

# Volunteer Connections

emailed monthly to volunteers of Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.

National Girl Scout Leaders' Day (Thursday, April 22), but celebrates all the volunteers who work in so many ways on behalf of girls in Girl Scouting.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is extraordinarily grateful for its many volunteers. Girl Scouts exists for girls, but our dedicated and caring volunteers ensure our mission to serve them is fulfilled.



## The Early Bird Catches the Worm!

Early Bird Re-Registration Packets will be delivered to troops at service unit meetings in April. Beat the rush of fall registrations by having your troop re-register now for a new year of Girl Scouting! Girls who register by June 15, 2010 will receive a special Early Bird patch! Registrations may be paid with cash, check, credit card or Girl Scout Cookie Credit.



## SPOTLIGHT ON... *The Great Girl Scout Skedaddle*

As part of the 2010 Membership Blitz, girls who invited a buddy to join Girl Scouts in January or February got to attend *The Great Girl Scout Skedaddle* on



Saturday, March 20. The events, held at the Finbrooke and Sacajawea - East Program Centers, featured stations such as First Aid, Girl Scout traditions, camp songs, S'mores and more!



*Pictured, above: Knot-tying at the Finbrooke Program Center; Left: Friendship Circle at the Sacajawea-East Program Center.*



## Thank You, Volunteers!

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 18-24.



*Pictured: Volunteers receiving council awards at the GSMH Annual Meeting*

During this week, Girl Scouts pay tribute to the many volunteers who help girls make the world a better place. The week includes the long-standing

## 2010 Council Awards

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland was pleased to recognize these ten peer-nominated volunteers for outstanding performance above and beyond expectation at the 2010 Annual Meeting event on March 27 in Branson, Mo. Each of these volunteers has made a definite and positive impact on service units and/or the council at large:

### Appreciation Pin

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| Karla Geerlings    | Columbia, MO       |
| Deidre Wipke-Tevis | Columbia, MO       |
| Nani Wilde         | Nevada, MO         |
| Renee Hobbs        | Cassville, MO      |
| Lori Powderly      | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| Christy Lane       | West Plains, MO    |

### Honor Pin

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| Kristull Wingert | Nevada, MO         |
| Gail Timpe       | Cape Girardeau, MO |

### Thanks Badge

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| Jan Rorrer   | Springfield, MO |
| Joelle Mason | Nevada, MO      |

## Girl Scout Trefoil Tea Fundraiser

YOU CAN STILL JOIN US  
IN CELEBRATION OF WOMEN!

A DELIGHTFUL THREE-COURSE MEAL OF  
SAVORIES AND SWEETS WILL BE SERVED.  
ENJOY TOGETHERNESS AND SPECIAL  
MEMORIES WITH YOUR FAVORITE LADIES.  
HATS AND GLOVES ARE ENCOURAGED!

MAY 8  
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
TOWER CLUB, SPRINGFIELD, MO  
\$75 PER PERSON (ALL AGES ARE INVITED)  
RSVP BY APRIL 23.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.GIRLSGOUTSMOHEARTLAND.ORG](http://WWW.GIRLSGOUTSMOHEARTLAND.ORG).

## Membership Blitz Update



The remaining 2010 membership blitz patches are being distributed. Please check with your service team manager or community/membership development specialist if you have not received yours.

GSMH retail shop certificates (for 75% retention rate for existing troops), camp certificates (for 10% increase for existing troops), and Journeys facilitator sets (for troops that had 100% participation in the fall product program) were distributed last month. Please check with your service team manager or community/membership development specialist if your troop qualified and did not receive its certificate(s).

Service unit checks based on the number of girls registered by 11/1/09 have been sent to service units that qualified by submitting their financial report. Additional \$100 bonus checks will be mailed to service units that met their girl and adult membership goals by 2/1/10.

## 2010 Financial Reports

The 2010 Troop Financial Report will be available online by April 15. This year, troops will need to submit a copy of their May 2010 bank statement with the financial report. The deadline is July 1, 2010, but

troops that submit their financial report with Early Bird registrations (by June 15, 2010) will receive a \$5 Gift Certificate for the GSMH Retail Shops.

## SAVE THE DATE! Service Team Training

New and returning service team managers, along with one or two key service team members, are invited to attend service team training in June. These volunteers will be given an overview of all service team positions, and will then train the rest of the service team as appropriate. Invitations will be sent to service team managers in April.

