



An E-Newsletter
for Volunteers



Girl Scouts.



NEWS FROM GIRL SCOUTS OF THE USA:

Take Action! Support Healthy Media Images for Girls!

Urge Your Member of Congress to Cosponsor H.R. 4925.

Did you know...

- Nearly 90% of girls say the media places *a lot of pressure* on teenage girls to be thin.
- Only 46% of girls think that the fashion industry does a good job of representing people of all races and ethnicities.

- 55% of teenage girls admit they diet to lose weight and 37% know a girl with an eating disorder (*Girls & Body Image*, 2010).

Girl Scouts worked closely with Congresswomen Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) to introduce the *Healthy Media for Youth Act* (H.R. 4925). This bill supports media literacy programs and youth empowerment groups, facilitates research on how images of women and girls impact youth, and establishes a National Taskforce on Women and Girls in the Media to develop voluntary standards that promote healthy, balanced, and positive images of girls and women.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Don't forget about GSNI's Annual Meeting and Adult Recognition Event on Saturday, April 24, 2010! Come and meet our special guests from Girl Scouts of the USA—Kathy Cloninger, CEO, GSUSA and Connie Lindsey, National Board Chair, GSUSA. Kathy will be speaking at our Annual Meeting and Connie will be speaking at the Volunteer Recognition Event.

You can download the Call to Meeting booklet with the registration form, from the Home page of GSNI's website at www.girlscoutsni.org. Remember, the deadline to register is April 15, 2010.

Note: There is a correction on the address listed on the initial version of the Call to Meeting booklet. The address for the University Plaza Banquet Hall in DeKalb is 900 Crane Drive.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM/PROPERTY: Camp News and Availability

McCormick—Pool opens April 21. McCormick has a few nights open in April for lodges. Open for May are some platform tent units 5/7-5/9 and 5/14-5/16.

Far Horizons—Lodge & platform tent unit openings 4/16-4/18; 4/30-5/2; 5/14-5/16 and 5/21-5/23

Chapman Hills—Lodge & platform tent unit openings 4/23-4/25; 5/7-5/9; 5/14-5/16 and 5/21-5/22

MABC—Activity center is available 4/9-4/11. Activity Center, platform tents, wagons and yurts are available 5/7-5/9 and 5/21-5/23. Platform tents are available 5/14-5/16.

Dean—Varied lodging available April–May.

Call or e-mail Toni to sign-up or for more info: 815-962-5591, Ext. 7162, or tmassolle@girlscoutsni.org.

Resident Camp is looking for Camp Nurse

Resident camp hiring is in full swing and we are close to having the staff we need! However, one of the hardest positions to fill is the camp nurse. At this time we are looking for some help. If anyone knows someone who is a nurse who would like to pick up some extra work please tell them about camp. Our camp nurses do not have to live at camp and do not have to work every day of the week. We only need the nurse on check-in days and three days during the week. Below is the job description. Please contact Christie for more information, Ext. 7178 or cpaxton@girlscoutsni.org. Camp Dean, Camp McCormick, Camp Far Horizons and Camp Pokie need nurses.

RN, LPN, , or EMT. Previous experience working with children, ability to maintain records, a positive attitude, stamina, flexibility, and a valid Driver's License. Salary range \$3,100-\$3,500.

PROGRAM: Summer Program Registration is Open!

Registration for both resident camp and council-sponsored programs opened March 31.

Cancellation of resident camp sessions due to low registration will be determined by May 17, so don't delay—register today!

Want to learn more about our GSNI resident camps? Plan on visiting a Camp Open House. Open House dates are as follows: Camp Dean, Saturday, April 17, 1 to 3 P.M. and Camp McCormick, Sunday, April 18, 1-3 P.M. Information on Camp Far Horizons and Camp Pokonokah Hills will also be available at these open houses.

Girl Scout Day at Six Flags 2010—one day only!

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Ticket Price: \$27 per person

Picnic Meal Tickets: \$10.75 per person, Serving time: 1 to 2:30 P.M. (Includes fried chicken, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, pasta salad, pickles, rolls and beverages.)

Tickets will be available at any of GSNI's Girl Scout Shops April 15. Patches are currently on back order. Please note tickets will NOT be mailed. Admission tickets, picnic meal tickets, and patches can all be purchased separately. So if someone has a ticket from another source, they can still buy the patch and/or meal ticket.

Key Lime Cove Resort in Gurnee is offering special Girl Scout rates June 4 and 5. For information see their flier on the GSNI website (on the Leaders page under Program Updates, Community Listing Updates).

Corrections to Summer Program Brochure

Some of the dates listed for Day Camps are incorrect on Page 22. Here are the revisions.

