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Volunteer Information & News Electronically

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## GSCCM debuts a brand NEW WEBSITE!

On February 5, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland unveiled a new look with an updated website. This website is a “work in progress” while we make improvements. In the months to come, look for a volunteer blog, the unveiling of a brand new GIRLS ONLY section and more!

### Membership Dues for FY 2010

At the GSUSA National Convention held this past October, the delegates voted in favor of a Membership Dues increase beginning this fall. The increase will be effective starting with our Early Bird registrations starting April 1, 2009 for FY 2010.

New Dues: \$12

Lifetime Membership:  
25 x 12 = \$300

Graduating Seniors:  
13 x \$12 = \$156

Registration for 2009  
remains the same until  
August 31, 2009.

To help offset the dues increase, your troop could participate in the Sweet Success Program this spring and use the proceeds towards registration for your troop. This is a great way to support your troop goals AND GSCCM camps. All GSCCM profits from the Sweet Success program go directly to camp/property improvements.

# MEMBERSHIP services

## MARCH 12, 2009

Celebrate Girl Scout Week by learning about Girl Scout history and more about our Founder, Juliette Gordon Low. The VRC has several books on Girl Scout history available for borrowing as well as the Traveling Brownie and Junior Trunks that have historical Girl Scout uniforms, books and publications in them for girls to explore.

### Celebrate Girl Scout Week by:

- Hosting a Variety Show.
- Hosting a Service Unit/Troop Skating or Bowling Party.
- Obtain permission from your school principal to wear your Girl Scout uniform to school on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Research and learn about Girl Scout history and give a presentation to younger Girl Scouts and parents.
- Check with local businesses and community locations to create a Girl Scouts display to showcase during Girl Scout week.

**Check Out Juliette Low Kim's Game** @ [www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/subpages/JLKimG.htm](http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/subpages/JLKimG.htm)

**Check Out the Right Left Game Story** @ [www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/SubPages/GSRightLeftstory.htm](http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/SubPages/GSRightLeftstory.htm)

While Supplies Last at the VRC – FREE Uniform components available!

### GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATES ITS 97<sup>TH</sup> YEAR!

### HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE GIRL SCOUTS?

March 12 will be the 97th birthday of Girl Scouts of the United States of America. Here are some historical tidbits to share as you celebrate.

Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low on March 12, 1912 in Savannah, Georgia. For the first year it was called "Girl Guides" like the Girl Guides in England, on which it was based. The original membership was 18 girls. Even though she was deaf from an early age, Juliette Low was multi-talented and could draw, paint, sculpt, and forge iron gates.

The first Girl Scout handbook was published in 1913 and was called *How Girls Can Help Their Country*. In the early years of Girl Scouting there was one handbook for every age-level. Over the years the handbook has been published in Braille, Spanish, Japanese, and German editions and it has separate books for each age-level.

The first Girl Scout national headquarters was in Washington, D.C. It was moved to New York City in 1916 and has been there ever since. The first local Girl Scout council charter was issued by the national organization in 1916 to Toledo, Ohio. At one point in the early days, there were as many as 2,000 Girl Scout councils throughout the country delivering Girl Scout program to girls. Resources

have been organized and consolidated over the years and there are approximately 140 councils today. A nationwide realignment began in 2006 and is expected to be completed by the end of 2009. The final number of councils is anticipated to be 109.

Girl Scouts published a very popular magazine for young girls from 1917-1979 called *The American Girl* (called *The*

since 1912, but the first sale of commercially-baked Girl Scout Cookies took place in the Philadelphia council in 1936. The two most popular Girl Scout Cookies have always been the shortbread Trefoil and the Thin Mint.

Over the years, Juliette Gordon Low and the Girl Scouts have been honored by outside organizations in many ways. A World War II Liberty

Ship was named in Juliette Low's honor in 1944. In 1948 a three-cent commemorative stamp honoring Juliette Low was issued by the United States Post Office. In 1962 and again in 1987 the US Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp honoring Girl Scouts. Juliette Low's portrait hangs in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington,

DC, and a Federal Building has been named for her in Savannah, Georgia.

