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GOSHEN – Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council has announced the recipients of the council’s 2008 Secondary Education Scholarships. Among the recipients, two Elkhart County Girl Scouts Bianca Ghigliotto and Amanda Schumacher, will each receive a \$500 college scholarship for continuing study. Anne Reel, Indiana Lakeland Girl Scout Council Executive Director, states, “We are pleased that we can support Bianca and Amanda as they continue to pursue their career goals and dreams. Girl Scouting encourages each member to do their very best and be their very best. We know Bianca and Amanda will continue to be strong and vibrant community members wherever their career paths lead them.”

A NorthWood High School Senior, Ghigliotto, credits much of her outgoing personality and self-determination to Girl Scouting. “Girl Scouts has helped me to be a very independent person,” says Ghigliotto. Among her most memorable experiences; summers at Camp Singing Hills including a week long “Survivor” event, a self defense course, trips to Potato Creek State Park and Kings Island Amusement Park and earning her Bronze Award for a peace pole her troop donated to the city of Nappanee. But the event Ghigliotto says had the greatest impacted on her was the ten day Girl Scout trip to Our Chalet in Switzerland, one of the four world centers owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Says Ghigliotto, “I learned so much about who I was and what I could accomplish on that trip. The country was really beautiful, but since Our Chalet is located in the Swiss Alps, it gave a whole new meaning to walking up hill in both directions!” Ghigliotto is also involved with the Red Regiment Marching Band, NorthWood High Schools Swimming & Diving Team, 4-H Dairy Feeder Club and will celebrate her 10th year as a member of the 4-H Swine Club. Ghigliotto

will be attending Valparaiso University in the fall to study History and Political Science with the intention of pursuing either a career in law or education.

Schumacher, a Northridge High School Senior and 12 year member of Girl Scouts, also plans to study History, but her intent is to share her passion through teaching. Having a father whose Air Force career required her family to relocate between military bases, much of Schumacher's youth was spent overseas where she found familiarity in her participation in Girl Scouts. Says Schumacher, "My home in England is where my love of history came from. My favorite history teacher lives there and she inspired me." Schumacher is a very community minded young woman and volunteers in many area efforts through Girl Scouting, the Boys and Girls Club of Middlebury and while over seas, she volunteered with the Red Cross. She has received recognitions for appreciation and service both in the United States and abroad, most recently the Boys and Girls Club of Middlebury Youth of the Year in 2007. Schumacher will attend Carroll College in Wisconsin this fall. "I have enjoyed my years as a Girl Scout," Schumacher said, "and I hope to continue even as I go off to college to someday become a leader, like my mother, and help my community anyway I can."

Indiana Lakeland Council serves girls and adults in Noble, Whitley, Kosciusko and Elkhart counties. To learn more about Girl Scouting see www.indianalakeland.org or call toll free at 866.223.7740.

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Attached Photos:

Bianca Ghigliotto, Indiana Lakeland Senior Girl Scout, NorthWood High School

Amanda Schumacher, Indiana Lakeland Senior Girl Scout, Northridge High School