

# Meet Alumna Carmel Johnston



When did you start with Girl Scouts?

1994 as a Brownie. Daisy's weren't really a thing yet.

Where were you a Girl Scout?

I started Girl Scouts in Oakland, CA, but moved to Montana when I was 10 and continued in Whitefish until I finished my Gold Award.

What is a favorite Girl Scout memory?

Summer camp, Hands Across the Border, my Gold Award project

What was your favorite Girl Scout achievement?

Gold Award

What are you up to now?

I am a water and wastewater operator for Glacier National Park. If you visit the east side of Glacier and drink water, I helped make it. If you use the bathroom, I'll treat it at our wastewater plant.

Expand on your journey: College? Travel? Whatever you would like to tell us.

I went to MSU Bozeman for college and ended up having a few classes with fellow Montana Girl Scout, Erica Gudmundsen. It was really neat to reconnect after several years, following similar paths, and even crossing paths the last few years. Montana is a small community, and Girl Scouts makes it even smaller. I have traveled quite a bit and love exploring new places. I prefer to be outside all day every day, but sometimes work requires me to be indoors. Darn computers!

If you could give a young Girl Scout of today some advice, what would that be?

Be anyone you want to be and do everything you want to. There is no limit to what you are capable of. There is always a path forward for you to achieve what you desire. Accept help from others in achieving your dreams and you will build friendships that last a lifetime.

We would love to catch up with you too! Please contact Missy at [missyl@gsmw.org](mailto:missyl@gsmw.org) so we can tell your story.

