



Girl Scouts.

Volunteer News

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Product Sales News: It's not too late to participate!



GSCM has great news to share. Customers want them and we are positioned to SELL...SELL...SELL! You asked and we are responding to the request to extend sale opportunities for the 2008-2009 Cookie Sale. This creates a wonderful opportunity for newly formed troops who did not feel they had time to participate or troops who simply just are trying to keep up with customer demands. To reach our goal, we need to sell an additional 16,000 cases. Please join Girl Scouts of Central Maryland and *Imagine* if we reach the council goal and make our communities and the world a better place!

The official sale period runs through the end of November 2008. Troops who have completed the program will complete their final reports no later than November 30th as scheduled. The exciting news is that troops may choose to continue to sell through direct sales and at booth sale locations through December 2008. We hope this will help troops who have cookies left which still need to be sold and will provide opportunities for troops to sell more! We will have cookies available at the council cupboard through December. Troops who continue to sell throughout the month of December will need to continue weekly deposits until the balance is paid in full. Additional deposit slips may be obtained from the Volunteer Resource Center; vrc@gscm.org or call Sue Crue at 410.358.9711, extension 201.

Troops participating in the extension must complete the Cookie Sale and pay all monies due to GSCM by December 31, 2008. Girl awards will also continue to accumulate based on sales through December 31, 2008. The Ms. Central Maryland Cookie 2008-2009 Crown is still up for grabs, so imagine if...it's yours!

People are craving Girl Scout cookies so look for every opportunity to promote the Cookie Sale and/or canvas your community. Participating in door to door (the Walk About Program Activity) are great ways to get girls outside and active! You are promoting healthy lifestyles and positive choices when you participate! So let's get our girls out and moving! The community at large tells us every day how much they love Girl Scouts and this is a quick and easy way for them to support the Council and most importantly our girls/troops.

The number one reason that people tell us that they do not buy cookies is: they have not been asked (no one has come to their door and/or they have not seen a booth sale in their community.) So ask today!

We hope you are as excited as we are to continue to provide "cookies for a cause" as we work together to reach your Council's goal!

There are many ways for girls and troops to participate in the Cookie Sale even if they did not participate in the pre order phase:

- **Door to Door Sales** – check out the Walk About Program Activity for some great ways to participate!
- **Gift of Caring – Operation U.S. Mint Campaign** – contact family, friends and local business owners to donate cookies for a great cause to the men and women who serve our country!
- **Booth Sales** – contact businesses in addition to your retail outlets, many are willing to allow booth sales. Booth Sales can happen any day of the week, weekends are great but for older girls particularly evenings as schedule and school work permit, consider this alternative! The possibilities are endless – canvas your community today!
- **I Called Back Program Activity**, started November 10th – check out the web site and/or your sale resources for more information.
- Another great way to gain community support and visibility of Girl Scouts and the sale is to **collaborate with local restaurants** within your community. Many restaurants welcome the opportunity for booth sales.

Questions?

Ask **Terry Mercer** at 410.358.9711 extension 227.

MISSING!



Mr. Thin Mint (pictured) is Missing!

He was on the Manic Morning TV program with the Girl Scouts on Nov. 3rd and disappeared after the singing was done. He is known for his performances at local parades and booth sales. Please help us to find him! If you happen to find him please contact Denise Bell (dbell@gscm.org) who will take him home to Karen Myers in community #49.

Get ready for council's **SECOND PRODUCT SALE**

“SWEET SUCCESS”

Does your troop need additional funds? If so, we have a great opportunity for you!

Our spring product sale, “Sweet Success,” is a fun and easy way to obtain additional funding needed for those end of year celebrations. We have an exciting nut, candy and magazine product line-up. Mark your calendars for this year's Sweet Success Sale dates:

Sale Starts – Feb. 20, 2009

Sale Ends – May 8, 2009

Look for more details next month about training opportunities.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MEETING

Do you ever find yourself scratching your head and wondering why more people don't attend the meetings you have scheduled? Or perhaps you think your meetings are in a rut. Conducting an effective meeting does not just happen, it takes some thought and planning. Here are a few tips you might try when planning your next meeting.

