My name is Jennifer O’Neil, this is my 3rd year as a Girl Scout leader. I joined girl scouts because I used to be a girl scout when I was younger and my daughter wanted to be in scouts so I joined again. My troop story is about my Daisy troop – we have a troop of 15 girls from kindergarten and 1st grade. Me and my co leader Missy thought it would be a great trip for the girls to learn about taking care of animals by visiting a horse ranch. So we went to Haven Horse ranch in St Augustine, FL and the girls learned how to take care of their own horse by brushing them, putting on saddles, feeding them, learning how to clean a stall and they all got to ride the horses when they were done. As for the badge that the girls earned, we were working on 5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals! They earned all 3 journey badges, for this event.

- **Birdbath Award**- Daisies learn to care for animals and for themselves
- **Red Robin Award**- Daisies use their new knowledge and creativity to teach others how to care for animals
- **Tula Award**- Daisies gain courage and confidence in teaching others about animal care

The girls were very interested in the horse event, even though we live in somewhat of a country setting, none of the girls have
we live in somewhat of a country setting, none of the girls have ever been near a horse. By attending this event, the girls were able to get out of their normal elements and see what it is like to help out an animal that not a lot of people are attached to. Once the girls learned about the horses and their daily routine, they came back to the community and discussed it with their fellow classmates and other troops. It was great to see the girls get really excited when they talked about the saddles and taking a ride on the horses.

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**jodi**

I am a leader just like all of you, my name is Jodi Hautala-Carlson, I have been in Girl Scouts for 23 years, first as a Girl Scout for 12 years with my momas my leader and then after graduation I came back and continued as a leader, with my mom and 10 others, we have a multi-level troop of 40 girls ranging in age from 6 years to 18 years, I have many stories, ideas, games, and songs that I have used over the years and want to now pay it forward to leaders everywhere.
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