

Volunteer Connections

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

Last edition until August! Be sure to visit
www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org this summer!



It's not too late to catch the worm!

The Early Bird registration deadline is June 15, 2010. Girls who are registered for the 2010-2011 membership year by this deadline will receive a patch (troop leader or Girl Scout advisor must complete the Early Bird patch order form). Troops that are registered and have submitted a troop financial report by the deadline will receive a \$5 gift certificate for the GSMH retail shops.

Financial Assistance

If you are re-registering girls who need financial assistance, please use the new financial assistance forms available at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

Help Us to Help You! **Membership Survey**

A membership survey is attached to this newsletter and available at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org. Please take a few minutes to complete it and submit it to us by July 1, 2010. Thank you in advance for your help in improving services to girls and volunteers in our jurisdiction!

Girl Scout Day in Missouri: **Missouri Senate Bill 649 Passed**

Starting in 2011, the governor of Missouri will annually issue a proclamation for March 12 to be "Girl Scout Day." This is a wonderful opportunity for the state to recognize the Girl Scout program and its benefits of self-esteem, positive values, sisterhood and citizenship.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

Inspiring others to act

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland is proud to announce that Sarah Mittrucker received an honorable mention award for *JUSTINE* Magazine's Real Girl essay contest! Her entry is reprinted below, with permission:



Sarah in London

"My name is Sarah Mittrucker and I believe I am a REAL girl because I like to be involved with everything. I get bored just sitting at home watching TV. I am active in Girl Scouts, Venturing, Youth Ministry, Cross Country, Swimming, band and many clubs at school. I have earned my Girl Scout Silver Award, Varsity Letter for Christian Service, Honor Roll and Cross Country in High School.

During the summer I keep busy going to various camps. Last summer I went to a Wilderness Running Camp during a very rainy week. I was able to put up my tent and several others and while other [sic] were complaining. I was remembering that it wasn't as rainy as my Girl Scout trip to Scotland or we could have been in the heat of the base of the Grand Canyon where I had another Girl Scout experience.

Even though I like to have fun, I enjoy giving back to my community. I know if you can get your friends to join it doesn't seem like work at all. Sometimes you can see the face of Jesus in those that you are helping. Our troop has prepared a meal at our church for the poor each of the last 5 years and now we are inviting other Girl Scout troops to become more involved in this project.

I aspire to be a good student and keep up my grades even when I am feeling overwhelmed. Even though I had a learning disability which I have worked hard to overcome, I wonder why some of my friends can get better grades when I try so hard.

I aspire to be more like one guy at school who never has a bad word to say about anyone and who is always helpful and friendly. I need to learn patience and a quiet leadership."

Financial Reports

Troop and service unit financial reports are due by July 1, 2010. The forms are available online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org. Please remember to attach a copy of your May 2010 bank statement.

Insurance Enrollment Forms

It is imperative that insurance enrollment forms for Girl Scout activities are done in a timely manner, especially for international travel. All Mutual of Omaha activity insurance enrollments have to be council approved. Online enrollments should only be completed by designated council staff. Mutual of Omaha is supposed to catch the enrollments that are completed by volunteers, however sometimes they do not. This could cause your activity to not be insured. You can still go to the website to download the PDF version of the enrollment forms to submit. Procedures for activity insurance can be found on the GSMH website. If you have any questions, please contact the HR/Benefits Coordinator x1136.

Service Unit Kick-Offs

Service units are encouraged to host a kick-off registration event in the month of August. Hosting an all-area event, instead of individual registration nights at each school, is an easy way to use time, money, and other resources wisely. Service units that host a service unit-wide kick-off event may be rewarded as part of the 2010-2011 Membership Blitz program. Look for details in the August newsletter.

Work Smarter.
Not Harder.

Horseback Riding in GSMH

Girl Scout troops have been calling about the use of horseback riding facilities by outside vendors. We are

currently working on getting many of the organizations on our use list! In addition to the GSMH horseback riding facilities located in Cape Girardeau and Wayne County, the following stables are approved:

Horse of Hope-Missouri, Inc.
Located in Buffalo, MO
417-345-5210

MD Equine Center
Located in Cuba, MO
mdequinecenter.com

All participants must wear equestrian helmets (available at the local service center), boots with at least a 1/2" cut out heel, and long pants-preferably jeans.

