



GirlsWorld

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IT'S COOKIE SHOWTIME!

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From the Board Chair

Dear Friend of Girl Scouts,

The new Girl Scout year has begun and Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is poised for success! The Cookie Sale program activity is well underway, and this year we have spread the word about this great economic and financial literacy program for girls in many ways.

In addition to the thousands of Girl Scouts who serve as Cookie Sale ambassadors in

*Baltimore City and the five surrounding counties, we are sending out our message via MTA buses and over the air waves. And of course, the spectacular Green Carpet Event, **It's Showtime!** showcased the merits of not only the Cookie Sale program activity, but of the many wonderful and unique programs we provide to thousands of girls annually.*

The combination of our girl-centered programs, dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers, committed and hard-working staff, and supportive Board of Directors is a winning one in central Maryland. I have been proud to serve as Board Chair for such a dynamic, productive, girl-centered organization. And while my tenure has been rewarding, regretfully I must step down from this post because of issues relating to my health. In doing so, Vice Chair Donna Riehl assumed leadership of the Board of Directors effective September 19, 2007. I have every confidence in Donna. Her qualifications, expertise and zeal for Girl Scouts is unquestionable. In addition to her years of service to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Donna was active and instrumental in providing the framework for the current Strategic Plan. The Council has already begun marching down the path charted in this visionary document. I feel certain that with Donna's leadership the Board will competently support the Council as they work to achieve the goals they have set for 2010.

Girls and Girl Scouting will always have a special place in my heart and thoughts, and I will continue to be a supporter in every way that I can. I thank each staff member and Board member that I have been privileged to work with and I thank every Girl Scout member for belonging and believing in the organization and its mission.

May this year, and the years to come, be happy and filled with success!

Yours in Girl Scouting,

*Dawn S. Hyde
Board Chair*

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A Special Meeting with State Senator Lisa Gladden

Members of Girl Scout Troop 2179 had a fun time sharing their Girl Scout experiences with Senator Lisa Gladden (D-District 41) who came to the Seton Service Center for a meeting with CEO Traci Barnett and other members of the council's leadership team. After a tour of the center and an overview of the programs implemented throughout Baltimore City, she talked with girls about her job as a lawyer and as a Maryland State Senator.



what they hoped to do with the proceeds from their cookie sale. They also told the Senator that the best thing about Girl Scouts was that “there are no boys!” When asked if the girls would like to come to the State House and cheer for her colleagues, they enthusiastically replied “Yes!!”

After an autograph and photo session with the Senator the girls departed for school. Special thanks to Senator Gladden for taking time to meet with council leadership staff, and most importantly, local Girl Scouts, who confidently shared why Girl Scouting is special.



The girls performed several Girl Scout-themed cheers to welcome the Senator. Afterwards the Senator and the girls engaged in light-hearted discussions. “We want to go to New York and go shopping,” they replied when she asked

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Seeks National Council Delegates

The council is looking for delegates to attend the Girl Scout National Council's 51st Convention. The event takes place in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 30 through November 2, 2008. What an exciting opportunity to participate using your parliamentary procedure skills as you make a difference in the GSUSA convention. This is your chance to network and take part in the political process of Girl Scouting on the national level and make your vote count. If you are an adult member of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland or a girl member age 14 or over, you are eligible to be a delegate. The deadline to submit your name for election consideration is January 15, 2008.

The national convention takes place every three years. During this meeting of Girl Scouts from all across the

United States, the National Council deliberates and votes on proposals that have long-term implications for Girl Scouts and the Girl Scout movement. As a National Council delegate you will prepare for participation in the democratic process at the National Council Session.

If you want to be a part of the Girl Scout political process, please complete the National Council Delegate Referral Form found at www.gscm.org and return it to:

The Nominating Committee
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland
4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore MD 21215

Delegates, who must be registered members of GSUSA at the time of the convention, will be elected at the Annual Meeting in May 2008.

