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Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont

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As summer comes to an end, a new school year begins, including opportunities for local girls and adults to become a Girl Scout.

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont has opportunities for volunteers who are committed to helping girls develop courage, confidence and character. The two go hand in hand; in other words, without the adult leaders, there is no Girl Scouting.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of Girl Scouting – and Kimberly Wells of Mocksville is one volunteer who has served as a troop leader for Troop 02146 for three years.

"Girl Scouting teaches girls life skills and builds confidence to one day be leaders," Wells said. "I love seeing the girls work as a team to accomplish what they need and want to do."

The first year her daughter became a Girl Scout Brownie in second grade, Wells observed two older Girl Scouts in the role of leading meetings. The second year, she decided to become the leader, and last year she worked in partnership with Kirsten Link and Jennifer Simmons, both of Mocksville, to lead the multi-level Girl Scout troop representing girls in grades kindergarten to fourth grade.

Making a choice to volunteer was a simple one for these three women.

"Growing up in Missouri, I was in Camp Fire Girls and my mom was the leader," Wells said. "I remember all the fun we had, and I wanted to share that experience with my daughter."

Link agrees with Wells. "There was a need in our area and specifically in our troop and also seeing the difference that Girl Scouting has made in my two daughters. I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of," she stated.

Simmons, who has served as the Girl Scout Daisy leader for a year, said the experience has been rewarding. "I wanted to participate in the Girl Scout program with my daughter and when I noticed the troop needed somebody to work with the younger girls, I volunteered!"

Each volunteer agrees that although they commit various hours throughout the

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who make the world a better place.**





month to lead troop meetings, manage paperwork and coordinate troop efforts with the girls guiding many of the decisions, Girl Scouting is relevant to shaping both the girls and the adults themselves in their daily lives.

This summer, the troop ventured to Washington D.C. The girls worked collectively for more than a year to raise funds for the trip.

But, travel is only a small focus of the girls' year-round troop experience. In the past three years, the girls have donated hours of service in their communities to help others. They collected food and toiletries for A Storehouse for Jesus, made Christmas decorations and sang songs for the residents of Autumn Care, collected candy around Halloween time and sent it to the military, assisted Davie Domestic Violence Services & Rape Crisis Center in helping at First Presbyterian Church with breakfast and cheering runners during the Color Downtown Fun Run.

Link said spending time with her daughters and investing in teaching them positive skills and traits is part of making lasting memories in all the girls' lives.

All 40 counties of GSCP2P are recruiting new girls and adults now. Girl Scout Nights in your area can be found using our zip code locator at www.girlscoutsp2p.org/girl-scout-nights.

About Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, a United Way agency, is one of 112 councils nationwide chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to deliver Girl Scout program within specific geographic boundaries. The local council serves nearly 14,700 girls and 6,400 adult volunteers in 40 counties and maintains three camp properties and four service centers offering unique experiences for girls and adults. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCP2P, call 800-672-2148 or visit www.girlscoutsp2p.org.

About Girl Scouts of the USA

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 2.8 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.

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