



Girl Scouts®

# Volunteer News

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**Girl Scouts of Central Maryland wishes a very Happy New Year to you and your families! May this year bring many opportunities and successes to explore the joy of life while turning your dreams into reality. As we embark on a new year we are reminded of how grateful we are to our volunteers who give so generously of their time, talents and treasures! Thank you for all you do – YOU make a difference in the lives of girls!**

## World Thinking Day 2009 (February 22)

Each year on February 22, girls participate in activities, games and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. The theme for World Thinking Day 2009 is girls worldwide say “we can stop the spread of AIDS, malaria and other diseases.” World Thinking Day is part of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme (GAT) based on the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which aim to improve the lives of the world’s poorest people.

This year, girls voted and selected Costa Rica, Fiji, Ireland, Jordan and Kenya to represent the five regions of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)—Western Hemisphere, Asia/Pacific, Europe, the Arab region and Africa. See the 2009 World Thinking Day Country Resources (PDF, 280KB) available on GSUSA’s web site. World Thinking Day not only gives girls a chance to celebrate international friendships, but it is also a reminder that Girl Scouts of the USA is part of a global community—one of nearly 150 countries with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. On the local front – Resources to Go – is available through the Volunteer Resource Center or our web site, <http://www.gscm.org/adults/patchpacket.htm>.

### Wondering what to do for Thinking Day on Feb. 22?

– Discover what WAGGGS is all about by working on GSCM’s own Program Packet,

– BE A PARTNER WITH THE WORLD. This Patch Program highlights the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) and is designed to help girls and adults learn about the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This program highlights the WAGGGS membership by region, gives information

about the World Centers, the World Song, and has games and resources from around the world as well as information on World Thinking Day. The patch is available for purchase at the GSCM Store.

– Discover one of the four World Centers in the Program Packets BE A PARTNER WITH THE WORLD, Our Cabana in Mexico, Our Chalet in Switzerland, Pax Lodge in England, or Sangam in India. These patch packets highlight one of the four World Centers. Girls and adults are

introduced to information about the individual world center and are encouraged to participate in activities that broaden their cultural knowledge and allow them to learn about the Juliette Low Friendship Fund and WAGGGS as well as information on World Thinking Day.

Patches are available for purchase at the GSCM Store.

– Looking for a great event to do with your troop? Attend GSCM’s World Thinking Day Event!



### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

#### Around the World on Thinking Day

Fee: \$7

Who: All Levels

When: Sat., Feb. 21, 2009  
Noon – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Loyola College

Registration Ends: Feb. 13

Celebrate this international Girl Scout holiday with Girl Scouts from all across central Maryland! Food, music, dance, and fun! Representatives of countries from around the globe will share their cultures and traditions throughout the afternoon. Don’t miss this phenomenal Thinking Day celebration, which is all planned for you!

#### Interested?

Register online [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org)

#### Questions?

Ask Frances Torres

410.358.9711, extension 265

[ftorres@gscm.org](mailto:ftorres@gscm.org)

# NASA EXPLORE

Do you want to learn more about Earth's remote Polar Regions?

Do you want to bring icy activities into the programs you offer?

If you answered **YES**, NASA Explore! Ice Worlds is just for you! Explore! Ice Worlds is a suite of hands-on inquiry activities designed to be used with children ages 8 to 13 in celebration of the International Polar Year. Developed by the Lunar and Planetary Institute and funded by NASA, the activities are designed for the informal learning environment, including libraries, after-school programs, and museums – and they work well in elementary classrooms, too! All activities are tied to National Science Education Standards, and all use inexpensive materials that are easy to find. Children will learn while having fun!



## Go Online!

Check out these fun activities:

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/ice/activities/>

## FREE WEBCAST TRAINING

If you are an educator interested in this exciting opportunity sign-up for free webcast training for Explore! Ice Worlds, please register with Katy Buckaloo [buckaloo@lpi.usra.edu](mailto:buckaloo@lpi.usra.edu) or call 281.486.2106.

Training occurs in either one four (4) hour session or over three (3) separate one-and-a-half hour sessions, spaced a week apart. A complete training session includes discussion with a NASA polar scientist and demonstrations of the Explore! Ice Worlds activities. All you need is a phone and access to the Internet. Only five (5) more training sessions are scheduled - sign up today!