- Have a reason or purpose for having the meeting. People should leave the meeting feeling that it was worth their time. Perhaps offer a workshop to draw their interest.
- Make sure participants are informed of the meeting in a timely manner. Participants should understand the purpose of the meeting and why their participation is important.
- Use meetings to discuss ideas and make decisions, not to give a

report of things that have been completed. Reports should be sent via e-mail with the agenda PRIOR to the meeting.

- Have an agenda. List the key topics that need to be discussed and include vital information. The agenda should be sent out 48 hrs. prior to the meeting.
- Set a welcome tone. If you are expecting new members, have a greeter at the door. Name tags should be used with groups that do not know

each other. Icebreakers are also a good way to get a group to interact and make members feel welcome. Food also relaxes the atmosphere, but be sensitive to dietary needs.

- Always start and end on time – this is an efficient way to inspire attendees to come on time and respect the time of those who are there.
- During the meeting, model the type of behavior, energy, and participation that you would like to see at the meeting. Use diverse methods and presenters to hold interest during the meeting.
- Stay on task – be flexible, but stay on task. If conversations veer off onto tangents, immediately steer the

conversation back on topic. Off-topic ideas might best be pursued at another time. Always remember, meetings can be fun, but they are not intended to be social hours.

- After a meeting follow up with each person about assigned / accepted tasks as delegated and send a copy of the meeting notes to each participant as soon as possible.
- Evaluate what worked well and what could have been improved and plan for next time.
- And one final tip, survey your members about your meetings to see what they think. Don't just ask the ones who attend, follow up personally with those that aren't coming and find out why.

Membership & Volunteer Services News:

Service Unit Managers, Service Unit Team Members, Interested Volunteers and Council Trainers...Mark Your Calendars!

ATTENTION:

Service Unit Managers
Service Unit Team Members,
Interested Volunteers
& Council Trainers

Join us for the Council Service
Team Meeting

Date:
Dec. 8, 2008

Time:
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Location:
GSCM Service Center

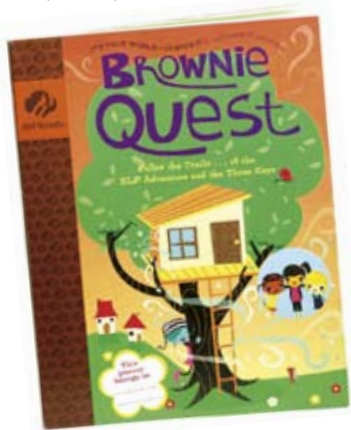
Registration Deadline:
Dec. 4, 2008

Interested?
R.S.V.P. to **Tiffany Lucas**
410.358.9711, extension 221
tlucas@gscm.org

ATTENTION:

Service Team Members
Council Trainers
& Interested Volunteers

You are invited to join us as we celebrate our successes this fall including the introduction of Journeys, share our ideas for spring recruitment, and prepare for Sweet Success. Be sure to attend to find out about our Volunteer Scavenger Hunt and prizes you can win!



ATTENTION:

Everyone

The trainings listed below have been recently added to our training schedule. 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) 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 will be directed 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.

Brownie – Nov. 19, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. @ Slavia Bank, Bel Air

Daisy – Dec. 17, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. @ Slavia Bank, Bel Air

Teen Training – Dec. 4, 6:30 – 10:00 p.m. @ Peterson Activity Center, Ellicott City

Daisy Level – Dec. 4, 7-10 p.m. @ Westminster United Methodist Church

Leadership – Feb. 2, 6:30-9:30 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church, Towson

Brownie – Feb. 9, 6:30- 9:30 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church, Towson

Junior - Feb. 9, 6:30- 9:30 p.m. @ Ascension Lutheran Church, Towson

Recruitment Tips

- Never use guilt when trying to recruit. Remember that you're trying to remove people's reason for saying "NO," not twist their arm into volunteering.

- Ask grocers to stuff flyers into grocery bags about your program. Ask if you can decorate their bulletin board during busy recruitment times.

- When you are going to make a presentation to a large group, take several volunteers and girls with you both to talk about their own experiences and to help you

deal with interested applicants and any potential girl members in the audience.

- Always include information on how to join Girl Scouts in articles you submit to the newspaper about troop or Service Unit activities.

- If you happen to be caroling over the holiday season, be sure to have recruitment information to share. Also find out about sharing information at holiday celebrations being held in your neighborhood.

