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A Facebook Milestone!



In September, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland's Facebook fan page reached a milestone: 1,000 fans! If you have not yet become a "fan" of GSMH on Facebook, visit www.facebook.com/gsmoheartland to do it now!

Regional Chats

Registered members of GSMH are invited to attend a Regional Chat in October. At these informal panels, the GSMH senior team will be present to provide council updates and to hear your ideas.

Southwest Region

Thursday, October 14 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Columbus Scout House
116 E Country Rd, Columbus, KS

Southeast Region

Monday, October 18 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Westside Family Life Center
1274 County Road 5270, Willow Springs, MO

Central Region

Thursday, October 21 • 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Silver Meadows Program Center
300 S Pinnacles Rd, Hallsville, MO

October Service Center & Shop Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed (except Springfield) 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Saturday Shop Hours

Saturdays, October 2 & 16 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

A New Year! Have you registered?

The new membership year for Girl Scouts begins on October 1, 2010. All returning Girl Scout members must be registered by now to remain active with our organization. Forms are available online and at all GSMH service centers. They may be submitted by mail, fax, or email to any GSMH service center.

Happy Birthday, Juliette Low!



October 31 is the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of Girl Scouting in the United States. Take some time to celebrate with your girls and talk about the great life that Low led. Don't forget to upload pictures of your activities online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/photos.

item of the month at the gsmh retail shops

Water Bottle Tote Bag

Lime green accents and an exclusive "Change Their World" graphic, designed just for Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland!

Originally \$12

NOW ONLY \$8.99
(while supplies last)



Check out pages 5-6 for more great shop features!

Program Centers Spruced-Up Volunteers Lend a Hand

By Sandy Vaughn



It has been a wonderful summer of Volunteer Days and Days of Caring at our Program Centers. Volunteers from so many organizations, groups and churches joined hands to help brighten up our properties. Lots of new paint, cleared trails, Zip Line additions... I could go on and on, but the best thing is to see it for yourself!

Take your troop on a day excursion to any of the Program Centers (it's free!). Have a picnic, roast hotdogs, make s'mores, hike a trail, explore, sing songs, do nature crafts, make a memory. It is all there at a Program Center near you! Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has some beautiful program centers, each with its own unique features. Some have horses, some have challenge courses, some have tree houses ... Check 'em out!

For information or scheduling, call 877-312-4764 x 1514 or email svaughn@girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

Activity Insurance Dates

If you complete a Mutual of Omaha insurance enrollment for a Girl Scout activity or event, please keep in mind that you must pay for each day that you list on the enrollment form. For example, if your event is an overnight beginning at 5:00 pm on September 18 and ending at 10:00 am on September 19, you need to list and pay for both days. This applies even if the total number of hours of the event is less than 24.

Financial Reports

All 2010 troop and service unit financial reports were due this summer. Girl Scout troops and service units may not participate in any money-earning activities, including council product programs, without a report on file. Training for the 2010 fall product program is in October, so make sure that your report has been submitted! If you need assistance, please contact your community/membership development specialist.

Fall Product Program



The 2010 Fall Product Program is a great opportunity for girls to earn proceeds and learn business skills early in the school year. Girl Scout troop leaders should make sure to host a family training in October.

Important Dates

Sale Dates:

November 2-16

Orders due to troop from girls:

Wednesday, November 17

Orders due from troop to fall product chair:

Friday, November 19

Orders due to a council service center by:

Monday, November 22 at 4:30 pm

Council withdraws "total due to council" amounts from the troop accounts:

November 23 - December 14

Product delivery:

December 5 - December 11

Remember that troops must have a 2010 financial report on file to participate in this program (see above).

fall 2010 membership blitz



Girls who share their story of Girl Scouting with a friend who registers between 8/1/10 and 10/31/10 will receive a special *Sister to Sister* patch for the buddy and themselves. Submit a *Membership Blitz Patch Form* (below) by 10/31/10.