Girl Scout Chorus Opens Baysox Ballgame



The GSCM chorus was the special guest of the Bowie Baysox and their fans. The chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner for the Sunday, August 12, 2007 Bowie Baysox game against the Binghamton Mets. It was Pink in the Park Day and the first 1,000 female fans ages 6+ received a complimentary pink Baysox visor. Chorus members proudly wore their hats while singing during the opening game ceremonies.

Girls Learn Business

Goal setting, advertising, fundamentals of developing a business proposal, teamwork and self-confidence--if you think this sounds like a syllabus for a business course for entrepreneurs, you're almost right. These are the skills that Girl Scouts acquire through the annual Cookie Sale program activity. They are also skills they learned during a one-day "Cookie College" seminar on August 16, 2007 at the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. "I learned two new skills today," noted one Girl Scout participant. "How to be confident, but not stuck up, during an interview and how to become an entrepreneur."



In a college atmosphere with professional instructors, girls and adults developed business skills to enhance their Girl Scout Cookie® Sale Program experience. Women business executives from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Baltimore Branch; The Brick Companies; American

Harvest for the Hungry 2008 Campaign Begins in February

Girl Scouts will once again partner with Boy Scouts in central Maryland for this year's Harvest for the Hungry Campaign. Food bags are scheduled to be distributed door-to-door by girls and boys between February 23rd and March 1st. Bag collection Day will be March 1st. Girl and boys will return their assigned areas to collect filled bags. Collected food is then taken to one of the designated collection points or your local food bank. (Don't forget to work on the Harvest for the Hungry patch packet program with your troop. Your leaders can get the form on www.gscm.org or from the volunteer resource center.)

Tips for Your Food Collection Campaign

*Food Bags can be distributed at religious services on Saturday or Sunday, as is appropriate for the girls in your troop.

*Food bags may also be distributed to area businesses and their employees and at area events.

*Troops can set up membership information/food drive tables at local supermarkets.

For more information contact Sherry Dowdell, Program Specialist, sdowdell@gscm.org.

Diabetes Association of Central Maryland, Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, and the Better Business Bureau of Greater Maryland, were among the "Cookie College professors" who helped girls improve their business and advertising skills through interactive seminars. "I liked all the classes," said one Girl Scout. "I learned about advertising and that you can make business cards to help sell cookies." Another enthusiastic "college" student said "I learned business skills and how to write a check!"

Jenny Trostel, President and CEO of SAAB of Baltimore; Janet Davis-Leak, Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of WomanScope newspaper; Joanna Sullivan, Editor of the Baltimore Business Journal; Kathy Paal of Heritage Financial Consultants; Carole Sholes of SM Consulting; Michele Judman of Wachovia Bank; Christine Aspell of KPMG LLP; and Elaine Bonneau, Publisher of Expresión magazine were also among those on hand to share information about the fundamentals of managing and promoting a business.



Dr. Pamela Cranston (r), Interim Dean, Carey Business School and Traci Barnett (l), GSCM CEO congratulate a 2007 Cookie College graduate.

Special thanks to Dr. Pamela Cranston, Interim Dean of the Carey Business School and her accommodating and knowledgeable staff. Thanks too, to the parents who attended and to the Class of 2007 Cookie College grads.

To view more **Cookie College** photos and get a complete list of business participants, visit www.gscm.org. While you're on the website, check out the updated **Girls Only** web pages. The blog has been updated and talks about some new programs that are coming up for the year, like the Princess Ball and the new Debutante Ball. You can also find information about scholarships and community service projects.

Under **Announcements** you can see how to make a biscuit, find out how to earn a great badge for the month, and learn about the Sisterhood of the Traveling Apron. In the **Café** you can learn about a Hispanic Girl Scout Alumna that received GSUSA's National Women of Distinction Award. Don't forget to check out our featured Girl Scout in honor of Native American History Month (November).



