

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 11, 2008

Contact: Carole Roach

(479) 695-1840

caroler_noarkgsc@hotmail.com

Denise Stewart joins local Girl Scout Council as new CEO



Little Rock, AR – Girl Scouts – Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas is pleased to announce the appointment of Denise Stewart as Chief Executive Officer. Stewart joins the council to support the organization's effort to make the most effective use of local resources and to deliver a superior Girl Scout Leadership Experience to even more girls in our area.

Stewart brings more than 22 years' experience to the position and will be working to help girls develop leadership skills, connect with others, and take action to identify and address issues facing them and their communities.

Most recently, Stewart was the CEO of the Otahki Council in Missouri, a position she has held since 1995. She has been involved in every aspect of Girl Scouting from outdoor programs, membership and training to property management, fund development and fiscal management. Stewart served as the co-chair of the Council Realignment Committee for the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, so she is familiar with issues related to realignment and the future of the Girl Scout movement. "I am excited to be given this opportunity to work with Girl Scout volunteers, staff and community partners in creating this new high performing leadership organization for the girls of our area," Stewart said. "Together we will combine the strengths and traditions of five councils into one amazing Girl Scout council that will create opportunities and make an impact on the lives of girls and their families."