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Volunteer Information & News Electronically

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GS4 I I Exclusive

Here is a sneak peek of some GS4 I I programs beginning this fall! Please review these opportunities, involve your girls in the planning process and register starting August 1. Girl involvement is key to a successful Girl Scout Program year!

Rock Wall Adventures \$10

Who: GS Brownies – Ambassadors

When: September 5

9-11am \ 11:30am-1:30pm \ 2-4pm

Where: Camp Ilchester

Registration: Aug. 1 – 25, 2009

When: October 3

9-11am \ 11:30am-1:30pm \ 2-4pm

Where: Camp Woodlands

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 21, 2009

Earth Connections \$12

Who: Girl Scout Juniors

When: September 12, 10am-1pm

Where: Camp Whippoorwill

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 3, 2009

Baby-Sitter Training \$80

Who: GS Cadettes – Ambassadors

When: September 12, 9am-2:30pm

Where: Clementine Peterson

Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 10, 2009

When: October 24, 9am-2:30pm

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 16, 2009

Nature Demonstration \$5

Who: GS Brownies – Juniors

When: September 13, 11am-5pm

Where: Camp Ilchester

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 10, 2009

Ready.. Aim...Bull's-eye \$12

Who: GS Juniors - Ambassadors

When: September 19 & 26

October 3, 10, 17 and 24

9-11am \ 11:30am-1:30pm \ 2-4pm

Where: Camp Ilchester

Registration: Will close ten days before the event

Gold Award Workshops \$3

Who: GS Seniors – Ambassadors

When: September 24, 6:30- 8pm

Where: Harford County

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 18, 2009

When: October 24, 1-2:30pm

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 16, 2009

Night Owl Patch \$12

Who: Girl Scout Brownies

When: September 26, 7-9pm

Where: Camp Whippoorwill

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 18, 2009

Medieval Maidens Fest \$14

Who: Girl Scout Juniors

When: September 26, 9:30am-1pm

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – 20, 2009

Ready, Set, Go Camping \$12

Who: Girl Scout Brownies

When: September 26, 12:30-3pm

Where: Camp Whippoorwill

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 18, 2009

Canoe Fun \$12 Kayak Fun \$12

Who: GS Cadettes – Ambassadors

When: September 26 & 27

Session 1: 11am-1pm

Session 2: 2-4pm

Where: Camp Whippoorwill

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 18, 2009

Silver Award Workshops \$3

Who: Girl Scout Cadettes

When: September 30, 6:30-8pm

Where: Camp Woodlands

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 20, 2009

When: October 24, 9:30-11am

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Oct. 1 – Oct. 16, 2009



Space Fest \$8

Who: GS Cadettes – Ambassadors
When: October 3, 9am-12pm
Where: Clementine Peterson
Activity Center
Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 25, 2009

Self Defense \$15

Who: GS Cadettes – Ambassadors
When: October 4, 1-3pm
Where: Clementine Peterson
Activity Center
Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 18, 2009

It All Adds Up w. KidzArt \$17

Who: GS Brownies – Juniors
When: October 10
10am-12pm \ 1-3pm
Where: Clementine Peterson
Activity Center
Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 1, 2009

Art to Wear \$17

Who: Girl Scout Juniors
When: October 10, 9:30am-12pm
Where: GSCM Seton Center
Registration: Sept. 1 - 28, 2009

Adventure Sports

\$50 per girl, \$15 per adult
Who: Girl Scout Juniors
When: October 10-11, 10am
Where: Camp Whippoorwill
Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 1, 2009

destinations Dish \$3

Who: GS Cadettes – Ambassadors
When: October 13, 6:30-8pm
Where: Clementine Peterson
Activity Center
Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 9, 2009

American Indian Herit. \$18

Who: GS Brownies – Juniors
When: October 17, 1-3pm
Where: GSCM Seton Center
Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 7, 2009

Trying Egypt \$15

Who: Girl Scout Brownies
When: October 17, 9:30am- 12pm
Where: Westminster United
Methodist Church
Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 2, 2009

Egypt Explorer \$15

Who: Girl Scout Juniors
When: October 17, 1-3:30pm
Where: Westminster United
Methodist Church
Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 2, 2009

Come Sail Away \$85

Who: GS Juniors – Ambassadors
When: October 17 (9am) – 18
(2:30pm)
Where: Baltimore Inner Harbor
to Whippoorwill
Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 7, 2009

Dance, Dance, Dance \$16

Who: Girl Scout Juniors
When: October 22, 6-8pm
Where: Glen Burnie
Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 10, 2009

Camping for Dummies \$10/girl

Who: GS Brownies – Juniors
& Adult GS
When: October 24 (9am) – 25 (11am)
Where: Camp Woodlands
Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 10, 2009

Journeys: It's Your Planet – Love it!

