



An E-Newsletter
for Volunteers



Plaque presented to GSNI—(Pictured L to R) Lisa Normoyle, GSNI Board Chair; Connie Lindsey, GSUSA Board Chair; Vicki Wright, GSNI CEO

ANNUAL MEETING AND VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois held its first Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Event Saturday, April 24, in DeKalb, IL. We were honored to have Connie Lindsey, GSUSA Chair of the National Board of Directors, join us as a guest speaker.

Thank you to all our GSNI Volunteers!



President's Award honors Rockford SU Recognition Team—accepted by (L to R) Betty Moore, Louise Glon



Thanks Badge Recipient—Patricia Graw



Honor Pin Recipient—Vicki Croffoot



Appreciation Award Recipients—(L to R) Rogiann Hansen, Donann Tritten, Renee Cunningham, Kim French, Kris Ferguson, Kelly Tumillo

OUTDOOR PROGRAM/PROPERTY: Registration and Reservation Procedures

Registration

All requests to use any camp properties of Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois must be sent to the campsite coordinator at least three weeks prior to the desired date and **MUST** include the deposit or full payment. Any request with less than three weeks notice will be considered on an individual basis.

Registration forms must be accompanied by the deposit or payment in form of either a check made out to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois (GSNI) or with a charge card. Authorization to make charges to the card is required and all information pertaining to the card must be completed and signed by the card holder.

GSNI follows the guidelines of the Girl Scout *Safety-Wise* checkpoints. Groups must provide their own trained and currently certified first-aider. Groups renting canoes, and/or creek hiking or fishing must provide their own trained personnel in accordance with these guidelines. Life-jackets must be worn in the water and on the dock. Please contact the outdoor program staff of GSNI or the Sugar Grove Service Center if you are unfamiliar with these requirements.

Reservation Timeline:

- July 1: Reservations will be taken for October, November, December, January
- November 1: Reservations will be taken for February, March, April, May
- March 1: Reservations will be taken for June, July, August, September

Confirmations

Before sending in your rental request and deposit/payment, please check availability by calling the campsite coordinator at 815-962-5521, Ext. 7162, or e-mailing tmassole@girlscoutsni.org.

DEPOSIT: A \$50 deposit is required with all rental requests. The deposit **WILL** be cashed. Once the ranger has confirmed everything was in good condition when you left, a check will be issued back to you. Confirmation packets will be sent once the request form and deposit have been received.

- Confirmation letter
- Troop Roster
- Camp Map
- General Safety Rules and Regulations

Camp Service Days

Thank you to all the troops that came out to help for Camp Service Days. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Camporee Lottery for Council-Owned Sites (October 10, 2010-September 11, 2010)

A Camporee is a one or two night, service unit camping event. All troops in a service unit can participate in this group camping trip at ANY council-owned camp property.

Service units wishing to hold a Camporee at a council-owned property between October 2010 and September 2011 (excluding June 1 to August 15) should:

- 1) At May service unit meeting, determine if your service unit would like to participate in the Camporee Lottery.

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
Sugar Grove Service Center, 200 New Bond, Sugar Grove, IL 60554

847-741-5521
815-235-8777 or 800-925-3327
815-962-5591 or 800-242-5591
630-897-1565

- 2) If interested, designate a volunteer to oversee Camporee arrangements.
- 3) Beginning at 9 A.M. on May 24 and ending at 4 P.M. on May 31, service units should submit the following to Toni Massolle, camp site coordinator:
 - Service unit Camporee coordinator's name and phone number.
 - Preferred dates for Camporee between October 2010 and September 2011 (excluding June 1 to August 15). List up to three properties in order of preference.
 - Preferred property and the sites or units—list up to three properties in order of preference and the sites or units requesting at each property.
- 4) On June 1, the camp site coordinator will conduct the lottery and will notify the Camporee coordinator of the service unit's status.

NOTES:

- There will be no limit on the number of sites available to you this first year. Reserved sites, however, MUST be paid for at least six weeks prior to the event.
- A \$150 deposit is required by June 15.
- Once the deposit is received, a confirmation packet will be sent.
- Any changes and ALL fees are due six weeks prior to the event. Anything UNPAID will be canceled.
- Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis (but not guaranteed).

PROGRAM: Guiding Mosaic 2010

While July is sometimes spent heading south and hitting the beach, a group of six Girl Scout Cadettes and Seniors will be heading way up north on a GSNI council-sponsored trip. The girls will join the Girl Guides of Canada's 100-year anniversary celebration, Guiding Mosaic 2010. They will be spending ten days at an encampment in Lake Guelph, Ontario with up to 2,000 Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world. The girls will part in activities like scuba-diving, rock-climbing and rappelling, zip-lining, composing digital music, exploring Niagara Falls and going behind the scenes at the Toronto Zoo. They will also have their choice of a community service project where they will take action and make the world a better place. The theme for the event is 100 great friends, 100 greater experiences, and 100 greatest memories. And while the girls have already made great friends with each other, have had many great experiences, and many laughable memories, there are sure to be many more made in the coming months.

