

**PRODUCT SALES: Gearing up for the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program!**

GSNI is now preparing for the 2011 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program. Little Brownie Bakers has been appointed the new baker for GSNI and will provide us with a lineup of delicious cookies to sell. Some are old favorites like Thin Mints, Samoas (Caramel De Lites), Tagalongs (Peanut Butter Patties), Do-Si-Dos (Peanut Butter Sandwich) and of course Trefoils (Shortbreads) and some are new to some of us such as Lemon Crème Chalet, Dulce De Leche and Thank U Berry Munch.



A sneak peek into GSNI's cookie future shows some exciting new things coming up! Encourage girls to participate in the first **Design A Cookie Booth!** The contest theme this year will be "**Bling Your Booth.**" Girls can show how their Cookie Booth creates excitement and boosts customer interest. Having a Cookie Booth is a great way to reflect this year's cookie theme, "Starting Today—We're open for business!" and a great way to teach the 5 skills (Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills, and Business Ethics). Also new this year is a feature that will allow troops to select a Cookie Booth site online! Instead of sending in a request form, troops will be able to pick a site right in the **e-Budde** program. More details will be coming on both the Cookie Booth contest and the Booth Scheduler. Be sure to check the website often at [www.girlscoutsni.org](http://www.girlscoutsni.org).

Cookie Rally In A Box (aka Cookie Kick-off In A Box) will be ready for check-out at each service center in December. The Program Department has done a wonderful job of updating and revamping this great kick-off tool. You can look forward to some fun new additions and lots of great information and activities that have been included. We also have some wonderful new cookie costumes from Little Brownie Bakers, but we have a limited number for check-out at each service center so be sure to plan early!

In October, cookie trainings were held for Service Unit Cookie Coordinators at the service centers. Attendees tasted cookie varieties from Little Brownie Bakers and had a chance to meet GSNI's new cookie representative, Lynn Passarelli. Her fast talking and quick wit made each evening fun as well as instructional. Now that our Cookie Coordinators have been trained, Troop Leaders can look forward to hearing about all the exciting new things happening with cookies soon.

**FOCUS ON 5 SKILLS FOR THE GIRL SCOUT COOKIE PROGRAM!**

**GOAL SETTING**

**DECISION MAKING**

**MONEY MANAGEMENT**

**PEOPLE SKILLS**

**BUSINESS ETHICS**



**NOVEMBER SKILL HIGHLIGHT**

**GOAL SETTING:** Your Girl Scout sets cookie sales goals individually and with her team, creates a plan to reach them, and develops cooperation and team-building skills all along the way!

**OUTDOOR PROGRAM/PROPERTY: Lodge Camping Available!** Plenty of dates are available at Chapman Hills, Far Horizons and Mary Ann Beebe Center. Reservations for dates through May are now open. Please contact Toni Massolle at [tmassolle@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:tmassolle@girlscoutsni.org), or Ext. 7162.

**Camp Spring Service Days** Camp Dean: March 26, 2011, from 9 A.M.-Noon; Camp Far Horizons: April 2, 2011, from 9 A.M.-Noon. *Camp McCormick will only have a FALL service day.*

**PROGRAM: Council-sponsored Programs** Registration deadlines for the following council-sponsored programs are approaching. For more information or to register visit <http://www.girlscoutsni.org/event.html>. Don't miss out—register today! While you are there be sure to check out all of the upcoming council-sponsored programs including newly added programs. Don't forget, registration for events held January through May begins December 1.

### **Girl Scouts of all Ages**

**Lights, Camera, Action!** – Learn about static electricity, angular momentum and Newton's Laws of Motion. Saturday, Dec. 4 in McHenry. Registration deadline Nov. 10.

**Wildlife Bonanza** – Join the Fox Valley Wildlife Center in learning about all different kinds of animals. Saturday, Dec. 11 in Elburn. Registration deadline Nov. 22.

### **Girl Scouts of all Ages and their families**

**Nutcracker Ballet** – A holiday classic! Friday, Dec. 17 in St. Charles. Registration deadline Dec. 1.

### **Girl Scout Daisies**

**Who Dun It?** – Learn about chemical reactions, write a secret message and make a gooey solid. Monday, Nov. 29 in Elgin. Registration deadline Nov. 8.

### **Girl Scout Brownies**

**Math Mania** – Spend some time exploring how exciting math can be with hands-on activities. Wednesday, Dec. 8 in Rockford. Registration deadline Nov. 17.

**Safety Star** – Learn positive ways to say no to bullies! Saturday, Dec. 4 in Elgin. Registration deadline Nov. 17.

**Music to my Ears** – Complete the requirements for the Sound of Music Try-It and explore Sci-Tech Museum in Aurora. Saturday, Dec. 4. Registration deadline Nov. 19.