Girl Scouts of the United States of America was reincorporated under Congressional charter in March 1950.

*Rally* from 1917-1920). It is considered a "classic" of its era and is still available on microfilm from the University of Michigan. Girl Scouts still publishes *The Girl Scout Leader* magazine for all adult members. It began publication in 1921 as *Field News*.

Girl Scouts have probably sold cookies as a program activity



### ATTENTION: Troop Leaders, parents, Cadettes – Ambassadors.

Take part in a panel discussion with business women at the Women's Leadership Forum, March 11. For more info visit [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org).



**A HEARTY “thank-you” to the SHARE Coordinators and volunteers who attended the January 21 SHARE meeting at the Seton Service Center. Attendees shared successes and opportunities within their respective Service Units and exchanged suggestions for improving processes, collateral materials and the SHARE message.**

**GSCM’s second quarter is soon ending and we are half way through the fiscal year. Yes, that’s right – there are only a few months left to work together to meet our SHARE goal of \$150,000. Together we can make this happen! Fabulous news -- Girl Scout families and “Friends of Girl Scouting” have donated \$95,443 in support of SHARE. Even BETTER news...the number of families participating has increased by 5% to over 5,700 gifts. This is a wonderful milestone, as it is not only the total dollar amount raised that is important, but also the percentage of Girl Scout families and friends who participate. High participation sends a strong message to the external community – Girl Scout families are doing their part to support the Girl Scout mission for all girls in central Maryland!**

## SHARE WITH EARLY BIRD

Early Bird is a critical time of year for SHARE. SHARE Coordinators are gearing up to make presentations to parents and leaders about the importance of donating to SHARE. The emphasis is, as always, to encourage all families to make a gift at whatever level is comfortable for them. All gifts – whether \$25 or \$100 – are important and positively impact Girl Scouting in central Maryland. With only 20% of families donating to SHARE to date, imagine if we could increase participation to at least 30%

and what that could mean for our girls.

All Early Bird packets contain 10 to 15 SHARE and Matching Gift Brochures. Matching Gifts mean free money for our girls. You read it correctly--FREE MONEY! Many employers will match gifts made by an employee to a non-profit organization of their choice. Stop by your organizations’ Human Resources department to see if you can double your gift to SHARE.



## ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

Are you hesitant to make “The Ask” for SHARE or not sure how to promote it in your Service Unit? Please plan to attend the Annual Spring Conference on March 28 and register for SHARE. This workshop will provide tools and resources on how to communicate the importance of SHARE to leaders and parents and encourage participation in this invaluable annual fund. Topics of discussion will include: understanding an annual fund; what SHARE marketing materials are available and how to use them effectively; how to incorporate SHARE into already existing Troop and SU activities and, how to use the SHARE message to reach families.

On behalf of the nearly 30,000 girls GSCM serves, THANK YOU! Need ideas on how GSCM can support your SHARE efforts? Feel free to call Niakea Cheese, Annual Fund Manager at 410-358-9711 x 225 or [ncheese@gscm.org](mailto:ncheese@gscm.org).

# Recruitment TIPS

- **Looking to reach a different audience – try flyers on car windshields at sporting events, entertainment events, and even the mall. (Be sure to check local ordinances before distributing.)**
- **Check with local movie theaters about handing out Girl Scout material at the premier of a new kids' movie.**
- **Connect with childcare centers that offer before or after school care.**
- **Ask apartment rental offices about distributing recruitment material or conducting a Girl Scout Open House.**
- **Sponsor a Mother/Daughter or My Best Friend event for potential members.**

## CHECK THIS OUT:

**She Matters Girls' Empowerment Conference & Expo**  
Food, Fun, Workshops and Vendors. There is an expected attendance of 1,500 girls ages 9 to 17, their parents, coaches, teachers and mentors!

**When:** May 6, 2009  
9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Where:** New Town High School  
4931 New Town Boulevard  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

**Fee:** \$25.00 if you register by March 30, 2009  
\$35.00 after March 30, 2009

The She Matters Too mission is to inspire, cater to, and showcase female accomplishments. The goal for the She Matters Conference is that every girl will leave the conference empowered to embrace life, face challenges, pursue her dreams and fulfill her destiny.

