

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council



## **PLAN SERVICE PROJECTS PRE-HOLIDAY SEASON**

This time of year dawns the spirit of giving, and the time of year that people consider the needy and make contributions. Troops/groups may be busy planning food drives and toy drives, or may be collecting coats and mittens. These are great service projects that help girls build confidence and character and make the world a better place.

There are lots of ways your troop/group can contribute to a good cause. Determine what the most needed items are for an organization you would like to help, and set out to collect them. Food pantries are often in need of replenishing. Sick children in hospitals could all have their days brightened with a toy. Libraries will usually welcome new books, nursing homes might enjoy some holiday cheer, local pet shelters may be in need of pet food contributions, and used winter coats and mittens may be easier to acquire at the start of the cold season as new hats and mittens will leave many winter items unused or no longer needed.

Keep in mind that any troop/group service project should be something planned by the girls themselves. Girl Scouts of all ages can plan and implement a variety of community service projects to make a difference in their towns and cities.

When doing any activity as a troop/group, be sure to follow guidelines in *Safety-Wise* and your *Volunteer Resource Guide*. It's important to note that Girl Scouts cannot solicit financial contributions for other organizations.

Be sure to let the Girl Scout Center know of your planned activities, so we can help spread the word and highlight events in the local newspapers. Submit photos, as long as the girls have signed photo releases, to be posted on the scrapbook part of Sybaquay Council's Web site.

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NOVEMBER 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](mailto:info@gs-sybaquay.org)  
[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

# Leader Highlights 2007 Leader Jamboree

Trainers Lesley T. (right), Janna L. (below left), and Bev D. (below right).



Volunteers enjoy Daisy's café (above) and a tour of the yurts



## PROGRAM NEWS

**Elgin Community Holiday Toy Drive**—Sybaquay Council is once again a co-sponsor of the Elgin Community Holiday Toy Giveaway. The giveaway takes place on December 18 and provides toys to over 2,500 in the Elgin/South Elgin area. Toys/gifts should be new, unwrapped, and in the \$5 to \$25 price range. Toy suggestions include dolls—especially multi-cultural, cars/trucks, board games, basketballs/footballs, infant/toddler/preschool toys, Legos, and puzzles. Gifts appropriate for teens are always needed. Please, NO violent toys/action figures. Troops, groups or individuals who would like to donate toys can deliver them to the Girl Scout Center during regular business hours from December 1 through December 17.

**Upcoming Programs**—Space is still available in the following upcoming workshops/events.

### Girl Scout Brownies:

*Explore Wildlife*, Dec. 1, Russell Woods, Genoa, Registration ends Nov. 12

*Watching Wildlife*, Dec. 10, Hawthorne Hills Nature Center, Elgin, Registration ends Nov. 12

Wave the Flag, Jan. 3, Sycamore United Methodist Church, Sycamore, Registration ends Dec. 10

### Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors:

*Ready, Set, Go! Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick Off*, Dec. 1, McHenry County College, Registration ends Nov. 16

### Girl Scouts, ages 9 and up:

*Skiing/Snowboarding at Wilmot Mountain*, Jan. 5, Wilmot Mountain, Wisconsin, Registration ends Dec. 19

*Skiing at Villa Olivia*, Jan. 25, Villa Olivia, Bartlett, Registration ends Jan. 4

### Girl Scouts all ages:

*The Nutcracker*, Nov. 29, Barrington High School, Barrington, Registration ends Nov. 16

### Girl Scout Cadettes/Seniors:

CHANGE TO INFORMATION IN PROGRAM BOOKLET:

*Super Weekend*, Feb. 2-3, Great Wolf Lodge, Wisconsin Dells, **Registration is currently open and ends Nov. 23. Cost is \$85 per participant.** To allow 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.

### Clarifications—

*The Nutcracker Ballet* on Thursday, November 29, 2007, at the Barrington High School is the production for which Sybaquay Council is taking ticket orders. The proceeds from these sales will benefit girls in Sybaquay Council who are participating in *destinations* and/or working towards their Girl Scout Gold Award. Tickets can be ordered either through the events section of the Web site or by using the registration form in the *Program Booklet*. Everyone who registers will receive a confirmation letter which will be their ticket to the production.

Any other Nutcracker productions as listed in the Leader's Section of the *Program Booklet* or on the Web site under *Program Booklet* Community Listings or Opportunities provided by non-Girl Scout resources DO NOT benefit Girl Scouts. Sybaquay Council is not involved in these productions and is not taking ticket orders. That information is simply an FYI.

The *Ready, Set, Go! Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick Off* on Saturday, December 1 does require preregistration. Registration can be completed on our Web site or by using the registration form in the *Program Booklet*.