Thurs., Jan. 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 10, 17 and 24, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 12, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Wed., March 4, 2009 at 1:00 p.m.

Participants completing the training receive a certificate for four professional development hours and are eligible for drawings for Earth and space resources. Join us! Share the experience with colleagues! Bring Explore! Ice Worlds into your programs!

### Interested?

Register with **Katy Buckaloo**  
281.486.2106  
[buckaloo@lpi.usra.edu](mailto:buckaloo@lpi.usra.edu)



## Go Online!

Registering for program events is just a click away:  
<http://www.gscm.org>



## HARVEST FOR THE HUNGRY CAMPAIGN

Girls in central Maryland have yet another great way to **CONNECT** to the community at large by participating in the annual Harvest for the Hungry Campaign.

Announcing Harvest for the Hungry Partnership with select Safeway Food Stores.

Most people think about helping those in need during the holidays. Local Girl Scouts think beyond the holidays and understand that hunger knows no boundaries and that people are in need throughout the year! Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is pleased to announce that a new partnership opportunity with many Safeway stores is available for girls and troops to help those in need through the Harvest for the Hungry Campaign. This unique partnership helps girls put service in action as they collect food for the Maryland Food Bank.

We are in the process of setting up a weekend of food collection tables at select

Safeway stores. Save the dates of March 6th and 7th and consider filling a time slot to pass out fliers and collect food for those in need of food.

The full schedule will be available later this month, if you are interested in this awesome opportunity, please email Sherry Dowdell at [sdowdell@gscm.org](mailto:sdowdell@gscm.org) for more information. Help show that Girl Scouts of Central Maryland cares about and supports our community at large! Girls will earn service hours and don't forget - top collecting troops are eligible to win a fantastic gift basket (top collecting troops are based on the average pounds of food collected per girl.) Food collected at booths should be added to your report form - what a great way to boost your totals!

So email today to get on the list! You'll be glad you did!

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland - proud to be part of combating hunger in Maryland!



# IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO GO FOR THE GOLD!



## **What?** Girl Scout Gold Award the highest award for girls (ages 14 – 18)



The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout 14 -18 may earn. Someone once described the Girl Scout Gold Award as being “what you really want to be remembered for” in Girl Scouting. For many, the leadership skills, organizational skills, and sense of community and commitment that come from “going for the Gold” set the foundation for a lifetime of active citizenship.



### **The Gold Award Project**

The Gold Award project is the culmination of all the work a girl puts into “going for the Gold.” It is something about which a girl is passionate – in thought, deed, and action. The project is something that fulfills a need within a girl’s community (whether local or global), creates change, and hopefully, is something that becomes ongoing. If it is an event, the event should be something that people will want to continue for the next year. If it is a service, it should be something that creates change or action with long-term possibilities, empowering others besides just the girl. If it is something tangible, it should come with a plan for use and maintenance within the community. The project is more than a good service project—it encompasses organizational, leadership, and networking skills. If a group of girls work on the project together, each girl must be responsible for a specific part of the project and must evaluate her participation as an individual and a member of the group.



Who can earn the Girl Scout Gold Award?

- Registered girls between ages 14 -18 or grade 9 – 12 (for Steps 1-3)
- Girls must be 15 - 18 or grades 10 –12 to start on steps 4–7
- Projects must be completed by September 30 following the girl’s senior year in high school



**Encourage girls in your area to GO FOR THE GOLD!**



**This year, girls who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award will be honored at Michael’s 8th Avenue in Glen Burnie, Maryland  
Sunday, April 26 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



## FIND IT AT THE VRC

The following VRC items are available for you to borrow:

### – Traveling Trunks

The Girl Scout History and Archives Committee of GSCM organized traveling trunks which contain uniforms, handbooks, and other publications to help Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors to learn about the history of Girl Scouting.

### – VHS/DVDs

Four World Center, GS Uniforms, Golden Eaglet, World Centers, Silver Jubilee and many more!

### – Books:

The Four World Centers, Trefoil Around the World, Paper Dolls and many more.

### – 8' World Flags and Table Top

Flags of other countries are available for ceremonies.