**The Eyes Have It** – Periscope, thaumatrope and kaleidoscope—what do your eyes have to do with these words? Monday, Dec. 13 in McHenry. Registration deadline Nov. 22.

### **Girl Scout Brownies/Juniors**

**SECOND SESSION ADDED! From Field to Table: Pumpkin Pie Session 2** – Spend the day on an organic farm and make your own pumpkin pie from scratch using farm-picked ingredients. Sunday, Nov. 21, Caledonia. Deadline, Nov. 10.

### **Girl Scout Juniors**

**Sounds Good** – Explore sound by making stringed instruments! Saturday, Dec. 4 in Rock Falls. Registration deadline Nov. 12.

**Science in Everyday Life** – Learn about some of the ways you can find science around you every day. Monday, Dec. 6 in Elgin. Registration deadline Nov. 15.

**Making it Matter** – Learn about engineering and explore Sci-Tech Museum in Aurora. Saturday, Dec. 4. Registration deadline Nov. 19.

**It's the Climb** – Rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors. Saturday, Dec. 4 in Warrenville. Registration deadline Nov. 19.

### **Girl Scout Cadettes/Seniors/Ambassadors**

**On the Moon** – Explore space and spend the night stargazing. (CD/SR) Friday to Saturday, Dec. 10-11 at Camp McCormick. Registration deadline Nov. 19.

**PA Senior** – Experienced program aides take the next step in leadership training. (SR/AM) Saturday, Dec. 11 in McHenry. Registration deadline Nov. 24.

**It's the Climb** – Rock climbing at Vertical Endeavors. Saturday, Dec. 4 in Warrenville. Registration deadline Nov. 19.

**Girl Scout Silver and Gold Award Workshop** – Learn the ins and outs of earning your Girl Scout Silver or Gold Award.

Tuesday, Nov. 30 in Rockford. Registration deadline Nov. 10.

Saturday, Dec. 4 in Morrison. Registration deadline Nov. 17.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 in Sycamore. Registration deadline Nov. 22.

**The Newest Journey, It's Your Story: Tell It! Open House** The newest journey series, *It's Your Story: Tell It!*, will be arriving this December! Come to our journey open house and learn more about *It's Your Story: Tell It!*, check out all the new girl and adult books and awards, and do some fun journey activities for each level. Journey materials will also be available for purchase (excluding Sterling location). Your GSNI journey guides will be there to help you get started. We'll offer tips for making each journey a great experience for girls and leaders and show you how to tie in traditional Girl Scout awards to the journeys. This FREE event is open to girls, volunteers, and parents but registration is required. E-mail Brooke Radford at [bradford@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:bradford@girlscoutsni.org) to register with "JOURNEY OPEN HOUSE" in the subject line. Please include which location you will be attending and ALL participants' names, troop number, age level, and city, as well as a phone number for the contact person. Questions? Contact Brooke Radford at Ext. 7147 or [bradford@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:bradford@girlscoutsni.org).

**Rockford Service Center** – January 10, 2011, 6-8 P.M., Deadline: January 6

**Freeport Service Center** – January 12, 2011, 6-8 P.M., Deadline: January 6

**Elgin Service Center** – January 18, 2011, 6-8 P.M., Deadline: January 4

**Sugar Grove Service Center** – January 25, 2011, 6-8 P.M., Deadline: January 21

**Sterling** – CGH Hospital, January 26, 2011, 6-8 P.M., Deadline: January 21

**The Volunteer Troop Trek Committee Needs YOUR Help!** Do you like the great outdoors? Does cooking over a campfire equate to a fine dining experience? Do you enjoy working with girls? Is your idea of a 5-star hotel a sleeping bag, tent and the smell of a campfire? Would you like to spend the weekend at one of GSNI's beautiful camps? If you can answer yes to one or more of these questions, then the Troop Trek Committee is for you!

Troop Trek is a 3-day, 2-night first-time camping experience for troops. The volunteer committee, adults and Program Aides plan and lead various activities based on a theme—this year's theme is "Back to the Basics." They also provide support for first-time troop campers at one of GSNI's camps. The number of volunteers who step forward will be one of the determining factors that will decide at which camps Troop Trek will be offered. So lend a hand and help bring Troop Trek all across GSNI! For more information or to join this fun committee, contact Pam Schneck at [pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:pschnecke@girlscoutsni.org) and put TROOP TREK in the subject line.

**GSUSA: Applications for National Delegates** The Board Development Committee is now accepting applications for the position of 2011-2014 National Council Delegate. Our National Council Delegates will represent Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois at the National Council Session to be held in Houston, Texas, November 10-13, 2011.

