



Dear Girl Scout Family,

"I am investing in the future by empowering possibilities!" This is what I say to people when asked why I continue to volunteer for the Girl Scouts of Maine as a troop and travel leader. My volunteering started when I was asked, thirty-plus years ago, to help lead a brownie troop. I had no idea the years of joy and adventures that I would experience, and varied skills I would learn in this volunteer role. I have witnessed Girl Scouts in my various troops develop a passion for learning new skills, take on leadership roles, and persevere through difficult tasks. The fuel for my passion for volunteering with GSME comes from conversations I have with the alum of my troops—young adults who reach out to share how their experiences in Girl Scouts have shaped their lives and careers.

I relish it when former Girl Scouts say the skills they learned through Girl Scouts helped them be innovative in their occupations, take action, and be risk-takers, trying new challenges and overcoming adversity. The alum tell me they learned life lessons about being a productive member of their community. I enjoy hearing about the leadership skills they developed and now use to create a shared vision in their work settings. They often share that the travel skills they learned on Girl Scout trips—how to navigate a subway system, budget their money, book flights or trains, and read maps to travel in a city or around the world—have served them in their adult lives.

It was Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, who said, "The work of today is the history of tomorrow, and we are its makers." The work I do today with Girl Scouts is creating a future in which they will be in charge.

I hope you will join me by investing in the future of girls in our state by empowering possibilities. Your gift to Girl Scouts of Maine ensures the next generation of girls have the tools they need to build our community. Thank you for your role in their lives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle M. Carr". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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