Dexter	Monday, June 7, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Cape Girardeau	Tuesday, June 8, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Springfield	Saturday, June 12, 9:00 am - noon
Joplin	Monday, June 14, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Jefferson City	Saturday, June 19, 9:00 am - noon

## GSMH SHOP NEWS

### Traveling Shop Date: April 17

Finbrooke Pgm Ctr (3:30 pm - 6:00 pm)  
*Leader's Weekend (selected sportswear and gifts; please call at least two days in advance for special orders)*

### Leader Appreciation Day: April 22

Girl Scout Leader's Day is April 22!  
*Visit the GSMH retail shops for Leader's Day gifts, and check out the attached flyer for the newest items!*

### Girl Scout Award Merchandise

*Girl Scout Gold, Silver and Bronze Award merchandise is available in GSMH retail shops.*

### NEW! Fashion Merchandise

*The latest Girl Scout fashion merchandise, advertised in the March issue of Volunteer Connections, is now available at GSMH retail shops. Stop by today to check out the hip new looks for girls!*



You can shop online anytime at  
[www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org)

# Program News



## Still Thinking About Summer Camp?

Girl Scout families are invited to tour the summer camp program centers by hayride (weather-permitting), meet the camp director, check out the facilities, and sign up for camp!

**Date:** April 10, 2010

**Place:** Mintahama Program Center (Joplin) 10 am - 12 noon

Finbrooke Program Center (Rogersville) 3 pm - 5 pm

Cherokee Ridge Program Center (Patterson) 10 am - 12 noon

Latonka Program Center (Wappapelo) 3 pm - 5 pm

Girls who sign up for camp at one of these events will receive a **\$10 discount**. If girls bring a buddy, their buddy will also receive a \$10 discount for camp! (Discount does not apply to the \$25 deposit fee, also due April 10).

# Product Program News

## Girl Scout Cookie Program

Thank you to everyone for your support of the 2010 Girl Scout Cookie Program!

The **\$2 per box troop profit** special was a great success! Thank you to the troops that participated. Please remember that all direct sales should be completed by April 30, 2010, and to document all troop sales on the 2010 Troop Financial Report, due July 1.

### **Keep An Eye Out!**

**Girl Scout Cookie Credit** will be mailed to girls in mid-May. Please remind parents that this will be coming in the mail and to not throw it away. Girl Scout Cookie Credit may be used for girls' membership dues, program event registration fees, summer camp fees, GSMH retail shop merchandise and more. Details will be included in the mailing to girls. The specific amount that each girl has earned will be listed next to her name on the mailing envelope and is calculat-

## County & State Fairs

The **Missouri State Fair** in Sedalia, Mo. will be held August 12-22, 2010. This year, there will be an entry category for Girl Scout crafts. For deadlines and entry requirements, please visit [www.mostatefair.com](http://www.mostatefair.com).

The **Ozark Empire Fair** in Springfield, Mo. will be held July 30-Aug 8, 2010. You can check out last year's categories at [www.ozarkempirefair.com](http://www.ozarkempirefair.com). More information will be available soon. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Girl Scout display as well.

Check out **your local fair's** website or literature to see if it's hosting a Girl Scout category this year!

## Girl Scout Gold Award Photos

If you have a girl who has earned her Girl Scout Gold Award this year, please send photos to the marketing/PR specialist by Monday, April 12, 2010. Email photos to [ahyde@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:ahyde@girlscoutsmoheartland.org) or mail to GSMH, Attn: Anne Hyde, 210 S. Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield, MO 65802.

ed as follows:

50-74 boxes sold = \$0.05/ box

75-99 boxes sold = \$0.10/ box

100+ boxes sold = \$0.15/ box

Additional **recognition items** will be shipped to the service unit cookie managers around April 19. Please check with your service unit cookie manager if you have not been contacted about your troop's recognitions by the beginning of May. All troops that participated and had girls who sold more than 25 boxes of cookies will receive recognition items, even if they chose the 5-cent option.



The individual recipients of the Nintendo Wii and the Nintendo DS systems and the troops from each service area that earned the free night package for GSMH program centers from the **direct-sales recognitions** will be announced in the May *Volunteer Connections*.

## NEW! GSMH Items at the Shops!



Girl Scouts Rock tee (Adult & Youth sizes)



Specially-Designed for GSMH Annual Meeting!

Left: Water bottle tote bag  
Right: Plaid Girls Rock cap



Girl Scouts tee (Adult)



Water bottle holder & water bottle



NEW STYLE! Ladies' polo shirt.



Neon pencils



### SPOTLIGHT ON... Gaining Practical Life Skills

The Girl Scout motto is "Be Prepared." Girl Scout Cadettes from Hermann, Mo. recently attended a First Aid/CPR/AED training to put the motto into action. They learned and practiced proper techniques for first aid, including CPR and AED administration. After the workshop, all six Girl Scout Cadettes had completed the first two requirements for their *Emergency Preparedness* IPP and had become fully certified in First Aid and CPR. What a great, hands-on way for girls to learn practical skills and prepare to take the lead to help others!