Register online at: [www.shematterstoo.com](http://www.shematterstoo.com)

# GIRL SCOUT URBAN LEGENDS

Urban Legends have been around for years, and with the internet, they seem to be more widespread. Unfortunately, urban legends exist in Girl Scouting, so we're introducing this new column to help clear up myths or misinformation. First of all, don't believe everything you read on the internet – unless the information is from GSUSA or GSCM. We know everyone means well, but sometimes information might not be totally factual. If you're in doubt or not sure of the source, check with your Membership Specialist. If you have any urban legends to share, please send them to [vbrooks@gscm.org](mailto:vbrooks@gscm.org).

## THE GIRL SCOUT PIN

**Legend:** When you wear your pin, you are in uniform.

The Girl Scout membership pin indicates membership in the organization, but it does not signify that you are in uniform. There are uniform components at each age level that girls and adults are entitled to wear when they become members. Although wearing the uniform is encouraged, it is not required

to be a Girl Scout. As per GSUSA, effective October 1, 2008, official dress is expected when Girl Scouts participate in ceremonies or when officially representing the Girl Scout movement. (This would be official ceremonies in the community at large.)

For more information on uniforms, see *Safety Wise*, page 68.

## GIRL SCOUT DRIVERS

**Legend:** All drivers must be registered Girl Scouts.

All individuals driving for Girl Scout trips/events must show proof of a current driver's license and vehicle insurance. Although drivers are not required to be registered Girl Scouts, we hope that they would consider becoming

members in support of the Girl Scout organization. For more information on trips and travel, please see *Safety Wise*, Chapter 5 and the Girl Scout Resource Packet for Trips and Travel (02-828) available through our Volunteer Resource Center.

# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

March 9 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Seton Service Center  
Baltimore

March 17 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church  
Severna Park

March 21 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Our Lady of Grace  
Parkton

## DAISY TRAINING

March 24 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church  
Severna Park

March 25 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Seton Service Center  
Baltimore

## BROWNIE TRAINING

March 21 1 – 4 p.m.  
Our Lady of Grace  
Parkton

March 24 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church  
Severna Park

March 25 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Seton Service Center  
Baltimore

## JUNIOR TRAINING

March 24 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church  
Severna Park

March 25 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Seton Service Center  
Baltimore

## TEEN TRAINING

March 24 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church  
Severna Park

**Need a location address?  
Find it online at:**

[www.gscm.org/facilities.html](http://www.gscm.org/facilities.html)

**Want more  
opportunities for  
training & development?  
See a complete list  
online at:**

[www.gscm.org/training.html](http://www.gscm.org/training.html)

## Register for Training Online:

**Step 1:** From [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org) select [volunteers](#), then select [training](#). This will take you to the training page.

**Step 2:** On the training page, select: [Register for Training](#). This will take you to the GSCM registration page.

**Step 4:** The register online page has a variety of links to ways to get involved with Girl Scouts, you'll want the link that says:

[E-Council/Online Registration: Programs, Camps, Events & Training](#)

This will launch E-Council. Please be sure to disable your pop-up blockers. The page may not automatically appear on your screen, but may be located in the bottom tool bar.

**Step 5:** When you reach the E-Council page, select [Adult Training](#). This will take you to the calendar pages that list all the current trainings. This is where you can locate and register for all the adult training courses being offered. We encourage you to select confirmation by e-mail when registering for courses.

*Please note: Our online calendar will have the most current information available. Additional trainings may be added as needs are identified. Information and registration for trainings for girls such as Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award, Program Aide, etc. can be found in GS411 and on the program registration site.*

You can also access the register online page throughout the site via this icon:



## FRIENDSHIP PIN

This year we launched a recruitment and retention program for adults, the Volunteer Friendship Pin. The purpose of the program is to welcome and mentor new adults into Girl Scouting. Participants are reminded that the form needs to be

completed by March 15 and approved by your Service Unit Manager or her/his designee. Applications must be returned to GSCM by March 31. If you would like a copy of the requirements, please contact the Volunteer Resource Center, [vrc@gscm.org](mailto:vrc@gscm.org).

