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## Athens County's only BSA Troop for girls earns gold in Journey to Excellence program

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*BSA Troop 7071 of Athens County has earned top honors by reaching the level of gold in the BSA Journey to Excellence award program. It demonstrates their outstanding performance in delivering a quality scouting program and adherence to the Boy Scouts of America principles.  
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BSA Troop 7071 of Athens County achieved the level of gold in the BSA Journey to Excellence award program. Such recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and commitment of the scouts and their leaders. It demonstrates their outstanding performance in delivering a quality scouting program and adherence to the Boy Scouts of America principles.

BSA Troop 7071 is a Scout Troop serving girls ages 11 to 17 across Athens County. They are chartered by the Kiwanis Club of downtown Athens and hold meetings at the First United Methodist Church in uptown Athens. Formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America, the BSA opened its program to girls in 2018. BSA Troop 7071 is the only Troop in Athens County specifically for girls. In February, they celebrated their first year as a chartered Troop and learned they achieved the highest level of gold in the BSA's Journey to Excellence program.

Earning the Journey to Excellence award signifies that Troop 7071 has excelled in areas such as leadership, camping, service, and advancement. It reflects on the ability of the troop to provide a rewarding and enriching experience for scouts while positively impacting their community. Like a progress report, Journey to Excellence is a self-evaluation tool that allows Troops to see quantitatively how well their troop is meeting the goals of Scouting.

This accomplishment reflects not only the scouts' efforts but also the support and guidance provided by their leaders, parents, and the broader scouting community of Athens County. It's a moment to celebrate the collective achievements of everyone involved in BSA Troop 7071 for girls. Moving forward, Troop 7071 plans to continue to uphold the high standards of excellence they have thus far demonstrated.

To learn more about Troop 7071 for Girls, visit their website at [BSATroop7071.org](https://BSATroop7071.org).