



EMPOWER GIRLS WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Girl Scouting is moving forward with a strengthened leadership experience, referred to as the Girl Scout Leadership Development Program. To help our girls develop into leaders we are kicking off our 2007-2008 membership year with some new opportunities. Consider getting your older girls involved with Teen Trekkers or Traveling Teens—these activities allow them to have a say in programming this year. Girl Scouts of any age can join the Emissary Network and represent their communities in the media. Girl Scouts can also participate in our Girls Lead!! Series of core program-aide and enrichment trainings.

The word “leader” brings to mind images of CEOs, politicians or well-known artists and writers. To a young girl, a leader might be a teacher, coach, or mentor, but a leader is someone of any age who takes an initiative to set an example—a girl who encourages recycling, being a friend to a new student, or sharing an idea or taking action to help improve the world around her.

Ask a Girl Scout is a new feature available on the Web site to connect girls and empower them to step up in leadership and share their experiences with other girls. Girl Scouts of Sybaquay Council will be submitting questions online to our Girl Scout Emissaries. They will be respond with answers which will be posted on the Web site. Click on the *Ask a Girl Scout* link on the Home page. This will direct you to the *Ask a GS* page which includes an e-mail link. Simply submit your question. Please indicate if you'd like your question answered by a specific age group.

Encourage your troop/group to participate! It's a fun way to find out what other Girl Scouts are doing and/or thinking, while taking a stand in leadership as the voice of girls from Sybaquay Council. If your troop/group is interested in answering questions, they can become Girl Scout Emissaries too and represent their communities and age groups. Contact us at 847-541-5521, Ext. 115 or by e-mail at <vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org>.

Welcome to the second year of Leader Links online! If you have trouble printing viewing this document or do not have regular internet access, please send a request for this publication to be mailed to you monthly. Send your name and address to <vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org> or call 847-741-5521, Ext. 115.

OCTOBER 2007

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
Fax: 847-741-5667
E-mail: info@gs-sybaquay.org
shop@gs-sybaquay.org
Web site: 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

Leader Highlights



Karen M. helps out at last month's Latina Girl Scout Festival in Carpentersville. The festival was held in partnership with Centro de Informacón and was sponsored by Comcast.

Girl Scout Junior Troop 553 leader Terri I. looks on as her girls learn how to make a whistle from an acorn cap at Emricson Park in Woodstock. Troop 553 was one of five Girl Scout troops who participated in National Public Lands Day on September 29.



Laurie C. and five generations of Kimball Hill family Girl Scouts at the recent dedication of the *Kimball Hill Activity Center for Girls* at Mary Ann Beebe Center. At the ceremony, Kimball Hill Homes, their trades partners and other local businesses were honored for their renovations to the activity center. These generous gifts help to bring the activity center up to date and make it accessible to girls with physical challenges.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 355 leaders Pat C. (left) and Jenna (right) with members of their troop. The girls collected acorns for National Public Lands Day at Emricson Park on September 29.



Girl Scout Cadette leaders try their hand at the Adventure Walk at Mary Ann Beebe Center. The leaders were there with their girls for the Adventure Walk Overnight program event for girls this past month.

PROGRAM NEWS

Updated programs—

Snoozeum @ The Museum of Science & Industry Friday, April 18, 2008, to Saturday, April 19, 2008

- Who: Third-grade Girl Scout Brownies and Girl Scout Juniors
- Fee: \$58 per person, includes museum overnight fee and bus transportation

For more information, see page 22 of the Program Booklet or see the Snoozeum listing on Sybaquay's Program Events listing.

Skiing and Snowboarding @ Wilmot Mountain Saturday, January 5, 2007

Head just over the Wisconsin border for an evening of skiing or snowboarding at Wilmot Mountain. Packages include a group lesson to provide basic knowledge of skills needed for a safe and fun experience.

- Who: Girl Scouts ages 9 and up (No Girl Scouts or non-members younger than 9 years of age.)
- Time: Check-in at Wilmot between 2:45 and 3 P.M.
- Fee: **For Girl Scouts and adults**
Skiing: Lift and lesson (own equipment) \$22
Skiing: Lift, ski rental, lesson \$42*
Snowboarding: Lift and lesson (own equipment): \$22
Snowboarding: Lift/snowboard rental/lesson \$52*

For non-member youth (must be ages 9 and up)

- Skiing: Lift and lesson (own equipment) \$27
Skiing: Lift, ski rental, lesson \$47*
Snowboarding: Lift and lesson (own equipment): \$27
Snowboarding: Lift/snowboard rental/lesson \$57*

**Fee includes a \$10 deposit, which will be returned by Wilmot when rented equipment is returned in good condition.*

NOTE: *Wilmot does not have helmets available for rent. Helmets are not required; however, if you would like to wear a helmet, you must provide your own.*

Required: Each troop/group must meet appropriate girl/adult ratio and girls registering individually must be accompanied at event by an adult.

