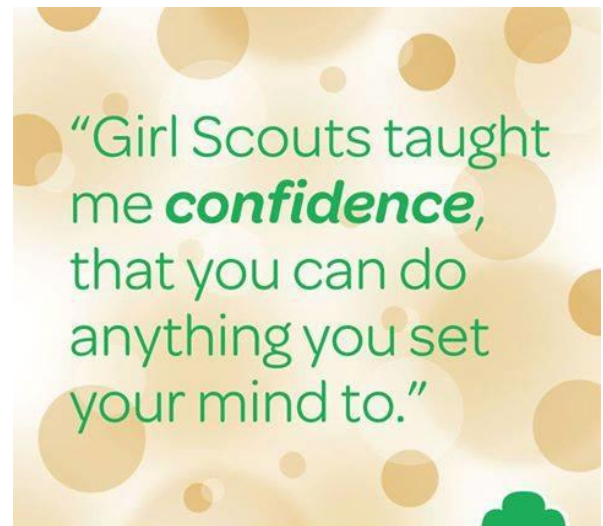


TWO Success Stories About...Hailey and Cristin

As a student in elementary school, Hailey joined the Girl Scouts. She enjoyed scouts and liked trying to do new things, if she wasn't put on the spot. Slowly and quietly the Girl Scout staff encouraged her as she participated in crafts, science activities, and ceremonies. In time Hailey began answering questions without prompting. In Middle School, Hailey was bullied, so at Girl Scout meetings the troop focused on being a friend, instilling self-esteem, teaching her to assert herself, and managing conflict. With these new skills, Hailey addressed her bullying problem.



—Girl Scout alumna, age 40



Her mom, Cristin, grew in the Girl Scouts as well. At first, she was extremely shy and performed volunteer tasks alone. Over time, with some coaching, she volunteered for roles outside her usual comfort zone, like calling other parents to coordinate snacks at meetings, chaperoning trips to new places, and sharing her expertise with Hailey and the rest of the troop as she taught them yoga! Through volunteerism, she built up her network, her comfort level, and her skills. She now talks with the other parents, the teachers at school, and has developed a positive relationship with the principal. Cristin continued as a Girl Scout volunteer, and even started to get involved with the school's PTA.