

# volunteerconnections

## Girl Scout Cookie Booths



Girl Scout Cookie Booths may be scheduled for February 12-March 13. Each service unit has volunteers who have coordinated dates and locations for their respective areas. Booth locations may be reserved through SNAP, which will automatically export the information to GSMH's online Cookie Booth Locator. Additional locations can be manually added at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

### Cookie booth kits

Please contact your product program specialist through February 11 to reserve a cookie booth kit (after February 11, call your local service center cookie cupboard).

### Are they registered?

Please make sure your troop registrations are in order and that all girls who are selling cookies – and all adults who help them – are registered for the 2010-2011 year.

### Need more cookies?

Service Center Cookie Cupboards will be open Friday, Feb. 11 - Saturday, Mar. 12. For hours and additional locations, please see the 2011 cookie cupboard listing (updated version attached).

## Early Bird Registration

April showers bring ... early bird registrations! 2011-2012 *Early Bird* registration packets – including patch and troop incentive information – will be distributed to currently registered troops at April service unit meetings.

## Annual Meeting 2011

This year's Annual Meeting will be held on March 26, 2011 at Lodge of the Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, Missouri. Invitations were mailed to registered members age 14 and older in January; a copy is also attached to this newsletter. Registrations must be submitted online or postmarked by February 25. To register online, visit [girlscoutsmoheartland.org/annualmeeting](http://girlscoutsmoheartland.org/annualmeeting).

### New this year! Webinar options

The morning events will be broadcast live in two webinar locations – the Joplin and Dexter Service Centers - where attendees will be able to participate in the Chat with Chief Officers, the Voting Representative Training and the Annual Meeting. Retail shops at these locations will also be open. The adult recognitions portion, basket auction, and lunch will not be available at webinar locations (cookies and coffee will be provided). We hope this new option allows more members to participate in the Annual Meeting.

### Shop at the meeting!

Lodge of the Four Seasons  
8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Joplin Service Center  
8:00 am to 12:30 pm

Dexter Service Center  
8:00 am to 12:30 pm

## February Service Center & Shop Hours

Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Closed (except Springfield)	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
1st Saturday monthly	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

*(shops only, through May)*

### SPECIAL HOURS FEBRUARY 11 - MARCH 11 ONLY\*

Monday-Friday	8:30 am – 4:30 pm (no lunch closing)
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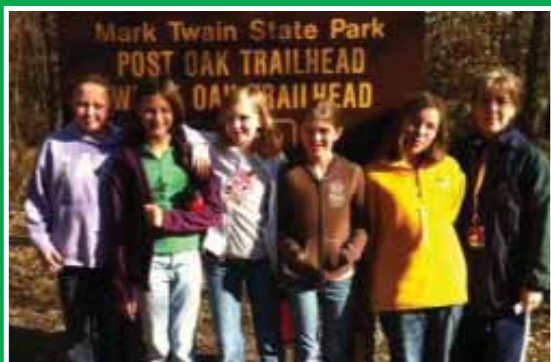
Monday, February 21 (President's Day)  
Wednesday, March 9 (staff meeting)

\*If you plan to visit a service center Girl Scout Cookie Cupboard when the retail shop is closed, you can always call ahead and pay for your order. We'll have it ready for you when you pick up your Girl Scout Cookies.

# WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 70485 with its donation to the South-west Missouri Office on Aging. Photo from Tracie Bruton.



Girl Scout Troop 30905 at Mark Twain State Park. Photo from Maggie Johnston.

## Red Cross Instructor Training

Interested in becoming an American Red Cross CPR/ First Aid instructor? Please download an interest form at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org) and return it to the senior manager for volunteer development by February 11.



## Call for 100th Anniversary Task Group Members

Girl Scouts of the USA will kick off its 100th anniversary milestone at the National Girl Scout Convention in November. All councils will share a 100th Anniversary goal during their local celebrations – to transform the Girl Scout Movement for the next century. Philanthropic efforts will be a priority, and GSMH is already making preparations. If you would like to be a part of our 100th Anniversary Task Group, please contact Resource De-

velopment Committee Chair Lindsey Godfrey at [gsladybug@windstream.net](mailto:gsladybug@windstream.net) or Chief Development Officer Angie Sullivan at [asullivan@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:asullivan@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## Welcome New Staff!

