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Girl Scouts Garner Support for New Urban Program and Environmental Training Center



On **February 21st** hundreds of Maryland Girl Scouts visited their State Delegates and Senators during the annual Girl Scouts Maryland Legislative Leadership Day. In addition to meeting their State Legislators, the girls toured the State House, took photos with Governor O'Malley, watched committee hearings and participated in a mock legislative session. The girls served as

council advocates and asked their legislators to support HB #693 and SB #643 in support of our Bond Bill funding request to create a unique Girl Scout program center at the 4806 Seton Drive location. Now we are asking for your support—please contact your legislators and ask them to VOTE YES for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. For more information or a sample letter to send, go to www.gscm.org and click on Girl Scout

Urban Program & Environmental Training Center. **We need your help!**

We need your support and the support of your State Senators and Delegates. They need to know why the expansion of the Girl Scout Urban Program and Environmental Training Center is important to you and the thousands of girls that will be served. Your support can help make this dream for Girl Scouts in central Maryland a reality!



Soldiers Deployed, Girl Scouts Share the Moment

by Ren'ee Kahn



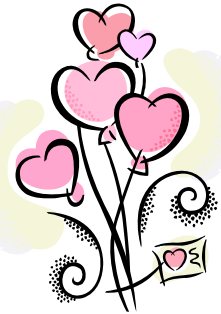
Monday night Troop #285 from Finksburg gathered to begin their life changing journey to BWI Airport. The air was cold and crisp; the girls were excited. Soft whispers could be heard throughout the car. "Were going to see some real soldiers," exclaimed Lynda, one of the second graders at Mechanicsville Elementary School. "I hope we are going to see soldiers coming home," said Abby of Westminster. "I brought lots of signs!" shouted Hannah "Soldiers Rock!". When the Girl Scout troop arrived at the airport, excitement grew. "Buddy up" chanted Shannon, the co-leader of the troop. And the girls lined up like little soldiers themselves, two by two. They walked through the airport to the USO office. Ren'ee Kahn, leader of the troop, approached the office and received their orders. Tonight, they were sending soldiers off; hundreds of them. The girls got somber and quiet. We proceeded to go to the check-in gate and set up a table of care packages. The girls were all given instructions from the USO Officer. They were all told that these soldiers were given their orders to go overseas. They were all leaving on a late night flight. The officer went over what each clear little baggie contained. It had some things like tissue and granola bars, chewing gum and the ever popular phone calling card loaded with free minutes. The girls all keyed in on that. They made sure every soldier got a baggie and shrieks of excitement came out of the girls mouths when they told the soldiers

what was in each bags. "Don't forget to call your family! there is a phone card in each bag, your family will want to know that you are okay," Kayla and Julia, of Westminster, recited to each soldier. The solemn mood was instantly lightened when the little Brownies trotted over to the soldier. Shy at first, they quickly changed it into a mission. To greet EVERY soldier in line. The first girl stepped up and stuck out her hand, "I just want to thank you for doing what you do so I can be who I am." Tears of pride came from everyone in ear shot. Cameras came out of the soldier's bags; they all wanted to take pictures of the Brownies. Once every soldier in line received a hand shake or hug and a goodie bag, the girls split up and started conversations with some of the soldiers. They wanted to know more about them. The soldiers were all eager to talk and it lightened the mood. Megan, Jordyn, and Maria all wanted to know where they were going, how long they were going to be gone and if they had any kids that they were leaving at home. Some chatted for a while and lots of pictures were taken. Samantha, from Sandymount Elementary School told one soldier, "I know it's a big country, my daddy is there, if you see him, tell him I miss him." Silence and more hugs. Then, enthusiasm erupted every time a new soldier would join the line as the girls made sure no one was leaving the area without a goodie bag and some

encouraging words. "A soldier is coming, a soldier is coming! Make sure he gets a bag! Don't forget to tell them to call home!" Soft giggles were heard in the line of men and women waiting to check in as each new soldier got bombarded and flocked by a bunch of little girls. As the evening went on all the soldiers had checked in. We were greeted by a veteran soldier. He was jolly and loving and very grateful to see what these little girls were doing. He passed out hugs, thank yous, and little American flags to the Brownies. He made sure that every parent present knew how happy he was that we were teaching the girls so young. The evening was filled with all kinds of emotions, from solemn sadness to giggles and laughter. The evening made an impression on everyone present that night.