NEEDED: A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS

The Adult Recognition Committee is looking for two volunteers from Baltimore City and one volunteer from Carroll County to be part of the committee. This committee meets at the Council Service Center two to three times a year to review applications for awards requiring board approval

Interested?

Call **Sue Crue**
410.358.9711 ext. 201
scrue@gscm.org.



Josie Iorini spent a day shadowing 2009 Distinguished Women's Honoree Betty Cooke, artist and owner of The Store Limited.

HEY ALL YOU SPACE MINDED GIRL SCOUTS

Are you interested in reaching for the stars and working with other girls who share your love of the skies? The A.C.E. (Astronomical Cosmic Exploration) of Space Club is a group of girls ages 11-17 who meet monthly to explore the universe. Get up close and personal with far-out activities—meet with real NASA scientists, visit the Goddard Space Flight Center, and much more.

And for the Spacey Adults out there—we are looking for Area Coordinators to sponsor Ace of Space meetings!

Interested?

Call **Shannon Howard**,
410.358.9711 ext. 254
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A DISTINGUISHED OPPORTUNITY BE A 2009 SHADOW GIRL

GSCM would like to offer your daughter a once in a lifetime experience. Each year, GSCM honors five outstanding women at the Distinguished Women's Award Reception. Through the Distinguished Women's shadow opportunity, we offer high school Girl Scouts the opportunity to view women's leadership through a very special hands-on experience.

As a Distinguished Woman's "shadow," she will spend the day with one of our Honorees for an up-close look at how she manages her time, staff and responsibilities. The experience has proven to be rewarding for both the Girl Scout Shadow and the Honorees "It was a whirlwind day filled with lots of information, but my favorite part of the day was when I got to sit alone with Ms. Patty and talk," reminisced Kristin Trumble a 2007 Distinguished Woman's Shadow who spent her day with Patricia Brown, President, Johns Hopkins HealthCare, LLC. "I think the thing I liked most was her philosophy for life: You don't need to know exactly what your next step in life may be, just evaluate the road you're on and if you find it fulfilling and what you want to do then you are headed in the right direction."

The Distinguished Women's Award Reception will be held Thursday, April 30, 2009 (5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.) at The Baltimore Country Club in Roland Park, Maryland. Shadow applications will be mailed to every registered high school student this month. Applications will also be available on the GSCM website. Interviews will be conducted in January.

Interested?

Call **Ellen Lowe**
410.358.9711 ext. 246



NEEDED: A FEW GOOD PROGRAM AIDES

If your troop has trained P.A.s in it, please share the following opportunities with them. We need their assistance with some GS411 programs.

Art to Wear

Dec. 14, 2008. 2 – 4:30 p.m.
@ GSCM Seton Drive
Please arrive by 1:30.; This program is for Brownies and is based on the Art to Wear Try-It.

Room Arts

Jan. 17, 2009 10:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
@ the Enoch Pratt Free Library – Canton Branch.
Please arrive by 10:00 a.m. This program is for Juniors and is based on the Art in the Home badge and Interior Design.

Sew Simple

January 31, 2009 9:30 a.m.– Noon
@ GSCM Seton Drive
Please arrive by 9:00 a.m. This program is for Juniors and focuses on the Sew Simple badge.

PLEASE NOTE:

You must have had Program Aide training in order to help at GS411 events. Girls can also use hours completed towards earning their Service Bars. For more information about earning Service Bars girls can review the procedure on form 04-0632 (Community Service Bar Approval Form) on our website at <http://www.gscm.org/adults/forms.htm>

Interested?

Call Sherry Dowdell
410.358.9711 ext. 245
sdowdell@gscm.org

Harvest for the Hungry Help Fight Hunger in Maryland! *Every Can Counts!*

Girls from all over our council are gearing up to help fight hunger in central Maryland! Help us to reach our goal. This year we hope to collect 35,000 pounds OR more of food!

- **Food bags** will be available for distribution late December. Watch for more details.

- Food bags are scheduled to be distributed door to door by girls between February 28 and March 7.

- The **public campaign** is March 7 through March 14; participation is easy. Girls deliver the bags door to door for members of their community to fill and leave at their mailbox and our good friends at the United States Post Office do all the work – they pick up the food and take it back to the post office!