Choctaw Service Unit	June 21 – 25, 2010
Morrison Rockwood	June 14 – 16, 2010
Ojibwa Service Unit	June 21 – 24, 2010
Potawatomi Service Unit	July 26 – 29, 2010
Quatonga Service Unit	July 19 – 23, 2010
Wynonwy Service Unit	June 28 – July 2, 2010

Pages 27 and 31: **Tool'n Around** is for girls currently in 7th grade and up. Correct dates are Friday, April 30-Saturday, May 2.

Event Listing Correction—The following event is for all age levels

Plantfest—An Earth Day Event

Reduce, reuse, and recycle projects plus the ever popular plant a shoe!

Location: Spencer Park, 603 N. Appleton Rd., Belvidere, IL
Receive: Plantfest Patch
Fee: \$4 per girl—includes patch
Registration: Deadline April 15, 2010
Contact Diana Ward at 815-547-7536 or diana524@comcast.net
Note: Proper adult per girl ratios are required.

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Sat.	Apr. 24, 2010	1-4 P.M.	ALL—DA, BR, JR, CD, SR, AM

Volunteer Run Day/Twilight Camps

Registration dates, costs and locations for our volunteer-run Day/Twilight Camps vary. Adult volunteers are needed at each camp in a variety of positions. You can help for 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 days. Please see the individual camp’s flier for details or contact Pam at Ext. 7140 or pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org.

Camp Dean day camp registration form is found on page 18 of the Summer Program Brochure. Registration forms for volunteer run day/twilight camps can be found on the GSNI website (http://www.girlscoutsni.org/day_camp.html) or by contacting Pam Schnecke, Ext. 7140 or pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org.

Troop Trek Around the World registration is open!

Troop Trek is a council-sponsored, volunteer-staffed, troop camping experience designed for Girl Scout Junior troops embarking on their first camping adventure. For a complete flier and registration form, visit www.girlscoutsni.org. Mail in your registration today!

Program Aides Needed

Girl Scouts currently in grade 8 or above who have completed both Program Aide Basic and Outdoor Skills are needed to help inexperienced Junior Girl Scout troops on their first camping experience at Troop Trek. Register for Troop Trek PA Training online. Training is Saturday, May 1 to Sunday May 2 at GSNI’s Chapman Hills in East Troy, WI. Registration closes April 12. For more information, contact Pam Schnecke at Ext. 7140 or pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org.

C3 Leadership Committee Is now taking applications for the 2010-2011 Girl Scout year!

Girls selected for the committee will serve as advocates for all girls 5-17 years old. As a member of this committee, the girls will be serving in a leadership capacity to help ensure the quality of Girl Scouting for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.

Visit the website under Girl/Program Events for C3 Leadership Committee requirements or to download an application. Completed applications must be submitted to service unit managers by Friday, May 28, 2010.

Special Young Women of Distinction Ticket Offer for Troops & Juliettes!

Young Women of Distinction, the council-wide event to honor Girl Scouts who have earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Scholarships, will be held on Sunday, June 6, at Giovanni’s in Rockford.

Our 2010 speaker is Jess Weiner, this generation’s “go-to-girl” for self-esteem, serving as the Global Ambassador for the Dove Self-Esteem Fund. Ms. Weiner understands the issues facing young women

today and has chronicled her own self-discovery and ultimate recovery from a teenage eating disorder in her first book, *A Very Hungry Girl*. After years of running her own theater company, ACT Out Ensemble, and listening to the real life issues of women and girls, Jess has been called upon as a trusted advisor, mentor, and role model for mothers and daughters.

GSNI is working with select sponsors to help as many girls attend as possible! Troops and Juliettes interested in attending will have the opportunity to enter into a lottery for free attendance at YWD. While all age levels are encouraged to enter the lottery, Cadette and Senior Troops/Juliettes will be given first priority. Please note that troop groups must meet appropriate girl/adult ratio and Juliettes must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Please send your interest via e-mail by May 1 to mbellamy@girlscoutsni.org with **YWD Lottery** in the subject line. Within the body of the e-mail include the Troop # and Girl Scouts' names (or Juliette's Name) including grade level, and accompanying adult names.

Girl Scout Gold Award

Did a girl in your troop/group earn her Girl Scout Gold Award this year? If so, please contact Pam Schneck at Ext. 7140 or pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org.

PRODUCT SALES: Girl Scout Cookie Sell Down

The GS Cookie Sell Down is a great opportunity to earn more money for your troop!

Girl Scout Cookies will go on sale for \$10 less per case! Visit one of our four service centers, check out the different varieties remaining in our cupboards, and pay \$10 less than the original price per case. Sell these at regular price and the troop keeps all monies from the sale of these boxes of Girl Scout cookies!

Dates for Rockford, Sugar Grove, and Elgin Areas are April 5 through April 16. Dates for Freeport area are April 12-16.

Troops may set up cookie shops, walk-about, or just ask friends and neighbors if they would like to replenish their stock!