May 28 – New Journeys debuted at the Book Expo America in NYC and will be available in our council shops this summer. Journeys tackle issues from preserving the world's water supply to creating innovations in energy usage. Here's a brief look at the new Journeys:

Girl Scout Daisy

Between Earth & Sky

The flower friends take a cross-country road trip that invites Daisies to explore what sprouts up across the country as they learn how to protect what needs protecting. The Daisies encounter some of the wonders and woes of nature on their way to earning their Clover, Blue Bucket and Firefly awards.

Girl Scout Brownie

WOW!

Brownies explore the Wonders of Water and Ways of Working as a team. Brownies might just hold their own "Green" Tea for the Blue Planet as they earn their Love, Save, Share and Wow awards.

Girl Scout Junior

Get Moving!

Juniors explore the energy inside them, the energy used in their places and spaces and the

energy of getting themselves from here to there. Along the way, girls earn Energize, Investigate and Innovate awards.

Girl Scout Cadette

Breathe!

Cadettes engage all five senses as they clear the air – their own and the Earth's. From cigarette smoking to deforestation, they get an aerial view of many issues. As girls become more "Aware," they "Alert" others and then "Affirm" their impact as they add these three uplifting awards to their collection.

Girl Scout Senior

Sow What?

Seniors investigate the food network. (No, not cable channel

– the real one that gets each piece of food to the table.) As they ponder the 'dirt' on land use around the world, girls think about who and what they can cultivate en route to earning the Harvest Award.

Girl Scout Ambassador

Justice

Through the ages and across the world, people have yearned for justice, yet justice for the Earth and its inhabitants eludes us. Girls do the math and create their own unique equation for justice. They will find that they are also networking and gathering ideas for college and careers. Ultimately, they can add the Sage Award to their list of accomplishments.

Correction!

Please accept our apology. In the last electronic edition of **The VINE** we provided printed information that was not the final copy. Below you will find the correct information.

A Better Day...A Better Community...A Better Planet...

Get ready for the Cookie Programs that are coming in September and running through November.

By participating in these programs, girls will:

- a. gain practical skills they can use during participation in the Cookie Program;
- b. learn how they can increase sales potential and have fun doing challenging activities;
- c. promote cooperation while learning team-building skills; and,
- d. learn how to market their ideas.

The GS4 I I Cookie Programs for 2009 are:

A Better Day...Countless Cookies

Cost: \$8

Who: Girl Scout Daisies

When: September 26, 10am-12pm

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1-Sept. 16, 2009

When: October 31, 10am – Noon

Where: Westminster United
Methodist Church Hall

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 10, 2009

When: November 14, 10am – Noon

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Nov. 1, 2009

A Better Planet...Glam Goal

Cost: \$8

Who: Girl Scout Juniors

When: September 12, 2-4 pm

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 3, 2009

When: October 10, 2 – 4pm

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 1, 2009

When: October 17, 1 – 3pm

Where: Nichols Bethel UMC, Odenton

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 7, 2009

A Better Community...Cookie Chains

Cost: \$8

Who: Girl Scout Brownies

When: September 12, 10am-12pm

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 3, 2009

When: September 26, 2-4pm

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 16, 2009

When: October 17, 10am – Noon

Where: Nichols Bethel UMC, Odenton

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 5, 2009

When: October 31, 2 – 4pm

Where: Westminster United
Methodist Church Hall

Registration: Aug. 1 – Oct. 21, 2009

Business Up!