GSMH MEMBERSHIP BLITZ PATCH FORM FALL 2010

Girl's Name _____ County _____ Troop (if applicable) _____

Phone Number _____

Buddy's Name _____ Date Registered _____ Troop (if applicable) _____

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Please submit this form to a GSMH service center by 10/31/10.

www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org

Voting Representatives

Each GSMH district (service unit) must select voting representatives prior to the annual meeting, which is scheduled for March 26, 2011. These representatives serve as a voice and a vote for Girl Scout membership throughout GSMH's jurisdiction.

Eligibility and terms

Any registered Girl Scout member who is 14 years old or older, except for Girl Scout employees, is eligible to serve as a voting representative. Voting representatives serve for one-year terms, beginning at the annual meeting that follows their selection, and may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms.

Selection

Service units may choose the method by which their voting representatives are selected (either appointment by the volunteer manager or team or by election by the members of the service unit). Each service unit has at least two (2) voting representatives, with additional representatives depending on the number of girl members at the end of the 2010 membership year. A 2010-2011 *Voting Representatives Per Constituency* chart and *Voting Representatives* form are attached to this newsletter. Each service unit must return its form by January 14, 2011.

PROPERTY UPDATE

At the Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland board meeting held on Friday, September 17, the board of directors voted to send the recent decision to sell the Dexter and Cape Girardeau service centers back to the property committee for further discussion. After the decision to combine operations was made by the board in June, additional information surfaced regarding the potential payback of a grant and deed restrictions. This information will be looked at by the volunteer property committee, which includes representatives from all regions of the council. The discussion will take place simultaneously with the upcoming comprehensive review of all program center properties. This process is designed to generate a plan that ensures all program properties provide safe and well-maintained facilities that meet current and future girl needs.

They are moving forward with the plan to sell the Joplin service center and research has begun for locating a storefront in this area.

Continue to follow the property update page at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/propertyinfo for updates as they are released.

WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?



Fourteen girls living in Boone County Housing Authority areas recently got to experience Girl Scouts for the first time. Girls in grades 2-8 met to learn about the Girl Scout Promise, self-esteem, teamwork, and more.

"These girls live in stressful situations," said community/membership development specialist Megan White, "We wanted to give them a program in which they could focus on positive things." Two volunteers from the Housing Authority assisted as the girls worked toward a stronger sense of self through activities like de-stress exercises and a compliment circle. "It was amazing how hard it was for the girls to look each other in the eye and say something nice, and then to say 'thank you, back'" said White, "but we stuck with it until everyone had done it."

It's Your Story - Tell It! Story Contest for Girls

In celebration of the third Girl Scout journey, *It's Your Story - Tell It!*, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is having an essay contest for girls! Winning entries may be featured in GSMH publications, and authors will receive a copy of the *It's Your Story - Tell It!* journey for their age level and a special writer's kit. More details are available in the 2010-2011 *GO! Guide*.

Guiding Questions

Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors:
What have you learned in Girl Scouts?
What do you love about Girl Scouts?

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors:
How has your life changed because of Girl Scouts?
What does Girl Scouts mean to you?

Submission Information

Essays should be one page long or less, and may be emailed to gscouts@girlscoutsmoheartland.org with "Essay Contest" as subject or mailed to: Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Attn: Marketing/PR Specialist (Essay), 210 S. Ingram Mill Road, Springfield, MO 65802. Entry deadline is December 15, 2010.

program pathways

Prudential's Spirit of Community Awards

Girls in grades 5-12 who have provided significant community service in the past year are encouraged to apply for Prudential's *Spirit of Community Awards*. Recipients are honored at a Washington, D.C. ceremony in May. Submit applications (<http://spirit.prudential.com>) to a leadership program specialist by October 15, 2010.

Girl Scout Religious Medals

Girls can learn more about their faith by earning a Girl Scout religious award. Visit www.praypub.org or contact your church for more information.