A single slate of candidates will be presented for election at the April Annual Meeting. The term will begin immediately following the Annual Meeting and end at the Annual Meeting in 2014. Applicants must be a Girl Scout adult or girl member at least 14 years of age at the time of election and a United States citizen. We will be electing approximately 7 National Council Delegates and 4 alternates. Expenses to attend the National Council Session will be paid for the National Council Delegates and at least two alternates. Any member of Girl Scouts may attend the National Council Session as a visitor at their own expense, but must register through the council. Full registration fees for the National Council Session will be \$295 - \$350 for adults and \$225 - \$275 for girls. Convention hotel costs will range from \$140 - \$190, plus tax per night. More information about registration will be shared in early spring.

All applications for National Council Delegates must be received in any of our Girl Scout Service Centers or sent via e-mail to [sscott@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:sscott@girlscoutsni.org) no later than December 1, 2010. Application form and more information can be found on [www.girlscoutsni.org](http://www.girlscoutsni.org). Questions may be directed to Stephanie Scott at 847-741-5521 Ext. 7157 or [sscott@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:sscott@girlscoutsni.org).

To view or print the complete *Governance in Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois* and application process, see pages 7- of this issue.

**FUND DEVELOPMENT: Girl Scouts Forever** Congratulations and thank you to everyone that had a part in making this year's Girl Scouts Forever events so successful. Girl Scouts Forever events took place on October 5 (breakfast at Forest Hills Country Club) and October 28 (After-Hours at Franchesco's Restaurant). We had terrific participation at both the breakfast and the after-hours. Also, our program was very well-received with our volunteer Girl Scout, Veronika wowing the crowd with her speech on what being a Girl Scout means to her. Thus far, the two events combined have raised over \$67,209 in new gifts and pledges!!! Please save the dates of April 5, 2011, and April 28, 2011, for upcoming Girl Scouts Forever events in Crystal Lake and Geneva.

**JANUARY 2011 TOWN HALL MEETINGS:** All members 14 years of age and over are invited to attend. Presentations on proposed Bylaw changes, upcoming National Convention and Strategic Learning Process we've just completed to be implemented over the next 3 years. Open discussion will follow.

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## DECEMBER OBSERVANCES:

*Keep these observances in mind when planning troop/group activities with your Girl Scouts!*

Tolerance Week (1-7)  
Chanukah/Hanukkah (2-9)  
National Handwashing Awareness Week (5-10)  
Kwanzaa (26-1/1)  
International Day of Disabled Persons (3)  
National Cookie Day (4)  
Coats and Toys for Kids Day (6)  
National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (7)  
UNICEF Birthday (11)  
Poinsettia Day (12)  
National Chocolate-covered Anything Day (16)  
World Peace Day/Winter Solstice (21)  
Christmas Eve (24)  
Christmas Day (25)  
National Candy Cane Day (26)  
New Years Eve (31)

### Service Project Highlights

Don't forget to let us know about your troop/group service projects!  
E-mail photos and information to [vcampbell@girlscoutsni.org](mailto:vcampbell@girlscoutsni.org).

## GSNI CALENDAR

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
APRIL 5, 2011	Girl Scouts Forever Breakfast, Geneva
APRIL 16, 2011	2011 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition (Rockford location TBA)
APRIL 28, 2011	Girl Scouts Forever After Hours, Crystal Lake

Watch for the December issue of GS'n'l  
to be e-mailed and posted online December 3!



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



## **WHO IS THE CORPORATE COUNCIL AS DEFINED BY ILLINOIS STATE LAW?**

The corporate council is composed of individuals, age 14 years of age and over who are members of the Girl Scout movement and who are currently registered through the Council are members of the Council with the privilege of vote at annual and special meetings of the council.

## **MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

### **Annual Meeting**

The Council shall conduct an Annual Meeting of the membership in the Spring of each year at a date, time, and place determined by the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Annual Meetings is to:

- Elect officers, directors at large, members of the Board Development Committee and, in appropriate years, Delegates and Alternates to the National Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;
- Consider any proposed amendments to the Council bylaws;
- Provide input on key issues affecting the Council and the Movement; and
- Consider any other business appropriate to come before the Council in accordance with the process established by the Board of Directors.