# HOME STUDIES

**Our Home Studies are in need of some major revisions and updates and we want to make them more user friendly. In order to accomplish this, we will need to discontinue use for a few months. Effective March 1, Home Studies will not be available as we work to improve them for volunteer use. We anticipate having them ready for the fall with a target date of August 1.**

**Volunteers may still order the Home Studies up until the end of February and are asked to complete them within three (3) weeks. To register, please visit our online calendar and go to the January 2009 page. The courses are listed on January 1, 2009. Volunteers without internet access may request a Home Study registration form from the VRC.**

## CHECK THIS OUT:

**Girl Scout Days at Camden Yards**  
(and it's plush cow night!)

**When:** May 30, 7:05 p.m.  
(game starts 7:05 p.m.)

**Where:** Oriole Park at Camden Yards

**Tickets:** \$13 per person. Girl Scout admission includes a patch packet program and FREE patch!

Watch for more details, registration opens SOON!

# VRC CORNER

## **Q: What is the Volunteer Resource Center?**

**A:** The VRC is full of forms, handouts, GSCM Patch Packets, and much more....all at NO CHARGE to you as it is supported by your SHARE donations. Much of the information available in the VRC is available online at **www.gscm.org/volunteerresources.html**.

We also have books, videotapes, DVDs, CD's, flags and other materials available for you to borrow.

### **Questions?**

Contact **Sue Crue**  
410.359.9711, ext. 201

Celebrate Girl Scout Week, March 7-14 and participate in the VRC Program Patch Packet of the month, BRING A FRIEND.

This patch program is designed to encourage Girl Scouts at all levels to share the Girl Scout experience with their friends and to show them all that Girl Scouting offers.

You can encourage your girls to bring a friend to a Troop/ Group meeting or activity. Request the patch packet #04-1133 from the Volunteer Resource Center or you can download this patch program from our website.

## **ADULT RECOGNITION COMMITTEE REMINDER!**

Spring deadline for the following member awards review is February 28, 2009.

Forms are available through the Volunteer Resource Center.

### **GSUSA Appreciation Pin**

Outstanding service to the whole service team.

### **GSUSA Honor Pin**

Outstanding service to two or more service units.

### **GSUSA Thanks Badge**

Outstanding service to the council.

### **GSUSA Thanks Badge II**

Must have received the Thanks Badge and has contributed outstanding service to the council or national organization.

### **Need help? Have questions?**

Consult a committee member in your area. The current committee roster is available from the VRC ([vrcc@gscm.org](mailto:vrcc@gscm.org)).

## **VOLUNTEER SCAVENGER HUNT DEADLINE EXTENDED**

In December, Service Units were invited to participate in a Volunteer Scavenger Hunt with prizes to be awarded at the Service Team Conference in March. The deadline for the scavenger hunt has been extended to March 15. It's not too late to participate and not all parts of the scavenger hunt need to be completed in order to submit your entry. Although the Scavenger Hunt prizes will be awarded to Service Units, we invite troops to take the lead if your Service Team has not organized its participation. For more information about how you can participate, please contact your Membership Specialist or Shawnda Cooke – [scooke@gscm.org](mailto:scooke@gscm.org).

**SAVE THE DATE & REGISTER TODAY!**

## **Spring Service Team Conference**

March 28, 2009

The Spring Service Team Conference, being held at the College of Notre Dame, is rapidly approaching. Please plan to join fellow Service Team members, trainers, and interested volunteers as we explore topics to help in the development of Service Units. Workshop information will include Service Unit Manager training, staffing your service team, event planning, Journeys information and much more. Spring Conference information is available through your Membership Specialists or the Volunteer Resource Center. Online registration is encouraged. We hope to see you there!

**LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN & MEN!  
SUPPORT OUR NEW VOLUNTEERS**

## **Become a Trainer**

We are looking for trainers! Our current trainers have been doing a wonderful job this year, but in order to meet the training needs of our volunteers, they need some help. As a volunteer trainer you will empower others through your training sessions and workshops. Whether you're interested in conducting training in outdoor programs, specific age levels, or specific workshops, we need you. To learn more, we invite you to attend the Trainers Open House, on Tuesday, April 14 at Seton Service Center from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Valerie Brooks  
[vbrooks@gscm.org](mailto:vbrooks@gscm.org)  
410.358.9711, ext. 220.

