

# volunteerconnections

## *It's Your Story - Tell It!* The Newest Girl Scout Journeys

Adapted from [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org)



Available in December 2010, the *It's Your Story—Tell It!* leadership journey series uses a storytelling theme in a fun and grade-level relevant way for girls to better

understand themselves and their potential. Building a strong sense of self is an underlying goal of the series, which was made possible in part by a generous grant from Dove's Self-Esteem Fund.

The themes for each age level are:

- Daisy: *5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals!*
- Brownie: *A World of Girls*
- Junior: *aMUSE*
- Cadette: *MEdia*
- Senior: *MISSION: SISTERHOOD!*
- Ambassador: *BLISS: Live It! Give It!*

The journeys give girls opportunities to develop leadership skills through fun and engaging multi-disciplinary content and activities. On this journey, an emphasis is also placed on media literacy and creative expression. All along the journey, girls have opportunities to engage in a variety of arts, including performing, visual, culinary, and new media, to tell their stories and take action to make the world a better place.

Learn more about the Girl Scout journey series online at <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/journeys>.

### November Service Center & Shop Hours

Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Closed (except Springfield)	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Saturdays, Nov. 6 & 20	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Thurs., Nov. 25 - Fri., Nov. 26	Closed (Thanksgiving)
<i>Nov. 20 is the Shop Open House! Details on page 6!</i>	

## Training Opportunities

Be sure to check out training opportunities in the *Volunteer Magazine* or *Volunteer Resources* CD for courses offered in November. Please submit a training registration form at least 10 days prior to scheduled dates.

New troop leaders or leaders wanting a refresher course now have the option of taking Leadership Essentials online by going to <http://training.girlscouts.org>. To make sure you are credited for taking the on-line course, please follow these instructions:

- Put our council info in the Learning Log section
- Fill in your personal information
- Submit your Learning Log to complete the process

Need an "on request" training in your area? If there are at least six participants, contact the Volunteer Development department at 877-312-4764 to arrange one.

## Essay Contest for Girls

In celebration of the new *It's Your Story - Tell It!* journey, GSMH is having an essay contest for girls! Winning authors will receive the *It's Your Story - Tell It!* journey and other items; essays may be featured in GSMH publications. Check the 2010-2011 *GO! Guide* for detailed instructions. Entry deadline is December 15, 2010.



NEW! Every girl who shares her story of Girl Scouting by entering this contest will receive a sister patch to add to her circle of friends.



## Make Sure You're Registered and Trained!

All GSMH volunteers must have a completed volunteer application and background check on file and need to be registered for the 2010-2011 year. To help us keep our records up-to-date, some longtime volunteers may be asked to complete new background checks. Background checks are completed at no cost to volunteers or potential volunteers. Background checks and membership registrations help us to ensure a safe program for girls and adults. Registered members of Girl Scouts are covered by a secondary activity accident insurance from Girl Scouts of the USA; more information is available at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

Once appointed, volunteers must complete their orientation and all additional required trainings for their meetings and events. Troop leaders must complete Leadership Essentials (online or in-person). Basic Outdoor Skills and/or Basic Troop Camping trainings are required for outdoor and overnight programs. Training schedules are available in the 2010-2011 Volunteer Magazine and online at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## Update from Leadership Program and Volunteer Development

By Carolyn Imhoff and Shirley Stevens

Wow! It is hard to believe another year has already begun! Our Leadership Program and Volunteer Development departments are working hard to offer and implement a wide range of programs and trainings at all program age levels across the council jurisdiction that meet the needs of our adult membership and provide exciting leadership opportunities for girls! As you are planning your year, please take a moment to carefully review the latest *GO Guide* and *Volunteer Magazine*. Both of these publications contain programs and trainings for the entire Girl Scout year, which means that we will not have an additional *G) Guide* or *Volunteer Magazine* mailed midway through the Girl Scout year. This will allow you to plan for the whole year and select the programs and trainings that best work for your girls and adults.