### Tera Eiserman

Volunteer Services Specialist, Springfield Service Center

### Christina Matthews

Program Intern, Cape Girardeau Service Center

### Noble Milam

Ranger, Cherokee Ridge Program Center

### Angela Peth

Community/Membership Development Specialist  
Jefferson City Service Center (Audrain, Callaway, Cole, Gasconade, and Montgomery counties)

### Angela Robinson Sullivan (see inset)

Chief Development Officer, Jefferson City Service Center

## COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

GSMH's new Chief Development Officer, Angie Sullivan, brings more than thirteen years of experience in fundraising, including four for the Missouri Democratic Party and two for Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri. Sullivan also spent three and a half years working for the Girl Scouts - Heart of Missouri Council, first as a Membership Marketing Manager and then as Director of Fund Development.

With Bachelor of Arts and Master of Business Administration degrees from William Woods, Sullivan says she looks forward to the challenges and surprises of her new position, which will include cultivating donor relationships, building a major gifts program, and helping to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts of the USA in 2012. "The Girl Scout story is such a great story and I'm excited to get out there and tell it!" says Sullivan.

## 2010-2011 membership blitz



Girls who invite a friend to join Girl Scouts in February will receive a friend patch to build their *Sister to Sister* circle of friends (order form below). Coming in March... an opportunity for girls and adults to earn the *Sister to Sister* center patch.

**Service units** that met their membership goal by 2/1/11 will receive a \$100 bonus by the end of March.

## GSMH MEMBERSHIP BLITZ PATCH FORM 2010-2011

Submit this form to a GSMH service center.

Girl's Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ Troop (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Buddy's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Registered \_\_\_\_\_ Troop (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you already earned the *Sister to Sister* center circle patch?  Yes  No

# programpathways

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

### Girl Scout & Boy Scout Shows at the Dixie Stampede

Saturdays at 2:10 pm 4/23, 5/14, 8/13, 11/12, and 12/3

Dixie Stampede is pleased to announce specially priced performances for Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts during 2011. The special days include horse care and handling presentations for your badges! Tickets are \$17.99 + tax and gratuity for children and adults. To make reservations, contact the Dixie Stampede directly at 1-800-520-5101.

### Girl Training Opportunities

Interested in taking the **Path to Silver** or **Path to Gold** or another advanced girl training? Call a leadership program specialist in your area to find out about the options available. If you have 10 or more girls interested in learning opportunities such as the **Program Aide Training**, we may be able to set one up for you!

## Power Down and Unplug!

March 11 is a nationwide Girl Scouts Forever Green *Take Action Day*. All GSMH members are encouraged to participate by conserving energy on that day. Participation patches will be available for sale at the GSMH retail shops. Photos of your events may be emailed to [gscouts@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:gscouts@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## Girl Scout Journeys Meet State Curriculum Standards

Did you know that the newest Girl Scout Journeys have been correlated (by grade level) to the new national *Common Core Standards* and the *21st Century Skills* standards, as well as to the Health & PE, Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies learning objectives for all 50 states and the District of Columbia? Check it out at [www.girlscouts.org/program/journeys/curriculum/](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/journeys/curriculum/).

## Talking Texas!

Do you know girls who would like to travel to Houston, Texas for the 52nd National Council Session & 2011 Convention? Plans are underway for a fun-filled bus trip for Girl Scout Cadettes through Ambassadors to take part in the Girl Scout Leadership Institute on Thursday, November 10 and the National Convention on November 10-13, 2011. Participants will attend the inspirational opening/closing ceremonies, Strategic Conversations, the Hall of Exhibits, a special 100th anniversary launch,

and lots more! We're in the early planning stages, but travel dates, costs, and other details will be announced soon. If you have questions or would like to receive information about this opportunity, please contact Leadership Program Specialist April Isbell at 877-312-4764 x1413 or [aisbell@girlscoutsmoheartland.org](mailto:aisbell@girlscoutsmoheartland.org).