# PROGRAM **services**

## **Maryland Aviation Museum Event**

### *Women's History Month Event*

On Saturday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum will be presenting a day of fun with flight to celebrate Women's History Month. "Women in Flight," a packaged day of programming geared to students in grades 4 through high school; includes hands-on activities, museum tours, a presentation on Amelia Earhart with award winning actress Mary Ann Jung, a panel of Rosie the Riveters sharing stories of their work experiences during World War II, and presentations on careers in aviation and aerospace. Time is scheduled to eat the brown bag lunches attendees bring with them. The Program Fee for students is \$10. Adults are \$5 and parking is free. Reservations are required. The Museum is located at Martin State Airport, 701 Wilson Point Road, Middle River, Maryland. This event is supported by the Baltimore County Executive, County Council and the Baltimore County Commission on Arts and Sciences. For reservations and additional information, contact the Museum's Education Department at GLMMuseumPR@aol.com or at 410.682.6122.

## **Annual Scout Mass**

### *March 1, 2009*

The Archdiocese of Baltimore will hold its annual Scout Mass on Sunday, March 1, 2009 at 2:00 PM at St. Philip Neri Parish. This year's Scout Mass patch features an image of the San Domiano Cross which is the one St. Francis of Assisi was praying with before he received his commission from the Lord to rebuild the Church. The patches must be pre-ordered and are \$3 each. The patches will be distributed to your representative before the Archdiocesan Scout Mass at St. Philip Neri.

## **HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY SAFEWAY PARTNERSHIP**

We have been busy bees putting together opportunities for your troop to help fight hunger in Maryland by participating in Harvest for the Hungry food collection efforts at select area Safeway Stores. The chart below shows the stores which are participating. Now, all you need to do is contact Sherry Dowdell, Program Specialist at [sdowdell@gscm.org](mailto:sdowdell@gscm.org) and she will coordinate the opportunity for you! The time slots available are Friday, March 6 (6 p.m. – 9 p.m.) and Saturday March 7 (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.; 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.; 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.)

Please email us today to schedule your troop!

### Locations Available – Space Limited!

#### **Baltimore City**

5660 Baltimore Nat'l Pike  
Baltimore, 21228

2610 Boston St.  
Baltimore, 21224

2401 N. Charles St.  
Baltimore, 21218

4401 Harford Road  
Baltimore, 21214

1205 W. Pratt Street  
Baltimore, 21223

#### **Baltimore County**

10335 Reisterstown Road  
Owings Mills, 21117

201 Reisterstown Rd  
Pikesville, 21208

8858 Waltham Woods Road  
Carney, 21234

#### **Howard County**

4370 Montgomery Rd.  
Ellicott City, 21043

#3 Normandy Shop. Ctr.  
Ellicott City, 21043

5485a Harpers Farm Road  
Columbia, 21044

8775 Cloudleap Court  
Columbia, 21045

14100 Baltimore Ave.  
Laurel, 20707

#### **Carroll County**

444 West Md College Dr  
Westminster, 21158

337 East Ridgeville Blvd.  
Mt. Airy, 21771

1313 Londontowne Blvd  
Eldersburg, 21784

#### **Harford County**

225-0 Brier Hill Drive  
Bel Air, 21015

#### **Anne Arundel County**

1781 Forest Drive  
Annapolis, 21401

2635 Housley Road  
Annapolis, 21401

1451 S. Ritchie Hwy.  
Arnold, 21012

52 West Central Avenue  
Edgewater, 21037

2644 Chapel Lake Drive  
Gambriels, 21054

4211 Mountain Road  
Pasadena, 21122

# OUTDOOR programs

## CHECK THIS OUT:

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland will be holding its second biennial Teen Encampment May 1-3, 2009 at Camp Conowingo. We are looking for Girl Scouts ages 11-17 to be a part of the Planning Committee. This encampment will be completely organized and run by the committee members.