When looking at the programs/trainings, you will notice that many of them have min/max stated. The minimum reflects the minimum participants needed to hold the event. Often facilitators or vendors require us to provide a minimum number of participants. Additionally, we have some programs and trainings where the quality of the event is affected if we don't have enough participants to fully take advantage of the opportunity. Other

times, minimums are established in order for us to cover the cost of program supplies and related expenses. Be sure to access our website, and Facebook and Twitter pages for program updates, date changes, location changes, and deadline extensions. Most often, before canceling programs or trainings, we send e-mails to service units and post on these social media sites.

As a council, we strive hard to offer quality leadership opportunities for both our girls and adults. We are working to hold programs throughout our council in a variety of locations. If you notice a program/training for which the deadline is quickly approaching and you would like to participate, please contact the Leadership Program Specialist in your region or the Volunteer Development department to let us know you are interested in the program or training. You might just be the 1 or 2 extra people we need in order to be able to hold the program!

### Leadership Program Specialists:

#### Southwest Region

Stefanie McCall x 1137  
Lori Enyart x 1111  
Deborah Oglesby x 1212

#### Central Region

Karen Lawrence x 1329

#### Southeast Region

Keely Elfrink x 1515  
April Isbell x 1413

#### Senior Manager Leadership Program

Carolyn Imhoff x 1327

#### Senior Manager Volunteer Development

Shirley Stevens x 1513

Remember these publications are for the entire program year. So plan accordingly! Also, if changes or updates are made throughout the year, we will be posting the changes on our social media sites, in Volunteer Connections, in the Program Pathways (which is now inside of the Volunteer Connections) and on our council website. Best wishes for a fun-filled Girl Scout year!



### item of the month at the gsmh retail shops

#### Reusable Shopping Bag

Go green with Girl Scouts! Support GSMH and the planet's resources with this reusable shopping bag. Originally \$2.00

**NOW ONLY \$1.50**

## Voting Representatives

Each GSMH service unit must select voting representatives prior to the annual meeting, which is scheduled for March 26, 2011 at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri.

These representatives serve as a voice and a vote for Girl Scout membership throughout GSMH's jurisdiction. 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. Service units must select their voting representatives by January 14, 2011.

A 2010-2011 Voting Representatives Per Constituency chart and Voting Representatives form are available in the October issue of Volunteer Connections and on the forms section at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## National Delegates

National delegates are a voice for local Girl Scouts and represent the council at the National Council Session, the next of which is scheduled for November 10-13, 2011. If you are interested in being a national delegate for GSMH, please submit a letter of interest outlining your skills and knowledge to Jennifer M. Orban, CEO, at 210 S. Ingram Mill Road, Springfield, MO 65802 by December 15, 2010

### Requirements to be a National Delegate

1. A citizen of the United States
2. A registered member of the Girl Scouts
3. Be 14 years of age or older
4. Available to attend the National Council Session (Nov. 10-13, 2011)
5. Committed to participate in delegate training-sessions offered by the council
6. Committed to a 3-year tenure as a Delegate
7. Committed to participating in the National Council Session follow-up activities sponsored by the council

### Selection Criteria

- Strategic thinking
- Communications
- Experience (in either policy-influencing or policy-making capacities)
- Knowledge of Girl Scouting (local and national)
- Decision-making
- Adaptability
- Team-building

## Recognitions

Now is the time to start nominations for service unit and council volunteer recognitions. Descriptions and nomi-

nation forms are available on the council website. If you have questions about service unit awards (Outstanding Leader or Outstanding Volunteer), please contact your local recognitions chair or the Service Team Manager. For questions about council awards, please contact Shirley Stevens at [sstevens@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:ssstevens@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

### Years of Service Recognition

How many years have you been a registered adult Girl Scout? Volunteers celebrating 5, 10, 15, or 20 years will be recognized for their years of service at the service unit level. Volunteers celebrating 25 or more adult years of service (in 5 year increments) will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in March. If you or someone you know will be celebrating one of these special anniversaries, please let your local service team manager know.

### Holiday Giving Idea

Are you faced with those "hard to buy for" friends and relatives during the holiday season? Why not consider a gift to Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland in their name? When an honorarium is made, the honoree is notified of the donor's name (no amount is listed).

An honorarium is a unique and meaningful way to celebrate the season of giving and helps provide positive year-long experiences to girls. A memorial gift can also be made in remembrance of someone who has passed away. Your donation will help build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Celebrate the special people in your life this holiday with a gift to Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland.

**WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?**



Photo from Loretta Bell.

Girl Scout Brownie Troop 50126 visited an assisted living facility in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

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## destinations

Girl Scout *destinations* are travel experiences that range from two days to three weeks for Girl Scout Cadettes and older. These opportunities can whisk you to the far corners of the world where you will meet remarkable girls, develop leadership skills, gain confidence, and enjoy valuable learning opportunities. If you are interested in experiencing a *destination* or need more information, visit [www.studio2b.org/destinations](http://www.studio2b.org/destinations) or contact a GSMH leadership program specialist. Application deadlines are listed below:

### November 10, 2010

All applications are due to a GSMH leadership program specialist (November 10 is our annual deadline).

### December 1, 2010

All "early" applications received by event sponsors.

### January 15, 2011

All applicants are notified of their status. Participant status reported to GSUSA by event sponsors.

### January 20, 2011

All "late" applications are due to a GSMH leadership program specialist (This is our annual deadline for late applications).

### February 1, 2011

Deposits are due to event sponsors to secure "early" applicant's space in the event.

### February 16, 2011

"Late" applications are to be received by the event sponsors.

### March 2, 2011

All "late" applicants and their councils notified of acceptance status.

### March 16, 2011

Deposits due to event sponsors to secure "late" applicant's space in an event. *destinations* that are not FULL may extend the deadline for applications.

## Don't Forget to Register!

Many GSMH program events have been reaching maximum participant capacity. Make sure to register early, as they continue to fill up quickly!

## Call for R.E.A.L. Girls

*Justine* magazine is now promoting their 2011 R.E.A.L. (Remarkable. Energetic. Aspirational. Leader) Girl Contest. One girl who is a current Girl Scout between the ages of 13-19 will be selected the winner and appear on

an upcoming 2011 *Justine* cover and in a feature article. The winner will receive an all-expense-paid trip to her *Justine* cover shoot and a *Justine* swag bag. Finalists and semi-finalists will also be chosen. Last year, a GSMH Girl Scout from Cape Girardeau, Missouri received an honorable mention for her essay!

Visit [justinemagazine.com](http://justinemagazine.com) for the official entry form and contest information. The deadline for submissions is January 10, 2011.

## 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).*

**Scrappy Girls Series** (first session) (DBJ)  
11/14 Finbrooke Program Center, Rogersville, MO

**Ooey Goey Experiments** (DB)  
11/16 Chaffee, MO

**Who Done It?** (J)  
11/18 Chaffee, MO

**Babysitter 101** (CSA)  
11/20 Cape Girardeau, MO

**Mad Science Girl Scout Day at Incredible Pizza** (DBJC)  
11/20 Springfield, MO

**Paparazzi** (JC)  
11/20 Wappapello, MO

**The Bling's the Thing** (DBJ)  
11/20 Wappapello, MO  
12/4 West Plains, MO

**Troop Beverly Hills** (J)  
12/3 - 12/4 Joplin, MO  
12/10 - 12/11 Jefferson City, MO

**Making CENTS in the City** (All)  
12/4 Springfield, MO

**My Messy Masterpieces** (DB)  
12/4 Cape Girardeau, MO  
12/11 Rolla, MO

**Jewels Rule** (CSA)  
12/4 West Plains, MO

**Toy Maker** (J)  
12/11 Portageville, MO

**Edible Architecture** (JCSA)  
12/18 Cape Girardeau, MO

There is a date change for the **Gourmet Cooking and Campout** scheduled for September 10, 2011! It has been moved to September 17, 2011.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 2011  
Lake of the Ozarks, MO

More information about available accommodations and discounts will be available by January 15.

## A Ticket, a Tasket... Lots of Pretty Baskets

Service units, troops, committees, and individuals are invited to put together a "basket" of items that will be part of a silent auction to be held at the GSMH annual meeting on March 26, 2011. Last year, baskets included pet supplies, spa nights, scrapbook materials, and more. The highest bids were for a beautiful Girl Scout quilt. More details are attached to this newsletter.