To help make a difference in the community consider the following:

- **Higher Awards** – girls focusing on hunger as a service project for the Girl Scout Gold Award, Girl Scout Silver Award or Girl Scout Bronze Award be sure to submit your project ideas.
- Troops conducting **special events** to collect food who are doing something community based such as setting up booths at local merchants to collect food or who partner with local organizations should submit stories and details in advance of the opportunity.
- Girls interested in potential **speaking opportunities** about fighting hunger in Maryland should contact Danita Terry to indicate interest. Girls should also submit stories and activities to fight hunger to Danita Terry at dterry@gscm.org.

A Special Message from GSUSA: You've probably heard the buzz that the STUDIO 2B program as we know it is being phased out. While that is true the STUDIO 2B materials are still available through 2010 and may be revised to better fit the Girl Scout Leadership Experience model. Councils and girls can continue to use these resources during this transition. GSUSA is looking at all the badges and will be making them available in a new format, again to fit the new direction of the leadership model. The work has begun and we will keep you posted. Leadership award changes (Girl Scout Gold Award and Girl Scout Silver Award) will be announced this spring, as always there will be a transition period.

Change does take time, however girls are encouraged to continue their course and we will be sure that communication efforts continue to keep Councils informed.

Outdoor program

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CHECK THIS OUT:

Winter Day Camp For YOU!

Wild About Winter Day Camp, December 29 and December 30 located at 5042 Ilchester Road at Camp Ilchester in Howard County for Girl Scout Daisies – Girl Scout Junior age levels. Cost is \$35 per day per child.

Currently registered girls and girls who want to explore what Girl Scouting is all about are welcome to attend. Non-registered Girl Scouts who attend Winter Day Camp will pay an additional \$10.00 membership registration fee to begin their journey as a Girl Scout and earn their first patch, a Nature patch.

Who says camp is only for the summer? The Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center will be co-hosting this awesome winter camping experience. All of our creatures will be available for the children to see and learn about.

Brothers and sisters are encouraged to come and enjoy all that nature has to offer. A snack will be provided. Children must bring bag lunch and should be dressed to play inside and outside.

Interested?

Email **Chris Garrett**
cgarrett@gscm.org

8 Great Reasons to attend The Big Outdoors Event

Join us at the First Annual, not-to-be missed event, **THE BIG OUTDOORS**, an exciting and spectacular event to kick-off Earth Day 2009. Join us as we learn how to protect the environment and celebrate nature, wildlife and Mother Earth! There will be many exhibits, nature tours, displays, demonstrations, wildlife related arts and crafts games and fun for kids through adults. Brown bag it or enjoy food available for sale. Girl Scout families are welcome!

1. Nature Arts and Crafts
2. Face Painting
3. Outdoor Fun and Games
4. Nature /Wildlife Lectures
5. Climb to new heights on our 25-foot rock wall
6. Learn how to make your own Rain barrel
7. Demonstrations such as Beekeeping, how to install/grow a native indigenous garden, composting, landscaping for conservation and wildlife, how to build your own bird, bat, or owl box and much more!
8. And did we mention??? It's FUN!

Cost: \$10.00 Girl Scout Daisies through Adults

When: Sunday, April 19, 2009

Where: Camp Ilchester

5042 Ilchester Road, Ellicott City

REGISTER TODAY: Keep your eyes open on the Outdoor Program website for more announcements regarding this event at, <http://www.gscm.org/camp/>
For more information on attending or volunteering for this event email **Chris Garrett** at cgarrett@gscm.org

Programs at the Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center

The Caitlin Dunbar Nature Center located at Camp Ilchester is owned and operated by Girl Scouts of Central Maryland. We offer unique programming to groups. We can deliver a full range of Environmental Science programs that are customizable and complementary to your curriculum. Live Animals such as snakes, turtles, frogs, insects, and even an observation beehive and apiary are just some of the things the center offers. All sorts of eco-friendly issues can be discussed, from conservation issues to the pollination of plants.

Our Middendorf Nature Trail is a fully handicapped accessible sensory oriented trail which won a Best Practice Award from our national organization. Children are encouraged to use senses other than sight to experience the true wonders of nature

Nature Oriented Programs such as tree and plant identification, along with invasive plant identification, bird watching and nature hikes can also be offered.

