



## **IT'S OUR FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR!**

It's hard to believe that it's that time of year again! The Girl Scout cookie sale is a great opportunity for your girls to not only earn money for their troop, but to learn valuable skills, connect with people in their community and have fun too! This year's Girl Scout cookie sale begins on January 5 (no selling early!)—the theme is Ready, Set, Go! and focuses on teamwork. Help your girls to set goals together and decide what they want to do with their proceeds. As they participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, girls develop skills they will use their entire lives. Benefits include decision-making, presentation skills, learning to work on a team, money management, goal setting and marketing skills. The GS Cookie Sale ties directly into our mission building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

In order to further their mission and to help place emphasis on the benefits to girls of Girl Scouts and the GS Cookie Program, Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) has entered into a brand partnership with Vanessa and Angela Simmons—the daughters of Rev Run on MTV's hit show *Run's House*. Girl Scouts was featured on a recent episode of *Run's House* where they announced the girls' partnership with GSUSA and had the girls meet with a group of Girl Scouts to discuss marketing strategies for the GS cookie sale. As two young female entrepreneurs, Vanessa and Angela demonstrate to girls everywhere that leadership skills, confidence and hard work are necessary to turn their goals into reality. Check out the Home page of Sybaquay's Web site for links to their Web site.

Sybaquay's goal is for each girl to sell 2 more boxes than last year. As always, a great incentive for girls is the 300+ Club event for girls selling 300 boxes or more—this year's event will be held June 10, 2008, at Magic Waters in Rockford! As your Girl Scouts begin their GS cookie sale activities, encourage them to share their goals with us! We want to let our communities know how hard our girls are working and that by buying a box of GS cookies, they're helping girls grow into confident young women! We'll post your stories on our Web site and send press releases out to local newspapers—whatever it takes to get the word out! Just e-mail [cindy@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:cindy@gs-sybaquay.org) with your girls' stories. To help us get the word out, Senator Pamela Althoff has volunteered to be this year's honorary GS cookie chair! Check our Web site and your local newspaper for more on the Senator's involvement during the GS cookie sale!

**NEW COOKIE THIS YEAR!! Each box of Cinna-Spins contains five ready-to-grab-and-go snack packs full of crunchy cinnamon swirls.**

### **Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Hours:**

Monday	Noon–5 P.M. (Shop only Noon–8 P.M.)
Tuesday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Wednesday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Thursday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M.–5 P.M.

The Girl Scout Shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 A.M.–1 P.M.

Should the first Saturday fall on a holiday weekend, the shop will be closed and will then be open the following Saturday.

### **Contacting the Girl Scout Center and Council Shop:**

Phone: 847-741-5521  
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[shop@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:shop@gs-sybaquay.org)  
Web site: [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)

### **Girl Scout Express Hours:**

Monday	9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
Tuesday	9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
Thursday	9:30 A.M.–7 P.M.
Friday	9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
Saturday	9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M.
Sunday	Noon–4 P.M.

### **Contacting the Girl Scout Express:**

Phone: 847-620-5043  
Fax: 847-620-5044



**SEE OUR  
HOLIDAY HOURS  
ON THE BACK PAGE  
OF THIS ISSUE!**

# Leader Highlights

## Barrington celebrates 75 years of Girl Scouting



*Kim B. oversees Nicole's reading for the opening ceremonies.*



*Claire L. and Mia M. greet guests.*



*Betsy P. is Sybaquay Council's historian.*



*Lifetime member, Julia R. enjoys the celebration.*

# 75 years!

## PROGRAM NEWS

**Program Registration Opens January 2, 2008, for most events happening in February and beyond!**

### Updates to Program Booklet—

Page 18: Magic for Muggles, Location is Epworth United Methodist Church, 37W040 Highland Ave., Elgin (corner of Highland and Randall)

Page 20: Professor Presto's Magic School, Location is Epworth United Methodist Church, 37W040 Highland Ave., Elgin (corner of Highland and Randall)

Page 21: Outdoor Cook Badge workshop time change—it will now take place from 12:30 to 2 P.M.