“Showtime!” Was A Star Filled Night



On October 25th Girl Scouts of Central Maryland celebrated its 45th Birthday with the Green Carpet Event, “It’s Showtime!” It was a shining evening full of paparazzi, glitz, glam and “Cookie Stars.” Guests at the event sampled delicious food creations by local chefs. Duff Goldman of

Charm City Cakes and star of *Ace of Cakes*, created a special birthday cake just for the council; Adam Bowman of Wegmans Food Market in Hunt Valley made Samoa Encrusted Chicken Satay with Do-Si-Dos dipping sauce; Denise McKissock from My Girlfriend’s Kitchen provided Groovy Pecan and Peach-Blueberry Crumble with cookie toppings; pastry chef Kari Melen offered Apple Dancers Cupcakes; Bryan Montz of Avanti Restaurant created Girl Scout Crepes; Rev. Edward Robinson of Agapé House, Inc created Sweet Potato Samoas Casserole and Trefoils Chicken Casserole; and Nancy Longo of Pierpont Restaurant provided Tagalongs Tortes. Ray Bunner of Salsarita’s provided delicious samples of his own food.



“Eating the food has been the best part of the evening so far,” one Girl Scout said. “Coming to see Duff is the best part of the evening!” declared a troop of Cadettes who wore T-shirts that prominently displayed Duff Goldman’s face.

Amanda Montz, whose Dad provided Girl Scout Crepes, said she was “happy, happy, happy” that her dad was participating in the event. Her favorite part of the evening--“tasting all the foods.”



“Cookie Stars” honored that evening were Denetria Simon of Baltimore City; Alexandra Coclough of Anne Arundel County; Kryssa McHenry of

Baltimore County; Lyndsay Fournier of Carroll County; Katelyn Perzinski of Harford County; and Alexandra and Miranda Jackson of Howard County. These girls sold the most cookies during the pre-order phase for a combined total of 4,364 boxes of cookies! Each girl arrived at CENTERSTAGE in limousines provided by Destiny Limousine, A Touch of Elegance



Limousine Service, Z Best Limousine, The Limo Lady, A Bit of Class, and Platinum Limousine Service.

Nine year-old “Cookie Star” Alexandra Coclough said “I felt like someone really special” arriving at the theater in a limousine. She later told the audience that the Cookie Sale taught her how to keep track of money and how to fill out order forms. “Cookie Star” Lyndsay Fournier said that even though she knows a lot of people and has a big family to sell cookies to, it still took dedication to achieve her goal. She added, “I keep my cookie sale form in my purse at all times.”



“Cookie Star” Katelyn Perzinski told emcee Emily Campbell, reporter for the Baltimore Examiner, that the business skill she learned and used to achieve her cookie sale goal was “How to get people to buy more than they actually want.”



Guests enjoyed two original performances. Harford County Troop 1553, the top cookie-selling Girl Scout Troop in central Maryland for two consecutive years, performed their adaptation of “Cookies the Musical.” Girl Scout’s P.A.V.E. (Project Anti-Violence Education) the Way Baltimore Peer Mentoring group performed a poignant one-act play, “A Daily Drama.” Both performances were well received by the audience. BRAVO! to our actresses and actors for a job well done!

The Event was a fanciful evening filled with food, fun and fantastic performances. GSCM would like to express its thanks to all of our chefs, limousine drivers, speakers--including our emcee, Emily Campbell, MIX 106.5 FM and our Cookie Stars for making the evening such a success. We encourage you to support the businesses that supported this event as their contributions made “Showtime!” spectacular!



Girl Scouts Maryland Legislative Day A Lesson in Advocacy and Leadership



Girl Scouts' Legislative Day is a great opportunity to meet with your State Legislators and learn about the political process. It is also a great time to meet some of the women elected to office in the State of Maryland and learn more about their jobs and the processes involved in carrying them out.

Delegate Heather R. Mizeur of Silver Spring and Takoma Park is a former Girl Scout and is one of the General Assembly's rising stars serving on the House Health and Government Matters Committee. "I look forward to meeting Girl Scouts every year at Legislative Day," she said. "Girl Scouts of today are the women legislators of tomorrow. This critical program builds future leaders by encouraging young girls to be curious about the world around them. By promoting challenging activities and rewarding teamwork, scouting gives girls the confidence and self-esteem they need to succeed at anything life sends their way," she added.