Questions?

Ask Billy "Box Turtle" Heinbuch

Cell 443.740.0639

boxturtle@gscm.org

Programs offered by appointment only.

Please contact Connie Adams to register to attend.



NEW IN THE VRC: PROGRAM ON WHEELS!

Programs on Wheels contain activities, tips, and supplies needed for exploration of various topics. Many programs contain most or all of the supplies you will need for the program activities listed, while others have a greater variety of activity options and include resources such as books and DVDs. Please allow enough time to become familiar with the outline of the program. Programs may be borrowed for 3 weeks at a time from the Volunteer Resource Center at the Seton Center and reservations are needed. There will be a \$1.00 per day late fee.

Coming soon!



www.gscm.org

Online camp registration.

Be the first to be able to sign up for camp site, pay on-line, and receive your confirmation on-line.

Questions?

Call Connie Adams
410-9711, ext. 238
cadams@gscm.org.

VRC FAQs

Q. Will a Program in a Box complete all activities to finish a Try-It or Badge?

A. Boxes that are based on a particular Try-It, Badge or IP will help but may not complete all the requirements.

Q. How long may we keep a program?

A. Boxes may be borrowed for a 3 week period and must be returned on time since we have a waiting list for most programs. (\$1.00 per day late fee)

Q. What if we were not finished?

A. Plan to do activities first that use the items in the box that must be returned, i.e., videos, books, etc. Activities that require crafts or games you may do on your own.

Q. May we make copies of the books in the box to use within our troop later?

A. NO! Many of the items or activity guides are copyrighted and may not be copied. We have purchased them and trust that our Leaders and Girl Scouts will respect the copyright laws and set a good example for others!

Q. How do we reserve a Program on Wheels?

A. Contact the Volunteer Resource Center by e-mail at vrc@gscm.org or by phone at 410-358-9711, extension 201. Leave your name, troop number, Service Unit number, number of girls in your troop and the dates you are looking to reserve the Program and the name of the Program on Wheels. The Volunteer Resource Specialist will contact you to confirm receipt of your reservation request. (Be sure to list two dates just in case your first date choice is unavailable.)



AVAILABLE programs

(sign up today!)

From Sidewalks to Treetops

For all grade levels

The “From Sidewalks to Treetops” program trains adults to conduct nature, wildlife, and environmental education activities in their own neighborhoods – even if they live in a city.

Zink the Zebra

For all grade levels

Girls develop an appreciation for diversity in many forms. Special Zink parent permission slips are needed to participate in this program. Learning-tool bean bag zebra and patch sets are available for purchase from the Council store. Included in this Program on Wheels are VHS/ DVDs, Zink the Zebra Books, and a Zink puppet.

Girl Scout Traveling Trunk

For all grade levels

The GS History and Archives Committee of GSCM has organized traveling trunks which contain uniforms, handbooks, and other pertinent items to help Girl Scout Brownie and Girl Scout Junior grade levels learn about history.

Creative Cooking IPA

For Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador grade levels

Included in this Program on Wheels are instructions and suggestions for completing this IPA, in addition to the following publications: Outdoor Education in Girl Scouting, Cooking on a Stick, Campfire Recipes for Kids, and Joy of Cooking Cookbook to help you become a Creative Cook!

Home Improvement IPA

For Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador grade levels

Included in this Program on Wheels are instructions and suggestions for completing this IPA along with carpet swatches, fabric swatches for furniture and curtains, rulers, grid paper, etc.

From Stress to Success IPA

For Girl Scout Cadette, Senior and Ambassador grade levels

This IPA will walk you through how your body responds to stress and how to fix it! You’ll learn about body massage and practice some yoga. Included in the Program on Wheels are 2 copies of A Guide to Self-Massage booklet, Meditations for Balance and Joy CD and Musical Massage CD. ENJOY!

Forestree

Brownie Try-it

Forest Explorer Junior Badge

Forester Teen Interest Project

These Programs in a Box are based on our Council Own patch programs. The boxes contain most of what you will need to earn the Try-it, Badge or Interest Project. Learn about our state tree and other trees and about the forests where they grow. Also, learn about tree and forest related careers, what products are made from trees, how to measure trees and how to plant trees. Patches may be purchased in the council store.

