

Scaling New Heights in Girl Scouts

A Profile of Marie Fouts



Marie Fouts grew up with her brother and parents on a little farm in south Texas with cows, chickens, field corn, and a vegetable garden during WWII. Early in her childhood, Marie joined Girl Scouts and continued all the way through high school. Marie appreciated the company and camaraderie of her sister Girl Scouts, especially because she was introverted at school and didn't have neighbors or neighborhood children. One of Marie's fond Girl Scout memories was her troop's support of service members at a local USO dance near San Antonio. Other memories included developing an appreciation for hiking and earning art badges.

Marie attended the University of Texas at Austin and volunteered with Girl Scouts during college. After graduating in 1947 with a bachelor's degree in fine art, Marie moved to California, where she met her husband. Marie and her husband had two children, a boy and a girl, and both participated in scouting. Marie's son, who became an Eagle Scout, now serves as a leader of his son's troop and his daughter is a Girl Scout.

Marie's daughter joined Girl Scouts as a student at El Rodeo Elementary School. Debbie Reynolds' troop was a year younger at the school, and the two troops camped together and endured a snow storm at Camp Osito Rancho. When Marie's daughter was in junior high, Marie became her troop leader. Marie appreciated the training she received from Girl Scouts, especially an in-depth camp training from esteemed troop leader, Bernie Horst.

Marie, her daughter, and the troop enjoyed many great Girl Scout adventures such as a trip to Hawaii, a train ride to Canada with stops in San Francisco and Portland, and a camping trip at Joshua Tree. Showing Girl Scout grit and determination, Marie's troop also climbed Mt. Whitney in the rain. Marie noted, *"Girl Scouts gave my daughter confidence."* To this day, Marie and her daughter continue to travel and enjoy new adventures together.

Marie shared, *"Girl Scouts has always been important to me."* Marie has kept her uniform and badges all these years. Through her landscape oil painting, Marie has captured many precious Girl Scout memories and vistas.



When Marie and her husband prepared their will, they decided to include Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles, and for that, we are deeply grateful. Marie is a part of our **Juliette Gordon Low Society** which recognizes individuals who have named Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles as a beneficiary in their wills, trusts, insurance plans, or retirement accounts.

If Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles is a beneficiary in your estate plans, please let us know so that we can thank and recognize you as a member of the Juliette Gordon Low Society. To notify us or to find out more information, contact Donna Baharouzi at 626-677-2314 or dbaharouzi@girlscoutsla.org. Your support will inspire others and will empower the next generation of mountain climbers and artists.