## 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).

### Me and My Gal Made It (DBJ)

2/19/11 Cape Girardeau, MO

### Read the Signs (DB)

2/19/11 Springfield, MO

### Super Safety Saturday (DBJC)

2/19/11 Springfield, MO

### Caching In (CSA)

2/19/11 Wappapello, MO

### World Games (DBJ)

2/26/11 Doniphan, MO

3/15/11 Columbia, MO

### Moon, Mars and Beyond (BJ)

3/5/11 Dexter, MO

### Operation Montserrat (CSA)

3/5/11 Dexter, MO

### Rocks Rock with Mad Science (J)

3/5/11 Springfield, MO

### Science Sleuth with Mad Science (J)

3/5/11 Springfield, MO

### Trash to Treasure (BJC)

3/5/11 Salem, MO

### Magic of Chemistry Volunteer Training (CSA)

3/6/11 Columbia, MO

### Badges Galore Series (1st session) (BJ)

3/10/11 Poplar Bluff, MO

### Girl Scout Time Machine (DBJC)

3/11/11 Jefferson City, MO

3/12/11 Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Joplin, or Springfield, MO

### Magic of Chemistry: The Chemistry of Color (J and 6thC)

3/12/11 Columbia, MO

### Weather Wiz (J)

3/12/11 Rogersville, MO

### Silver Meadows Shakedown for Backpacking (CSA)

3/12/11 (backpacking at a later date) Hallsville, MO

### Folk is Fabulous (J)

3/19/11 Wappapello, MO

### Butterfly Reading Celebration (DB)

3/19/11 Rogersville, MO

## monthly checklist: february

- Print new Missouri Tax-Exempt Certificate from GSMH website (for purchases in MO)
- Schedule Girl Scout Cookie Booths in SNAP
- Celebrate *World Thinking Day* on February 22
- Check out the online version of the *Volunteer Resource CD* on the GSMH website
- Check the GSMH website in mid-February for Leader's Weekend registration packets! (see inset)

## Staff Spotlight: Product Program Specialists

**Karen Taylor**

**Mary Beth Schwenck**

**Melody Hutchison**

**(Southwest Region)**

**(Central Region)**

**(Southeast Region)**

**Major Job Responsibilities:** Planning and implementing Girl Scout product programs – including working with troop and service unit volunteers and product distributors – as well as other leadership programs in each region.

### How does your work impact girls?



*Melody:* The Product Programs are a unique experience. Girls are taught essential life skills while earning funds to attend summer camp, program events, and *destinations*, give back to the community with service projects, pay for membership and uniforms, and much more.

### When/where could volunteers expect to see you or interact with you?

*Mary Beth:* At Fall Product and Cookie Manager trainings, service unit trainings and cookie rallies, and in the Service Center Cookie Cupboard most days of the week! We're happy to answer questions, troubleshoot concerns, or help when you just need to hear a friendly voice!



### What is your busiest time of year at work – and why?

*Karen:* January through March, as the Girl Scout Cookie Program is in full swing, from the girls selling cookies and achieving their goals to cookie booths and the final paperwork turned in from the leaders.

### Best part the job:

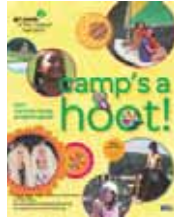
*Karen:* Speaking with all the volunteers and hopefully having an impact on the life of a girl.

*Mary Beth:* The members of the GSMH staff are dedicated people. It's refreshing to be surrounded by people with such kind hearts.

*Melody:* I love working for the Girl Scouts because I know that I am making a difference in girls' lives.

*Girl Scouting* (available September 2011). The affected badges were selected by Girl Scouts of the USA based on low usage and interest nationwide; a full list is available online at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org). If you know girls who plan to work on the affected badges or patches, please call a GSMH retail shop. We can check to see if we have them in stock or if we can order them.

## Camp's a Hoot!



The 2011 summer camp guide will be online by February 15 and mailed to all registered girls by the end of February. Don't miss the chance to take advantage of the April 1st *Early Bird Special* - \$10.00 off! (Regular deadline is May 13.)

## Troop Finances

*from Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, New Leader Training*

Troop income earned through troop dues collection, product program, and money earning activities should be helping your girls and all the families to have a Girl Scout experience. A good rule of thumb to follow is a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 rule. Families and girls should be learning to budget in a responsible and sustainable way. That means each troop should be working to minimize extra costs to themselves and to families at all times.

- **1/3** to help cover costs of badges, registrations for the following year, and uniform pieces if the girls are bridging. All girls should have an opportunity to have a membership paid in full or in part by their troop, even if they decide not to join the troop the following year.
- **1/3** covers field trips, meeting supplies, and ceremonies...that's right, only 1/3. Girls should be learning to use their resources wisely and learning the value of saving up for big trips and ideas
- **1/3** gets tucked away for unexpected expenses (like a family who needs financial assistance, or an amazing opportunity that suddenly comes up), as well as larger expenses (like travel and take action projects).

