

## Service Unit Recognitions

**GSUSA Numeral Guard Pins – 5-20 years** - The Numeral Guard pin recognizes combined girl and adult membership years of Girl Scouting in five-year increments.

**GSUSA Years of Service Pins - 5-20 years** - The Years of Service Pin recognizes an adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA for her/his years of active volunteer service at five-year intervals (5, 10, 15, etc.). This pin differs from the numeral guard in that it represents the number of years an adult volunteer has actively provided service, whereas the numeral guard recognizes years of membership.

**Arkansas Governor's Volunteer Excellence Awards** - For 100 to 250 hours of any volunteer service, 251 to 500 hours of any volunteer service, 501 to 750 hours of any volunteer service, and 751 and above of any volunteer service.

**Presidential Volunteer Service Awards** - The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service, and civic participation.

## Council Recognitions for 2011-2012

**GSUSA Numeral Guards - 25 years and above** – The Numeral Guard pin recognizes combined girl and adult membership years of Girl Scouting in five-year increments.

**GSUSA Years of Service - 25 years and above** - The Years of Service Pin recognizes an adult member registered with Girl Scouts of the USA for her/his years of active volunteer service at five-year intervals (25, 30, 35, etc.). This pin differs from the numeral guard in that it represents the number of years an adult volunteer has actively provided service, whereas the numeral guard recognizes years of membership.

**GSUSA Outstanding Leader** (this is the last year for this award) – Demonstrate two of the following:

- o Involving adults in the community to help broaden the program opportunities for girls
- o Increasing girl membership to support the council membership goal
- o Using the four program goals to select a wide range of program activities with girls
- o Helping girls to recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior
- o Building an effective By Girls, For Girls approach with girls

**GSUSA Outstanding Volunteer** (this is the last year for this award) – Perform at a level that exceeds the expectations of the position as outlined in the position description agreement in one or more of the following areas: Membership, Program, Fund development, Pluralism, Marketing and Communications, Strategic Leadership/Governance, or Human Resources and Actively recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior.

**GSUSA Honor Pin** - The Honor Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience which has had measurable impact on **two or more geographic areas of service** to reach and surpass the mission delivery goals of the council.

**GSUSA Appreciation Pin** - The Appreciation Pin recognizes an individual's exemplary service in support of delivering the GSLE but for this pin the impact had measurable impact on **one or more geographic area of service** to reach and surpass the mission delivery goals of the council.

**GSUSA Platinum Service Award** - Adult GS Volunteer for outstanding simultaneous service to both the Service Unit and either the Region or Council for three years after receiving the Appreciation Pin and either the Honor Pin or Thanks Badge.

**Thanks Badge** - The Thanks Badge honors an individual whose ongoing commitment, leadership and service has had an exceptional, measurable impact on meeting the mission delivery goals and priorities of the entire council or the entire Girl Scout movement.

**Thanks Badge II** - The Thanks Badge II honors a previous Thanks Badge award recipient who has continued to provide exemplary service in a leadership role which resulted in a measurable impact benefitting the entire Girl Scout movement.

**GSUSA's President's Award for Service Units** - The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service team *or committee* whose exemplary service in support of delivering the Girl Scout Leadership Experience surpassed team goals and resulted in significant, measurable impact towards reaching entire council goals.

**Diamond Council Rookie of the Year** - Recognizes a first time troop/group leader who has gone above and beyond expectations of their position.

**Diamond Council Leader of the Year** - Recognizes leaders who have gone above and beyond as a Girl Scout Leader for a period of (5) five years or more.

**Diamond Council Volunteer of the Year** - Recognizes a volunteer who has gone above and beyond the expectations of their position.

**Myra Vinson Award** - Recognizes a Girl Scout Volunteer who lives the Promise and Law and continually gives back to her community in a variety of ways.

**Sally Sharpe Training Award** - Recognizes a volunteer facilitator who demonstrates outstanding facilitating skills in creating successful learning experiences for both new and returning volunteers.

**Diamond Council President's 24 Karat Diamond Trophy** - The Council Recognition Review Committee chooses this award from the Council's top 10 performing Service Units, recognized for exemplary

leadership in all areas of Membership, Volunteerism, and Program (MVP).

## Recognitions Retiring in 2012

- GSUSA Volunteer Service Pins I, II, III – no longer available
- GSUSA Volunteer Development Pin and Keys – keys only available on a limited basis while supplies last
- GSUSA Outstanding Leader – available this year only while supplies last
- GSUSA Outstanding Volunteer – available this year only while supplies last
- GSUSA Volunteer Trainer's Pin – available on a limited basis while supplies last
- GSUSA Leadership Development Pin and Leaves – available on a limited basis while supplies last

## New Adult Recognitions for 2011-12

**Juliette Low World Friendship Medal** - This is a prestigious national award granted to those individuals and councils who have enhanced and progressed the understanding of the global aspects of Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting which has empowered girls to be global citizens. The criteria involve work in the topics of: Commitment, Impact on Girls, Global Awareness, Leadership, and Membership.

**Volunteer of Excellence** - This award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls in any pathway to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through use of the National Program Portfolio **or** who have contributed outstanding service in support of the council's mission delivery to girl and adult members.

## Adult Recognitions Changing for 2011-12

- Any volunteer in the troop pathway will use a yellow colored position bar.
- Daisy VOLUNTEER pin..or brownie etc. This is available for all volunteer positions supporting girls in those various grade levels.