Bring: Appropriate dress, snacks/drinks, or money for snack bar

Min./Max: 20/60

Registration: begins immediately and ends December 19, 2007

Skiing @ Villa Olivia Friday, January 25, 2008

Take to the slopes close to home at Villa Olivia in Bartlett. This downhill skiing adventure includes a one-hour lesson, equipment rental (if needed) and a slope ticket.

- Who: Girl Scouts ages 9 and up (No Girl Scouts or non-members younger than 9 years of age.)
- Time: Session 1: Arrive 4 P.M./lesson at 5 P.M.
Session 2: Arrive 5 P.M./lesson at 6 P.M.
- Fee: **For Girl Scouts & Adults**
With own equipment: \$30
With equipment rental: \$48
For non-members youth, 9 years old and up
With own equipment: \$35
With equipment rental: \$53

NOTE: Villa Olivia does not have helmets available for rent. Helmets are not required; however, if you would like to wear a helmet, you must provide your own.

Required: Each troop/group must meet appropriate girl/adult ratio and girls registering individually must be accompanied at event by an adult.

Min.: 25 per session

Registration: begins immediately/ends January 4, 2008

NOTE: To register for either skiing date, you must use the Skiing Registration Form on page 52 of the Program Booklet. Online registration is not available.

Change to Registration Date—

Super Weekend

Fri. to Sat., Feb. 2 to 3, 2008

Location: Great Wolf Lodge, Wisconsin Dells

Fee: \$85 per participant (girl or adult)

Fee includes:

- \$20 in Wolf Bucks (can be used at food outlets in the lodge)
- T-shirt
- spaghetti dinner Saturday night
- Sunday breakfast
- entrance into the waterparks
- hotel accommodations (4 per room)

Registration: opens immediately/ends Nov. 23.

For additional information see page 34 of Program Booklet.

NOTE: To allow for more flexibility in check-in/check-out times for participants, transportation is not being provided. If an individual girl is interested in attending and needs transportation, she should contact Kay at the Girl Scout Center. An additional fee will be charged for transportation.

Ready, Set, Go! Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick Off Saturday, December 1, 2007

Teamwork is the theme for this year's annual Girl Scout cookie sale! At this kick-off you can complete all or some of the requirements for the Cookies Count Try-It or the Cookie Connection badge. All attendees will have a chance to win Dash, a giant-stuffed Border Collie, who will be on display for all to see. Try-Its and badges are not included in the event fee. If completed, they may be purchased at the Council Shop or Girl Scout Express

Location: McHenry County College

Cost: \$5 per girl

Registration: begins Oct. 1/ends Nov. 16.

The Nutcracker Ballet Thursday, November 29, 2007

Sybaquay is once again teaming up with the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble to bring you this holiday tradition AND help fellow Girl Scouts.

This special DRESS rehearsal performance of The Nutcracker Ballet is for Girl Scout troops/groups, families and friends and comes to you at a reduced price of \$12 per person. (Regular performance tickets are \$22 to \$28.) The dance company consists of professional performers and members of the community and the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble. Following the performance, Girl Scouts will have the opportunity to meet some of the characters. Attending this production could help you earn Girl Scout recognitions. Brownie Girl Scouts may find this the perfect activity to compliment the Let's Pretend Try-It and Junior Girl Scouts can use it to meet requirement #10 of the Theater badge.

Proceeds from this production will benefit Girl Scouts in Sybaquay Council who are participating in *destinations* and/or working towards their Girl Scout Gold Award.

Who: Girl Scouts of all ages, their families and friends

Location: Barrington High School, 616 W. Main Street, Barrington, IL

Time: Lobby opens at 6 P.M.; Curtain at 6:30 P.M. The performance lasts approximately 2½ hours and includes an intermission.

Fee: \$12 per person, general admission
\$1 for event patch (optional)

Bring: Optional money to purchase concessions before show and during intermission and camera for use when meeting characters after the performance.

Registration: Begins immediately and ends
November 16, 2007

Fighting Drunk Driving and Underage Drinking—Is your troop doing healthy-living activities that include helping youth say “no” to alcohol? If yes, Nickelodeon and The Century Council has provided Sybaquay Council with two publications you might find useful. *How to Talk to Your Adolescent About Alcohol* is aimed at helping parents facilitate conversations about the consequences of underage drinking. *What You Don't “No” Can Hurt You* is aimed at youth and includes quizzes and games aimed at helping youth understand the dangers of underage drinking and how to say “no.” Contact Kay at Ext. 130 to reserve your copies.