### Leader's Weekend: Fiesta 2011!

Silver Meadows Program Center	April 9
Finbrooke Program Center	April 15-17
Cherokee Ridge Program Center	April 29-May 1

*Enjoy trainings, enrichment workshops, and relaxing with your fellow volunteers. Info online by Feb. 15!*

## Discontinued Badges

As was mentioned in recent issues of *Volunteer Connections*, some Brownie Try-Its, Junior Badges, and Interest Project Patches (IPPs) have been retired to make way for updated badge activities and awards that girls will earn when they begin using *The Girl's Guide to*



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GIRL SCOUTS OF THE MISSOURI HEARTLAND'S

# annual meeting & adult recognition event

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011  
LODGE OF THE FOUR SEASONS  
315 FOUR SEASONS DRIVE / LAKE OZARK, MO

(detailed map and directions will be posted at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org))

**EVENT HIGHLIGHTS** (\*denotes items also available at webinar locations.)

- Traveling Girl Scout Shop\* 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
- Spring Chat with Chief Officers\* 8:45 am - 9:25 am
- Voting Representative Training\* 9:30 am - 10:30 am
- Annual Meeting 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
  - Corporate Meeting\*
  - Luncheon
  - Adult Volunteer Recognitions



**SPECIAL ROOM RATE** (available Friday and Saturday): \$79/night if booked by March 5 (\$99 after March 5)  
Please call the hotel directly at 888-265-5500 by March 5 to make reservations (mention Girl Scouts).



**ANNUAL MEETING EVENT REGISTRATION** (Please use a separate form for each adult.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Attending as:**  voting representative (SU \_\_\_\_\_)  award recipient\*  guest of award recipient  member  
 \*Award recipients and one guest are free. Please indicate your guest's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Location Attending:**  Lake Ozark (meal provided; please indicate choice) \$15 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Adult Meal Choice:  Lasagne  Meatloaf  Teriyaki Chicken  Veg. Lasagne  
 Joplin Service Center (webinar; no meal provided) \$5 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dexter Service Center (webinar; no meal provided) \$5 per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Program for Children:** Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lake Ozark location only. Ages 13 and under. 8 am - 3 pm. Lunch, games, and crafts included.

**Total Payment Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Payment Method:  check (to GSMH)  credit card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Register online at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/annualmeeting](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org/annualmeeting) by **February 25** or postmark by February 25 to: GSMH, Attn: Executive Assistant, 210 S. Ingram Mill Rd., Springfield, MO 65802. No phone or email registrations.

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Patch available at all shops.

**Celebrate World Thinking Day**  
*February 22, 2011*

Each year on February 22, girls participate in activities, games, and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. World Thinking

Day is part of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme based on the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals, which aim to improve the lives of the world's poorest people. The theme for World Thinking Day 2011 is girls worldwide say "empowering girls will change our world."

World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community—one of nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. There are five countries of focus for World Thinking Day 2011 to represent the five WAGGGS regions: Bolivia (Western Hemisphere), Cyprus (Europe), Democratic Republic of Congo (Africa), Nepal (Asia/Pacific), Yemen (Arab Region).

For more information and activity ideas, please visit [www.girlscouts.org/who\\_we\\_are/global/world\\_thinking\\_day/](http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day/)

**NEW  
SPRING & SUMMER MERCHANDISE!**



**don't forget!**

- We have a **mail-order form** (at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org)) - ship your order right to your door!
- Shopping with us is the only way to ensure that your purchase **helps girls locally**.
- We're open **24 hours a day** at [www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org](http://www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org)!

spring 2011  
**starter kits**

**the essentials to begin your Girl Scout Journey!**

*starter kits include:*

- Choice of Girl Scout Journey Book
- Uniform Piece (Vest, Tunic, or Sash)
- Flag Patch
- Troop Numerals (5)
- GSMH ID Set
- Insignia Tab

**free gift with purchase!**  
drawstring sack

GS Daisy	GS Brownie	GS Junior	GS Cad/Sr/Amb
\$36.50 vest	\$37.25 vest	\$37.25 vest	\$42.00 vest
\$34.50 tunic	\$26.75 sash	\$27.00 sash	\$28.00 sash



**NEW!**  
Girl Scout Journey t-shirts

coming march 10-11...  
**Girl Scout Birthday Sale!**  
Draw for a percentage off of your entire purchase at GSMH shops!  
*(valid for in-store and in-stock items only)*