## Fall Product Program

Order-taking for the fall product program is November 2-16. Paperwork deadlines are:

November 17 Due to troops  
November 19 Due to service units  
November 22 Due to council

If you have questions, please contact your regional product program specialist:

*Southwest Region: Karen Taylor*  
877-312-4764 x1126  
ktaylor@girlscoutsmoheartland.org

*Southeast Region: Melody Hutchison*  
877-312-4764 x1510  
mhutchison@girlscoutsmoheartland.org

*Central Region: Mary Beth Schwenck*  
877-312-4764 x1346  
mschwenck@girlscoutsmoheartland.org

## Service Unit Cookie Program Manager Training

All 2011 volunteer service unit cookie program managers should attend one of the following trainings:

Mon 11/8	Houston (noon) or Dexter (6:30 pm)
Tues 11/9	Cape Girardeau (6:30 pm)
Thurs 11/11	Jefferson City (6:30 pm)
Fri 11/12	Joplin (6:30 pm)
Sat 11/13	Springfield (9:30 am)

Troop leaders should check with their service unit's cookie program manager for service unit training dates.

## New Service Unit PR Materials

New resources for volunteer service unit PR representatives, including sample press releases, are now available at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/pages/policies.php](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/pages/policies.php). If your service unit has a public relations (PR) representative, please make sure to work with her/him on local newspaper submissions. Otherwise, work with your community/membership development specialist.

## Shop online with us! Proceeds benefit GSMH girls

Did you know that all proceeds from the GSMH retail shops benefit the girls in your community? When you shop at our retail locations or at our online shop at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org), you are supporting our girls by helping to ensure that they have a fun, safe, and beneficial Girl Scout Leadership Experience. The GSMH online shop is the only online retailer whose proceeds go back to girls in our jurisdiction.

The GSMH online shop has all Girl Scout merchandise, including badges and patches, that you can find in our retail shops. If you need help finding a certain item online, you can always call our retail shops at 877-312-4764 for assistance.

## GSMH Retail Shop Locations

### Cape Girardeau

1432 Kurre Lane  
877-312-4764 x1501

### Jefferson City

230 Metro Drive  
877-312-4764 x1301

### Springfield

210 S. Ingram Mill Road  
877-312-4764 x1120

### Dexter

1420 Girl Scout Way  
877-312-4764 x1401

### Joplin

1029 E. 7th Street  
877-312-4764 x1201

### Shop online

**24 hours a day** at  
[girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://girlscoutsmoheartland.org)

Can't make it to the shop? We have a mail-order form, so you can have your order shipped right to your door! Visit [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org) or call one of the shop locations listed above.

## Shop Gift Certificates

Gift Certificates are available to purchase for the holidays – just ask retail staff at any location for information.

**Nov. 1-20**

Stop by the shop to  
enter your name for a \$10  
gift certificate!

*One drawing for girls and one for adults.*

**Saturday 11/20**

Don't miss our  
holiday open house!

*Details on page 6.*

## monthly checklist: november

- Service Units: Select voting representatives by January 14, 2011.
- Submit letter of interest for national delegate positions by December 15, 2010.
- Attend service unit cookie training (check with your service unit for dates information)

## WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?



Girls with some of the coats. Photo from Janie King.

When the fourth grade Girl Scouts at Richland Elementary School in Essex, Missouri found a stack of "lost and found" coats collecting dust in their meeting room, they came up with an idea. Why not share those coats with kids who need them? "We asked the school if we could clean up the coats and give them away," said troop leader Janie King. But they didn't stop there; the girls also sent a note home with all the students at school announcing their coat drive. "I think I have 250 coats in my truck right now" said King. The girls spent two evenings at the laundromat, cleaning the coats and sorting them into sizes. The fifth grade Girl Scouts also joined the project, helping with the distribution of the coats to families. The coats were available for families at parent-teacher conferences and left at school for distribution as the weather gets even colder. "Everyone has been supportive," said King, "the girls want to do this every year now."

## Autumn Adventures at GSMH Program Centers

By Sandy Vaughn

What a beautiful fall we are having ... it's a GREAT time to visit the program centers to enjoy the cool crisp days

of autumn. Some of the properties must be shut down when the weather gets too cold, but we are making every effort to keep them open as long as possible for you.