### – Paper Dolls

This resource is available for each girl free of charge from the VRC. This resource includes paper dolls for girls to cut out along with uniforms from around the world for the girls to color and cut.

Note that all of the above items mentioned for borrowing are limited and need to be reserved in advance.

### Interested?

Contact **Sue Crue**  
410.358.9711  
VRC@gscm.org



*The Clementine Peterson Activity Center at Camp Ilchester*

## COMING SOON TO THE CLEMENTINE PETERSON ACTIVITY CENTER

## MINI VRC

Effective February 1, 2009 GSCM is opening a Mini VRC just for YOU! This new self-serve area will be located just outside the multi-purpose room in the small kitchen area.

There will be limited supplies of all VRC forms and Patch Packets. If you need a large quantity (50 or more) of any one item, please submit your request for the materials from the VRC located at the Seton Service Center. We will be happy to deliver your order/request to the Clementine Peterson Activity Center for pick-up.

To borrow items such as flags, traveling suit cases, cookie costumes etc., please contact the VRC at the Seton Service Center. Advanced reservation for these items is necessary. These items are only available for check-out through the Service Center location in Baltimore.

### New Engineering Innovation Website

<http://engineering-innovation.jhu.edu>

Learn to think and problem-solve like an engineer while earning Johns Hopkins University credit. Visit the website for:

- Program sites and dates
- Admissions requirements and forms
- Course information
- Answers to frequently asked questions
- Brochures and posters

Call Engineering Innovation at 866.493.0517 to schedule a visit at your school. Johns Hopkins University, 3400 North Charles Street, Maryland Hall 221, Baltimore, MD 21218.

## RESOURCE: THINKING DAY PASSPORTS

Thinking Day is observed on the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, and marks the day on which Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world think of each other and exchange greetings. Some troops and Service Units celebrate by "visiting" various WAGGGS countries at a program event sharing information about geography, food, Girl Guide activities, weather, etc. Occasionally, Girl Scouts like to make "Passports" to record the countries they have visited. Here are some sites that share information on making passports for Thinking Day.

### Making passports for World Thinking Day?

Check out these sites:

#### Passport Covers

17 different cover designs for you choose from and print.  
<http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/SubPages/PassportsThkDay.htm>

#### Passport Interior

A pdf download of the passport interior for you to print, cut and assemble.  
<http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/Documents/TDpassportI.pdf>

#### Passport Page Pattern

A passport page pattern for you to print and use.  
<http://www.abcteach.com/countries/passport.htm>

#### Passport Printable

Passport patterns and assembly instructions.  
<http://www.printmini.com/printables/passports/passportp.shtml>

# MEMBERSHIP & VOLUNTEER SERVICES

## **SUPER TROOP PATCH PROGRAM**

**Purpose:** To recognize troops who achieved the highest standards of program, planning, participation and organization.

**Procedure:** Troops and groups accumulate points by completing activities listed in the program. Each activity counts toward only one requirement.

Activities must be completed between September 1, 2008 and April 15, 2009.

The application for the Super Troop Patch Program must be approved by the Service Unit Manager or other designated adult.

Troops must earn 300 points to receive distinction as a Super Troop. Troops must complete the six starred activities.

Qualifying Troops will receive a patch for each registered girl and adult.

## **SUPER PLUS TROOP AWARD**

Troops can earn a \$25 gift certificate for purchases in the Council shop by earning the SUPERTROOP AWARD, having 100% of families contribute to SHARE and meeting the PGA average goal set for the Cookie Sale.

**Send completed Order/Evaluation forms to:**

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland

Attention: Tiffany Lucas

4806 Seton Drive, Baltimore, MD 21215.

*Applications must be received by April 30, 2009.*

Visit our web site,

[http://www.gscm.org/program/attachments/SuperTroopPatchProgram\\_2009.pdf](http://www.gscm.org/program/attachments/SuperTroopPatchProgram_2009.pdf)

## **SHARING THE MESSAGE**

**As a volunteer you are a Girl Scout Messenger sharing information about our organization with the public at large. Whether speaking to the PTA or talking to someone in line at the grocery store, the following simple statements can help when talking to the general public about Girl Scouts and its purpose in the community.**