Girl Scout Cadettes Sabrina and Amanda learn how to ensure an open airway.

#### Council Media Releases - April

- Girl Scout volunteers honored with peer-nominated awards (sent to each volunteer's area newspaper)
- Girl Scouts earn Girl Scout Gold Award (sent to each girl's area newspaper)

### Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc.

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Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



# Celebrate Volunteer Appreciation Week April 18th - 24th



**Adult Polo Shirt.** Comfortable, casual shirt has ribbed collar and cuffs, button placket and side vents. Cotton/spandex pique knit. Slightly shaped style. Imported. Misses Sizes: S-M-L-XL. **8861. \$30.00.** Women's Sizes: 1X-2X-3X-4X-5X. **8862. \$35.00.**



**NEW! Iron-On Volunteer Appreciation Week 2010 Patch.** 2½" x 2¼". **58024. \$2.00.**



**NEW! Volunteer Lapel Pin.** Navy, brass plated pin with "Girl Scout Volunteer" gold plated imprint. Clutch back. Imported. ⅝" x ⅝". **11378. \$3.75.**

Join in this fun week long celebration of Volunteers. Show your appreciation to everyone who gives unselfishly of their time on behalf of Girl Scouting. And remember...Girl Scout Leaders' special day is April 22nd.



**NEW! Sew-On Girl Scout Volunteer Patch.** 2½" x 1". **18950. \$1.50.**



**NEW! Volunteer Pocket Token.** Perfect keepsake that can be carried in a purse, pocket or worn on a chain. Heart center cut-out. Imprinted on one side with "Girl Scouts Volunteers Are All Heart" and on the other side with "Caring, Compassionate, Giving". 1" round. Pewter. Made in USA. **24669. \$2.00.**



**NEW! Three Charm Necklace.** This stylish necklace features a solid trefoil shaped charm (½") contemporary service mark charm (½") and "Girl Scouts" charm (¾") with round jewelry clasp closure. 20" goldtone chain. Imported. **12049. \$12.00.**



**NEW! Sew-On Leader's Day 2010 Patch.** 1¼" x 1¼". **18948. \$1.50.**

**NEW! Girl Scout Leaders Shine Embroidered Pin.** 1¼" x 1¼". Imported. **11344. \$1.25.**



**NEW! Girl Scout Leader Embroidered Pin.** 1½" x 1". Imported. **11345. \$1.25.**



**Girl Scout Leadership T-Shirt.** Cotton jersey with banded crew neck. Traditional fit. Imported. Misses Sizes: S-M-L-XL. **8876. \$23.00.** Women's Sizes: 2X-3X. **8876. \$26.00.**



**NEW! Frosted Votive Holder.** Perfect for Girl Scout ceremonies, this glass votive holder is imprinted with the words “Girl Scouts,” “Friendships,” “Happiness,” “Memories,” “Good Times,” “Ceremony” and “Rededication.” Comes with unscented votive candle. 2½” H x 6” D. Imported. **24750. \$5.00.**



**Girl Scout Charm Bracelet.** Begin a tradition with this starter charm bracelet. Add charms and create your own Girl Scout memories. Silver-tone links with green contemporary logo charm. 7” length. Lobster claw closure. Imported. **12085. \$8.00.**



**NEW! Volunteer Charm.** Add this special charm to your Girl Scout charm bracelet. ¾” round. Silver-tone. Imported. **12043. \$5.00.**

**Medallion Key Ring.** Brown teardrop shaped key ring. The 1¼” brass medallion is embossed with Girl Scout contemporary logo and attached to leatherette tab and ring. Made in USA. **24914. \$20.00.**



**Covered Glass Box.** Attractive faceted cut glass box is perfect for fragrant potpourris, jewelry or simply to admire. 3½” square. Imported. **24888. \$15.00.**

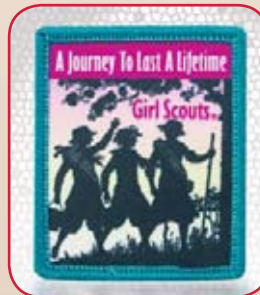


**Girl Scout Graffiti Mug.** Ceramic 13 oz. mug inscribed with “Girl Scouts” and surrounded by words that describe what a leader does best: “support, coach, mentor, motivate, connect” and so much more. Imported. **24794. \$11.00.**



**Executive Ballpoint Pen.** Elegant black pen accented with goldtone traditional logo on clip and imprinted with “Girl Scouts”. 5½”. Black ink. Imported. **35118. \$18.00.**

**Sew-On Journey Silhouette Patch.** “A Journey To Last a Lifetime” vintage design patch. **18938. \$1.25.**



**Girl Scout Scarf Slide.** Girl Scout trefoil scarf slide slips easily onto your scarf to hold it in place. Rhodium finish. Gift boxed. Imported.