Page 22: Snoozeum @ The Museum of Science & Industry, date is Friday, April 18 to Saturday, April 19, 2008

Page 37: Program Aide Training, Sat., Feb. 9 is at the American National Bank, Sycamore (corner of Bethany Rd. and Rt. 23)

Page 37: Program Aide Training, Sat., April 5 is at the Girl Scout Center, Elgin

Page 38: Program Aide Enrichment: Outdoor Skills and Education, April 19, at Russell Woods Forest Preserve, Genoa

**Sponsor of the month**—High School Musical is a big hit and now your troop could see Disney's High School Musical: The Ice Tour on either January 25 (tentative) at Allstate Arena or January 29 and 30 at Rockford MetroCentre. This is just one of the shows that both Group Sales (sponsorship ad on page 27 of the Program Booklet) and Centre Events (sponsorship ad on page 29) offer discount tickets too. Be sure to check out both their sponsorship ads and community listings in the Program Booklet's Leader Insert.

*NOTE: Each month we will use this space to highlight one of our Program Booklet sponsors. Information is provided by the sponsor and Sybaquay Council is not responsible for program content.*

**Girl Scout Leadership Institute**—Watch for information in January on how to register for the Girl Scout Leadership Institute that is being hosted by Girl Scouts of Central Indiana and Girl Scouts of the USA. This event is being held Wednesday, October 29 and Thursday, October 30, 2008, just prior to the Girl Scout National Convention. It is open to all girls in grades 6 through 12. Participants will learn about healthy lifestyle choices, build leadership skills, and have fun in the Circle City!

**Reminder:** The deadline for submitting your design to the 2008 Day/Twilight Camp Patch Contest is January 31, 2008. The contest form is on page 5 and 6 of the Program Booklet.

## IN THE PUBLIC EYE

**Some Holiday Observances**—Plans for your troop/group activities can be themed after some of these January observances: New Year's Day (Jan. 1), Trivia Day (Jan. 4), National Bird Day (Jan. 5), Martin Luther King's B-Day (Jan. 15), National Hat Day (Jan. 15), National Popcorn Day (Jan. 19), Compliment Day (Jan. 24), Opposite Day (Jan. 25), Inspire Your Heart w/Art Day (Jan. 31).

**Web site Scrapbook**—Check out the Scrapbook section of our Web site regularly for new albums! Click on the Scrapbook drop down under the Girl Program button and select the event(s) you are interested in viewing. If you have photos from a service unit event and have photo releases on the girls in them, feel free to submit them to us for posting on the scrapbook also! Contact Vanessa Campbell at 847-741-5521, Ext. 115 or at <vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org>.

## ADULT DEVELOPMENT

**Spotlight on Adult Recognition**—there are many ways to recognize our dedicated and reliable volunteers. Recognition is one of the ways we let our volunteers know that they make a difference each and every day. One of the types of recognition systems we have in places is **Council Level Recognitions**. These recognitions are reviewed by the Adult Recognition Commit-



tee and given to the Sybaquay Board of Directors for approval. There are 5 different awards at this level and the spotlight for this issue of Leader Links is **the Appreciation Pin and The Honor Pin**. Each issue Adult Recognition will spotlight different awards, culminating in the awards given for the year at the Adult Recognition Dinner, held April 23, 2008.

**The Appreciation Pin** – is a GSUSA award that recognizes outstanding service to at least one geographic area/service unit, or program delivery audience by an adult member.

**The Honor Pin** – recognizes outstanding service to at least two or more geographic areas/service units, or program delivery audiences.

Nomination and approval procedures for recognitions are:

Individual or group (nominator) familiar with the service performed fills out an application to nominate a volunteer for an award. (A separate application must be submitted for each name.)

The nominator must ask for letters of endorsement/recommendation (should include specific information about the nominee's unique qualifications) from people other than herself/himself. Individual letters should be submitted for each nominee.

For the council awards, the nominator must fill out a candidate bio worksheet, to be used to prepare a statement for the recognition booklet at the Adult Recognition dinner, being held on April 23, 2008.

Application, letters and bio worksheets should be submitted to the Girl Scout-Sybaquay Center, with a submission deadline of 5 P.M., on the last working date in February.


