

Should any delegate be unable to attend the 2026 Session in Washington D.C., one of the following alternates will be chosen to replace that delegate.

Brittney Harris

Centralia



Having been a Girl Scout from a young age, Brittney has a passion for the Girl Scout mission and what it stands for. She earned both her Bronze and Silver Awards while growing up in Girl Scouts. These foundational years helped form who she is today, someone who loves traveling, music, and the outdoors! Now living in Lewis County, Brittney is heavily involved in her local Girl Scouting community. She has supported her Service Unit through facilitating the planning of their annual encampments, as well as leading a troop of her own. Additionally, she serves as an AmeriCorps member for Girl Scouts, helping to provide Girl Scout programming to kids who don't have access to the traditional troop structure. Finally, and most importantly, Brittney loves camp! She has spent the past several summers as Camp Robbinswold's Waterfront Director, where she has supported and planned all of the camp's aquatic programming.

Hailey Schwarz

Winlock



Hailey is a Junior at Winlock High School and has been in Girl Scouts for eight years. She is her school's ASB vice president and one of her district's student representatives. Her favorite part of Girl Scouts is meeting new people and doing activities with her troop. She enjoys reading, baking, trivia, and crocheting. She is excited about the opportunities that are up for her in the future.

Marie Withers

Puyallup



Marie is a devoted mother, wife and girl scout leader. She is a lifetime Girl Scout and had volunteered for six years with GSWW. She was also a Girl Scout in her youth both in Texas and West Virginia. Marie has a passion for inclusivity and community. She is committed to empowering girls to reach their full potential and is eager to work with other delegates to help shape the future of Girl Scouts.