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Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Nominee Information



Shari Berry

1st Two-Year Term, Board of Directors

Shari was raised in Kansas and has lived in Kansas City, Houston, San Antonio, Tucson, Singapore and now Peoria. Prior to working for OSF, Shari practiced employment law in-house and at several law firms, including as a partner at Heyl Royster in Peoria. Shari also worked in Peoria's legal aid clinic - Prairie State Legal Services.

She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Journalism from the University of Kansas; Juris Doctorate, cum laude, at Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas.

She is employed at OSF as Sr. Employment Counsel. Shari has served on the Board for the Illinois Central College Foundation and as an Advisor for Kappa Kappa Gamma at ISU.

Shari enjoys traveling, working out, and spending time with her family. She and her husband, Michael, have two college-aged children.

Non-Voting Girl Members

Lily Dothager

Lily is a Ambassador Girl Scout from Staunton. She has been a part of Girl Scouts since she was 5 years old. She has attended camp since she was 8 years old and helps run the local Twilight camp. She has participated in two Girl Scout Destination trips and this past summer she was a GSCI Girl Delegate for the GSUSA National Convention. Lily is active in Scholastic Bowl and band while working part time at a local restaurant. She volunteers at MAC—Macoupin Art Collective. She is a Girl Scout Bronze Award recipient, which she accomplished by repainting a wall at her local soccer field and replanting a flower bed by the flagpole. For her Girl Scout Silver Award, she and her surveyed the local children on which tree they wanted to be the official city tree. Additionally, they visited local classrooms of each of the schools in town to teach the benefits of native trees. The presented their findings to the city council, and declared the Redbud the official Staunton City Tree. Lily was recently approved for her Girl Scout Gold Award. She will be remodeling bathrooms at her local park to make them safer and a more pleasant space for people to use.

Nethraa Venkatesh

Nethraa is a Senior Girl Scout from Dunlap. She has been a Girl Scout since kindergarten. As a part of Girl Scouting Nethraa has learned many new skills. She earned her Girl Scout Silver Award working with her troop to mark trails at GSCI camps to allow people to walk the trails without getting lost. Additionally, they made benches and placed them along the trails as resting spots. She is currently planning her Girl Scout Gold Award project and will start this soon. In school, Nethraa is part of the Future Business Leaders of America, UNICEF, and FIRST—a robotics program. She also does competitive swimming and recently competed in sectionals.