United State Senators Barbara Mikulski, Hillary Clinton, and Elizabeth Dole are also former Girl Scouts. These women are examples of how early involvement in service organizations can put you on a successful path of public service.

Women elected officials in central Maryland who serve as Senators in the State Legislature include: Senators Joan Carter Conway, Lisa Gladden, Janet Greenip, Nancy Jacobs, Verna Jones, Dolores G. Kelley, Katherine Klausmeier, Rona E. Kramer and Catherine Pugh.

If you plan to attend Legislative Day it will be beneficial to know who your legislators are so that you can ask them for their support of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and other issues that are important to you. To find out the names of your representatives go to www.mlis.state.md.us, click on "Find My Legislator" and type in your address. The names of your State Senator and Delegates will pop up and provide information about them as well as how to con-

tact them. Because they are elected to serve the people who live in their district, they are delighted to hear from Girl Scouts in their area.

Legislative Day is a unique opportunity for Girl Scouts to learn about the political process and a great chance for legislators to learn about Girl Scout programs that provide service and help to the community. The elected officials have the opportunity to talk with girls like you about scouting and hear how important supporting the Girl Scout movement really is.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, February 7, 2008

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Girl Scout Legislative Day

See your government in action

Meet your legislators, tour government buildings and participate in a mock session

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland Request Bond Bill to Develop Urban Program & Environmental Training Center

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland recently purchased the additional 6,300 square feet of space located at its Seton office location to expand services provided to girls and volunteers in our council. Acquiring this additional space will allow the council to expand programs offered to girls and increase support services to volunteers. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has submitted a request to the Governor asking him to include funding for Girl Scouts in his capital budget for the coming year. We will also be submitting a Bond Bill to the State Legislature to secure funding for this exciting expansion project. The following programs and services will be made possible with the additional space:

***Exercise & Dance Studio**--an area where girls throughout the Baltimore region can enjoy dance and physical fitness activities in a safe environment.

***Technology Center**--that provides math, science and technology programs for girls and allows them to enhance their skills in these areas where women are traditionally underrepresented.

***Volunteer Resource Center**--expanding the capabilities and usage of the current VRC and allow for more space to peruse the library; a small meeting area and access to audiovisual equipment, including free computer/internet ready workstations.

We are soliciting your support for our capital budget request and for passage of the bond bill. Write or speak with your State legislators and tell them why the Girl Scout program is important to you; explain the benefits of being a Girl Scout and how your troop's activities have impacted your life and your community. The State needs to hear from *you!* You can make a difference. Please take action on behalf of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

For more information about how you can help with the capital budget and/or the Bond Bill, contact Maria Johnson, Vice President for Advancement at: mjohnson@gscm.org or call 410.358.9711.

Cookies & Onions: Our Gift of Caring Experience

As I thought about how to present our Gift of Caring experience at the Baltimore Washington International Airport, I was reminded of a scene from the movie Shrek and, a conversation between Shrek and Donkey:

Shrek: Ogres are like onions.

Donkey: They stink?

Shrek: Yes. No.

Donkey: Oh, they make you cry.

Shrek: No. Layers. Onions have layers.

Ogres have layers. Onions have layers.

You get it? We both have layers.

[sighs]

Onions; layers, that's what the night was like. I spoke with the elected officials who participated; I spoke with parents; and I spoke with girls and I heard some pretty compelling stories.

One parent said she valued this opportunity because it gave her the chance to talk with her daughter about war, what war meant and about the men and women going overseas to fight for our freedom. I spoke with Delegate Love, Chairman of the Anne Arundel County House of Delegates delegation. She said she was pleased at the opportunity to join Girl Scouts and honor our heroes in a small but significant way. I spoke with Girl Scout moms who explained how fantastic it was to have legislators, particularly women legislators, there to serve as role models for their children and stand with the girls to help.