As a member of the Teen Encampment Planning Committee you will attend meetings, complete small take home projects and of course, attend the Teen Encampment. The meetings will be held once a month; potentially twice a month in the spring at the Seton Service Center. This is a great opportunity to participate in leadership development, team-building activities, and be a part of creating a Council-wide event while making new friends.

If you would like to be a part of the Planning Committee or have any questions, please contact Abby Neyenhouse (Mad River) at [aneyenhouse@gscm.org](mailto:aneyenhouse@gscm.org) or by phone at 410.358.9711.

## CHECK THIS OUT:

**Come Sail Away Spring Date now open for registration!**

**Fee:** \$80

**Who:** Juniors and Teens

**When:** Sat., May 30 – Sun., May 31, 2009  
9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Inner Harbor, Pier 5, Baltimore  
(Overnight at Camp Whippoorwill)

Join the GSCM Outdoor Program Staff and the Living Classrooms Foundation on a two-day sailing adventure from the Baltimore Inner Harbor to Camp Whippoorwill on the Magothy River and back to Baltimore. Meet at Pier 5 in Baltimore in the morning and spend your day learning about Maryland's waterways and ecosystems while sailing on two of the Living Classrooms historic vessels. You will then continue your journey by boat to Camp Whippoorwill where you will spend the night before heading back up to the Baltimore Inner Harbor the next day. Cost includes two meals on Saturday, two meals on Sunday, overnight camping and two days of sailing.



## Great Adventures start soon!

Are you looking for fun and affordable opportunities for girls? Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has what you are looking for. The new GREAT ADVENTURES PASSPORT lists the names of all program opportunities

along with the cost for the program.

Where can you go today and receive the program options we offer for such low prices – only at GSCM!

Register Today! Registration is just a CLICK away! Spread the word, summer fun is just around the corner!

## CHECK THIS OUT:

**Volunteers Needed!  
Are you a horseback riding enthusiasts?**

We are actively seeking people who are interested in working with the Manager, Outdoor Programs to update and improve the Horse program offered at Camp Conowingo. If you would like to work with the Manager, Outdoor Programs to share your knowledge of horses and create new and exciting programs that will help girls learn more about horses, please contact **Chris Garrett** to become a part of the horse programming Task Group.

**Chris Garrett:** [cgarrett@gscm.org](mailto:cgarrett@gscm.org)  
410.949.6044



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Calling all volunteers who wish to help with Rainforests at Camp Woodlands and/or Camp Oregon Ridge - Pioneer Camp. Your daughter will be eligible to attend for free. Responsibilities include being on the committee to develop the program and working the week of camp. Contact Chris Garrett at [cgarrett@gscm.org](mailto:cgarrett@gscm.org) or by telephone 410.949.6044. Council-Supported Day Camps 2009 are planned and facilitated by dedicated GSCM Volunteers.

# GET YOUR PASSPORT to GREAT ADVENTURES!

### Session 1

June 22 – June 25, 2009

Teddy & Me  
(Girls entering Grades 2nd & 3rd as per Safety-Wise)

Junior Explorers  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Conowingo Chillin'  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Kayak Fun  
(Ages 11-13)

Choose Your Own Adventure  
(Ages 11-13)

Project Green Camp  
(Ages 13-17)

Chesapeake Sails  
(Ages 13-17)

### Session 2

June 28 – July 3, 2009

Mini Camp, Sessions A & B  
(Girls entering Grades 2nd & 3rd as per Safety-Wise)

We Want It All  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Mermaid's Delight  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Pony Tails  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Democracy Now  
(Ages 11-13)

Rocks, Ropes & Rappelling  
(Ages 11-13)

Tough Girls Trek  
(Ages 11-13)

Whitewater Experience  
(Ages 13-17)

### Session 3

July 5 – July 10, 2009

Under the Sea  
(Girls entering Grades 2nd & 3rd as per Safety-Wise)

Dreamcatchers  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Backwoodz Girlz  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Saddles, Paddles & Arrows  
(Grades 4 & 5)

Project Conowingo  
(Ages 11-13)

H2O Explosion  
(Ages 11-13)

Rough Riders  
(Ages 11-13)

Underwater Adventure  
(Ages 13-17)

Wild Horses  
(Ages 13-17)

## Day Camps

### Rainforests at Camp Woodlands

July 6 – July 10  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Daily  
Cost: \$135

Come to Camp Woodlands and learn about Rainforests and the animals that live there. Find out how we can protect our rainforest. Bus service will be available for this camp. Information will be sent out by newsletter; Membership Specialists and via the website.