- 1.** Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.
- 2.** In Girl Scouts, girls discover their world and their values, connect with those around them through understanding and empathy, and take action to better their world.
- 3.** Girl Scouting is where today's girls become tomorrow's leaders. Through activities that are fun, cooperative, and girl-led, girls learn decision-making skills and build self-confidence.
- 4.** Character, conduct, and community service are core qualities of Girl Scouting. Girl Scouting is an asset to the community. Through leadership and taking action for sustainable change, its members enrich the lives of those around them.
- 5.** Girl Scouts discover the fun, friendship and power of girls together.
- 6.** Girl Scouting is for every girl, everywhere. Girl Scouts not only welcomes but also seeks members from all racial, ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic groups.
- 7.** Girl Scouting is based on a code of values, expressed in the Girl Scout Promise and Law, which every girl can understand and apply in her everyday life.
- 8.** Adults of all ages and backgrounds make Girl Scouting possible and gain personal satisfaction and growth by helping girls succeed. Locally we have nearly 10,000 caring, dedicated adults making a difference in the lives of girls!

When speaking to the general public about Girl Scouts use the above messaging but always add a positive personal experience to your story. A few other tips:

- Always refer to our organization as Girl Scouts, not just Scouts.
- When referring to our grade levels, Girl Scout comes first as in Girl Scout Daisy, Girl Scout Brownie, etc.
- In any articles, please include information on how girls and adults can get involved. In addition to including any local contact information, be sure to include contact information for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland.

Thank you for sharing Girl Scouting in your community!

**MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM Check your status today!**

**A great way to get Girl Scouts, Troop Leaders and service unit leaders motivated is by working together to achieve points through the Membership Incentive Program.**

# Training Development Opportunities | Jan. 2009 – Aug. 2009

The trainings listed below are for January 2009 through August 2009. We will be adding additional trainings for Anne Arundel County and Baltimore City/County as locations and trainers are confirmed. When courses are added, they can be found on the online training calendar. To access the calendar, please visit the GSCM website, [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org) and locate the **ONLINE REGISTRATION** button at the top right corner of our home web page. When you click on the online registration button you'll be forwarded to the E-Council registration page. 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.

When you reach the registration page, click on **Adult Training**. This will take you to calendar pages that list all the current trainings. This is where you can locate and register for all the adult training courses being offered. This site will have the most current information available.

## DAISY TRAINING

**Jan. 27** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Jan. 31** 1 – 4 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park

**May 13** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**July 30** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Aug. 17** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**Jan. 20** 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Jan. 31** 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park

**Feb. 2** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Acension Church, Towson

**May 10** 6 – 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**May 12** 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**June 17** 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**July 23** 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Aug. 10** 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

## BROWNIE TRAINING

**Jan. 21** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**Jan. 27** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Jan. 31** 1 – 4 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park

**Feb. 9** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Acension Church, Towson

**April 8** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**May 20** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**May 20** 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**June 24** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**July 30** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Aug. 17** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

## LET'S GO CAMPING

**March 18** 6 – 10 p.m. Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester; Ellicott City  
+ *Mandatory Overnight @ Camp Woodlands March 28/29 (session full)*

**March 26** 6 – 10 p.m. Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester; Ellicott City  
+ *Mandatory Overnight @ Camp Whippoorwill, April 4/5*

**May 6** 6 – 10 p.m. Seton Service Center, Baltimore  
+ *Mandatory Overnight @ Camp Conowingo, May 16/17*

## JUNIOR TRAINING

**Jan. 27** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Jan. 31** 1 – 4 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park

**Feb. 9** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Acension Church, Towson

**April 15** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**April 29** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**May 20** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**June 24** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**July 30** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Aug. 17** 7 – 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

## TEEN TRAINING

**Jan. 28** 6:30 – 10 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**Jan. 31** 1 – 4:30 p.m.  
Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park

**April 22** 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Slavie Bank, Bel Air

**May 12** 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Aug. 10** 6:30 - 10 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

## FIRST AID/CPR TRAINING

**Jan. 21** 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**Feb. 7 (session full)**  
11:30 am - 2:30 p.m.  
Seton Service Center; Baltimore

**April 25** 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.,  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester Ellicott City

