



# Michelle Obama to lead Girl Scouts

## First lady to serve as Honorary National President of girl organization

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Girl Scouts from Nebraska now have a new role model to look up to and they don't have to look further than their own organization. Girl Scouts of the USA announced on October 8 that First Lady Michelle Obama agreed to serve as Honorary National President.

"It is my great pleasure to serve as Honorary National President of Girl Scouts," said Mrs. Obama during the announcement. "With their innovative new programming, ground-breaking research, and emphasis on service and leadership, Girl Scouts is preparing the women of tomorrow to be a positive force for change – in their own lives, their communities, and across the globe."

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska troops are participating in new programs for the 2009-2010 membership year and will be learning about and taking part in activities that will focus on changing the world around them. All topics from healthy living, public service and the environment will be incorporated.

"We are excited to be working towards the same goals that our nation is currently striving to improve," said Fran Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska. "Having Michelle Obama as the Girl Scouts Honorary President will be influential on young girls as they tackle these issues in Nebraska."

In accepting the position, Mrs. Obama takes her place in a tradition stretching back to 1917, when First Lady Edith B. Wilson became the first Honorary National President of the Girl Scouts. Since then, each successive First Lady has served in this post.

For more information about Girl Scouting in Nebraska, logon to [www.girlscoutsnebraska.org](http://www.girlscoutsnebraska.org) or call 877.447.5558 x201.

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# Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska

Our Mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

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