



Meet Alumna Izzy (Elizabeth) Moon

When did you start with Girl Scouts?

I started Girl Scouts in 1999 in Casper, Wyoming, as a Daisy, and my troop consisted of me and another girl. The troop lasted one year, but years later I went to school with that same girl again and we became best friends.

What is your favorite Girl Scout memory?

My favorite memory is of camp. I remember showing up at camp Sacajawea excited for the hike to camp. I was excited to learn the crazy names of my camp counselors, and the one that stands out is - Monkey. She made camp better; leading us in songs and dancing around. She made the shy kid that I was, not feel out of place. I loved meeting in the giant rest area, near the flag pole, and exchanging swaps with other campers. I enjoyed the skits the camp counselors put on during the bon-fire, finding the tree houses in the woods and having a picnic there with my troop, riding horses around the camp, learning to trust an animal and seeing the new Girl Scouts show up their first year and help them figure things out.



What was your favorite Girl Scout achievement?

It was graduating high school as a Girl Scout. There were many years that I didn't have a troop, but I still wanted to be a part of the community. Even after graduation I still want to be a part of this community; I am happy I stayed with it through the years.

What are you up to now?

I regularly volunteer with troops when I am in Casper. I have been working as a CNA, either in the healthcare field or at a school for at least the past eight years and I currently live in Denver, CO. I went to Casper College to become a CNA. Being a Girl Scout taught me that I need to help my community and give back where I can. I am immensely proud that I can call on the Wyoming Girl Scouts and volunteer. I love showing up in Wyoming and helping out wherever they need me. If it's hunting for blue bags for the food drive, okay, or helping at a booth sale, I call dibs on the cookie suit. Need me to clean the Scout house after an event? point me to the vacuum. When I go back to Denver I miss that sense of community.

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

I would tell a young Girl Scout to trust themselves. Through this community you will gain skills and knowledge that might not be easy to come by otherwise. All of that is to help you be an amazing adult later in life, and you can rely on yourself, or know that you can ask for help. Have fun, all those fun events you see that are happening, go to them. Take all the opportunities that are available. Go to camp, make friends, learn to make memories. At the end of the day, have fun. For me, that's the most important thing I remember, the fun we had together and that's why I volunteer as much as I do.

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