I thought about how this all started with an idea and how County Councilman Daryl Jones joined in on this and really reached out to the County Council and staff because, simply, it was the right thing to do. And I thought about Travis Hodges, a Vietnam vet himself whose family was one of the first in the troop to sign up. He knew the troops would appreciate it.

And onions make you cry...

We were joined at BWI by most of the members of the Anne Arundel County Council: Council Chairman Ron Dillon (District 3), Vice-Chairman Ed Middlebrooks (District 2), Councilmen Daryl Jones (District 1), Jaime Benoit (District 4), Cathy Vitale (District 5). These folks, with the other members and Delegate Love, would help not only give out cookies, but make donations to the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's Gift of Caring program from their own pockets.

I heard a story from one Councilman about a Girl Scout who approached a soldier to offer cookies. The soldier put her head down and politely said "No thank you." Unsure of how to deal with the rejection, the little girl looked up to the Councilman with tears in her eyes for help. The Councilman explained to the

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"Thank you for keeping me safe.

God Bless you."

soldier about the Girl Scout program and that these were a gift from the Girl Scouts. As the woman soldier reached out to take the cookies, the girl looked the soldier in the eyes and said in the sweetest, calmest voice: "Thank you for keeping me safe. God Bless you." The Councilman said the soldier was visibly touched by the little girl's simple but heartfelt expression of gratitude and seemed on the verge of tears, as was he.

We watched as parents, girlfriends, boy-friends and children got that last hug, that last kiss and that last good-bye. We saw families, ever so proud of their loved ones, turn around with tears in their eyes

as their soldier walked to board the plane to Iraq. Our hearts were all heavy.

Though the girls did not fully understand the ravages of war and what was likely ahead for these men and women (and neither can we, ever), they did understand that what they did made the world a little better and a little brighter indeed. Perhaps it was best expressed by the excited smile on the face of a Brownie when a soldier actually took the cookies. The very kind "thank you" from the heroes in uniform or the soldier who said "Wow! Girl Scout cookies! Just what I was looking for before I left. Thank you so much!" Maybe it was the remark of "I love Thin Mints, Thank you!" The girls understood what they did through the Girl Scout Gift of Caring program was special and that the people they reached out to were special heroes.

I can never express how proud I am of the team that came together that night: the parents who cared enough to bring their girls out on a school night; the elected officials who gave of their time and money to help the event be a success; the troops who pitched in to help; and let's not forget the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland who made it all happen. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of an unforgettable experience--a reminder of the sacrifices that are made to preserve our freedoms.

The sentiment of the evening was perhaps best expressed by Brownie troop member Molly Cannon as she reached out to a soldier leaving for Iraq to hand him a box of cookies and simply said: "Peace."

Onions. Yep, onions.

submitted by Kim Burns



Volunteer Corner



Thank You Sabrina!

Sabrina Blackburn has been a long standing fixture of Girl Scouts in Harford County. Throughout the past decade her leadership has inspired a generation of girls to discover, lead and take action in their daily lives.

In 2000, Sabrina became the leader of her daughter's kindergarten Daisy level troop and since that time she has been a consummate supporter of the value-based principles of Girl Scouting. Sabrina's leadership exemplifies

the principles of the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Her leadership and positive example have inspired her girls to take action by adopting leadership roles and making an active commitment to contribute to their community. Recently, her now middle school level Cadette troop planned, organized, and led a Harford County-wide Daisy Day event for 150 Daisy Girl Scouts.



Sabrina's contributions reach far beyond her leadership roles within her own troop and extend to countless girls throughout Central Maryland. She plays an active role on the Product Sales Committee, which guides and advises both the Girl Scout Cookie Sale and the Sweet Success Sale. She has taken on multiple positions within her Harford County community--even sacrificing her garage for Harford County to be able to have a Cookie Cupboard. Sabrina has always said that everything she does is to be a role-model for her girls. She is truly an ambassador for Girl Scouts in both her Harford County community as well as throughout greater central Maryland.

