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OMG! Camp!

Send your daughter to the place where traditions start, fun begins and new friends are one bunk away.

Registration is now open for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland summer camp. Your daughter and her friends will have Great Adventures at Camp Conowingo. Don't miss out on these affordable summer camp opportunities. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland offers amazing program options at great low prices and the opportunities are available for all girls—not just registered Girl Scouts. Girls who bring their non-Girl Scout friend to camp earn a gift certificate to the trading post and a special

patch. Families who have more than one girl attending camp will receive a \$20 discount for each additional girl who attends.

Open House

If you would like to find out more about our resident camp program or just visit Camp Conowingo to see what we have to offer, join us **Sunday, June 19** at our annual Open House at Camp Conowingo. From 1 pm - 4 pm, campers and their families are invited for a day of fun

activities: take a tour of the camp property, meet the staff, climb the rock wall or take a horseback ride. Food and beverages will be served in the Shadowbrook Dining Hall. See for yourself what Camp Conowingo has to offer! Please wear closed toe/closed heel, walking shoes or tennis shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Sorry, no pets allowed.

For more information contact Chris "Scouter" Garrett at cgarrett@gscm.org or 410.358.9711 ext. 260.

Register for camp.

Find a camp and register online at gscm.org.



A Sojourn in Girl Scouting

When:

July 11-15, 2011,
9 am to 3 pm,
before and after
care available for an
additional fee.

Where:

4806 Seton Drive
Baltimore, Maryland

Cost:

\$140

This is a Council-supported day camp, organized by Savannah 2012 Travel Pathway Group. We will accept the first 150 girl registrations. Girl must be in grades K-6 as of September 2011. Girl Scout Juniors will participate in activities associated with the aMUSE Journey. All levels will have the opportunity to earn a variety of Girl Scout recognitions. Girl Scout Cadettes-Ambassadors are welcome to apply as program aides for service hours.

For more information, e-mail SojournerGS@yahoo.com.

Be a P.A.V.E. Camp Volunteer

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will host a one-week summer enrichment camp for 150 girls from Title 1 Schools in the Annapolis and Baltimore City areas. The camp will be at Camp Woodlands from June 20 – 24 from 8:30 am - 3 pm. Approximately 15 volunteers for P.A.V.E (Project Anti-Violence Education) Camp are needed to help with breakfast and lunch preparation; bus dismissal and to ensure that all children are participating in activities. Specific duties won't be assigned until camp begins. A lifeguard and a canoeing/kayaking instructor are also needed. If there is a specific area with which you would like to help, please let us know.

About P.A.V.E.

In an effort to address some of the issues many adolescents and teens deal with in growing numbers on a daily basis, Girl Scouts developed the P.A.V.E. (Project Anti-Violence Education) program. P.A.V.E. is a peer-led program designed to discourage youth from becoming victims or perpetrators of detrimental behaviors often influenced by peers including gangs, bullying, smoking, and substance abuse or addiction. Middle and high-school aged students partner with Girl Scouts of Central Maryland to develop strategies for mentoring their peers. The annual P.A.V.E. Summer Day Camp is among the programs they develop.

Each year, girls and boys who have participated in the educational awareness programs at their schools are invited to attend the one-week day camp (free of charge due to the generosity of the Crane Foundation and other local funders). While at camp, representatives from local police and crime prevention organizations lend their time and expertise to help teach campers' how to make better choices when faced with potentially dangerous situations.

Interested?

Contact Meghan Laschinger, Manager, Recruitment and Placement Services at mlaschinger@gscm.org or 410.358.9711 ext. 219.

Extreme Girl Scout Day Camp

Come join us for a week of great fun at Camp Woodlands! June 27 – July 1, 8 am – 4 pm. We'll learn Girl Scout basics including knot tying, fire building, first aid, compass reading, and rockwall climbing, all while enjoying the great outdoors. We need lots of volunteers. Parents who work the whole week can get a discount on camp fees. Cost is \$140 for the week. Make checks payable to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and mail the check to Loriann Hughes, 605 Winans Way, Baltimore, Maryland 21229. For more info contact Loriann Hughes at campwoodlands@yahoo.com or 443.423.0701.

Kayaking Adventures!

By popular demand, kayaking is now available for girls and leaders at two Girl Scouts of Central Maryland locations. Each kayak trip lasts four hours and costs \$50 per person. The trips will be led by Mr. Ripple, the resident camp kayak instructor from Kayaking Made E-Z.

Location 1: Camp Whippoorwill

Dates available: May 21, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10* and September 17*.

Choose a morning trip (8 am - Noon) or afternoon trip (1 pm - 5 pm). *Morning trip only.

Location 2: Camp Conowingo

Dates available: June 25, July 23 and August 27 .
Trip times vary. Call to schedule.