Service Team Training

All volunteer service team managers are invited, along with one or two key service team volunteers, to attend service team training in June:

Monday, June 7
6:00pm-9:00pm
Dexter Service Center

Monday, June 14
6:00pm-9:00pm
Joplin Service Center

Tuesday, June 8
6:00pm-9:00pm
Cape Girardeau Service Center

Saturday, June 19
9:00am-12:00pm
Jefferson City Service Center

Saturday, June 12
9:00am-12:00pm
Springfield Service Center

Password for Online Volunteer Essentials Training

Last month, we featured instructions for completing Girl Scouts of the USA's new online Volunteer Essentials training. A password has recently been added for the training. When you log on to the Web site, please use the password "discover." If you have any trouble accessing this training, please contact the Volunteer Services Specialist x1122.

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Remember, a Training Registration Form is due 10 days before the training. Additional information is in the Spring 2010 Volunteer Magazine. Questions? Please contact the Volunteer Services Specialist at 877-312-4764 x1122.

Thursday, June 10
Sat. & Sun., June 12 & 13

Basic Troop Camping pre-camp
Basic Troop Camping training

Dexter Service Center
Latonka Program Center

Look for the new 2010-2011 *Volunteer Magazine* online by July 1!
The magazine will include training dates, planning pages, and important updates for the year.

National Delegates

Are you interested in becoming 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 September 30, 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 three (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

National Delegate Conference Call

On May 5th, Girl Scouts of the USA held a national conference call for all council national delegates. If you are currently a national delegate and were unable to attend the call or had technical difficulties, we have placed the file on our website at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org > Volunteers > GSUSA > National Delegates. You will not be able to hear the audio; however, you will be able to view the slides from which the call was presented.

Voting Representative Training

The Annual Meeting held on Saturday, March 27th in Branson, Mo. included a voting representative training prior to the official start of the meeting. This training was conducted by Board Member Valarie Richardson and included topics such as the interde-

pendence of Girl Scout councils and the national organization, structures in Girl Scouting, decision-making in governance and management, and voting representative role/responsibilities. If you missed the training or would like to look at the slides and information, go to www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org > Volunteers > Voting Representative.

CRASH COURSE:

Girl Scout Journeys

A key part of the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience is the Girl Scout journeys. These multi-disciplinary explorations for girls include stories, activities, service project ideas, and journaling pages. By completing Girl Scout journeys, girls will discover, connect, and take action in fields such as science and technology, arts and culture, healthy living, community issues, the outdoors, and more.

The journeys do not replace traditional badges, which still provide valuable skill-building opportunities for girls, but they are the best resource for really exploring and living the *process* of leadership. To celebrate that, Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes may earn three awards per journey; Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors may earn a pin or badge per journey.

By the end of 2010, there will be three Girl Scout journeys. The *It's Your World-Change It!* series emphasizes the leadership keys and community action. The *It's Your Planet-Love It!* series focuses on environmental education and action. And *It's Your Story-Tell It!*, scheduled for release in December 2010, will celebrate self-esteem and self-expression.

Girls may work on the journeys in any order that they choose. Journeys are designed to be completed in 6-8 sessions, which can be in sequence (as a great start or end-of-year experience) or spaced throughout the year (integrated with other activities). So there is still plenty of time for badge work, field trips, product programs, service projects, and any other activities that the girls want to do! Adult guidebooks for each level provide tips for integrating the journeys into your Girl Scout year and for coaching girls as they complete each journey.

To explore the Girl Scout journeys, and to learn more about how they complement existing badges and activities, check out the journeys maps at <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/journeys/maps/>

PROPERTY UPDATE

One of the Board of Directors' responsibilities is to monitor our council resources and make decisions on how we can best use those resources to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, yet remain within the council's ability to fund and maintain our resources. To help achieve this objective, a council property committee was established in April 2009 and charged with developing a recommendation to the board regarding the administrative properties of the council (Phase I) and a long-range plan for our program center properties (Phase II). The committee is currently working on a proposal for Phase I and will begin the transition to Phase II late summer or early fall. We will let you know when the board acts on the Phase I plan.

As for Phase II, GSMH will be undergoing a comprehensive review of all program center property resources to ensure that premier offerings for girls focus on leadership development. In April, a Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) Property Consultant visited our current properties. He met with the Property Committee on Saturday, April 24 to orient the group on property assessment and performance standards which will be utilized to help develop a long-range plan. The committee's charge will be to provide a plan for safe and well-maintained facilities that meet current and future girl needs. We know that our program center properties are very important to many of our members, and we want to keep you updated, as well as give you an opportunity to be involved in the process. Therefore, this summer we will be implementing various communication methods, as well as letting you know how you can be involved. Some of these venues and material will include a page on our website at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org, this newsletter, FAQ's, surveys, email, and a way for you to ask questions and provide feedback.