In addition to her seven years of dedication to her own troop, Sabrina has been serving as Joppatowne's Service Unit Manager since 2005. In this volunteer administrative role she has organized and planned events and meetings, recruited new girls and leaders, and has supported all of the troops and volunteers in her community. Fostering community spirit and service is her second nature and in her volunteer role she has taught both girls and adults the importance of community involvement by forming strong connections with businesses and organizations in her community. Her ability to build bridges and cultivate connections has given the girls in her Service Unit a multitude of opportunities. Through her community building the girls within her jurisdiction have expanded their opportunities to sell cookies, cultivate community financial support, earn awards and recognitions, and do community service.

Sabrina Blackburn was honored as one of Harford County's "Most Beautiful People" on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007. Thank you Sabrina for being an excellent role model and exemplary volunteer!



**An hour, a day, a week
or a year...**

**That's all it takes to make a
difference in the lives of girls.**



**For more information about how you
can connect with Girl Scouts to share
your talents and skills,
contact the GSCM
Membership Department at
410.358.9711 or
membership@gscm.org**



volunteers the driving force in Girl Scouting

Distinguished Woman Shadows Gain Insight Into Their Future Careers

Girl Scouts who are interested in seeing the future now, should consider applying to be a Distinguished Woman shadow. Katie Edwards shadowed WJZ news anchor Denise Koch last year and Aris Thomas shadowed Jacqueline Hrabowski two years ago. Here's what they had to say about their experiences...

Katie Edwards: I applied for the shadowing experience because it was a great opportunity to go behind the scenes in the field of work I want to study. It also gave me great insight as to what the people in the broadcasting field do. I am currently a Communications Arts Major attending Salisbury University and I will be taking classes that directly correlate to what I was seeing and doing at WJZ's television studio.



Katie Edwards with news anchors Denise Koch and Kai Jackson.

Meeting Denise Koch was great! It helped me in my broadcasting career by giving me ideas and even teaching me some skills that I could use on and off the set. Professionally, it has boosted my resume. Experience is key in broadcasting; actually, in any field of study or work that a young person would want to get into. Shadowing Denise Koch I met Guy Raymond and a few other top personalities at WJZ-13. It has really put me ahead of many of my peers. I keep a relationship with most everyone I met at the studio by emailing them about how school is going.

The shadow experience has helped me and it can help you as well. It's worth it to send in the application and to "try your best" at it because in the end, you have nothing to lose. The application process is simple too. I had to write a 50 word essay and fill out a single page form to send in. After that I came in for an interview

with members of the Distinguished Women Awards Reception committee; the interview was not difficult. As long as you want to do it and your heart is in it you can do it! I got the confirmation letter in the mail, called Denise and set up a shadow day. For the awards reception I wrote and delivered a speech talking about how wonderful my experience was and the time spent with Denise Koch.

Aris Thomas: I am a former Girl Scout from Troop 770. During my junior year I had the pleasure of shadowing Jackie Hrabowski. She is a vice-president at T. Rowe Price. It was one of the best experiences of my life and if you get the chance to be a shadow girl you will feel the same.

Meeting Ms. Jackie changed my life because I was able to walk away from this not only with a mentor but a life-long friend. It changed my professional plans because she helped guide me in the right direction of what college to choose and how to figure out the major that best fit my career goals.

I am currently a bio pre-med major at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

I continue my relationship with her via the phone and email and by going to the Distinguished Women's Award Reception with her each year.

**For information on how to apply to be a Distinguished Woman's shadow contact Ellen Lowe, Director of Annual Giving and Special Events at elowe@gscm.org.*



Aris with Jackie Hrabowski at a T.R. Price mentor program.

NEW FOR 2008!

SHARE 45th Anniversary Build-a-Patch & SHARE Pin

The 2008 SHARE campaign is underway! For each gift of \$25.00 or more you will receive the first segment in the new SHARE patch. Gifts of \$50 or more will be recognized with the council's own 45th Anniversary Patch and Build-A-Patch. For contributions of \$100 or more, donors will receive the two patches mentioned above and the new SHARE Pin! Your gift is a mark of the exceptional generosity of our families and we are truly thankful!