**Change in Program Date**—Due to a conflict at HI-Chicago, the *Where Do You Want To Go?* overnight scheduled for February has been rescheduled to January 12-13, 2008. Registration for this event will begin immediately. A non-refundable deposit of \$20 is due by December 1, 2007, with final payment due by December 17,

2007. All other information remains as listed on page 35 of the *Program Booklet*.

**Summer Adventures Survey**—The program department is busy planning summer program, including resident camp, trips, and workshops. In early November we will be distributing a survey via Zoomerang (online survey) to Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes and Seniors. If you are interested in being part of this survey, please make sure we have an updated e-mail on file.

**Sponsor of the month**—NobleFool Theatricals offers a variety of acting workshops. See their sponsorship ad on page 27 of the Program Booklet. Also check out their listings in the Community Listing section the *Program Booklet's* Leader Insert for information on November workshops that will help girls (Brownies through Seniors) earn Girl Scouts recognitions.

*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**—Plans for your troop/group activities can be themed after some of these December observances: Mitten Tree Day (Dec. 6), Letter Writing Day (Dec. 7), International Children's Day (Dec. 9), Poinsettia Day (Dec. 12), Bake Cookies Day (Dec. 18), Christmas (Dec. 25), Kwanzaa (Dec. 26), New Year's Eve (Dec. 31).

**Web site Scrapbook**—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>.

## NEWS FROM GSUSA

**Fire-threatened Council in California**—GSUSA has updated us on the nearly 40,000 girl and adult members of Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council and appreciates the offers of assistance from sister Girl Scouts nationwide. Currently, they are reporting that all members are safe, but are still determining what members have lost homes, or experienced property damage.

Several councils have asked how they could help. GSUSA asks that no items or gifts be sent, but if you wish to send a note of encouragement to Girl Scouts and other San Diegans affected by the fires, or to the firefighters and other public safety agencies involved, please address them to: Wildfire Relief, Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council, 1231 Upas St., San Diego, CA 92103.

**TEEN LINKS**  
has been posted online!  
Find the link on the Home page  
[www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)

## Staff Spotlight

**Meet Sybaquay Council staff!**

**This month's spotlight is on:**

**Name:** Cindy Kocol

**Title:** Director of Communications

**Job responsibilities:** Maintain Web

site; media relations, production of

newsletters, and the council's annual report, manage the Girl Scout brand.

**Years of Girl Scouting:** 13—3 as a leader, 10 as council staff member

**Three words that describe me:** detail-oriented, positive, creative

**Outside of work, I like to:** Spend time with my family, shop, read, watch movies and TV, photography, and cooking.



## 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 **Council Level Recognitions**. These recognitions are reviewed by the Adult Recognition Committee 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 **Sybaquay Bronze Charm**. Each issue Adult Recognition will spotlight a different award, culminating in the awards given for the year at the Adult Recognition Dinner, held April 23, 2008.



The **Sybaquay Bronze Charm** is an award unique to Girl Scouts-Sybaquay Council. It recognizes outstanding service to at least one geographic area/ service unit, or program delivery audience, by an adult member in a service unit position.

Applications for all awards are distributed to the service team via an adult recognition binder with all the forms and criteria and may be found on line at <[www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)>. An application must be submitted for each award, with number of letter of endorsement vary per award. Consult the binder or website for number of endorsement required.

The individual submitting the application cannot submit a letter of endorsement for the nominee. Each letter of endorsement must be submitted by a different person and cannot be a relative or household member of the nominee.

**Honor Troop**—Honor Troop Applications can be found online at <[www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)> in the forms section of the Web site.

**Sybaquay Council recycles ink cartridges and cell phones at the Girl Scout Center for benefits! Bring in these items to place in our drop box, or contact the GSC if you are interested in placing a collection box in your service unit.**

## MEMBERSHIP

**Membership**—As of October 30, 2007, we have 6,165 girls and 1,692 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.

### CALENDAR

Fall Product Sale ends	Nov. 3
GSC Closed for Thanksgiving	Nov. 22 & 23
Delivery of Fall Product items	Dec. 1
GSC Closed for Winter Break	Dec. 24-28

#### **Delegate Meetings**—

Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 7 P.M.  
Bartlett Nature Center, Bartlett  
(Map available on Delegate Section of Web site)

Saturday, November 17, 2007, 9 A.M.  
Girl Scout Center, Elgin

Elected delegates must register for one of above meetings—call 847-741-5521, Ext. 136 or e-mail your preference to <[delegates@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:delegates@gs-sybaquay.org)>.

## SHOP TALK

### CLEARANCE BLOWOUT!!

**During the month of November, buy one Clearance item at the reduced price, get another Clearance item 50% off the reduced price! Offer good in store locations only (EXCLUDES ANNIVERSARY ITEMS)**

No time to visit the Council Shops? Order by



Shop online on our Web site at <[www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)>.