



## Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Adult Recognition Information

1. **Appreciation Pin** – This pin recognizes an adult who has delivered outstanding service to at least one service area.
  - Potential candidate could be a corporate volunteer who recruits coworkers to lead or sponsor troops, a chairperson of a highly successful product sale, or a trainer who trains and mentors to the service area or council.
  - Nomination must be submitted stating the service, its scope and impact to the service area or council.
  - Two letters of endorsement outlining the candidate's performance are required.
  - Recognition is board-approved.
  
2. **Honor Pin** – The Honor Pin recognizes an adult member who has delivered outstanding service to two or more geographic areas.
  - Potential candidate may be the director of a successful day camp, a person who provides leadership to a successful annual giving campaign, a volunteer that has impacted girl or adult membership in several areas of the council, or a trainer who has a positive impact on several areas of the council.
  - Nomination must be submitted stating the service and its scope and impact on the service areas or council.
  - Three letters of endorsement outlining the candidate's performance are required.
  - Recognition is board-approved.
  
3. **Thanks Badge** – This award recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement.
  - Potential candidate could be the director of a council event, chair of a fund development committee that increases funding, person involved in policy decision-making at a high level.
  - Nomination must be submitted stating the service and its scope and impact on the council.
  - Four letters of endorsement outlining the candidate's performance are required.
  - Recognition is board-approved.
  
4. **Thanks Badge II** – Thanks Badge II is for continuing service of an adult who has already received the Thanks Badge.
  - Potential candidate could be the director of a council event, chair of a fund development committee that increases funding, person involved in policy decision-making at a high level.
  - Nomination must be submitted stating the service and its scope and impact on the council.
  - Four letters of endorsement outlining the candidate's performance are required.
  - Recognition is board-approved.
  
5. **President's Award** – Recognizes the efforts of a service area in moving its membership toward achievement of the council's goals.
  - Each member of the service area has taken required training for the position held.
  - Service area has achieved the girl and adult membership goal set by the Manager of Membership Services and the Membership Specialist for the service area by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Service team and troops reflect the diversity of the area.
  - Troop Finance Report and Leader Evaluations are turned in to the council by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Troops with at least 2 committee members – 50%.
  - Troops presented Family Partnership Campaign – 95%
  - Troops participated in Fall Product Activity – 5% over council average for the number of troops eligible to participate at the time of the sale.
  - Troops participated in Girl Scout Cookie Activity – 5% over council average for the number of troops eligible to participate at the time of the sale.
  - Troops participated in service projects – 100%
  - Recognition is board-approved

6. Leadership Development Pin – Recognizes volunteers who participate in training in subject areas that will increase their skills in working with girls.
  - Volunteer must have completed one year of service.
  - Volunteer has completed Leadership Essentials **or** Basic Leader training **and** the appropriate age-level training.
  - Volunteer has participated in 2 additional meetings (service area meetings, council meetings, etc.).
  - Volunteer has completed First Aid/CPR and Basic Outdoor training or has secured an adult that has completed such training.
  - Once the pin is earned, training hours can count toward the leaves.
  - Each green leaf represents 10 training hours, each silver leaf represents 50 hours, and each gold leaf represents 250 hours of training.
  
7. Outstanding Leader – Recognizes the leader whose performance in working with girls is so outstanding that it merits recognition within the service area.
  - Potential candidates are leaders and co-leaders.
  - Nomination must outline how the service performed has benefited girls.
  - Two additional letters of endorsement describing outstanding leadership qualities are required; these may come from parents, co-leaders, and/or the girls in the troop.
  - Recognition is approved by the Volunteer Development Specialist.
  
8. Outstanding Volunteer – This award recognizes someone other than a leader whose service benefits the service area beyond all expectations.
  - Examples of potential candidates could be recruiters, event coordinators, or program consultants that have provided service to help achieve the goals of the service area.
  - Nomination outlines the candidate's accomplishments.
  - Two additional letters of endorsement describing outstanding accomplishments are required.
  - Recognition is approved by the Volunteer Development Specialist.
  
9. The forms must be completed and sent to the Volunteer Development Specialist.
  - Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer, and Leadership Development Pin will be determined by the Volunteer Development Specialist.
  - Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, Thanks Badge II, and President's Award must be submitted to the GSCI board for approval. Deadline for completed nominations to the Volunteer Development Specialist is August 15.
  - Board-approved awards will be presented at the annual meeting.
  - The Leadership Development Pin will be handed out or mailed.
  - Awards approved by the Volunteer Development Specialist should be presented after the service is rendered.
    - Appropriate venues may include but are not limited to:
      - Service area meetings
      - Service area program or special event
      - Year-end bridging ceremony
      - Investiture or rededication ceremony