SHARE is the cream in the middle of our cookie!!! Girl Scouts of Central Maryland relies on SHARE to offer quality programs for our girls. We ask that each family make a donation to the SHARE Campaign. You can make a direct contribution using the SHARE brochure or on the GSCM website (www.gscm.org). Your donation sends an unmistakable message: You understand the value of Girl Scouting, and you believe that Girl Scouts is where girls grow strong.

We express our deepest gratitude to all of our 2007 SHARE contributors. Your commitment to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and to our girls is truly laudable and makes a difference in their lives. We believe that your generosity is a visible testament of your support and belief in our program and serves as an example for all.

For more information or questions please contact Ellen Lowe, Director of Annual Giving and Special Events, elowe@gscm.org or 410-358-9711, ext. 246.

1st Annual Nature Photography Contest



Girls, get your cameras ready and send in your entries for the 1st annual Nature Photography contest. It's simple! Just get outside with your camera and take pictures of all the wonderful things you see in nature. Pictures will be displayed at the Grand Opening of the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center at Camp Ilchester on Sunday, March 9, 2008. Winning entries will be permanently displayed there.

Contest rules

1. Photos must be 5x7, 8x10, or 11x14. No other sizes will be accepted. Photographs may be matted if desired. Matting must match photograph size (no borders). No framed entries.
2. All submissions must be accompanied by an official submission form available at <http://www.gscm.org/camp>. Submission forms may also be requested by emailing boxturtle@gscm.org
3. All submissions must be mailed to: Girls Scouts of Central Maryland Attn: Billy Heinbuch, 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore MD 21215
Submissions may also be hand delivered.
4. **Submissions must be received by January 15, 2008.** All submissions become property of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and will not be returned. GSCM reserves the right to use the photographs in future publications, presentations and a variety of other formats.

Girl Scouts Have Fun Getting Fit

Girl Scouts in Howard County enjoyed a Day of Play thanks to Autumn Johnson who was a winner in the Nickelodeon *Let's Just Play Giveaway*. Nearly 200 girls gathered at Camp Ilchester to participate in rock wall climbing, kick boxing, tae kwon do, dance, golf, and pilates. The event was one of many *Day of Play* activities that took place in 14 countries on September 29 to encourage kids to lead healthier lives.



found that girls regularly make poor diet and exercise choices.

Del. Shane Pendergrass (D-Dist. 13) of Columbia came by the event to show her support and encourage the girls as they participated in outside fun and activities.

Girl Scout volunteer and troop leader Clarissa Ferraris was the chief organizer for the event.

Along with her committee,

they used the \$5,000 giveaway prize to secure activities and refreshments for the girls. Special thanks to Clarissa and Towanda Johnson for organizing this great event, and thanks to The Timbers at Troy Golf Course, FitWize4Kids, Coreworks Fitness Studio, Valerie and Vanessa Gonlin, Kinetics Dance Theatre,



Del. Shane Pendergrass, Autumn Johnson, Traci Barnett and Clarissa Ferraris at the *Day of Play* opening ceremony.

“The *Day of Play* aligns with GSUSA's healthy living initiative,” remarked Girl Scouts of Central Maryland CEO Traci Barnett, who welcomed girls to the event and encouraged them to continue to participate in outdoor activities. The Girl Scout Research Institute published a report in 2006 about girls' attitudes and perceptions about being healthy which

Box Turtle's Backyard

Introducing our newest section of the GSCM Website “Box Turtle's Backyard!” On this site our very own Billy “Box Turtle” Heinbuch will be



highlighting things going on at our camp properties, especially with our year round residents -- the plants and animals that live there. Look for it in the Outdoor Program section of the website at www.gscm.org/camp.

