

Dear Leader,

Welcome to the new membership year! As always, we will provide steadfast support for you, the volunteer, who makes Girl Scouting a reality for girls and adults within Black Diamond Council. We want to thank you for making Girl Scouting available to new members while continuing to make Girl Scouting exciting for returning girls.

Now is an exciting time for Girl Scouting! As you know, we are redefining Girl Scouting by focusing on outcomes of the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience. We're excited to implement the new program and the journey approach this fall. As a Girl Scout volunteer, you bring the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience to life for girls and are critical to the program's success. Your expertise, interests, skills and life experiences are essential to shaping fun and enriching leadership experiences for girls, and inspiring them to reach their personal best.

Within this packet, you will find valuable resources to assist you during the year. There is a program resource booklet detailing the exciting activities available during the upcoming year. Be sure to check out the information describing the "Challenge Award" and the new service project – "Birthday-in-a-Box" – which not only helps out those in need, but ties into the celebration of Black Diamond's 35th Anniversary.

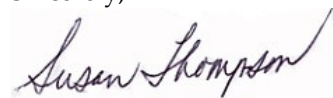
Also enclosed are the tools you will need to keep your troop running smoothly. Inside are documents to help you keep on top of the troop's finances, insurance needs, and information to help you become familiar with Girl Opportunity funds, Black Diamond's crisis plan, and a calendar to help you and your troop can plan a fulfilling year. Also, please take time to fill out and send in "A Look Back" to keep us informed of your troop's success throughout the year.

To help you keep track of your training, there is an adult educational record enclosed. There are also other tools to help you stay informed about what is going on in Girl Scouting, as well as information about how to increase family involvement in Girl Scouting through the family campaign.

Please go through the packet and become familiar with the people and resources available to you during the upcoming year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact your service unit administrator, field executive or the council service center at (304) 345-7722 or (800) 756-7616.

Thank you for your partnership as we work together to support girls in becoming leaders who change the world. We hope you share our excitement as we focus on the positive changes in our program, our council, and our journey to bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to life!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Thompson". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Susan F. Thompson
Chief Executive Officer