### **Town Hall Meetings**

While not defined in the bylaws, the Board Chair and CEO convene informal Town Hall meetings around the Council annually, to provide an update to members on issues of importance, gather feedback for the board and to provide a forum for members to ask questions and discuss issues of concern.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The members of the Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- Five (5) elected officers - Chair of the Board, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Two (2) ex officio Officers – Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
- Nineteen (19) adult Directors-at-Large
- At least one (1) and no more than three (3) girl members, at least 14 years of age, who shall serve as Associate Directors for a term of one year without vote
- The Chair of the Board Development Committee, if not otherwise elected to the Board of Directors, who shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Terms of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which elections are held. No member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms as Director-at-Large. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms as Associate Director.

The Board of Directors shall have full power and authority over the affairs of the Council between meetings of the Council, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or by statute.

The Board of Directors is accountable to:

- i. the Council membership for managing the affairs of the Council including development of a decision-influencing system allowing for members of the Movement, including girl members, to have a voice on key issues affecting the Council and the Movement;
- ii. the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the United States of America for compliance with the charter requirements;
- iii. the State of incorporation for adherence to State corporation law and applicable regulations;
- iv. the federal government in matters relating to legislation and regulation affecting not-for-profit, non-stock corporations

## **BOARD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board Development Committee shall be composed of no more than twelve (12) members, but no less than 8 members, with at least two (2) and not more than four (4) of whom shall be members of the Board of Directors, and the CEO who shall serve as an ex officio non-voting member.

Responsibilities of the Board Development Committee include:

- Candidates. Solicit and recruit candidates for elected positions in the Council.
- Slate. Provide to the membership a single slate for all positions for election including Officers of the Council, members of the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee members.
- National Council. Provide to the membership, in accordance with the time frame established by Girl Scouts of the United States of America, a single slate of Delegates and Alternates to the National Council Session of Girl Scouts of the United States of America.
- Board Development. Develop in conjunction with the Board of Directors:
  - i. board orientation and education materials;
  - ii. board development materials;
  - iii. methods for identifying needed skills and talents for the Council Board of Directors and committees;
  - iv. methods for succession planning; and
  - v. Board of Directors annual self-assessment materials.
- Orientation for New Members. Conduct board orientation and board development training sessions as needed and/or as directed by the Board of Directors.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

The CEO's accountabilities include:

- i. be responsible for providing advice and assistance to the Council, the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Board of Directors, other Officers and the committees;
- ii. be responsible for administering the total operations of the Council;
- iii. have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be provided by the Board of Directors through the Board Chair; and
- iv. have the authority to employ and release all employed staff in accordance with policies adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES**

Delegates and Alternates to the National Council of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America shall be United States citizens age 14 years and older. They must be members of the Girl Scout Council at the time of election and throughout the three (3) year term of service.

The number of National Council Delegates for each council is determined by the National Board based on the number of girl members as of 9/30 of the year prior to the National Council Session.

## **RELATIONSHIP WITH GSUSA**

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is accountable to Girl Scouts of the USA through the council charter. The charter grants the council the authority and responsibility to provide Girl Scouting within the assigned council jurisdiction. The three year charter is renewed following an assessment and evaluation process.

## APPLICATION PROCESS FOR 2011 – 2014 NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

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## SELECTION CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

- Ability to think strategically and focus on the future of the Girl Scout Movement.
- Experience in policy-influencing and policy-making positions.
- Demonstrated knowledge about the workings of councils and the Movement.
- Ability to analyze issues from a national, as well as a council, perspective as National Council actions and decisions have national implications.
- Commitment to attending all council and GSUSA training sessions in order to be as informed as possible about the issues and democratic process utilized at the National Council Session.
- Willingness to support all the decisions of the National Council.

## DUTIES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

- I. **In advance of Session**, each individual elected by the council as a voting member to attend the National Council Session takes personal responsibility to:
  - **Study** all business items on the agenda, background information, and recommendations of the National Board of Directors.
  - **Attend briefing meetings** conducted by the council; participate in council, board, and association meetings; and participate in council forums and focus groups, as requested.
  - **Obtain a broad view** of the opinions of adults, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scout members from all parts of the council.
  - **Participate in teleconferences, sponsored by the national organization.**
  - **Engage in opportunities** to discuss, learn, and share ideas across the movement.
- II. **While attending the National Council Session**, each voting member holds responsibility to:
  - **Attend** all business meetings and participate in the proceedings.
  - **Be fully prepared** on all business items.
- III. **In follow-up**, upon returning from the National Council Session, each National Council voting member is prepared to:

- **Report on** the National Council decisions and the reasons for such decisions at the council's annual meeting, to the council Board of Directors, and the council's constituency (if requested by council Board Chair/President & CEO).
- **Share insights** on information gained at the National Council Session, if requested.
- **Assist the council** as it prepares to participate in the next National Council Session, if requested.
- **Participate** in teleconferences and other opportunities for voting members.

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### **2011 ANNUAL MEETING and VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

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