Cost: \$12

Who: Girl Scout Cadettes – Ambassadors

When: October 4, 9:30am – Noon

Where: Clementine Peterson Activity Center

Registration: Aug. 1 – Sept. 25, 2009

When: November 7, 9:30am – Noon

Where: GSCM Seton Center

Registration: Sept. 1 – Oct. 30, 2009

SAFETY WISE

TIPS AND REMINDERS

Trampolines are a frequent site in many backyards – especially through the summer months – and you may think that the safety nets provided make them acceptable for Girl Scouts, but that is not true. Trampolines are one of the activities involving potentially uncontrolled free fall and is an activity that is not approved as a Girl Scout program activity. Bungee jumping, hang gliding, parachuting and parasailing also fall under this category. For more information see, SafetyWise, page 80.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

To find a complete listing of our training opportunities, please visit the Training Section on our website at www.gscm.org. If you would like a printed version of the training schedule, please contact the Volunteer Resource Center or your Membership Specialist.

GS TEEN TRAINING

July 11 1 – 4:30 pm
Gloria Dei Church, Arnold

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

July 11 9 am - 12:30 pm
Gloria Dei Church, Arnold

July 14 6 – 9:30 pm
GSCM Seton Center

July 23 6:30 – 10 pm
Clementine Peterson
Activity Center

JUNIOR TRAINING

July 11 1 – 4 pm
Gloria Dei Church, Arnold

July 21 6:30 – 9:30 pm
GSCM Seton Center

July 30 7 – 10 pm
Clementine Peterson
Activity Center

DAISY TRAINING

July 30 7 – 10 pm
Clementine Peterson
Activity Center

BROWNIE TRAINING

July 11 1 – 4 pm
Gloria Dei Church, Arnold

July 21 6:30 – 9:30 pm
GSCM Seton Center

July 30 7 – 10 pm
Clementine Peterson
Activity Center

Adult Development Don't Miss these Upcoming Events

Service Team Kickoff

August 17, 2009 at the Girl Scout Service Center.

Get an E.D.G.E.

Energize, Discover, Galvanize and Enrich. Make plans now to attend this Volunteer Enrichment Day at Camp Ilchester on Saturday, October 10, 2009. Workshop will include activities and materials to share with your girls, personal enrichment activities, outdoor activities, networking and more. Applications will be available online at www.gscm.org and in the Volunteer Resource Center beginning August 1, 2009.

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Service Team Conference

We are planning to hold the annual Spring Conference April 10 or 17, 2010 at the College of Notre Dame. We will have to wait until the college finalizes their spring schedule to confirm our date. We hope to announce our date in December.

Service Unit Achievements

As of May 31, 2009 the following Service Units have achieved or surpassed their membership goal this year:

5, 7, 8, 9, 10,
11, 16, 19, 20,
29, 31, 36, 39,
41, 43, 44, 47,
48, 49, 59, 61,
69, 70, 71, 72,
76, 77, 80, 82,
84, 86, 88, 89

A NEW WAY OF THINKING

GIRL SCOUT SERVICE UNIT 83

Girl Scout Service Unit 83, which serves Timonium and Cockeysville, began to see a decline in membership this year due to a lack of volunteers, in particular a lack of leaders. Because of today's tough economy many volunteers had to return to the workforce.

After thinking of ways to deal with this dilemma the community sought out new ideas and reached out to Council for assistance. One idea the Service Unit

adopted was starting a webpage. They were able to get their message out to the community, save paper and reach members who were not able to attend monthly meetings. The webpage was a Gold Award project completed by Erin McShane.

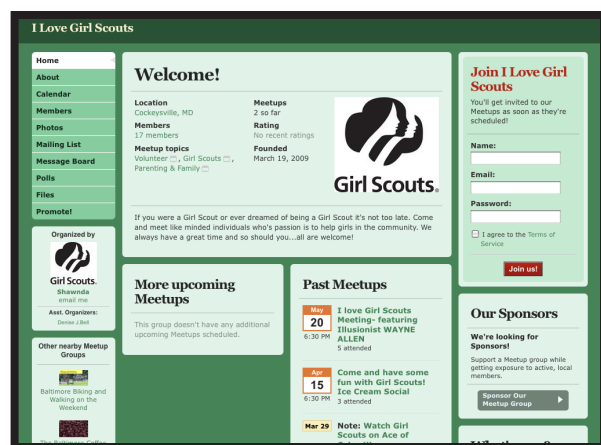
Another great idea they came up with was to make community meetings more effective by opening them to everyone in the community. This was accomplished by having a girl activity, recruitment for new girls and volunteers as well as completing a service project.

GSCM staff took information about community needs and created a marketing strategy to help. The first activity, planned by Girl Scout Cadettes, was an ice cream social and book drive. This event proved to be a great success. New girls came from the community to register and participate in the festivities. This one event brought out between 50-100 girls. Along with the new girls came their parents who are potential new volunteers and leaders.