All applications for awards recognitions are reviewed and held in confidence.

Following the recommendations of GSUSA, one person cannot receive the same award more than once.

The nominating group is notified of the decision of approved or denied.

**Training information**—The trainers have recently met and are currently scheduling their training dates for December through Spring. New dates should be available by December 1, 2007, and be ongoing. The training department will be completing their New Leader Training by February and will start offering Changing Level Training after that. Please remember that we offer the bulk of our **Changing Level Training** in **Spring** and the bulk of our **New Leader Training** in **Fall**.

## Staff Spotlight



**Meet Sybaquay Council staff!**  
**This month's spotlight is on:**

**Name:** Diane Helland  
**Title:** Production Assistant

**Job responsibilities:** Process printed materials required for activities, trainings, and registration; post and send out daily mailings; aid office staff as needed.

**Years of Girl Scouting:** 10 years

**Three words to describe me:** helpful, friendly, dependable

**Outside of work, I like to:** Travel or spend time with my grandchildren, family and friends.

**Something else you might not know about me:** I am an Epilepsy Advocate and speak to groups to help raise awareness and give support to those people living with Epilepsy.

**Additionally:** I feel it is important to support the Girl Scout program so it can continue to help girls become confident, productive citizens in an ever-changing world. I was a Girl Scout and a Girl Scout leader. My three children were all involved in Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts. Now my daughter is a leader for my granddaughter's Brownie troop. I am proud to have three generations of Girl Scouts in our family!

### IMPORTANT!!

Please be sure to add our name to your e-mail "friends" or "safe" list in order to continue getting important e-mail messages from us. Also, remember when submitting e-mail to us, please include the words *Girl Scout* or *Sybaquay* in the subject line. This will prevent the message from getting lost in the volumes of junk e-mail we receive. Thank you.

## CALENDAR

Delivery of Fall Product items	Dec. 1
Elgin Holiday Toy Drive * drop-off at the Girl Scout Center	Dec. 1-16
GSC & GS Express closed for Winter Break	Dec. 22-Jan. 1
GS Cookie Sales begin	Jan. 5
GS Cookie Sales conclude	Jan. 26
Sybaquay's Annual Meeting	Jan. 26

## MEMBERSHIP

**Membership**—As of December 4, 2007, we have 7,492 girls and 1,591 adults entered into our membership system for the new 2007–2008 membership year. Please understand that until your registration form is received by your service unit registrar, and turned in to the Girl Scout Center, you are not covered by Girl Scout insurance (girls and adults) or given access to certain Web site applications. Please send your forms A.S.A.P.

*When you think of a child's smile, what comes to mind? What came to your mind as a child when you smiled? A new toy, a helping hand, a new friend, a caring adult? Create a smile. Help a girl make new friends. Continue to help build tomorrows leaders and open your troop to another girl. Currently Sybaquay has 417 girls on the waiting list. Please contact your TSC or membership director today to continue the mission of Girl Scouts. "Friends make life worth living."*

## SHOP TALK

### Holiday Hours

**The Girl Scout Center/Council Shop will be closed to the public from Dec. 22 through Jan. 1 for the winter holiday. The Girl Scout Center and Council Shop will reopen Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008.**

**Additionally, please note that the Girl Scout Express in Barrington will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1 the Girl Scout Express will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008.**

**The Girl Scout Express will have special Holiday hours beginning Dec. 10 through Dec.21:**  
**9:30 A.M.–7 P.M., Monday–Friday**  
**9:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M., Saturday**  
**Noon–5 P.M., Sunday**

## Come Back In December

Save this coupon

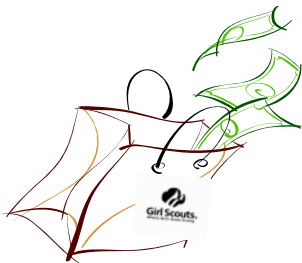
Bring it to the shop in December

Take 10% off your entire gift purchase

Coupon valid for one purchase



Girl Scouts.



Check out our council website for shop news and updates throughout the year.  
[www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)

*Dollars generated from your shop purchase help provide programs and services to our girls.*

*Offer excludes earned items, such as badges and pins.*