Sponsor of the month—Children’s Theatre of Elgin offers special Girl Scout matinees to help you fulfill Try-it/badge requirements and provide you an opportunity to meet the characters, talk with the director and producer, learn about costumes, building the set, stage make-up and more. Tickets are \$5 per person. Upcoming shows include The Adventures of Aladdin on Saturday, October 27, at 2 P.M. and Placing Out on Saturday, April 12, at 2 P.M. Both shows are at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. For tickets or information call 847-214-7550.

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.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some Holiday Observances—Your troop/group’s activities can be themed after some of these November observances: Veteran’s Day (Nov. 11), Sadie Hawkin’s Day (Nov. 13), America Recycles Day (Nov. 15), Great American Smoke out (15), World Peace Day (Nov. 17), Take a Hike Day (Nov. 17), Universal Children’s Day (Nov. 20), Thanksgiving (Nov. 22). November is also Child Safety Protection Month.

Web site Scrapbook—Please check out the Scrapbook section of our Web site regularly. It has been updated and is ready for you to enjoy! 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>.

Don’t forget to recycle cell phones and ink cartridges at the Girl Scout Center!

FYI

Rental Equipment—A wide variety of items for your troop/group’s activities are available at the Girl Scout Center for check-out. For more information, contact Chris at 847-741-5521, Ext. 146.

Use those tax exempt letters!—Earlier this month you should have received a copy of the Illinois tax exempt letter. It’s important to remember to use our exemption because we save money when we don’t have to pay Illinois taxes! Simply show the letter at time of purchase. If purchasing personal items also, please make two transactions to keep the Girl Scout items separate. We could lose our tax exempt status if it is discovered that items purchased are not for council use, girl use, etc. Also, please note that our tax exempt status only applies to the state of Illinois.

Staff Spotlight

Meet Sybaquay Council staff!

This month’s spotlight is on:

Name: Madelon Koerner

Title: Director of Product Sales

Job responsibilities: I work with

volunteer committees to plan and coordinate the fall product and GS cookie sale programs,

along with the planning and facilitation of the Financial Literacy program.

Years of Girl Scouting: Five years as a girl, 30 years as an adult.

Three words that describe me: Girl Scout Green

Outside of work, I like to: Spend time with my grandson (10 months old) and travel.

Something else you might not know about me: Some people call me “adventurous”. I’ve hiked 125 miles of the Appalachian Trail and in 2003 I canoed the Missouri River in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Additionally: For all my years in Girl Scouts I have held every volunteer position except that of being a Daisy Girl Scout Leader. It could still happen!



ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Spotlight on Adult Recognition—There are many ways to recognize our dedicated and reliable volunteers. Recognition is one of the ways we make our volunteers feel as if they make a difference each and every day. One of the types of recognition systems we have in places is Service Unit Recognitions. These are awarded at the service unit level and are the spotlight for this issue of *Leader Links*. Each issue, we will spotlight a different award, culminating in the awards given for the year at the Adult Recognition Dinner, held April 23, 2008.

Service Unit Recognitions are approved by the service team. They include two types of awards, The Outstanding Leader award and The Outstanding Volunteer award. The Outstanding Leader award is for outstanding performance in working with girls by a troop/group leader, assistant leader or coordinator. The Outstanding Leader award pin depicts a leadership torch against a yellow background. The Outstanding Volunteer award is for excellence in service to a geographic area or program audience, by an adult member in a position other than a troop/group leader. The outstanding Volunteer Award pin depicts a white chain and gold trefoil against a red background.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of October 17, 2007, we have 3,271 girls and 1,070 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.

Welcome new staff—Please join us in welcoming Christine Kelly, membership director and Denee Cavicchioni, office support assistant.

TEEN LINKS
has been posted online!
Find the link on the Home page
www.gs-sybaquay.org

CALENDAR

Fall Product Sale begins	Oct. 20
Juliette Low's Birthday	Oct. 31
Fall Product Sale ends	Nov. 3
GSC Closed for Thanksgiving	Nov. 22 & 23
Delivery of Fall Product items	Dec. 1

Delegate Meetings—

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 7 P.M.

Bartlett Nature Center, Bartlett

Saturday, November 17, 2007, 9 A.M.

Girl Scout Center, Elgin

SHOP TALK

*It's time
for our annual
FALL SALE !!
10% off every-
thing
the entire
month
of October*

**Good at both locations
(Barrington and Elgin)
and online orders!**

No time to visit the Council Shops? Order by



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