Please feel free to "Color Outside the Lines;" you have our permission. To read more about community #83 events, you can view their meetup.com page at:

<http://www.meetup.com/I-Love-Girl-Scouts>

For more ways to market your community, please contact Shawnda Cooke, Recruitment Associate, at cooke@gscm.org



a snapshot of SU 83's meetup page



Girl Scout Service Unit 83, presented its first scholarship to Erin McShane on May 20, 2009 in conjunction with its community meeting. Erin, a 2009 graduate of Dulaney High School in Timonium, will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. She has been a Girl Scout for 13 years and earned her Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, among other achievements. "Erin embodies the Girl Scout Promise and Law in her everyday life," said Scholarship Chair Ann Kolakowski. "We are pleased and proud to honor her in this way. As the first recipient, she has set the bar high for others who will follow."

Erin (center) is shown with her mother (right) and LaQuisha Hall (left) who attended the Round-Up

Submitted by Ann Kolakowski

PRODUCT SALES news

LOOKING FOR THE PRODUCT SALES SECTION OF GSCM.ORG?

follow the squirrel



2010 COOKIE PROGRAM

Help Girls “OWN” their Cookie Biz

Our program team will offer 13 fall Cookie Programs designed to help girls develop business and financial literacy skills. The Cookie Program activities are listed on page 3. Be sure to register your troop/group so they can be ready for business in the fall. This year's Cookie Program theme is truly “Inspired by U.” The votes have been counted and your choices noted. We thank all the girls and adults who visited our website and voted for the 2010 cookie recognition items. Our customized order card will feature many of the items the girls selected as their favorites. We would also like to thank all the girls who participated in focus groups throughout the council region. Troop Cookie Manager (TCM) training will be offered at the Service Unit level.

Service Units are appointing volunteers now and will notify troops/groups of the cookie training options within their geographic region this fall. GSCM will offer TCM training at the council office for those troops/groups without SU Cookie Managers. This training is scheduled August 1, 2009 at 2 pm. RSVP to Terry Mercer to attend this training session.

Stay tuned for more exciting details about the fall Cookie Program. Check out our website resources coming August 2009 for best practices, sales & safety tips, family guides, Rallies to Go, adult volunteer programming resources and much, much more.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Time is running out to earn an extra \$0.05 profit per box for cookies sold in 2010.

You asked for it, we heard you and now all you have to do is take action! This year, the Membership Incentive Program is offering troop/groups a \$0.05 per box bonus during the 2010 Cookie Program. Troop/groups must meet the requirements by **June 30, 2009** to qualify for the bonus. Please see the Service Unit Manager or Membership Specialist to obtain details – time is running out!

Why do we sell Girl Scout Cookies? *Because every box benefits a girl!*

Through the Girl Scout Cookie Program girls:

- Develop courage, confidence and character.
- Discover, Connect and Take Action to make the world a better place.
- Provide service to their council, their communities and others.
- Interact and work with others to develop and achieve goals individually and as a troop/group.
- Learn business and financial literacy skills which they will carry with them into the workplace.
- Explore marketing, customer service and public relations.
- Practice math and communication skills.
- Represent all Girl Scouts and enhance our public image.
- Put values into action by demonstrating the Girl Scout Promise and Law.
- Earn funding for troop/group activities, trips and service projects.
- Have fun!

Sweet Success

We have some Sweet Success products still available for purchase at a discounted price! Get \$2 off the retail price, while they last!

Do you need more Cashews, Chocolate Covered Raisins, Peanut Squares, Honey Roasted Peanuts or Chocolate Covered Pretzels for your summer cookouts and parties? Did you renew your magazine subscriptions for next year? You have the chance to stock up and get it all at a reduced price.

Help support girls in central Maryland and our camp properties.

Contact Terry Mercer at tmercerc@gscm.org or call 410.358.9711 ext. 227 for purchases.

Juliette's Closet

STORE SUMMER HOURS

The Seton store will be closed for the month of July and will relocate to the new, bigger and brighter space down the hall. Please watch for information on our Grand Re-opening scheduled for Monday August 3, 2009. Hours of operation in August are M-F, 9am – 4:30pm.

