

## 2026 Annual Meeting Nomination Slate

*The following Slate of Nominees is presented on behalf of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons' Board Development Committee & Board of Directors*

### **BOARD of DIRECTORS SLATE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Term (Entering)</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Lori Clausen	SE	Fourth	2028
Kristi Metzger	SE	Second	2028
Kristina Schaefer	SE	First	2028
Claudine Bates	SW	Second	2028
Casey Sanders-Berglund	NE	Fourth	2028
Sue Klose	NE	Third	2028
Erica Johnsrud	NW	Fourth	2028
Laura Lueder	NW	Fifth	2028

### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE SLATE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Term (Entering)</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Nichelle Lund	SE	Third	2028
Lori Leingang	NW	Second	2028
Billie Jo Lorius	NW	Third	2028
Rebecca Pisle	SW	First	2028
Kyle Kvamme	NE	First	2028
Sadie Bell	SE	First	2028

# Nomination Slate for Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons Board of Directors

**Sue Klose** (Fargo, ND)- Suzette (Sue) Klose is a Corporate Markets Specialist with Sammons Financial. She was a Girl Scouts and had a daughter with Girl Scouts. She has done a variety of adult positions, including troop leader, cookie coordinator and planned many camps. She currently is on the Board of Directors, Board Development Committee and the Cookies Corks and Brews committee.

**Erica Johnsrud** (Watford City, ND)- Erica Johnsrud serves as the Auditor/Treasurer for McKenzie County, North Dakota. She joined the Girl Scout Dakota Horizons Board of Directors in 2020 and was elected the Treasurer in 2023. Serving on both the Finance and Audit Committees, Erica plays a vital role in ensuring the financial health and accountability of the organization. She actively participates in various Girl Scout fundraising initiatives. Erica's passion lies in empowering young girls to become confident leaders of today and tomorrow.

**Lori Clausen** (Sioux Falls, SD)- Lori Clausen is a multi-faceted insurance executive that is multi-licensed, multi-certified and has advanced executive leadership experience in diverse organizations spanning all lines of insurance, sales, services, agency, and insurance carrier operations. Her role is Vice President of Client Services at Holmes Murphy in Sioux Falls, SD. Lori is a lifetime Girl Scout and has served on the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors since July 2020, appreciating the opportunity to take part, help, and serve Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons.

**Laura Luder** (Mandan, ND)- Laura Lueder is director of communication for Everus Construction Group, one of America's largest specialty construction services companies with headquarters in Bismarck, North Dakota, and operations across the United States. Laura is a lifetime Girl Scout and has held a number of adult volunteer positions, including troop leader, service unit chair and camp director. She has been on the Girl Scouts-Dakota Horizons board of directors since 2018, serving as president of the board since 2024. Laura served as secretary of the board from 2020 to 2024 and previously chaired the Board Development Committee and the Resource Development Committee.

**Kristina Schaefer** (Sioux Falls, SD)- Kristina serves as Senior Vice President, Director of Government Relations and Associate General Counsel for Dacotah Bank. With over two decades of legal and risk management experience in the financial services industry, Kristina has provided strategic legal counsel to the Board and executive leadership, focusing on banking law, contracts, lending, payment systems, acquisitions, and corporate governance. In her leadership roles, she has also overseen key areas such as regulatory compliance, fraud prevention, audit, BSA/AML, enterprise risk management, third-party oversight, and human resources. Prior to joining the banking industry, Kristina practiced law, where she was a member of the financial institutions practice group. Kristina is a member of several local, state, and national professional organizations, regularly coaches Girls on the Run, and volunteers as a mentor for several local programs.

**Kristi Metzger** (Sioux Falls, SD)- Kristi is the Senior Vice President and Regional Wealth Manager at First Interstate Bank in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and brings extensive expertise in Wealth Management. She is an avid golfer and devoted aunt to twelve nieces and nephews. Kristi is excited to serve on the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board and eager to empower young girls to excel in leadership and business, skills that transcend all aspects of life.

**Claudine Bates** (Rapid City, SD)- Claudine is a Staff Risk Engineer with a discipline of Operations and Planning at Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC). She is the Vice Chair for the Employee Engagement Committee focusing on employee activities aligned with WECC's values, strategic committee planning and coordination. Claudine is a lifetime Girl Scout and serves on the Cookies, Corks and Brews committee where she collaborates with other volunteers and Girl Scout staff to plan the annual event for Rapid City. Claudine will bring her strategic strengths to support the continued development of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board; and is passionate about helping young girls see their abilities and potential to become confident leaders.