Have More Questions? Ask Chris Garrett at cgarrett@gscm.org or 410.949.6044.



Leadership in Training (LIT)

LIT Training is a comprehensive leadership training for Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors. They will learn leadership skills, organizational skills and Girl Scout traditions. Those who take part will gain self-assurance as they train to teach and lead younger Girl Scouts during this workshop that emphasizes participation and responsibility.

When is the next LIT Training?

For Girl Scout Seniors–Ambassadors

June 26 from 8:30 am – 6 pm at the GSCM Urban Program and STEM Center
\$10 per girl

Interested in becoming a volunteer trainer for LIT?

Contact Valerie Brooks at vbrooks@gscm.org

Activity Checkpoints and Volunteer Essentials

Please remember to refer to the online Activity Checkpoints when planning activities with your girls (<http://www.gscm.org/volunteerresources/checkpoints.html>). These checkpoints replace the information in Safety Wise. Although Safety Wise has some useful information, the Activity Checkpoints and Volunteer Essentials (http://www.gscm.org/volunteerresources/attachments/Volunteer_Essentials_GSCM_2010.pdf) include the most recent information and should be used as your main source of reference.

Questions?

Contact Valerie Brooks at vbrooks@gscm.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

Winfield Elementary School Festival

Volunteers are needed May 21 for the festival at Winfield Elementary in Carroll County from 11am-3pm.

Twilight Camps

Seeking high school girls at Patterson High, South Carroll High, Franklin High, Owings Mills High, Pikesville High, or Milford Mill Academy to volunteer for Twilight Camps which will be 2-3 days per week in June and/or early July. More details to follow in the upcoming weeks.

Be a Troop Leader

A troop leader is needed for Juniors in Carroll County.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities contact Meghan Laschinger at mlaschinger@gscm.org.

American Girl Scout Camp

Who:

Girls entering grades K-5

Where:

Catonsville United Methodist Church (6 Melvin Ave., Catonsville, Maryland 21228)

When:

August 1-5, 2011, 8:30 am to 4:15 pm

Overnight for Juniors only – Thursday August 4 – 5

Cost:

\$30 per day (includes at least one patch / badge per day) \$130 for the entire week. Plus \$30 for Thursday overnight.

This camp is open to all girls interested in joining Girl Scouts; and current Girl Scouts can bring a friend. Bring your favorite dolls as you earn patches and badges that relate to the interests of a different, historic American Girl doll. This is a money earning activity for the GSCM International Travel Pathway Group.

Register by July 1, 2011.

Registrations will be limited to the first 150 girls. Send registration form and check (made payable to Girl Scouts to): Kimberly Lohrfink, 1226 Black Friars Road, Catonsville, Maryland 21228.

If you have any questions, contact Kimberly Lohrfink at AmericanGirlScoutCamp@yahoo.com or 410.719.9732.



Ripken Quickball: Program on Wheels

The weather is warm and it's time to enjoy the outdoors. In the Volunteer Resource Center (VRC) we have lots of programs you can do outdoors. One of our Programs On Wheels is the Ripken Quickball.

Ripken Quickball is a national baseball enhancement program that was introduced in 1999 and is now the official grassroots sport of Ripken Baseball. Quickball has developed into one of the fastest growing recreational baseball programs in the country and is currently being played by thousands of

students on campuses across the country. Through all of its growth, the mission of all Quickball programs and game equipment has remained the same – make baseball more fun and easier to play, regardless of your skill level! Each piece of Quickball game equipment is versatile and weatherproof, allowing play to take place in the gym or outdoors. ENJOY!

Interested?

Contact the Volunteer Resource Center at vrc@gscm.org or visit us at 4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, Maryland 21215.

What can a Cookie do? More than you see!

Do you have some amazing stories to tell regarding your troop's participation in the Girl Scout Cookie program? Did you do some really great activity with your troop's proceeds? Did your troop use their cookie money to fund a truly wonderful Take Action Project? If so, please share your story with us at cookies@gscm.org. We are looking for some wonderful stories about "What a cookie can do"!

Vote: Pick the 2012 Girl Scout Cookie Program Incentives

Take a few minutes of your time now to let the Product Sales Committee know which ones you like. After you vote, encourage a Girl Scout friend to do the same! Voting is open, now through May 31! Start the survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/92NDHXP>

Volunteer Trainings

The complete schedule of training courses and course descriptions can be found on gscm.org. Other summer courses will be posted this month. Please register by using our online registration link or use our Training Registration Form (08-1466). Registration closes a week before the scheduled class. To receive the quickest confirmation, please provide your e-mail address. You will receive confirmation a week before the class. If a course is full, we will notify you immediately.