The Ilchester store will be open Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (closed 7/3 for the holiday & 7/17 for 3rd Friday) The Ilchester store will process all the internet orders while the Seton store is closed. New items are arriving for troop year 2009-10. Please stop by to see the new arrivals.

Both stores will be closed July 25 – August 2, 2009. No internet orders will be processed during this week.

The Volunteer Resource Center will be closed the week of July 20 – 24, 2009 to move to their new location down the hall. The VRC will re-open July 27 at 9am.

NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

SETON STORE HOURS

Sun. & Mon.: CLOSED
Tues. – Thurs.: 9 am – 5:30 p.m.
Fri.: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

ILCHESTER STORE HOURS

Sun. & Mon.: CLOSED
Tues. – Fri.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Note: Both locations are closed every 3rd Friday of the month

P.A.V.E. Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Project Anti-Violence Education (P.A.V.E) summer day camp to be held on August 3 – 7. The camp is being held at Camp Ilchester and the theme this year is "Don't Be Mean, Go Green!" We will have participants ages 7 – 12 both girls and boys. Your daughter and/or son will be eligible to participate in this fun experience. Responsibilities include chaperoning smaller groups, assisting with serving snacks, monitoring bus rides and other duties.

Please contact Rita Monroy at rmonroy@gscm.org or 410.358.9711 ext. 210.

Day Camp Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help Rainforests at Camp Woodlands and/or Camp Oregon Ridge - Pioneer Camp. Your daughter will be eligible to attend these exciting day camps for free. Responsibilities include being on the committee to develop the program. Contact Chris Garrett at cgarrett@gscm.org or by telephone 410.358.9711.

SHAREnews



Great news...So far, Girl Scout families and “Friends of Girl Scouting” have donated \$115,238 to support SHARE. That’s 77% of our 2009 SHARE goal with approximately 20% of Girl Scout families participating. Can you Imagine where we would be with 30% - 35% participation? Every gift, whether \$1 or \$100, is a long-term investment in the future of your daughters’ Girl Scout experience.

Through the programs, activities and publications SHARE helps fund, girls get to discover the world around them, connect with their peers and develop skills in areas such as science and technology. It’s never too late to support SHARE! Let’s all “pitch in!” Together we will continue the tradition of developing girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

2009 – 2010 SHARE Appreciation & Planning Session

GSCM invites all SHARE Coordinators, Service Unit Managers and Trainers to attend the 2009-2010 SHARE appreciation celebration and planning session on June 24, 7 pm at GSCM’s Seton location. Dinner will be served! This is your chance to:

- o Discuss SHARE progress.
- o Meet other SHARE coordinators and volunteers.
- o Develop a plan of action for the next quarter.
- o Strategize ways to exceed goal.
- o Present ideas for clustered events.

- o Early Bird Updates...and more.

Contact **Niakia Cheese**, Annual Fund Manager, for more information:
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Congratulations

to all of the Service Units that received awards at the 2009 Annual Meeting held May 13 at Martin’s West. Recognitions were given in areas of Sustained Excellence, Hundred Percent participation, Above & Beyond previous years’ performance, Realization & Enterprising Innovation of a SHARE idea. To see the complete list of recipients, log on to www.gscm.org.

Early Bird Registration and SHARE

A good time to educate parents about SHARE is during Early Bird. The mere fact that they are registering their daughters shows they believe in the mission of Girl Scouting and what it instills in girls. All registered girls benefit from SHARE, yet only 20% of families donate to this invaluable annual fund. The number one reason people don’t give is because they were not asked. Take the time to educate, enlighten and simply “ask.”

Free Money for Girl Scouts

Support your Daughter’s Troop and Girl Scouts of Central Maryland through Matching Gift Programs offered by many businesses to thank employees for their volunteerism. Make your gift go even further! Many companies participate in Matching Gift Programs. Some companies will even match gifts made by retirees and spouses of employees. To find out if your company has a Matching Gift policy, please look for your employer’s name on our website at www.gscm.org. If your company participates, request a Matching Gift form from your employer, and send it completed and signed with your gift. We will do the rest. The impact of your gift may be doubled or possibly tripled!

- Programs vary depending upon the company.
- Dollar for Dollar match of personal gifts.
- Gift amount based on Volunteer Hours.
- 25% of the Matching Gift amount is returned back to your troop to support YOUR activities!
- Contact your HR Department today to inquire about their specific policy!