The activities at the program centers are endless: nature study, crafts, hiking, hotdog roasts, making s'mores, and more! And what a value - day use of the program centers is free! If you want the overnight experience singing around the campfire, we have plenty of sites available as well. Reservations must be made in advance, but we will try to accommodate last-minute requests as much as possible. Use a Property Reservation form or contact Sandy Vaughn at 877-312-4764 x 1514.

Cherokee Ridge – units open through November, Pathfinders Lodge open year round  
Finbrooke – units open though November, Troop House and Lodge open year round  
Friendship Fields – Redbud Lodge open year round  
Green Berry Acres – open though November  
Latonka – units, Infirmary and Old House open through November, Troop House open year round  
Mintahama – open through November, Bunk House open year round  
Sacajawea East – open through November  
Sacajawea West – open year round  
Silver Meadows – South shelter area open through November, Lodge open year round  
Suzanne – open through November

## gsmh retail shop holiday open house

**Saturday, November 20**  
**9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Check out new holiday and cookie merchandise while you enjoy punch and cookies courtesy of the GSMH retail shops. Plus, enter drawings for a \$10 gift certificate and other great items!

**ONE DAY SPECIAL**  
**20% off all Missouri Heartland apparel**



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**Don't miss the  
GSMH Retail Shop  
Open House!**

**Saturday, Nov. 20  
9 am - 1 pm**

*Door prizes, one-day  
specials, refreshments,  
and more!*

# Holiday Magic



**NEW! Holiday Metal Ornaments.** In keeping with the holiday season are two adorable and whimsical ornaments. A jumping Girl Scout Daisy holding a daisy flower with colored beads and a happy, smiling Brownie with moveable legs. Both dressed in full uniform. So tallly charming and adorable, you'll want to display them all year long. Handcrafted in brass, copper and nickel with attached hook for hanging. Makes a wonderful collectible! Imported.

**Girl Scout Daisy.** 5 1/4" H. 11506. \$20.00.

**Girl Scout Brownie.** 4 3/4" H. 11507. \$20.00.



**NEW! Caroling Pewter Ornament.**

Celebrate the holiday season with this shiny decoration depicting Girl Scouts caroling. Designed in the shape of the new trefoil and handcrafted in gleaming pewter. Makes a beautiful gift for Girl Scout friends or anyone on your list. 2 3/4" x 2 3/4". Imported. 11504. \$16.00.



**NEW! Snowman Embroidered Ornament.**

Jolly snowman ornament declaring "Happy Holidays" on one side and "Girl Scouts" on the other side. Ready for hanging with attached cord. 2 3/4" x 1 3/4". Imported.

11392. \$3.00.



**Girl Scout Charm Bracelet.** Begin a tradition with this starter charm bracelet featuring the Girl Scout profiles. Add charms and create your own Girl Scout memories. Silver-tone links with updated green epoxy profile charm. 7" length. Imported. 12088. \$8.00.

**NEW! Holiday Snowflake Charm.**

Silver-tone with green Girl Scout trefoil. 1 1/2". Imported. 12262. \$5.00.



**Shop online at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org)!**





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## How will you fill your basket?

### Join the Fun!

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland's Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition event will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. As part of this fun and exciting event, service units are asked to put together a "basket" of items for a silent auction to be held that day. Participating is easy!

1. Just decide on a theme. Last year's baskets included summer fun, spa and movie nights, pet treats, Girl Scout memorabilia, and more.
2. Ask each troop to contribute an item that coordinates with the selected theme at the January or February service unit meeting. For instance, if your theme is gardening, troops could bring items such as gardening gloves, seeds, garden statues, potted flowers, etc.
3. Ask someone with a creative flair to arrange the items in the container you decide to use. It does not have to be an actual basket – it could be a decorated box, a cooler, a wagon ... the only limit is your imagination! Be sure to tie a card to the "basket" letting us know your service unit number and county area(s).
4. At your March service unit meeting, send the "basket" with your community/membership development specialist, who will see that it is delivered to the event and displayed with the other participating service unit "baskets." Those attending the event will have the opportunity to bid on the baskets. Winners will be announced prior to the event's close on March 26.

The funds raised from the auction will be used to support the financial assistance program in Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland. With your help, girls will develop the courage, confidence and character that they need to thrive in today's ever-changing world.

Your contribution is vital to making the event a success. Thank you for your commitment to girls.

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