**May 30** 11:30 am - 2:30 p.m.,  
Clementine Peterson Activity Center; Camp Ilchester, Ellicott City

# Recruitment Tips

- Kindergarten Registration will soon be here. Check to find out your local dates and be sure to have flyers or a display set up for new girls and adults. Now is the time to recruit new Daisy leaders.
- If you have any girls on a waiting list, be sure they know about the many wonderful GS411 and Great Adventure activities they can enjoy. Remember, there are many pathways for girls to join Girl Scouting.
- Schedule a mid-year recruitment for girls who weren't able to join in the fall. Once again, share the activities we offer in GS411 and Great Adventures.
- Be sure your Service Unit bridging plans are in place. Although we always want to welcome new girls into Girl Scouting, we want to be sure to keep the girls we have involved.

## SHARE UPDATE

For more about SHARE contact Niakia Cheese at [ncheese@gscm.org](mailto:ncheese@gscm.org)

### SHARE News

In 2008, staff and volunteers worked diligently, and together, we have many successes to celebrate. Through December, Girl Scout families and "Friends of Girl Scouting" have donated \$90,747 in support of SHARE. Donations increased approximately 2% over last year, as did the total number of gifts by 5%. To date, more than 5,500 families have donated to SHARE. This is a testament to all of the hard work of volunteers in promoting SHARE.

### Alternative Giving Thank-You

Special thanks to all Troops that sent a Holiday Card to Juliette Gordon Low in support of SHARE. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland received several beautifully decorated cards, with handcrafted messages by our girls. A very special thank you to Service Unit 38 for creating an innovative way to support SHARE. If you will be visiting the Seton location, stop by the lobby to see these fabulous holiday cards on display.

### Service Hours

Calling all leaders! Many of the girls are looking for projects to earn their community service hours. GSCM has the solution for you! We are in need of older girls to help with several SHARE projects here at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. Girls can have fun and support a cause they believe in -- building girls of courage, confidence, and character. If you have a team of girls ready to volunteer, please email Niakia Cheese at [ncheese@gscm.org](mailto:ncheese@gscm.org) for more details and information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**Don't miss this quarters' SHARE meeting scheduled for January 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. We will discuss SHARE progress, upcoming Service Unit events, and ways to continue growing this invaluable annual fund. Come prepared with fliers, display boards, and be ready to discuss updates for the 2010 Troop Resource Manual. On behalf of the 30,000+ girls GSCM serves, thanks for your support! Need ideas on how GSCM can support your SHARE efforts? Call Niakia Cheese, Annual Fund Manager at 410.358.9711 extension 225 or email her at [ncheese@gscm.org](mailto:ncheese@gscm.org).**



# OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

CONOWINGO ILCHESTER WHIPPOORWILL WOODLANDS

## CHECK THIS OUT:

Come Sail Away Spring Date now open for registration!

**Fee:** \$80

**Who:** Girl Scout Juniors and Teens

**When:** May 30 – 31  
9 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.



## CHECK THIS OUT:

Volunteer opportunities for people who love horses.

**Who:** Equestrian Lovers

**What:** Weekend Horseback Riding and Resident Camp program options

**Where:** Camp Conowingo

We are actively seeking individuals who have an interest in horseback riding and programming options for girls. Do you want to expand equestrian activities and options for girls? If you answered YES we need you!

## Interested?

Contact **Chris Garrett**  
Manager Outdoor Programs  
cgarrett@gscm.org  
410.358.9711 or 410.949.6044

GSCM is hosting the second biennial Teen Encampment May 1-3 at Camp Conowingo. Girl Scouts ages 11-17 are needed to be part of the Planning Committee. This encampment will be completely organized and run by the committee members.

Being a part of the Teen Encampment Planning Committee will entail attending meetings, small take home projects and of course, attending the Teen Encampment. The meetings will be held once a month and potentially twice a month in the spring at the Seton Service Center. As a committee member you will have the 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 "Mad River" Neyenhouse: 410.358.9711 or aneyenhouse@gscm.org

## CHECK THIS OUT:

The Big Outdoors

**Who:** Girl Scout Daisies through Adults – This is a Family Style Event – Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**When:** Sunday, April 19, 2009, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Where:** Camp Ilchester, 5042 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City

The Big Outdoors is an exciting and spectacular event to kick-off Earth Day 2009. We are looking for volunteers, troops and groups, Nature Lovers, and organizations interested in teaching children all about the great outdoors! This event supports the growing movement to reconnect children and nature, and to battle "nature deficit disorder."