Leadership Essentials

June 6 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Camp Woodlands
Point of View Lodge

June 8 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

June 13 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

July 14 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
GSCM Urban Program and STEM
Center

July 19 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

Daisy Grade Level

June 15 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

July 26 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

Brownie Grade Level

June 22 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

July 26 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

Junior Grade Level

June 22 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester

July 19 7 pm – 10 pm
Camp Ilchester



SHARE Update

Through April, families have contributed \$111,128 in support of the 2011 SHARE Campaign, representing 70% of the \$160,000 goal, contributed from 28% of GSCM's families. Have you made your gift yet?!?! If not, please take a minute to invest in the organization that invests in your girls. We can't provide quality programming for girls without your support.

How can we raise the remaining \$48,000? The answer is simple, by joining forces as a team. Many communities are less than \$100 from achieving their 2011 goals. Ask troops that have not participated to consider making a troop gift. Some parents who were unable to participate earlier in the year, may be able to do so now. Please Take Action today by encouraging them to give to SHARE.

Take a look at the SHARE math: 2053 troops – 1324 Troops that have donated to SHARE = 729 potential troop gifts

Save the Date: Orioles Game on June 25

Get ready for Girl Scout Night at Camden Yards. Bring family and friends - enjoy a great evening (or two) with the Baltimore Orioles. A portion from every ticket purchased will benefit GSCM. Register online today.

Interested?

Contact Sharon at 410.340.4931 or Kathy 443.452.9200 or email: gsdaysatcamdenyards@yahoo.com.

2011 SHARE Award Winners!

Three cheers to all of the Service Units that received recognition for their SHARE accomplishments at GSCM's Annual Meeting. The growth of the family SHARE campaign is truly a group effort and would not be possible without the combined efforts of SHARE Coordinators, Service Units Managers and volunteers. Thank you for all of your support! Congratulations to the following communities:

S. Sustained Excellence.

This award is given for overall donations that exceed the previous year's Service Unit contributions to the council by dollar increase. Recipients are: 604, 606, 608, 611, 613, 616, 618, 629, 630, 631, 637, 638, 639, 640, 642, 644, 647, 652, 653, 657, 658, 666, 667, 668, 673, 674, 676, 678, 684, 686, 687, 689, and 691

H. Hundred Percent.

This award recognizes the Service Unit where at least 50% of troops had 100% participation in SHARE. Recipients are: 608, 620, 629, 630, 631, 633, 635, 637, 638, 640, 642, 643, 644, 646, 649, 652, 653, 658, 659, 661, 664, 665, 666, 670, 673, 679, 680, 681, 682, 684, 688, 691 and 695

A. Above & Beyond

This award recognizes the Service Units that contribute the largest average gift in a geographic area. Recipients are: SU 629 (Anne Arundel County), SU 604 (Baltimore City), SU 693 (Baltimore County), SU 671 (Carroll County), SU 676 (Harford County), SU 657 (Howard County).

R. Realization

This award recognizes the first Service Unit to achieve their goal in a geographic area. Recipients are: SU 644 (Anne Arundel County), SU 618 (Baltimore City), SU 652 (Baltimore County), SU 666 (Carroll County), SU 674 (Harford County), SU 658 (Howard County).

E. Enterprising Innovation

This award recognizes "successful" SHARE promotion in a new and innovative way.

SU 86 included a SHARE pitch to dads at their annual Father / Daughter Dance held at the VFW in Rosedale. After learning about the importance of SHARE, dads pitched in and donated \$466 in support of the 2011 family SHARE Campaign. Newly appointed SHARE Coordinator, Cassie Wood "took action" by including a SHARE pitch in an already existing event. Her efforts speak volumes...parents, if given the opportunity, will contribute to SHARE. Once dads learned about the family SHARE campaign, and that their daughters directly benefit from each contribution...they were all in!! Thank you, Cassie Wood, for going the extra mile and advocating for SHARE in your community.



Ways to Give to Family SHARE

The new online registration is up and running for Early Bird-Fiscal Year 2012. This new system allows registrants to enter their gifts in one of two ways. By clicking on the **Make a Contribution** tab, located in the left menu, there are three options for making a gift, with Option One and Two for family SHARE. (Please note that gifts made through the Workplace Giving Campaigns are not credited toward a troop's family SHARE campaigns and patches and pins are not distributed with these gifts). **Option One** allows troop leaders to add their family SHARE gift to their shopping carts as they register their troop members. **Option Two** is a link to GSCM's online donation page and allows registrants to specify their own gift amounts. We encourage troops to use Option One and set a higher standard of giving for the SHARE Campaign, asking parents to invest at least a minimum of \$10 in Girl Scouting. Remind them that their gifts directly support their daughters and their Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Most people, when asked to support an organization they believe in, would gladly donate...give it a try, you will be surprised.