NEW Program Events! (not listed in the GO! Guide)

Musical Brownie Try-Its (B) with Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity for Women at Southeast Missouri State University

Saturday, November 13, 2010 • 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Registration Deadline: 10/29/10 Min/Max: 20/100
Cost: \$10 per girl/adults free to observe

Girls will earn the *Creative Composing, Making Music, and Sounds of Music Try-Its*. They'll learn to sing in rounds, make music of their own, and move to beats and rhythms. (Participants should bring a water bottle and lunch and wear clothing for movement and athletic shoes). Parents are invited to watch the girls' performance at the end!

Girl Training Opportunities:

No time to attend a *destinations* training? Contact a leadership program specialist for an informational packet that will give you and your girls everything you need!

Program Aides may now take the *Basic Outdoor Skills* training to complete their **outdoor skills specialization**. Cost is \$6.00; maximum 20 people per session. Girls should register using the adult registration form and make a note that the training is for Program Aide.

Upcoming Programs

Registration deadlines are usually two weeks before a program. Please refer to the *GO! Guide* for details.

Age levels are denoted by initial after each program title (D=Daisy; B=Brownie; J=Junior; C=Cadette; S=Senior; A=Ambassador).

Letterboxing 101 (CSA)

10/16/10 Sacajawea-East Pgm Ctr, Cape Girardeau, MO
10/16/10 Finbrooke Program Center, Rogersville, MO

Colors and Shapes (B)

10/16/10 Friendship Fields Program Ctr, Pittsburg, KS

Safety Sense Saturday (B)
10/16/10 Lebanon, MO

Low Ropes (JCSA)

10/16/10 Latonka Program Ctr, Wappapello, MO
11/6/10 Finbrooke Program Ctr, Rogersville, MO

Glamorous Explorers (DB)

10/16/10 Jefferson City, MO

NASA Girl Scout Day (JC)

10/16/10 Finbrooke Program Ctr, Rogersville, MO

Horse Sense Series (first session) (5th grade J, CSA)

10/21/10 Sacajawea East Pgm Ctr, Cape Girardeau, MO

Hay Girl Hoedown (DBJ)

10/22/10 Silver Meadows Program Ctr, Hallsville, MO

Two Night Backpacking (CSA)

10/22 - 10/24/10 Location TBD by participants

Fun with Fitness (BJ)

10/23/10 Springfield, MO

Cadette Boot Camp (C)

10/23/10 Springfield, MO

Girl Scout University (CSA)

10/23/10 Cape Girardeau, MO

Magic of Chemistry Volunteer Training (7th grade C, SA)

10/24/10 Columbia, MO

Fall Fest (DB)

10/30/10 Finbrooke Program Ctr, Rogersville, MO
10/30/10 Mintahama Program Ctr, Joplin, MO
10/30/10 Latonka Program Ctr, Wappapello, MO

Magic of Chemistry: The Chem. of Color (J, 6th grade C)

10/30/10 Columbia, MO

MSU Volleyball Lock-In (All)

11/5 - 11/6/10 Springfield, MO

Drama Girls Series (first session) (BJ)

11/5/10 Columbia, MO

Sundown Sing-a-Long (All)

11/6/10 Silver Meadows Program Ctr, Hallsville, MO

The Bling's the Thing (DBJ)

11/6/10 Cape Girardeau, MO

Mingo-rific (J)

11/6/10 Puxico, MO

Finbrooke After Dark (CSA)

11/6/10 Finbrooke Program Ctr, Rogersville, MO

Jewels Rule (CSA)

11/6/10 Cape Girardeau, MO

Project Fashion Design (CSA)

11/6/10 Springfield, MO

Storybook Tea Party (DB)

11/13/10 Finbrooke Program Center, Rogersville, MO

Volleyball Clinic/Match PSU (DBJC)

11/13/10 Pittsburg, KS

Scrappy Girls Series (first session) (DBJ)

11/14/10 Finbrooke Program Ctr, Rogersville, MO

Welcome New Staff!