Second Nature Center Opens March 2008

Plans are underway for the opening of a new branch of the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center in our Clementine Peterson Activity Center at Camp Ilchester. We are looking for volunteers, naturalists, habitat restorers, wildlife rehabilitators, and Girl Scout troops to take an active role.

Meetings for the Nature Center Volunteer Task Group will be held at: Clementine Peterson Activity Center
 December 13, 7:00pm
 January 10, 7:00pm
 February 13, 7:00pm
 February 28, 7:00pm
 March 6, 7:00pm
 March 8, 9:00am
 The Grand Opening is scheduled for Sunday March 9, 2008!

John Bannon/Columbia Gym, and Girl Scout Troop 90 for providing the activities and being a part of this event.

STORE SPECIALS

November

Holiday Gift promotions

19-21—Free Shipping

December

4-8 —Free Shipping

6-8 Grandparents' Holiday Shopping

20-22—Stuff a Bag

January

3&4—New Year Celebration

discounts

15-19—Online Order discounts

Harford Mall Lock-In

GSCM STORE HOURS

OPEN

Hours of Operation

Juliette's Closet (GSCM Council Store)

4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215

410.358.9711 X202 410.358.9412 (fax)

www.gscm.org

Tuesday through Thursday: 9:00am to 5:30pm

Friday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am to 2:00pm

Clementine's Corner

September - November 30, 2007

5042 Ilchester Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

(located inside the Clementine Peterson Activity Center)

410.455.0542

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 2:00 pm to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Both stores are closed Sunday, Monday
and every third Friday of each month**

Clementine's Corner

**Clementine's Corner will be closed
December 2007 through March 31,**

**2008. The Store will re-open on
April 1, 2008.** Please visit Juliette's
Closet for your Girl Scout accessory
needs or shop on-line at:

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Did you know.....

When you purchase merchandise from
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Friends of Camp Groups

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

*Do you love camp? Do you have a special
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Join GSCM's Friends of Camp Groups Today!

Groups will meet several times throughout the year to walk the property, discuss property needs and concerns, help to identify and complete various projects, name trade people to lend a hand and expertise with projects, help to identify funding sources, and, most importantly, ensure that our girls have a safe place to camp now and in the future.

Girls and adults welcome!

For more information, contact Craig Chippendale
Director of Outdoor Program and Property Services, at
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Girl Scouts

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Calendar of Events

November

- 9-11 Beginning Stained Glass, Camp Conowingo
- 10 Make New Friends Day, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 10 Your Own Business, Seton Service Ctr.
- 10-11 Camping for Dummies, Camp Conowingo
- 11 From Stress to Success, Seton Service Ctr.
- 17 Room Arts, St. Joseph's Church, Cockeysville
- 17 P.A. Training-Basic & Activity, Slavie Bank
- 30 Master of the Campfire, Camp Ilchester

January

- 9 Gold Award Workshop, Seton Service Ctr.
- 11 Moon and Stars, Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air
- 12 P.A. Training-Basic & Activity, Seton Service Ctr.
- 12 Mother-Daughter Glam Day, Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 19 Trying Egypt, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 19 Egypt Explorer, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 19 Babysitter Training, Seton Service Ctr.
- 26 Law and Order, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 27 Your Own Business, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.

December

- 1 Holiday Festival, Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 7 Night Owl, Camp Ilchester
- 8 P.A. Training-Outdoor, Camp Woodlands
- 15 All American Arts, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Waverly Branch

February

- 4 Starry Night, Baltimore County Library White Marsh
- 7 Legislative Day, Annapolis State House
- 9 P.A. Training-Basic & Activity, Slavie Bank Bel Air
- 9 Brownie Butterfly Breakfast & Luncheon Clementine Peterson Activity Ctr.
- 11 Silver Award Workshop, AACO Library, West Branch
- 16 Ready, Set, Go Camping, Camp Ilchester
- 16 Master of the Campfire, Camp Ilchester
- 23 World Thinking Day, Michael's Eighth Avenue
- 23 Harvest for the Hungry Campaign begins
- 23-24 Camping for Dummies, Camp Conowingo

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