Girl Scouts call for volunteers

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Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails is looking for several volunteers; come to the following event to learn more about volunteering and to see Girl Scouts in action. These events are for adults only.

• Troop Meeting at Church of the Holy Spirit (1334 Country Club Drive) in Gallup on Friday, January 6 at 5:30pm.

• Troop Meeting at Church of the Holy Spirit (1334 Country Club Drive) in Gallup on Friday, January 20 at 5:30pm.

• Girl Scout Explora! Day at First Baptist Church in Gallup on Saturday January 21 at 10:00 am.

There are many ways to volunteer for the Girl Scouts, in addition to serving as a troop leader or assistant leader. Dads, empty-nesters, young adults and professionals are encouraged to become Girl Scout volunteers, a news release said. Free training and support is provided by council staff and experienced volunteers. Annual membership is \$15 for adults.

In the Gallup area, we have nearly 20 girls registered who are waiting for troop leaders and another 16 girls waiting to join.

Let me tell you my story:

My Girl Scout story began in the 1st grade when I joined Troop 956 at Eubank Elementary. We would have to wear our Girl Scout uniforms to school on the day of meetings. I was so proud to

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wear my Girl Scout uniform, my brown jumper, Brownie button-up shirt, and Brownie sash (which I still have).

My favorite badge to earn was the Dancer badge. I remember going to a dance studio and learning different dances from a dance instructor. This was a special trip for me because I always wanted to take dance classes but my parents could not afford them. Now as a Girl Scout staff member, that is what I think about when I describe Girl Scouts – we are organization that provides opportunities for girls that they might not always get. I do not know how many times I have heard the words "this is my first time..." as a Girl Scout staff member and volunteer and it brings joy to me because I know these girls are creating memories that will last them a lifetime.

Help us give these girls in our community the Girl Scout experience that they want and that they deserve.

For more information about registering, contact Recruitment & Retention Specialist Clarissa Yatsattie at (505) 923-2510 or cyatsattie@nmgirlscouts.org

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