## We need YOU!

Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and implementation of this very special event. Meetings will be held at Camp Ilchester at the Clementine Peterson Activity Center the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (now through April 2009.)

## Interested?

Contact **Chris Garrett**  
Manager Outdoor Programs  
cgarrett@gscm.org  
410.949.6044

Or contact **Billy "Box Turtle" Heinbuch**, Ranger/Outdoor Program Specialist  
boxturtle@gscm.org  
443.740.063

## LEAVE NO CHILD INSIDE

*The movement to reconnect children to the natural world has arisen quickly, spontaneously, and across the usual social, political, and economic dividing lines.*

*Richard Louv's article about this crucially important groundswell, March – April 2007 issue of Orion:*

[www.orionmagazine.org/index.php/articles/article/240/](http://www.orionmagazine.org/index.php/articles/article/240/)

## Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center News! Rain Barrels – Buy ONE Today!

Water Conservation rain barrels are made from recycled olive barrels imported from Greece, complete with debris basket, spout and hose connection for watering plants. Terra Cotta in color with a capacity of 55 gallons, they can be installed alone or in a series.

**Availability is LIMITED** – PRE-ORDER TODAY! Pre-orders are available on-line through the Store, each barrel costs \$70.00 plus tax (as applicable.) Your own Rain Barrel will be assembled by members of the Friends of Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center Group and available for pick up at The Big Outdoors event at Camp Ilchester scheduled for April 19, 2009. Proceeds will benefit the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center located at Camp Ilchester.

# NEWS ALERT:

## GET YOUR PASSPORT TO GREAT ADVENTURES!

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 will list 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 one great low price – only at Girl Scouts of Central Maryland!

Below is a list of what's in store for girls this summer; full program details and information will be available online mid-January 2009. Registration is just a CLICK away! So encourage girls to register today!



### 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 web site.

**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 web site.

*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 includes being on the committee to develop the program. 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.*

**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/gsdycamp](http://www.geocities.com/gsdycamp), 410.638.9122 or by e-mail at: [gsdaycamp@yahoo.com](mailto:gsdaycamp@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 will be available after January 1, 2009 through e-mail: Leader Day Camp [gsdcprp@yahoo.com](mailto:gsdcprp@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.



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Girl Scouts of Central Maryland is pleased to announce that summer programming options were mailed in mid-January to all members. 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!

# Juliette's Closet

## Seton Hours:

Sun. – Mon. Closed  
Tues. – Wed. 9 to 5:30 p.m.  
Fri. 9 to 3 p.m.  
Sat. 9 to 2 p.m.

## Ilchester Hours

Sun. – Mon. Closed  
Tues. – Fri. 10 to 2 p.m.  
Sat. 10 to 1 p.m.

**Note: Both locations are closed Sunday and Monday weekly as well as the third Friday of each month.**

## January 2009

### CLEARANCE MONTH

While Supplies Last!

Shop and Save! Visit Juliette's Closet in January and save 50% or more on selected items throughout the store. Some of the items include:

**3 C's Sweatshirt** \$5 *Originally \$39*

**All stationary** \$1.50 *Originally \$6-\$14*

**Defy Conformity T-Shirt** \$7 *Originally \$19*

**Organic fitted T-shirt** \$7 *Originally \$23*

**Brownie "Girls" T-Shirt** \$5 *Originally \$15-\$16*

**"Cookie" Dog** \$10 *Originally \$22*

**Brownie Faces socks** \$2.50 *Originally \$5*

Don't miss the great deals on retired Christmas Ornaments!

## February 2009

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Juliette's Closet has a variety of patches available to celebrate Black History Month, \$1.25 each, featuring Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and images of Africa. We will also feature books and gifts reflecting African American culture.

### WORLD THINKING DAY

Commemorate World Thinking Day 2009 with a special patch, \$1 each. Also available - Postcards for \$.50 each, and Trefoil Round the World CD-ROM for \$23.75. This program provides details of WAGGS and its 150 member organizations, their membership, Promise and Law, their development and current activities.