Quilting: A Maryland Heritage

For Girl Scout Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador grade levels

This Patch Packet Program on Wheels supplies all the materials for girls to learn how to quilt, including samples of quilt square designs. Troops will need to purchase the materials, fabric, needles thread, etc., to actually make quilt squares.

more AVAILABLE programs

First Aid

For all grade levels

This Program on Wheels contains instructions and materials that will help girls gain a greater understanding of first aid. The program contains games, including a large floor board game, bandages to practice with and a small first aid kit for each girl to make and take.

Leave No Trace

For all grade levels

Whether you live in the city or the suburbs, you should be aware of our impact on the Earth. There are seven easy principles we can all learn to make and take.

Find out how to implement these principles in your home and on camping trips. This is a very important program that should be shared with our friends and neighbors. Cost is \$1.00 per person; registrants will receive a plastic card with Leave No Trace Principles and ways to teach these techniques to prevent and minimize impacts on nature when camping, hiking, and picnicking, etc. To receive this Program in The Box please contact Sue Crue in the VRC 410.358.9711 ext. 201 or by email scrue@gscm.org.

Geocaching

For Girl Scout Juniors – Girl Scout Ambassadors grade levels

The Outdoor program department now has four GPS units that may be borrowed to take girls geocaching. There are 5 geocaching sites at Camp Conowingo. These sites are called Fly Away Home, Life's a Beach, Animal Kingdom, Lady Bud Mania, and Osh Kosh B'Gosh. These sites are not open to the public they are for Girl Scouts of Central Maryland only.

Geocaching is a high-tech version of treasure hunting. Geocachers seek hidden treasures utilizing GPS coordinates posted on the Internet by those hiding the cache. Using a GPS unit, they then trek out into the backwoods or urban jungles to find the hiding spot of the cache. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. If the visitor takes something out of the cache, they are asked to leave something in return. For some, the biggest reward is the thrill of the search and the discovery of a place that they have never been. Contact Chris Garrett, cgarrett@gscm.org, to reserve the GPS units and take your girls Geocaching at Camp Conowingo. For the more adventurous Girl Scouts, borrow the units for non-camp site caches. The GPS rental fee is \$5.00 per unit.

JULIETTE'S CLOSET

Seton Hours:

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

Ilchester Hours

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

STORE/E-STORE HOLIDAY HOURS. The store and the E-store will be closed Nov. 27 – Dec. 1 (Thanksgiving) & Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 (holidays). Orders placed through the e-store during that time will be shipped approx. Jan. 6.

FREE SHIPPING on all Items on our Gift Pages of the E-Store Dec. 2 – Dec. 10.

EXCLUSIVE! See our collection of exclusive handmade glass Girl Scout ornaments in our stores and on-line at gscm/shop.

SPECIAL! Scrapbooking and Stationary Supplies Regularly \$8.00 to \$14.00 NOW \$1.50.

An update...

Great news... Girl Scout families and "Friends of Girl Scouts" have donated \$70,000 to SHARE. This kind of support shows that our families, volunteers and friends recognize the importance of Girl Scouting in the community and support Juliette Gordon Low's vision of building girls of courage, confidence and character.

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland would like to thank everyone who attended the quarterly SHARE meeting for the 2009 fiscal year. We SHARE'd lots of great ideas and discussed areas in which staff and volunteers can work together to increase participation in the SHARE campaign. The volunteers presented the following ideas as measures we all can take to increase awareness about SHARE:

- **Encourage SHARE participation during Early Bird registration.**
- **Provide a flier or personal message from the leader when distributing Early Bird registrations.**
- **SHARE Reps and SUMs can follow-up with troops that are not participating in SHARE.**
- **Creative display boards for community events.**
- **Display a SHARE patch board at troop meetings.**
- **Plan a community wide or cluster event with a detailed plan of action.**
- **Communicate to families and parents the importance of SHARE all year.**
- **Stay up-to-date on SHARE by reading the Volunteer Newsletter, GirlsWorld, and other SHARE correspondence....these make great topics for conversation.**



All SHARE volunteers have been mailed a copy of the agenda, along with the collateral materials we used for the October 15th meeting. New TIME – please note, all SHARE meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Questions? Ideas? Concerns?

Call Niakia Cheese, 410.358.9711, ext. 225 ncheese@gscm.org