Megan Clinefelter

Community/Membership Development Specialist
Springfield Service Center (Greene (SUs 721 & 724),
Lawrence, and Webster (SU 733) Counties)

Sherrey Young

Community/Membership Development Specialist
Jefferson City Service Center (Benton, Cooper, Howard,
Moniteau, Saline, and Pettis Counties)

Melody Hutchison (transferred position)

Product Program Specialist (Southeast Region)

Mark Beth Schwenk (transferred position)

Product Program Specialist (Central Region)

Laura Hinkebein Retires After 27 Years of Service

GSMH's Chief Development Officer, Laura Hinkebein, will retire on October 8, 2010. Please join us in wishing her the best as she and her husband retire to Arkansas, where she says they plan to "do all those things we say we will do when we have time."

Words from Laura:



I am honored to have worked for an organization that supports and advocates for children and provides experiences for girls to grow into caring, confident, and strong women. What an important way to spend your life's work!

Thank you to the many donors who have supported the Girl Scout program over the years. How rewarding it is to see that they understand the importance of girls and women as leaders and make them a philanthropic priority. Donors, your trust and investment in Girl Scouting have paid off. Your financial gifts have created generations of girl leaders who are making the world a better place.

I have met so many wonderful volunteers, donors, and staff members over my 27 years with the organization -- all working together to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. Special thanks to my mentors, Denise Stewart and Jennifer M. Orban. These Chief Executive Officers epitomize the qualities we want for "our girls" -- smart, strong, kind, supportive and encouraging women.

"Make new friends but keep the old, one is silver and the other's gold." Thank you to my many silver and gold Girl Scout friends.

monthly checklist: october

- New Girl Scout troops: open bank account and complete *Bank Account Information* form.
- Complete past-due 2010 troop and service unit financial report, if applicable.
- Attend your service unit's fall product program training.
- Service teams: determine nomination or selection procedure for voting representatives.
- Think about fellow volunteers who deserve to be recognized with a council award (see below).
- Stop by a GSMH retail shop for great fall features like this GSMH-customized Halloween fun patch!



Adult Recognitions

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland will honor adult volunteers in the following award categories at the March 26, 2011 annual meeting event:

- **Appreciation Pin:** For active and outstanding service to at least one community area.
- **Honor Pin:** For active and outstanding service to at least two community areas.
- **Thanks Badge I:** For service in one or more department areas during the previous four years.
- **Thanks Badge II:** For Thanks Badge recipients who have taken a leadership role in developing a model replicated at the national level in one or more department areas during the previous three years.
- **Juliette Low Community Partnership:** For an outside group or person that has completed an activity or project resulting in positive community awareness.

Service units may also elect to award Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer honors at their own events or celebrations. Nominations for council awards must be postmarked or emailed to the Senior Manager Volunteer Development by December 17, 2010. Visit www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org for nomination forms and details.



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Warm Up To Fall

With New Layering Essentials and
"Go Anywhere" Activewear For Adults!



NEW! Black Hooded Jacket. This versatile zip-front hoodie is sure to become your favorite "casual look" jacket. Styled with easy-to-reach side-slit pockets and a rib banded bottom, it pairs perfectly with either pants or skirts. "Girl Scouts" puffed printed on front and a tie-dyed "1912". Cotton/polyester french terry. Imported. Misses' Sizes: S, M, L, XL. **8820. \$45.00.** Women's Sizes: 1X, 2X, 3X. **8821. \$50.00.**



NEW! Girl Scout Fun Fashion Watch. Stay on time with this colorful, whimsical watch. Adjustable wrist band designed with green trefoils and multi-colored hearts. Girl Scouts® imprint on face. Quartz movement with 1 year warranty. 1½ to 2 year battery life. Packaged in Girl Scout branded velveteen sleeve. **12067. \$16.00.**

NEW! Plaid Shirt. Comfortable brushed plaid flannel shirt with empire styling and slight shirring on front and back. This perfect layering piece looks great alone or with a shirt or turtleneck. Long-sleeve button cuff converts to a ¾ roll sleeve with button tab. This easy-to-wear shirt has a button-placket front and two breast pockets, one embroidered with Servicemark Shorthand. Tunic length. Shirrtail hem. Cotton. Navy/plum. Imported. Misses' Sizes: S, M, L, XL. **0880. \$30.00.** Women's Sizes: 1X, 2X, 3X. **0881. \$33.00.**