The group has been preparing for this adventure for the past 18 months and can't wait for July. They've been participating in a variety of money-earning projects to earn funds for their trip such as selling concessions at the Nutcracker event, running cookie booths, helping at the Cinderella on Stage event in April, and they're also planning on holding pet washes and car washes this spring. You can also visit participating Chili's restaurants the first weeks of May-July with a Pepper Profit voucher—10% of your purchase will help support

Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Award Update

Beginning October 1, 2010, GSNI will be implementing the new guidelines for the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards which use the journeys as a prerequisite. Frequently asked questions:

What if a girl/troop has started working on the "old" prerequisites and has not completed her project?

If a girl/troop is in the process of earning their award, they may finish using the prerequisites and guidelines they started with.

Why are there journeys prerequisites to earn the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards?

The journeys give girls a full experience of what they will do as they work to earn the highest awards. The skills girls gain while working on the journeys will help them develop, plan and implement their award Take Action Project.

How do girls know when a journey is "completed?"

A journey is completed when a girl has earned the journey awards, which include creating and carrying out a Take Action Project.

Who can earn the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards?

For the GS Bronze Award, girls must be in grades 4 or 5 and be registered as a Girl Scout Junior; the GS Silver Award, girls must be in grades 6-8 and be registered as a Girl Scout Cadette; and for the GS Gold Award, girls must be in grades 9-12 and be registered as a Girl Scout Senior or Ambassador.

Can girls begin working on their awards the summer after they bridge from one Girl Scout level to a the next?

Yes. Girls can begin to earn the awards over the summer.

To learn more about the new guidelines for the girl awards, review the Leadership Awards portion of the forms section of GSNI's website, www.girlscoutsni.org.

Deadline for Troop Trek Around the World extended to June 11!

- WHO:** Girl Scout Junior troops, including girls currently in third grade and bridging to Juniors in spring 2010, as well as girls currently in fourth and fifth grades.
- LOCATION:** GSNI's Chapman Hills, East Troy, WI
- DATES:** Session 2: July 9 – 11
Session 3: July 16 – 18
- FEE:** \$25 per girl/\$15 per adult
- INCLUDES:** Camp activities, Troop Trek patch and T-shirt
- REGISTRATION:** Mail in registration only. Registration form can be found on the Camp page of GSNI's website.
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Pam Schneck at the Elgin Service Center (pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org or Ext. 7140)

PRODUCT SALES: Still Coloring for Gift of Caring

2010 Girl Scout cookie sales began with the help of MANY girls selling cookies with a Gift of Caring goal of 20,000 boxes. As of April 13, 2010, over 26,000 boxes of cookies were collected to send overseas with the help of Operation Care Packages and Fox Valley Troop Support, Inc.

Each box is sent with a hand-colored page thanking troops overseas for all that they do for us. Operation Care Packages and Fox Valley Troop Support, Inc., are still looking for donations of basic toiletries and brand new postage stamps to send with the care packages that accompany each box of cookies. Please leave items on the front porch at 38W363 Killy Lane, Geneva.

Barb Snow is the volunteer who heads up this remarkable program. She has told us that we still need colored pages for the boxes of cookies that continue to come in. Guidelines to the coloring pages: NO BLACK, BROWN, or dull shades of colors. The coloring pages are very much needed for EACH box of cookies that is sent out to CHEER up the men and women that serve our country. You can find blank coloring pages on GSNI's website at www.girlscoutsni.org. Click on *Cookie Sales* in the Quick Link box on the right and then click on your local service center's Girl Scout Cookie page where you'll find the coloring pages under *Forms*. You can drop off your colored pages at any of the four service centers.

VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT: GSNI Leadership Development Recognition

The Leadership Development Recognition program recognizes Girl Scout volunteers continuing education efforts to benefit themselves and their troops.

To receive the leadership pin: (trainings may pre-date October 2002)

- Be a registered Girl Scout adult
- Have completed one successful year in the position of troop/group leader, assistant leader, or coordinator
- Have completed the appropriate basic leader training and have demonstrated position competence
- Actively recognize, understand, and practice the values of inclusive behavior



- First Aid and CPR certification count towards the pin ONLY
- Indoor Overnight training counts towards the pin ONLY

To receive leaves: (trainings must be taken after October 2002)

- Complete additional training hours beyond the required leadership courses
- First Aid and CPR **recertification** counts toward leaves ONLY

How can a leader qualify to receive this recognition?

- Fulfill the requirements listed above
- Complete the Leadership Development Pin application form—call Ext. 7118 to request the form
- Return completed form to:

Johanna Munday
 Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois
 Elgin Service Center
 12N124 Coombs Rd.
 Elgin, IL 60124
 847-741-5521, Ext. 7118
 Fax: 847-741-5667
jmunday@girlscoutsni.org

- Pins and leaves will be sent to recipients via mail

Questions: Please contact Johanna Munday at the number and extension above.

GSNI CALENDAR

MAY 31

GSNI closed in observance of Memorial Day

JUNE 1-SEPTEMBER 5

GSNI will be observing summer hours as follows:

Barrington Girl Scout Express

Sunday Closed

Mon., Tues, Wed.

9:30 A.M.—5:30 P.M.

Thursday

9:30 A.M.—7 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

9:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

Service Centers

Saturday and Sunday Closed

Mon.-Thurs

8:30 A.M.— 5 P.M.

Friday

8:30 A.M.—1 P.M.

JUNE 6

Young Women of Distinction/ GS Gold Award Recognition

SEPTEMBER 6

GSNI closed in observance of Labor Day