Keep in mind these reminders:

- Immediate payment is required at time of pick up.
- Cookies are sold in quantities of twelve.
- Cookies are sold on a first come/first served basis. There is no guarantee of a favorite variety being available.
- No cookies may be returned.
- Little Brownie Baker Girl Scout cookies sold in the Sugar Grove service area **MUST** be sold for \$4 per box!
- ABC Baker Girl Scout cookies sold in the Elgin, Freeport and Rockford service areas **MUST** be sold for \$3.50 per box!
- The Girl Scout shops will accept cash, credit card, or check (with proper I.D.)

FUND DEVELOPMENT: Sweet Deals For All

Thanks to all the volunteers, sponsors, troops, service units, committee members, chefs, staff and attendees who helped to make the 3rd Annual *Evening of Sweet Deals* a wonderful event. What a great way to celebrate GSNI in the scenic northwest corner of our council area!

Held on March 20, at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa in Galena, the event raised \$13,000 while attendees enjoyed fabulous food and auctions filled with eye-catching items. The highlight of the evening—23 delectable desserts created out of Girl Scout cookies by local chefs. Pictures from this fun evening (including the winning desserts) will be on the website soon.

United Way—a true partner to GSNI

Did you know that financial support from more than 15 United Way offices helps us carry out our programs throughout our entire service area? We receive approximately \$200,000 from United Ways and Community Chests in Sandwich, Somonauk, Thomson, Barrington, Central Kane County, Aurora, DeKalb, Lee County, McHenry County, Freeport, Genoa-Kingston, Rockford, Boone County, Batavia, Ogle County, Whiteside County, Chicago, and others. These grant requests fund many programs, including STEM programs, Latina Initiatives, Outreach programs like YES! Mentoring, and After School programs. Not only do these grants help us conduct programs, they also provide financial assistance to hundreds of girls throughout our service area who cannot afford to participate in Girl Scouting.

Each United Way requires a lengthy proposal process and documentation of our need for the program and the girls we serve, as well as a presentation to their panels of volunteers that makes the funding decisions. Some United Ways also require site visits.

In the last two months, the fund development team has submitted 10 United Way requests totaling \$69,043. In addition, more than \$150,000 in requests will be completed in the next month, including the United Ways in Rockford, Ogle County, Whiteside County, Batavia, and Boone County.

We'd like to thank the membership and finance departments for helping us gather all the information necessary for these important proposals and all the GSNI volunteers for providing Girl Scout programs in your communities.

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is currently seeking funding for scholarships, campership and general financial assistance. 100% of donations will be provided to support our girls. If you or someone you know is interested in investing in these specific areas or the general Girl Scout program, please contact the fund development office at Ext. 7198.

COUNCIL SHOPS: Bridging Kits Are Here!

We want to make your life a little easier. Kits include items girls receive when they bridge to the next Girl Scout program level, and a little surprise! Just add your girls' names to the card on the outside of the kit envelope and you're ready to present these items at your ceremony! Bridge To GS Brownie Kit \$5, Bridge To GS Junior Kit \$5, Bridge To GS Cadette Kit \$5, Bridge To GS Senior Kit \$4.

MEMBERSHIP: Spring Registration

Early Registration: Start Your New Troop Year Easily and Receive a \$10 Coupon
\$10 INCENTIVE FOR MAKING YOUR JOB (AND OURS!) EASIER IN THE FALL!

All of us know that getting your troop together in the fall to register takes time and effort. Why not get a head start and register early? That way you can:

- Flow right into your meetings this fall

- Be ready for Fall Product Sales

- Avoid some of the pressure of paperwork at the last minute

- Help us know what troops are returning in the fall

- Receive a \$10 coupon as our way of saying "Thanks for your effort"

What do you need to do?

Register two adult leaders and 50% of the girls in your troop (that's 50% of the girls registered on April 15, 2010).

Complete the rest of the forms in the packet—including the Bank Information Sheet for the 2011 membership year.

This is important, but not usually a part of registration! Turn in your year-end financial report (envelope, completed worksheet, and receipts) to your service unit manager or membership and community development specialist by June 15, 2010.

Turn in the completed registration packet and money to your service unit registrar or membership community development specialist by June 15, 2010.

It's simple! In exchange, you'll receive a \$10 coupon for your troop to use with any store purchase, site reservations at any of our GSNI camps, or for council sponsored events. (This coupon will be good for the 2011 membership year and will be given out in late September, 2010.)

GSNI CALENDAR

APRIL 21	Staff Meeting— All offices closed until 2:30 P.M.
APRIL 22	Girl Scout Leader Day
APRIL 22	Earth Day
APRIL 24	Annual Meeting and Adult Recognition
MAY 31	GSNI closed in observance of Memorial Day
JUNE 6	Young Women of Distinction/ GS Gold Award Recognition

Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL 60124
Freeport Service Center, 5040 Business Rt. 20 W, Freeport, IL 61032
Rockford Service Center, 2101 Auburn Street, Rockford, IL 61103
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