

An E-Newsletter for Volunteers

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PRODUCT SALES: Fall Product Sale Program

Believe it or not the Fall Product Sale Program is just around the corner! We are looking forward to a great season with Ashdon Farms, our nut and candy company, and QSP, our magazine vendor. The theme this year is "Design Your Future—Construct a Plan" and is intended to lead the girls in a fun, creative direction, helping them learn skills that they will use throughout their future years. Encourage your girls to participate! Our product line includes nuts, candies and magazines which will be new to some of you. We have lots of delicious selections to choose from. Everything from sweet to spicy and in-between! Start thinking about what magazine subscriptions you might like to renew or start receiving. If you have family members who participate in a school magazine sale, think about saving one of your subscriptions for Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. Magazines make great gifts and it's not too early to think about holiday shopping either!



Ashdon Farms is sponsoring a training and tour of their facilities in Waukesha, Wisconsin for our Fall Product Service Unit Coordinators on Saturday, August 21, which promises to be a fun and informative day. Coordinators, be sure you let your Product Sales Manager know if you are attending the training so we have a seat for you on the bus! Don't forget to check the calendar in this publication for more Fall Product Sale dates.

COMMUNICATIONS: Know a Girl Scout Doodler?

Do you know an artistic Girl Scout? Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is collecting small and medium size pen and pencil sketches or line drawings to be used in GSNI publications. Your Girl Scout's artwork could be viewed by over 20,000 people who receive council publications! All levels of sketches are needed, from GS Daisy beginners to GS Ambassador designers. Drawings can be of various words or phrases, such as "I Lead," "camp," or variations of "Girl Scouts," etc. Girls can also submit sketches of nature scenes, notebook doodles, and fun graphics. Let the creativity flow!

Artwork may be scanned and e-mailed to Vanessa Campbell at vcampbell@girlscoutsni.org, or snail mailed to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, Attn: Vanessa Campbell, Elgin Service Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin, IL 60124. Please include Girl Scout's name, address, home phone, program level, and troop (if applicable). For more information, please contact Vanessa Campbell at vcampbell@girlscoutsni.org.

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FUND DEVELOPMENT: United Way Updates

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is grateful for the continued support of the many United Ways/Community Chests throughout our council area. GSNI has been awarded \$158,003 in United Way funding for 2010-11, with several United Ways yet to make funding decisions. This funding helps us to provide traditional Girl Scouting, specialized outreach programs, and financial assistance to girls throughout our council.



A very special thanks to individual donors who designated their United Way campaign gift to Girl Scouts!

Barrington Area United Way - \$4,000 for the Latina Initiatives program in Barrington School District #220

Fox Valley United Way - \$7,500 to conduct the STEM Series and general financial assistance for girls in the Fox Valley region

Genoa-Kingston United Way - \$100 for financial assistance to girls in the Genoa-Kingston area

Sandwich Community Chest - \$400 for financial assistance to girls in the Sandwich area

Somonauk Community Chest - \$285 for financial assistance to girls in the Somonauk Area

Thomson Community Fund - \$500 for financial assistance to girls in the Thomson area

United Way of Central Kane County - \$3,000 for an outreach program at Richmond Elementary school

United Way of Greater McHenry County - \$3,600 for general operating expenses in McHenry County

United Way of Lee County - \$9,000 for general operating expenses in Lee County

United Way of Northwest Illinois - \$5,000 for the YES! Mentoring outreach program at the Norman C. Sleezer Youth Home for girls in Freeport

United Way of Ogle County - \$1,000 for general operating expenses in Ogle County

United Way of Rock River Valley - \$70,233 for Traditional Girl Scouting, \$30,000 for the Project Opportunity outreach program and \$10,225 for the YES! Mentoring outreach program, all in Winnebago County

United Way of Whiteside County - \$8,712 for general operating expenses in Sterling-Rock Falls and Morrison areas.

Others yet to be determined: Batavia United Way, United Way of Boone County, and United Way of Metro Chicago.

What Would You Give To Change The World?

This is the question being asked on www.girlscoutsni.org thanks to the online donation vehicle recently added to the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois website. We appreciate the many volunteers who repeatedly asked when we were going to offer online giving!

Partnering with Network for Good to securely process online credit card donations via the Network for Good Donor Advised Fund, donors now have the opportunity to make monthly recurring, one-time, tribute (memorials and honorariums), and anonymous gifts in the click of a few buttons. Another feature is "refer-a-friend," the donor's ability to send a link to their e-mail friends asking them to consider making a contribution to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois.



Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary: Adult volunteers needed for committees forming soon

On March 12, 2012, Girl Scouts across the country will celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouting! Discover, Connect, and Take Action by helping to plan GSNI's part in this once-in-a-century celebration. Please contact Lisa Breitsprecker at lbreitsprecker@girlscoutsni.org or call Ext. 7198 to share your interest in being a part of planning this historic time in Girl Scouts.



GSNI Thin Mint Sprint Event.

Join us at Camp Medill McCormick in Stillman Valley, Illinois, on September 11, 2010, for the 6th Annual Thin Mint Sprint Event. The event includes an 8K (5 mile) race, 2 mile family walk/run and a 4 mile trail run. Also, we will have our famous corn maze this year as well as a "green" shoe recycling project!

We are trying more than ever to increase the registration among troops and family involvement in this terrific event!!! With your help we can accomplish our goal of 350 participants. The Thin Mint Sprint has extremely high visibility throughout the community, attracting runners and walkers from the entire Northern Illinois area. *New this year—We will have a patch program; go to www.girlscoutsni.org for details.*

For more information about the event, contact Lori Casey, Ext. 7203. You can also go to our facebook page and become a fan for more details. Thank you in advance and hope to see you on September 11!

GSNI CALENDAR

JUNE 1 - SEPTEMBER 5	GSNI will be observing summer hours as follows:
<i>Barrington Girl Scout Express</i>	<i>Service Centers</i>
Sunday Closed	Saturday and Sunday Closed
Mon., Tues, Wed. 9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.	Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 A.M.– 5 P.M.
Thursday 9:30 A.M.–7 P.M.	Friday 8:30 A.M.–1 P.M.
Friday and Saturday 9:30 A.M.–2:30 P.M.	
SEPTEMBER 6	GSNI closed in observance of Labor Day
SEPTEMBER 11	Thin Mint Sprint
AUGUST 21	Ashdon Farms Tour and SU Fall Product Coordinator training <i>Makeup training on Friday, August 27 (time and location TBD)</i>
OCTOBER 8–24	Fall Product Sale Program dates
OCTOBER 25-28	Service Unit Cookie Coordinator Training Dates
NOVEMBER 15-20	Service Unit Fall Product Delivery
JANUARY 9–23, 2011	Order Taking Portion of Girl Scout Cookie Sale
FEBRUARY 18–23, 2011	Cookie Delivery to SU
FEB. 25–MAR. 20, 2011	Cookie Booth Sales

