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High Waters Cause Suspension of Activities at Camp

Safety is number one priority

With Lake Wappapello's water level at 35 feet above normal on May 9, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland (GSMH) is forced to suspend all activities hosted at the Latonka Program Center until the water recedes and clean-up and restoration at the property can be completed. Latonka Program Center is located in Wayne County and home to summer, troop and family activities, as well as council sponsored activities, such as summer resident camp.

"It is unfortunate that the historic flood has created this tough decision," states Jennifer M. Orban, CEO for GSMH, "but parents depend on us as an organization to provide a safe environment for their girls."

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is offering summer camp at three additional locations, including Cherokee Ridge Program Center, also located in Wayne County. Valarie Moseley, Chief Membership/Leadership Program Officer for GSMH understands the disappointment for the girls saying, "I know that many girls were looking forward to an outdoor camp experience this summer. Therefore, we will be adding additional weeks of resident camp at the Cherokee Ridge facility for those who would like to participate in activities such as horseback riding, aqua sports, and the science behind the solar system." Go to www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org for more information on the additional sessions added at Cherokee Ridge.

If you would like to offer donations to help with the clean-up and restoration of Latonka Program Center, please contact Angie Sullivan at 877-312-4764 ext. 1343.

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