NEW! Silvertone Bangle Bracelet Set. These trendy eighteen bangle bracelets add the final touch to any outfit. One smooth ½" bangle imprinted around continuously with "Girl Scouts". Wear as a single bangle for a simple, classic look. Inner circumference 2 ¾". Assorted textures. Imported. **12038. \$11.00.**

NEW! Five-Button Cardigan Sweater. This soft, "feel good" sweater is perfect for any season and fits right into any wardrobe. Ultra soft to the touch, the v-neck styling makes it ideal to wear over just about anything. Add a scarf or jewelry and you're set to go. Felt patch with Servicemark Shorthand embroidered on the front along with two patch pockets. Cotton/rayon/nylon jersey stitch. Imported. Misses' Sizes: S, M, L, XL. **8804. \$42.00.** Women's: 1X, 2X, 3X. **8855. \$45.00.**



Shop online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org!



Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.
2010-2011 Voting Representatives

Please complete this form for your constituency and return it by January 14, 2011 to:

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.
 Attn: Executive Assistant
 210 South Ingram Mill Road
 Springfield, MO 65802-6100

Constituency (Service Unit Number): _____ Number of Voting Representatives: _____
 (Refer to provided chart for this number.)

Voting Representatives*	Name/Address	Phone	Date Elected
Voting Representative (1)			
Voting Representative (2)			
Voting Representative (3)			
Voting Representative (4)			
Voting Representative (5)			
Voting Representative (6)			
Voting Representative (7)			
Representatives in Case of Vacancy	Name/Address	Phone	Date Elected
Voting Representative in Case of Vacancy (1)			
Voting Representative in Case of Vacancy (2)			

*The number of voting representatives varies by constituency (service unit). A chart is provided to Service Team Managers.

Submitted By: _____ Volunteer Position: _____
 Signature: _____ Date: _____



2010-2011 Voting Representatives per Constituency (Service unit)

Report Code	County/Area	Number of Voting Representatives
701	Bourbon (KS)	2
702	Crawford (KS)	3
703	Cherokee (KS)	2
704	Ottawa (OK)	2
705	Delaware (OK)	2
706	Vernon	2
707	Barton / Dade	2
710	Jasper II	5
711	McDonald / Newton	2
712	Cedar	2
713	Lawrence	4
714	Barry	2
715	St. Clair / Hickory	2
716	Chariton	2
717	Saline	2
718	Pettis	2
719	Benton	2
720	Polk	3
721	Greene I	3
722	Greene II	6
723	Greene III	4
724	Greene IV	6
725	Christian I	3
726	Stone	2
727	Howard / Cooper	2
729	Morgan	2
730	Camden	3
731	Dallas	2
732	Webster I	3
733	Webster II	2
734	Christian II	3
735	Taney	3
736	Randolph	2
737	Boone I	3

SU Report Code	County/Area	Number of Voting Representatives
738	Boone II	7
739	Boone III	2
740	Moniteau	2
741	Cole	8
742	Miller	3
743	Laclede	2
744	Wright	2
745	Douglas	2
746	Audrain / Montgomery	3
747	Callaway	2
748	Osage / Maries	2
750	Pulaski	3
751	Texas	3
752	Howell / Shannon	2
753	Howell / Oregon / Ozark	3
754	Gasconade	2
756	Phelps	3
757	Dent	2
758	Carter / Reynolds	2
759	Ripley	2
760	Madison	2
761	Wayne	2
762	Butler	4
763	Perry	3
764	Bollinger	2
765	Stoddard I	3
766	Stoddard II	3
768	Dunklin	5
770	Cape County I	5
771	Cape County II	5
772	Scott	5
774	Mississippi	2
775	New Madrid	3
776	Pemiscot	3