## March 2009

### GIRL SCOUTS GO GREEN

This month Girl Scouts "Go Green." Is it St. Patrick's Day or something more? Be sure to watch for more details!

# PRODUCT SALES



## Cookie Sale Update:

To date, GSCM has sold 1,652,880 boxes of cookies. WAY TO GO GIRLS! This is an increase of 57,972 boxes over last year or 3.6%. On average, girls in central Maryland sold 106.37 boxes each. Many thanks and KUDOS to everyone who participated.

**Every box sold benefits a girl right here in central Maryland!**

## We still need your help!

GSCM needs to sell an additional 3,500 cases to reach our council goal. Do you have customers, friends, neighbors or relatives who are still looking for our delicious Girl Scout cookies?

Cookies can be purchased in our office or donated to U.S. military personnel through January 30th. Check it out at [www.gscm.org](http://www.gscm.org) for more information!

**Imagine this:** To help reach our goal, Girl Scouts of Central Maryland has an imaginative deal to offer you! Troops who help GSCM sell the remaining 3,500 cases will earn \$0.65 profit for every box sold. No paperwork and girls who previously sold can still earn awards! Contact Terry Mercer at [tmercer@gscm.org](mailto:tmercer@gscm.org) to sign up for "Destination Imagination!" Time is running out so ACT FAST!

## Product Sales Tip #101:

The number one reason why people do not purchase Girl Scout cookies is that they are NOT asked! So it isn't too late – Girl Scout cookies make great gifts anytime of the year, freeze well and simply taste great!

## Sweet Success 2009

Are you ready to "Express Yourself?" Check out the spring Sweet Success Sale to boost your Troop treasuries for end of year celebrations or adventures. Increase your business skills while discovering new sales ideas. All proceeds directly benefit GSCM camp property improvements.

<b>Product Line:</b>	Double Dipped
Whole Cashews	Peanuts
Chocolate Covered	All Natural Trail Mix
Raisins	Peanut Squares
Peanut Butter Cups	Extra Value Jar Honey
Fruit Slices	Roasted Peanuts
Pecan Supremes	Extra Value Jar Gorp
	Collector Tin w/ Chocolate-covered Pretzels

**Retail price:** \$6 per item (*Troop retains \$1 per item*)

**Extra val. jars:** \$10 per item (*Troop retains \$1 per item*)

**IMPROVED – Magazine Vouchers:** \$10 & \$20 (*Troop retains \$2 per voucher*)

## Girl Motivational Awards:

– Sell 5 candy items for Participation Patch	<b>Rocker and Zebra Pouch</b>
– Sell 5 magazines for a Reading Patch	– Sell 40 items for Super Seller Rocker and Large Zebra
– Sell 25 items for Reached My Goal	

## Service Unit to GSCM Dates:

(Remember, Troops must meet the SU deadline dates set by the Sweet Success SU Manager)

**Sale begins:** 2.20.09

**Orders due:** 3.20.09 by 3:00 p.m.

**Depot Delivery:** 4.2.09 – 4.6.09

**Troop delivers product:** 4.2.09 – 5.2.09

**Cupboards open:** 4.7.09 – 4.30.09

**Final reports due To GSCM:** 5.8.09 by 5:00 p.m.

Contact your Troop Leader or Sweet Success Service Unit Manager for more information about participating in "Express Yourself through the Arts!" for Sweet Success 2009!

## Troop training:

Scheduled at GSCM on February 2 & 5 & 11, 2009 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. RSVP to Terry Mercer at [tmercer@gscm.org](mailto:tmercer@gscm.org) or call 410.358.9711 extension 227 to attend one of these trainings.

## ACT NOW - PSC Special Session

Attend a "Special Session" hosted by members of YOUR Product Sales Committee.

**Share ideas and allow your voice to be heard! Topics will include: improvements and enhancements for future product sales activities.**

**Join us 1.31.09 at Clementine Peterson Activity Center at Camp Ilchester from 10 a.m. – Noon. RSVP to Terry Mercer at [tmercer@gscm.org](mailto:tmercer@gscm.org) to attend this special session.**