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LOCAL PROGRAM TO HELP GIRLS NAVIGATE AROUND MEAN GIRLS AND BULLIES TO FIND REAL FRIENDSHIP

Big Rock – Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois is looking for local girls in 6-8th grades to participate in a series where they'll learn to recognize true friendship, develop confidence and help promote peace within their personal relationships. The *aMAZE* Journey will be held from 10 A.M.–2 P.M. at Camp Dean, 46W253 Camp Dean Road in Big Rock on:

🍀 December 10

🍀 January 14

🍀 February 11

🍀 March 10

🍀 April 14

🍀 May 12

The \$65 fee per girl includes an *aMAZE* Journey book, awards and program supplies for all six sessions. This program is open to all girls in 6-8th grade. There is an additional \$12 fee for non-Girl Scouts. This fee registers participants as Girl Scouts, allowing them to participate in this program, as well as many others. Registration is available online at www.girlscoutsni.org/event.html. Registration deadline is November 28. For more information, contact Felecia Dupczak at 630-897-1565, Ext. 7161, or e-mail fdupczak@girlscoutsni.org.

The *aMAZE* Journey is a chance for girls to sort out everything they already know about friendship and an opportunity to gather new tips and strategies for interacting with all the people in their lives through fun, girl-led activities. Mazes mean possibilities, so girls can choose a path and get in the game!

This series is part of the Girl Scout Research Institute's Girl Scouts of the USA Best Case Project. Sessions and participants will be video recorded for educational research purposes.

About aMAZE Journey Series

Life is a maze of relationships, and this journey has girls in grades 6-8th maneuvering through all its twists and turns to find true friendships, plenty of confidence and maybe even peace. The *aMAZE* adult journey book cites *Sister to Sister: The Darker Side of Friendship* documentary by Girl Scouts of the USA that elicits discussion about issues like bullying, relational aggression, cyber bullying and romantic relationships.

In the *aMAZE* journey, girls can earn:

- ◆ The Interact Award signifies girls can advance peace in the world around them—one interaction at a time
- ◆ The Diplomat Award is earned when girls demonstrate they can use something they have learned about relationships to design and implement a project that benefits others.
- ◆ The Peacemaker Award invites girls to collect relationship "tools" they can use and pass on to others along the journey.
- ◆ LiA (Leader in Action) Award is earned when girls put their skills to work assisting Girl Scout Brownies on their Quest.

About Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois serves nearly 20,000 girls and 6,000 adult volunteers in parts or all of Boone, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Jo Daviess, Kane, Kendall, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, McHenry, Ogle, Stephenson, Whiteside, and Winnebago counties.

Through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, girls in grades K through 12 are engaged in discovering themselves, connecting with others, and taking action to make the world a better place. Girls develop leadership potential by participating in age-appropriate activities that enable them to discover their values, skills, and the world around them. Activities in science and technology, business and economic literacy, and

outdoor and environmental awareness provide girls with opportunities for fun and friendship while fostering the development of leadership skills and self-esteem.

For more information on 100th anniversary activities, or how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, visit www.girlscoutsni.org or call 1-800-242-5591.

About Girl Scouts of the USA

Founded in 1912, Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls with 3.2 million girl and adult members worldwide. Girl Scouts is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls from every corner of the United States and its territories. Girl Scouts of the USA also serves American girls and their classmates attending American or international schools overseas in 90 countries.