**Girl Scout Car Magnets.** Inspire people and show your support for Girl Scouting by displaying these colorful car magnets. Made in USA.

**Proud Parent Magnet.** 2½” x 8½”. **11756. \$5.00.**

**Building Leaders Magnet.** 2½” x 5¼”. **11755. \$5.00.**



**Mission Statement Bookmark.** Features vintage silhouette photos with the mission statement on one side, and the Girl Scout Promise on the reverse side. Laminated and printed on recycled paper. 2” x 6”. Made in USA. **35411. \$1.50.**



**Goldtone Contemporary Trefoil.** **12002. \$14.00.**  
**Silver-tone Contemporary Trefoil.** **12001. \$14.00.**

**Official Girl Scout Promise Scarf.** Printed in green on an ivory background that complements the bronze scroll and navy border. 27” square. Polyester satin. Imported. **04503. \$22.00.**

# Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards & Gifts

An Exclusive Collection for Recipients of Girl Scouts' Highest Honors

## GOLD Awards & Gifts



### Girl Scout Award Note Card Set.

Elegant white note cards with raised print Girl Scout award symbol and the words "Girl Scout Bronze Award, Girl Scout Silver Award and Girl Scout Gold Award." Embossed design on border of note cards. 6¼" x 4½". Made in USA. **35230. \$18.00.**  
Pkg. of 8 cards and envelopes.



### Gold Award Car Magnet.

Magnet imprinted with "Girl Scout Gold Award and the words "Integrity, Dedication, Leadership". Made in USA. **11754. \$5.00.**



### Gold Award Pendant.\*

Gold-filled pendant. Can also be worn as a charm. (Chain not included). Imported. **09915. \$25.00.**



### Gold Award Emblem.\*

3" round. Unofficial: not to be worn on front of recognition sash or vest. Imported and Made in USA. **09913. \$1.85.**



### Gold Award Alliance Pin.\*

To be worn by Gold Award recipients who have become members of the Alliance. To join the Alliance, contact your local Girl Scout council. ¼" x ¾" vermeil. Imported. **09918. \$15.00.**

### Miniature Gold Award Parent Pin.\*

Miniature Gold Award pin may be worn by significant adult(s) associated with Gold Award recipient. Not to be substituted for official insignia. Imported. **09917. \$20.00.**

**Gold Award Pin.\*** Signifies achievement of highest recognition for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors. Gold-filled. Imported. **09911. \$28.00.**

# Silver Awards & Gifts



**Silver Award Pin.\***  
Signifies achievement of highest recognition for Girl Scout Cadettes. Sterling silver. Imported. **09910. \$25.00.**  
**Not Shown: Silver Award Pin\*.** Rhodium finish. Imported. **09916. \$6.80.**



**Silver Award Pendant.\***  
Sterling silver pendant. Can also be worn as a charm. (Chain not included). Imported. **09914. \$20.00.**

**Silver Award Emblem.\***  
3" round. Unofficial: not to be worn on front of recognition sash or vest. Imported and Made in USA. **09912. \$1.85.**



**Silver Award Car Magnet.**  
Magnet imprinted with "Girl Scout Silver Award" and the words "Integrity, Dedication, Leadership". Made in USA. **11752. \$5.00.**

# Bronze Awards & Gifts



**Bronze Award Pin\*.**  
Signifies achievement of highest recognition for Girl Scout Juniors. Safety catch closure. **09919. \$7.00.** 3/4" Imported.

**Bronze Award Emblem\*.**  
3" round. Unofficial: not to be worn on front of recognition sash or vest. Imported and Made in USA. **09909. \$1.85.**



**Bronze Award Car Magnet.**  
Magnet imprinted with "My Daughter Earned the Girl Scout Bronze Award." Made in USA. **11753. \$5.00.**



**Bronze Award Necklace.**  
This fashion necklace has three charms with the words, Integrity, Leadership and Dedication. Round and oval charms have trefoil cut-out centers. This ball chain necklace also has a "GS" dangle ID tag attached and lobster claw closure. 16" adjustable chain. Imported. **12084. \$11.00.**



**Bronze Award Pendant\*.**  
Bronze Award pendant can also be worn as a charm. (Chain not included). Imported. **09908. \$5.85.**