



Program Update April 15, 2010

REMINDERS

Young Women of Distinction Ticket Lottery

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. The 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-discover 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 this event as possible! Troops and Juliettes interested in attending will have the opportunity to enter into a lottery for free attendance at Young Women of Distinction. While all age levels are encouraged to enter the lottery, Cadette and Senior troops/Juliettes will be given first priority. Please note that troops/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 # (or indicate Juliette) and Girl Scouts' names including grade level, and accompanying adult names.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Connecting Girls to the Land

Girls will be learning more about our natural sand prairie at the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge Educational Center. There is so much to learn about our Mississippi River and all the wildlife in and above the water. See how well our flowering plants are doing and all the colorful insects and butterflies the plants have drawn to our prairie. Look up and admire all the birds—eagles, Canadian Geese, hawks of many varieties and of course all the water fowl playing at the edge of the water.

Who: Girl Scout BR, JR, CA, SR, AM
Date: Saturday, June 5
Time: 9 A.M. to noon
Location: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge Learning Center, 7071 Riverview Rd., Thomson, IL
Receive: Fun patch
Fee: \$5 per girl
Min/Max: 20/80 girls
Registration: Currently open; Ends May 7

Minds for Design—Engineering Series

Do you want to change the world? Spend the week completing awesome experiments, tons of hands-on activities and engineer your own invention. You'll have the opportunity to tour Sherman Hospital's new geothermal lake and learn how this environmental resource heats and cools the new hospital. You don't have to be great at science, or know anything about engineering, or even be a Girl Scout! Just come to be bold, inventive, creative, and awesome!

The Minds for Design – Engineering Series is funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Education

Location: Bartlett Nature Center, 2054 W. Stearns Rd., Bartlett, IL
Fee: \$45.00/girl
Bring: A creative mind, a sack lunch and water bottle
Min./Max.: 15/30
Registration: Ends May 17; Troop/Group or Individual

DAY	DATE	TIME	LEVEL
Mon-Fri	June 7 - 11, 2010	9 A.M.-4 P.M.	CD, SR

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Kids Golf Foundation has shared information on the following scholarship opportunities. For more information on these scholarships, go to www.kidsgolffoundation.org (click on "get involved" and then "other resources").

LPGA - Marilyn Smith \$5,000 Scholarship: Deadline April 30, 2010

This scholarship is open to all graduating high school women who have demonstrated excellent leadership in their community, within their studies, and who will be continuing their golf career into college.

LPGA - Phyllis Meekins \$1,250 Scholarship: Deadline April 30, 2010

This scholarship is open to all graduating high school minority women who have demonstrated excellent leadership in their community, within their studies, and who will be continuing their golf career into college.

LPGA - Dinah Shore \$5,000 Scholarship: April 30, 2010

This scholarship is open to all graduating high school women who have demonstrated excellent leadership in their community, within their studies, and who will **not** be continuing their golf career into college.