Troop 285



Troop 1933



Going into its 7th year, Garrison Forest School for Girls, Troop 1933 has consistently been involved in community activities. They received a check (pictured right) from Sam's Club in support of their community service efforts. Sam's Club was very impressed by Troop 1933's determination, respect and kindness while selling Girl Scout Cookies to their patrons. Troop 1933 generously donated a portion of their funds to the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. We would like to give a big thanks to Troop 1933 for their hard work and dedication.





Please help us welcome GSCM's newest staff to the Girl Scout family. Niakia Cheese, Annual Fund Manager, Rebecca Payne Development Manager, and Tiffany Lucas, Receptionist.

SAVE the DATE
Women's Leadership Forum
Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Baltimore Sun Building
501 N. Calvert Street
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come and be a part of an interactive discussion about women's leadership with Jenny Trostel, President & Owner of SAAB of Baltimore; Diane Bell-McKoy, CEO of Associated Black Charities; Ellen Fish, President of Towson Bank; and Teera Battle, 2007 Junior Achievement Entrepreneur Awardee. They will talk about how women develop leadership skills, the opportunities available to women and how they view leadership. There is no admission fee, but an RSVP is required. Kindly RSVP to Clarke Fitzmaurice, cfitzmaurice@gscm.org or 410.358.9711, ext. 287. **Teen Girl Scouts are encouraged to attend—we will have a special pre-forum reception available for the first 25 girls who RSVP.



Green Carpet Event
featured on Food
Network's Ace of Cakes,
Thursday, February 21,
2008 at 10:30 p.m.!



Being a Girl Scout pushed me to challenge myself when I felt like giving up, and taught me that I could do anything that I put my heart into.

-Susan Taylor, former editor-in-chief, Essence magazine

GETTING STARTED

It's time to put all of your creative thinking skills to use and work together to come up with ideas for how to make your Girl Scouts product sale activity a successful one.



Product Sales



All troops/groups and girls are encouraged to participate in this opportunity. While it is not mandatory to participate the benefits in doing so are:

- ★ Another great money earning activity which teaches practical life skills that girls will use for a lifetime.
- ★ All registered girls are empowered to earn \$1.00 per item sold for their troop treasuries. Awards are based on sales and are cumulative. Juliettes should contact Terry Mercer at 410.358.9711 extension 227 for participation details.
- ★ Magazine Vouchers promote reading literacy. New – The "Nuts for Knowledge" program design is easy and provides step by step instructions for Leaders.

100% of all proceeds earned by GSCM will be designated to improve council properties!

Visit <http://www.gscm.org/program/sweetsuccess.htm>

Important Dates to Remember:

Sale Starts February 29, 2008
 Sale Ends May 9, 2008
 Orders Due to GSCM March 28, 2008

LET'S GET GOING!

- 1 Start by brainstorming what kind of activities your troop/group would like to do.
- 2 Narrow those activity ideas down to the ones the whole group likes the best.
- 3 Write next to each activity the approximate cost of the activity.
- 4 Each girl can set a personal sales and learning goal to achieve in the program.
- 5 Divide the cost by the money per unit your troop/group will receive to determine the number of units you will need to see.
- 6 Midway through your sales activities, review your goals and how well you are doing. Make adjustments as needed.
- 7 Let your customers know your personal learning goals and group goals for the money earned.
- 8 Chart your individual and group progress on a goal chart. Each time you reach a new level keep track of all your hard work.

Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center –Grand Opening

March 9, 2008– 1:00pm to 4:00 pm at

Camp Ilchester



I imagine walking indoors but still feeling the warmth of the sun and seeing the beautiful blue sky. Thanks to a gorgeous mural painting by our girls this is now a reality. Come see the bat house, wild life feeders, new bird houses, display shelves, and energy garden thanks to our volunteers and Girl Scouts.