### Camp Oregon Ridge—Pioneer Camp

July 20 – 24  
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Daily  
Cost: \$135

Create rubbings of animal tracks pioneers might have encountered on their trek. Pan for gold, learn to play games from pioneer times; make your very own corn husk doll. Also learn how to lash various items for use at camp, swim at the Oregon Ridge Quarry and visit the Nature Center. Bus service will be available for this camp. Information will be sent out by newsletter, Membership Specialists, and via the website.



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We are thrilled to share that we are doing our part to REDUCE! REUSE! And RECYCLE! That's right; Girl Scouts is stepping it up and GOING GREEN by reducing the size and format of our Great Adventures publication!

### Spirit of America

#### Harford Area Day Camp - Camp Conowingo

June 22 – 26, 2009  
Cost \$98

Girls entering 1st-7th grades in fall 2009

For more information and registration forms contact your Harford County Troop Leader, GSCM VRC, the Harford Area Day Camp website: [www.geocities.com/gscdaycamp](http://www.geocities.com/gscdaycamp), 410.638.9122 or by e-mail at: [gscdaycamp@yahoo.com](mailto:gscdaycamp@yahoo.com).

### Carnivale in the Park

#### Girl Scout Day Camp at Piney Run

June 22 – June 26, 2009  
Cost \$100

Girls entering K-5th grades in fall 2009

Registration forms are available now via e-mail: Leader Day Camp [gscdcrp@yahoo.com](mailto:gscdcrp@yahoo.com), by mail: Girl Scout Day Camp at Piney Run P.O. Box 135 Eldersburg, MD 21784-0135 or contact Bonnie Cooney by telephone, 410.549.7396 or 410.442.1247.

### Great American Adventure

#### Howard County Day Camp at Camp Ilchester

Session I: June 29 – July 2, 2009

Cost: \$80 (Session I)

Session II: July 6 – 10, 2009

Cost: \$100 (Session II)

Visit [www.gshcdc.org](http://www.gshcdc.org) or GSCM VRC for further information.

# PRODUCT sales

## **Sweet Success Program begins February 20, 2009 and there's still time to participate!**

Nuts, candy and two magazine value vouchers are another opportunity for girls to earn funding while developing business and life skills. The Nuts for Knowledge Program packet is filled with exciting and fun activities to help your troop set goals, learn new skills and achieve success. It's quick, easy and troop funds arrive in time for spring and summer girl adventures! All GSCM profits from the sale go directly to camp and property improvements. Contact Terry Mercer, Product Sales Manager for more details or to sign-up to participate. Terry can be reached at 410.358.9711 extension 227 or email [tmercerc@gscm.org](mailto:tmercerc@gscm.org).

## **2008-2009 Cookie Program Update:**

"Imagine if...we could change the world" and girls in central Maryland did just that!

More girls participating and creatively using their imagination increased sales by 3.6%; selling a total of 1,654,308 boxes.

Troops retained more than \$900,961 in their troop

treasuries for activities, trips and service projects. Every penny from every box sold stays right here to help girls in central Maryland have the opportunity to experience Girl Scouts while developing courage, confidence and character.

**What you have imagined, you have achieved ~ Congratulations and thank you!**

## **The Cookie Finale**

The Cookie Finale will be held Saturday, April 4, 2009, 9 a.m. at 1<sup>st</sup> Mariner Arena where GSCM's top selling girls, top selling troops and the 151 members of the 500+ Club will enjoy and be a part of the greatest show on earth with Ringling Bros. & Barnum Bailey's "Over the Top" Circus Spectacular. We will also have the laptop drawing and crown our 2008-2009 Cookie Princess! Qualified girls will receive details and tickets in the mail shortly.

