

Emerald Spotlight

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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.



Kellee Bartha

Kellee Bartha earned her BS in Mechanical Engineering from San Diego State University and her MS in Aeronautical Science with minor in Management from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. She has worked in the defense industry for over 15 years and is currently a Logistics Engineer at Northrup Grumman.

Kellee developed her interest in aeronautics as a 10th Grade Girl Scout when she toured the North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs. She credits this trip with igniting her passion for travel and the outdoors. Kellee went on to host a Girl Guide from Ecuador at her home and to become one of three girls chosen to represent the Girl Scouts of the USA at an international camp in New Zealand which included cultural education and 10 days of wilderness backpacking. For her Gold Award project, Kellee planted a time capsule at Camp Lakota and she hopes you will join her on Saturday, July 21st to open this capsule and collect items for a new one!

A third generation Girl Scout, Kellee started in the pilot program of Daisies and has been a dedicated Girl Scout for 35 years serving in many roles including as troop leader at all levels and for foster girls, Gold Award Advisor, Catholic Award Advisor, day camp volunteer, Service Unit Delegate, and organizer of Aerospace Badge and Engineering days. Her Girl Scout experiences continue to foster her sense of adventure, her concern for the environment, her courage to take on new things, and her desire to connect with people around the world to make a difference. In 2008, Kellee embraced motherhood by adopting an infant son and she is now trying to prepare for a future which will include the Boy Scouts!