Upcoming SHARE Appreciation and Planning Dinner

In 2012, GSCM will be celebrating 50 years of developing girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. The new fiscal year will bring exciting programs, events and fundraising opportunities. With the new online registration system, the roles of many volunteer positions will change slightly. This is also true of the family SHARE Coordinator. Join the Advancement team on June 1st, as we celebrate our achievements. Enjoy delicious cuisine from Jerry's Belvedere* and discover all that the new fiscal year brings while you connect with other communities, and take action by helping plan for a successful 2012 family SHARE Campaign.

Who: SHARE Coordinators, Service Unit Managers and Cluster Coordinators

When: June 1, 2011

Where: Jerry's Belvedere, 5928 York Rd in Baltimore, MD 21212 (corner of Northern Pkwy & York Rd)

**Additional Details: Jerry's is a staple of the community, located in the quaint Govans / Belvedere area of Baltimore City. David, his father Pietro Rugolo and their restaurant are featured prominently in the opening pages of Charm City: A Walk Through Baltimore by Madison Smartt Bell. Bell, a multiple award-winning novelist, gave Jerry's high praise. Jerry's menu boasts cuisines and daily specials with a Sicilian influence.*

It is not too late to attend. Simply RSVP to Niakia Cheese, Annual Fund Manager, at 410.358.9711 or ncheese@gscm.org no later than May 25.

RALLY THE TROOPS FOR A PRODUCTIVE COOKIE SEASON

Want to have fun and get girls, leaders and parents excited for the cookie program? Have a cookie rally! You can have an event as big as you want - for your Cluster, Service Unit, county or even the Council!

Troop 312 hosted the Council Cookie Rally: Cookies, Pajamas and You! It was an event that was devised and planned by girls. Nearly 150 attendees enjoyed the afternoon rally at Camp Conowingo.

One girl said: "When we were looking for cool, fun activities we used the Little Brownie

Website, past level program guides and recent rally guides. We also thought of some of our own. We love wearing our pajamas so we thought that would be fun for everyone too!"

Another Troop 312 Cadette said "We worked most of the summer on the activities for our 20 stations. It was funny

how the day went so quickly!"

To get your rally planning started, follow the steps outlined in the Little Brownie Rally Guide. Check out last year's Rally Guide at: <http://s3.amazonaws.com/cdn.littlebrownie.com/downloads/RalliesToGo.pdf>



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Flag Day Celebration – June 7

In-Store: Juliette's Closet is paying tribute to Flag Day by hosting a blow out EXTRAVAGANZA! We're "flagging" merchandise with red stickers (save 5%), white stickers (save 10%) or blue stickers (save 15%)!!!

Note: Free Shipping and Handling for all internet orders over \$100! (Must be \$100.01 or over and placed on our website on this date from 12 am-11:59pm) All other orders will be shipped with regular S&H charges applied.

Girl Scout Uniforms

New Fabric Coming Fall 2011



The Fall 2011 Girl Scout Catalog will feature a new poly-cotton twill fabric for all Girl Scout uniforms. This allow GSCM to better maintain consistent quality standards across all the core woven uniform components. Existing colors, style details, and fit specifications remain as they are currently and will not be affected by the fabric content change. The twill uniform components and the new fabric will be made in the USA. The new poly-cotton twill uniform components are available to start ship as of June 15, 2011.

Due to the rising costs of raw materials, especially cotton and polyester and increased transportation costs, the new uniform components will have slightly higher retail prices than the previous styles.

GSCM has current uniform inventory available to order. This merchandise is available while supplies last. No further returns or exchanges on the current styles as listed. As current merchandise sells out, wholesale customers will be prompted to order the new poly cotton twill components to replace the discontinued styles. Retail customers are presently referred to their local Council Shop to purchase the current styles, later this summer when new merchandise is available to ship (after June 15, 2011) the option to order the new twill fabric components will be offered to the retail customer as well.

Juliette's Closet Seton Center

4806 Seton Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215
410.358.9711 ext.202

Hours: (closed Sunday and the 3rd Friday each month)

Monday-Thursday: 9 am - 5 pm

Friday: 9 am - 3 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm

Juliette's Closet Camp Ilchester

5042 Ilchester Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043
410.455.0542

Hours: (closed Sunday, Monday and the 3rd Friday each month)

Tuesday-Friday: 9 am - 2 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 1 pm

Starting May 31 and ending on September 2nd both locations and the VRC will be open 9 am - 4 pm Monday-Friday.

Both store locations and VRC closed for inventory July 1-15 and will re-open on Monday July 18.

Wanted:

Product Sales
Committee Volunteers!

Reward: Fun & Friendship

Girls 14 years of age and older and adults that love the Girl Scout Cookie Program. Short Term and Long Term Positions available.

Interested?

Contact Terry Mercer
at tmercerc@gscm.org.