

Emerald Spotlight July 2011

The GSGLA Emerald Spotlight is an award that recognizes a former Girl Scout who shows courage, confidence, and character in her current role as a community leader.



Kathryn Knight

For Kate, being a Brownie and a Junior in San Marino was all about making friends. Girl Scouts enabled her to keep her closest friends when she changed schools after 3rd Grade. She was a shy child, and the all-girls environment helped her build confidence and learn to be open toward new people throughout her life.

Kate has an MBA and worked for 12 years at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory before moving recently to be Business Processes Analyst at WebMetro, an online marketing company in San Dimas.

Five years ago, Kate's daughter saw a flier for the Girl Scouts and wanted to join. Learning that there was a shortage of adult volunteers in their area, Kate offered to be a troop leader. She has since been a Registrar, Service Unit Manager, and Adult Learning Facilitator. She continues to volunteer because she feels that Girl Scouts is a perfect fit for her and it makes her feel part of "something awesome."

Kate's daughter is now a 12-year-old cadette who will earn her silver award this year. Kate also has a 14-year-old son and was a surrogate to two daughters, one of whom will soon be a Daisy. In addition to working full-time, spending time with her family, and volunteering with the Girl Scouts, Kate serves on the PTA of two schools and an HOA Board and volunteers with the Renaissance Faire.

Kate finds that the most fulfilling experience of her life has been watching Girl Scouts grow up. Her advice to Girl Scouts today is to stay with the program and to keep all your Girl Scout stuff. Sometimes, it may seem too much but when you have your own kids or become a volunteer, you'll wish that you'd kept everything!