**\*\* Everyone is welcome to attend to cheer for the honorees. Discount tickets to the Cookie Finale and Circus are available for purchase through [www.simplytixs.com/scouts](http://www.simplytixs.com/scouts) - don't miss out on a really BIG show!**



## **Operation U.S. Mint Update:**

Thanks to all the troops and donors who made Operation U.S. Mint a huge success. Girls in central Maryland solicited donations from June through January to provide cookies to soldiers. This year's service project contributed 13,969 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies, which were delivered to the Metro/USO at BWI Marshall Airport.

Thanks to everyone who imagined you could change the world! You truly made a difference.



# JULIETTE'S CLOSET

## Seton Hours:

Sun. Closed  
Mon. Closed  
Tues. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Fri.\* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Sat. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Ilchester Hours

Sun. Closed  
Mon. Closed  
Tues. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Wed. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Thurs. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Fri.\* 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\*Closed the third Friday of every month.

## Specials – February 2009

- It's not too late! World Thinking Day is February 22 so don't forget to come to Juliette's Closet and see what kind of merchandise is available this month. World Thinking Day 2009 patches are available for \$1.00.
- **Trefoil Round the World CD Rom (\$23.75)**  
Provides information on Girl Scouts around the world. Stop on by one of the GSCM stores to pick up a copy!
- **Black History Month**  
Stop in and see the wide variety of patches celebrating black history. Including Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks and more! Come and see!
- 50% off SALE on selected items in the store, for a limited time only. When merchandise is gone, so is the sale! So hurry in! Sale includes T-shirts, hats, plush toys, and tights. Get here before it's too late!

## Specials – March 2009

- Celebrate our Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Awardees! Juliette's Closet now has a variety of Girl Scout Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award items for girls and their parents. New, car magnets only \$5. Girl Scout Bronze Award necklaces \$11. Girl Scout Bronze Award memory book \$12. Also Girl Scout Silver or Gold Award Shadow box or Music box now \$9.99, regular price \$24 – \$35.
- **Go Green!**  
Come see the new items we will have for Girl Scouts "Go Green." Check out our website for the cool new rain barrel! All proceeds will benefit the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center at Camp Ilchester.
- Free Shipping for Internet Orders ONLY placed between March 20 – 25

## Who's Who at GSCM?

Have a question about product sales but not sure who to call? Want to share a kind word about the Membership Specialist assigned to your area but you have no idea who to contact? Well now all of this information will be at your fingertips! Effective February 5, 2009, the GSCM organizational chart was published on our new website in the About Us section. If you want to get to know more about our staff or just place a name with a role, please feel free to check us out.

### Staff News

GSCM welcomes Ann Green – Director of Membership/ Volunteer Services on February 23, 2009. Prior to taking this position, Ann served as the VP of Membership, Program and Volunteer Development at Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson in Eastern New York. Before that she was the CEO of Girl Scouts of Rockland County, also located in New York. Ann is intimately acquainted with membership and volunteers and excited to bring her wealth of knowledge to our Council. We look forward to having Ann on board and anticipate that she will be a great asset and resource to our entire staff.

### Life is a Journey ...not a Destination!

Please join us in the celebration of Camp Ranger, Jim Gerleve, as he retires from Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. After 13 years of dedicated service and support Jim (AKA Devil Dog) and his lovely wife, Patty, have decided it is time to travel and enjoy quality time together. Jim has

contributed in so many ways to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and he has done an incredible job of maintaining and improving services and facilities at Camp Conowingo. We will greatly miss him but we are happy that he and his family are off on a new journey!

**You are cordially invited to join us on Sunday, March 29, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., at Bell Manor located at Camp Conowingo to share your fond memories of Jim, Camp Conowingo and Bell Manor.**

Jim has promised to keep in touch and to volunteer for us in the future so for now we will say "so long" to Jim and we'll see him soon!

We hope that you can join us to thank him for his many years of service to Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

**Refreshments Provided. Kindly RSVP at [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org) through our online reservation system.**