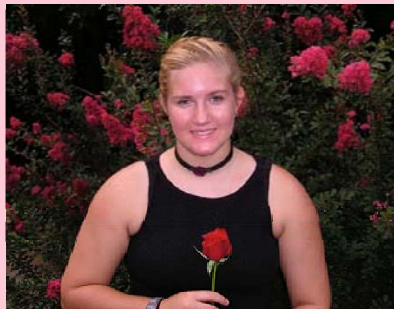


Please join us for the grand opening of our second location of the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center located inside of the Clementine Peterson Activity Center.

We will have lots of critters to show off– hatchling Diamondback Terrapins, Madagascar Hissing Roaches, Emperor Scorpion, a Corn Snake, even an Easter Chain Snake.



You will also get a chance to participate in the Annual Caitlin Dunbar Nature Photography Contest-So don't forget your cameras! Any questions please contact Billy (Box Turtle) Heinbuch.



Caitlin Alexandra Dunbar

March 9, 1989—December 28, 2004



Six Flags America invites you to attend
Girl Scout Day!

Saturday May 31, 2008

Dear Parent or Troop Leader,

We invite you to join us this spring for Girl Scout Day at Six Flags America! This incredible event was designed with you in mind! Bring your troop of any age level for a memorable day of friendship, fun and service.

The day's activities were planned by Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts! Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and the Nation's Capital Girl Scout Council: Participate in opening ceremonies, sing-along, and an environmental awareness service project. All visiting Girl Scouts will also receive a commemorative Six Flags America patch!

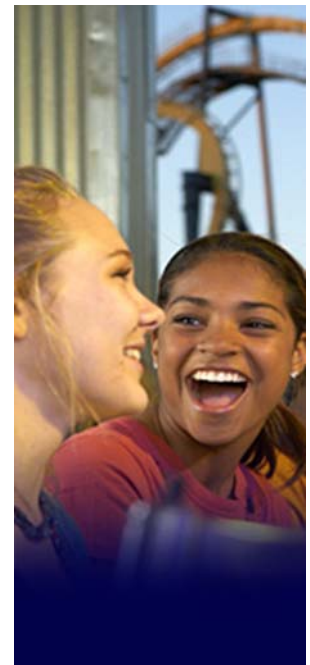
A special discount ticket is available just for you at the low price of \$19.99 plus tax. That's 60% off the regular admission price! Also available during this awesome event: An all-you-can-eat catered picnic lunch in our beautiful Oak Grove Pavilions! This great offer is only an additional \$10.00 plus tax per person for Girl Scouts and their families.

We can't wait to see you at the park for this fun-filled Girl Scout event. Come make some memories with your troop at Six Flags America. Order your tickets today! You don't want to miss it.

See you there,

Erica Hussey

Special Events Account Executive
ehussey@sftp.com



The Girl Scout Day All-You-Can-Eat Meal Includes:

Hot Dogs
 Chicken Tenders
 Drinks
 Tossed Salad
 Baked Beans
 Macaroni Salad
 Rolls
 Chips
 Fixin's

And Assorted Frozen Desserts

FOR \$10.60!

(\$10.00 plus tax)

2008 Annual Spring Conference

March, 29, 2008

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

Adults Connecting and Cultivating Expertise for Success in Scouting

NEW! Keynote Speaker: Anthony Alexander Guerra, Pharm. D.

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Dr. Tony Guerra works in Baltimore as a community pharmacist for CVS, Realtor ® for RE/MAX, test prep teacher for Kaplan and as an assistant track and field coach for Seton Keough High School. He's presented to audiences at colleges, businesses, senior centers and various organizations from the Baltimore Junior Association of Commerce to the YMCA on varied topics from work/life balance to working by referral to financial freedom.