We know that this process will be long, involved and at times - emotional for many, yet it is very important to the future of our council. We want to thank you for all you do for girls in Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland and your willingness to support the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

Service Center & Program Center Reservations

New service center and program center reservation forms are available online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org. In an effort to provide more user-friendly resources, each center now has its own form.

Most of our properties are available for troop meetings, trainings, service unit meetings, events, and day activities at no charge. Program properties are for everyone - so if you are traveling, or would like to see the other side of the council, they are here for your use. We have facilities in Jefferson City, Sedalia, Hermann, Columbia, Pittsburg, KS, Springfield, Joplin, Cape Girardeau, Poplar Bluff area, and Wayne County.

Property of the Month

Silver Meadows Program Center is a 130-acre site located just outside of Columbia, Mo. The fully equipped two-story lodge, with room for 75, is ADA-accessible. It has a full commercial kitchen, shower and bathroom facilities, fireplace and office. An outdoor shelter with showers, flush toilets and a fire circle is available for tent camping. Canoeing on the lake and hiking are favorite activities at this program center, which has a mixture of flat meadows for sports activities and woods for nature study. This program center may be used for troop activities, service unit events, program events and adult training. The lodge is open year-round.

Service Center & Retail Shop Hours *June - August*

Monday-Friday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed Daily*	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
(*except Springfield)	
Closed Saturdays	June - August

July 5 All Service Centers & Retail Shops Closed

Annual Inventory: Retail Shops Closed

Cape Girardeau	June 16 - June 18
Springfield	June 23 - June 25
Joplin	July 12 - July 14
Dexter	Aug. 4 - Aug. 6
Jefferson City	Aug. 25 - Aug. 27

Girl Scout Cookie Program: Girl Recognitions Survey



Last year, Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland was able to offer a wonderful opportunity for girls to vote on recognitions for the upcoming Girl Scout Cookie Program. We are excited for the girls in our council to once again have a voice in the process. The 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Program Recognition Voting survey has been posted to the council Web site at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org. Please encourage girls to vote on their favorite items before June 30, 2010. Thank you in advance for encouraging the girls in your area to take action as an advocate for themselves through this survey.



SPOTLIGHT ON... *Taking action as an advocate*

On Mother's Day weekend, attendees at the first Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland's Trefoil Tea fundraiser were awed at the spectacular view of the skyline from the Tower Club, nestled in the heart of downtown Springfield, Mo. They enjoyed a three-course meal of savories and sweets on tables adorned with china, linens and fresh flowers. Mr. Charles Long played tunes on the baby grand piano while Joshua Leek took photos of the event. Special thanks to corporate sponsor The Bank of Missouri - Springfield, Kappa Delta Sorority and the tea committee, Jane Earnhart, Chair, Lindsey Godfrey and Rose Boswell. Thank you to all participants for their support of Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland.



Pictured: guests at the Trefoil Tea fundraiser event on May 8.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

Young Women of Distinction

JUNE 4, 2011

*This event will honor girls who have earned
the Girl Scout Gold Award.*

Shop News

Get ready for camp!

Summer camp, day camps and troop camping are favorite Girl Scout activities during the summer months. We have essential gear to enhance girls' camp experience this summer!



Girls can look forward to new merchandise at our summer camp trading posts, including water bottles, jewelry, stuffed animals, t-shirts, spirit shorts, finger puppets, disposable cameras, recycled notebooks, camp fun patches, autograph bandanas, and more!

Coming Soon...

Keep your eye out this summer for NEW Girl Scout logo tees and the 2010-2011 Girl Scout Merchandise catalog. Remember, all items in the catalog are available at the GSMH retail shops or can be ordered through us. Your purchases through us help ensure that local Girl Scouts benefit!



Summer Clearance

Come in and check out our great clearance merchandise. New markdowns are added regularly! For shop hours, please see page 4.



Girl Scouts.

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. Membership Survey 2010

We want your feedback in order to improve services to the volunteers and girls in your areas. We know that your time is a valuable resource and we are looking for solutions to provide better service to you as the volunteer and respect the volunteer time that you give to the girls.