**Casey Sanders-Berglund** (West Fargo, ND)- Casey serves as the Director of Economic Development for the City of West Fargo in North Dakota. In 2021, she became a valuable member of the Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons Board of Directors. With a strong belief in empowering young women in our communities, Casey is committed to fostering leadership and growth opportunities. Her dedication to this mission is reflected in her active involvement with Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons.

## **Nomination Slate for Girl Scouts – Dakota Horizons Board Development Committee**

**Lori Leingang** (Mandan, ND)- Lori is Chief Administrative Officer/Senior Vice President with Bank of North Dakota where her team consists of human resources, communications and marketing, and strategic planning. Lori has 3 daughters and 2 sons who have all participated in scouting and through that experience, she has volunteered as scout co-leader and chairperson of various fundraisers. Lori has a passion for employee development, diversity and fairness and looks forward to sharing her expertise in whatever way would be beneficial to the Girl Scout program. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the North Dakota Bankers Association as well as volunteering for various organizations.

**Kyle Kvamme** (Grand Forks, ND)- Kyle is a member of the ownership team, and leads community engagement and marketing at ICON Architectural Group with a majority of time spent working with the K-12 schools in the region. Kyle is a Girl Scout dad and even volunteers to wear a cookie costume at booths. He is passionate about adding to the efforts of creating the next generation of confident, empathic, and resourceful young women leaders and appreciates the opportunity to serve.

**Rebecca Pisle** (Rapid City, SD)- Rebecca understands the power of service. Inspired by the opportunities she received through Girl Scouting, including international travel and earning her Gold Award, she's committed to giving back. After relocating to Rapid City in 2016 with her husband, a United States Air Force veteran, Rebecca has built a life centered around supporting those who serve. Married for 29 years with two sons, one following in his father's footsteps in the Air Force and the other studying pre-physical therapy at the University of South Dakota. Rebecca works at Ellsworth AFB, where she finds fulfillment in supporting military members and their families, ensuring they have the resources and support they need to protect our country.

**Nichelle Lund** (Sioux Falls, SD)- Nichelle brings more than a decade of lived Girl Scout experience to the Board Decision Committee, having spent 12 years in the organization and carrying its mission of leadership, confidence, and service into her professional and civic work today. She is a connector by nature, with a career rooted in community partnerships, relationship-driven business development, and advocacy that creates meaningful access and opportunity. As a lifelong believer in the power of girls to lead, Nichelle is especially energized by Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons' expanding focus on STEM and preparing girls for the future workforce. Her background as an adventurer, mentor, and champion for inclusive spaces reflects the values she learned through Girl Scouts: curiosity, courage, and collaboration. Nichelle is honored to help shape the next generation of board leadership in support of girls across the Dakota Horizons council.

**Billie Jo Lorius** (Bismarck, ND)- Billie Jo Lorius has served on the Board Development Committee for the past 4 years, bringing thoughtful insight, leadership, and a deep commitment to the mission of Girl Scouts–Dakota Horizons. She completed her doctorate and teaches dual credit speech for the University of Mary, teaches business at Bismarck State College, and is the communications director for the ND University System. Billie Jo’s adaptable nature and focus on creating meaningful connections strengthen the organization’s ability to support girls and volunteers across the region. Her dedication reflects a genuine desire to help others grow, lead, and thrive.

**Sadie Bell** (Sioux Falls, SD)

Sadie Bell, SVP - Chief Retail Officer with First Bank & Trust, was born and raised in Webster, South Dakota. Sadie has been a proud resident of the Sioux Falls community for the last 25+ years, where she’s raised her family – husband, Brandon Bell and 11-year-old twins, Briggs and Brinkley. Sadie graduated from Augustana University, where she remains active as an Alum. Sadie’s career in Banking has spanned over 20 years. In her current capacity, she’s responsible for Consumer Banking at First Bank & Trust, with locations throughout South Dakota and in Minnesota. Sadie’s community advocacy includes Board member involvement with organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Dakota and Solace, formerly The Compass Center. Additionally, Sadie is a member of Sioux Falls Downtown Rotary Club and regularly volunteers for other local organizations and community affairs. In her spare time, Sadie loves spending time with family and friends, traveling, and lives for summer weekends at Pickerel Lake.