Tony, modeling his parent's example, has spent a lifetime volunteering. From mentorship to leadership to fundraising Tony has given back to many, many groups. As a mentor Tony volunteers in junior achievement, as a toastmaster, and sits on the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors education committee. As a leader Tony directs a small group within his business coaching ranks as a Peak Performer, he has organized the most successfully attended alumni reunion as chair of the pharmacy school's reunion committee and works with the Pharmacy Leadership and Education Institute as a facilitator. As a fundraiser Tony has developed sales for non-profits that have lasted far beyond his tenure as a student or employee. At the school of pharmacy alone his pharmacy fraternity ranks as one of the top 5 nationally in fundraising- not only for themselves but for the charities they support including the Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

In addition, Tony enjoys travelling with his wife Mindy, running competitively in 5K's and half-marathons and playing broomball and softball as part of the Baltimore Sports and Social Club.

Kate Gottlieb

Kate has been with GSUSA since June 2006 and has worked in the disability field for over 10 years. As the GSUSA Disabilities Consultant in the Membership and Volunteerism division she is responsible for developing and facilitating disability awareness and inclusion training, developing best practices for inclusion, and providing councils with membership strategies to recruit girls with disabilities to Girl Scouts. Prior to her work at GSUSA, Kate founded the Medicaid Service Coordination unit for a New York City non-profit agency that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and mental illness.



Toby Treem Guerin

A 2002 graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law, Ms. Guerin currently serves as the Deputy Director for the Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland School of Law (www.cdsum.org). As Deputy Director, Ms. Guerin is responsible for program development, training, and mediation coordination. Ms. Guerin mediates and facilitates in various venues including government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the court system. She recently served as the chairperson of the Mediator Excellence Council, a mediator quality assurance initiative in Maryland spearheaded by the Maryland Mediation and Conflict Resolution Office and currently chairs the program's Mentoring Task Group. Ms. Guerin has conducted trainings on the topics of co-mediation, elicitive feedback, mentoring, and effective communication, among others.

Conference Schedule

Adults Connecting and Cultivating Expertise for Success in Scouting

Saturday, March 29th 2008

8:30- 9:00 Registration (Knott Hall)

9:30-10:00 Keynote Address by Dr. Tony Guerra

10:30-11:30 Workshop Session 1

11:45-1:15 Luncheon (Doyle Hall)

1:15-2:45 Workshop Session 2

3:00-4:00 Workshop Session 3

Our conference will be held at
The College of Notre Dame Maryland
4701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21210

SATURDAY
MARCH 29, 2008
8:30A.M. - 4:00P.M.

Naomi King

As the Volunteer Engagement Coordinator for Business Volunteers, Ms. King works directly with volunteers. Prior to her work at BVU, Naomi served as Community Liaison for the Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound Center, an outdoor leadership program, and as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow in public schools in Knoxville, TN. Naomi has been a volunteer and has utilized volunteers throughout her career, developing her extensive experience in this area. Ms. King holds a BA in International Studies and Women's Studies from Queens University in Charlotte, NC. A native of Tennessee, she has studied and traveled abroad gaining knowledge and sharing life experiences.



SAVE THE DATE!



March 2008

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8th	Camping for Dummies	Anne Arundel Co
8th	Science Wonders	Howard County
15th	Ready, Set, Go Camping	Harford County
15th	Night Owl	Harford County
15th	Law & Order	Baltimore City
22nd	Ready...Aim... Fire	Howard County
29th	Humane society project	Howard County
29th	Rock Wall Adventures	Howard County
29th	Paws to Think	Howard County



April 2008

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5th	Up All Night Sports Event	* Columbia Sports Club
5th	High Adventure	Cecil County
6th	High Adventure	Cecil County
9th	Girl Scout Silver Award Workshop	Harford County
12th	NIST Science Get Psyched	*NIST-Montgomery County
12th	Program Aide Training-Basic	Harford County
12th	Girl Scout Forestree 101	Cecil County
12th	Ready...Aim...Fire	Howard County
13th	Leadership Forum	Baltimore City
19th	Ready...Aim...Fire	Howard County
19th	Rock Wall Adventures	Anne Arundel County
19th	Girl Scout Campfires	Howard County
26th	Ready...Aim...Fire	Howard County
26th	Outdoors in the City	Baltimore City

*=Non-Girl Scout properties

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Will host a
Trainers' Open House
Thursday, February 21, 2008
 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 GSCM Council Office
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