Name (optional): _____ County: _____

Service Unit Meetings

What is the primary way you receive information regarding Girl Scout opportunities -- whether they are service unit events, council-planned events, or local Girl Scout events? *Please rank from 1-10, with 1 being the most used and 10 being the least used.*

- _____ Service unit meetings
- _____ Girl Scout Web site
- _____ E-mails
 - from: your troop leader local volunteer council staff other _____
- _____ Newspaper
- _____ Word of mouth
- _____ TV commercials
- _____ Twitter
- _____ Facebook
- _____ E-mail blasts from GSMH
- _____ GSMH publications (*GO! Program Guide, Volunteer Magazine, Volunteer Resource CD, etc.*)

Do you attend SU meetings? Yes No

If so, are they helpful? _____

If not, why? _____

How often would you prefer to have service unit meetings?

- monthly every other month quarterly other

Would you prefer to have the meetings on the same night each time? Yes No

What day or evening of the week do you prefer to have SU meetings?

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
- Morning Afternoon Evening

What additional support is needed to help you with your volunteer position? _____

What volunteer position responsibility (or part of the position) did you like the least or provided the most frustration for you? _____

What suggestions do you have to make this better? _____

Did your service unit plan any events (lock-in, powder puff derby, father/daughter dance, Girl Scout Week event, etc)? Please list what they were and if you would like to see them offered again.

Trainings:

What trainings would you like to see offered (CPR, First Aid, science activities for girls, computer trainings for cookie program, etc.)? _____

How often would you like to see the trainings offered?

- 1 time/month 2 times/month 3 times /month Other _____

What day of the week do you prefer for trainings?

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday
 Morning Afternoon Evening

Programs:

What programs would you like to see offered (outdoor events, sports programs, badge workshops, etc.) for girls? _____

How many programs have you or your troop attended in this past year and what were the names of the programs? _____

If you have not attended any programs, what are reasons that you have not attended? _____

Product Programs:

Please check the boxes if your troop participated in either of the product programs this past year.

- Fall product program Girl Scout CookieProgram

Did your troop participate in Girl Scout cookie booth sales? Yes No

Do you feel that your service unit volunteer product program managers provided quality information to you and other troops in your area? _____

What day of the week do you prefer product program training?

- Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Please list any other ideas for improving service to girls and volunteers as part of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience: _____





Camp Essentials



NEW!

Cascadian 7pc. Table Set. This one person table setting fits in its own dish dunking bag for easy packing. Set includes: 6½" bowl, 12 oz. cup, 9¾" plate and three piece plastic cutlery set. BPA free polypropylene plastic. Imported. **15093. \$19.50.**



Girl Scout Knife. Official multi-purpose knife by Colonial Knife Co. Knife handle is made of wood grain resin with four stainless steel components including: 2½" cutting blade, screw driver/cap lifter, can opener, punch awl. In gift box. Lifetime warranty. Imported. **15123. \$24.00.**



Bio Green Plastic Water Bottle. This eco friendly water bottle is easy to use and is leak proof. Cap flips open or can be pulled up for drinking. Informational hang tag attached describing this 100% biodegradable, recyclable and reusable water bottle. BPA free plastic. Made in USA. **15069. \$4.00.**



Girl Scout Backpack. Features a large inner compartment, a zippered front compartment with organizer wall pockets, mesh side pockets and a small easy-access zip-front pocket. 12" L x 16" H x 5" W. Fully padded adjustable straps and carrying loop. Imported. **11020. \$25.00.**



Stainless Steel 5pc. Mess Kit. Rugged and durable this stainless steel kit contains: 1qt. pot, 7½" x 1½" fry pan/lid/plate, with removable gripper handle, 6" bowl and 12 oz. cup. Comes with mesh dunking bag. Imported. **15012. \$23.75.**

Girl Scout Lanyard. This heavy duty, turquoise grosgrain lanyard is screenprinted with colorful stars and the words "Girl Scouts". Plastic hook and safety snap closure. Imported. **11456. \$3.75.**



**Iron-On
Get Outdoors Patch**
2¼" x 1½"
58003. \$2.00



**Iron-On
Hiking Is Fun Patch**
2¼" x 1½"
58006. \$2.00



**Sew-On
Backyard Camping Patch**
2" x 2"
18935. \$1.50



**Sew-On
Sing-A-Long Patch**
1½" x 2"
18920. \$1.25



**Sew-On
Camping Patch**
2½" x 2¼"
18880. \$1.50



**Sew-On
I Love To Go Camping Patch**
2¼" x 3"
18565. \$1.25



**Sew-On
Vintage GS Camping Patch**
2½" x 2¼"
18881. \$1.25

Visit the GSMH Retail Shops for these CAMP ESSENTIALS and more!
Shop online at www.girlscoutsmoheartland.org.

All proceeds from your GSMH retail shop purchase help provide programs and services to girls in our area.