



Exciting Changes for the New Membership Year!

The 2008 - 2009 membership year brings many new and exciting opportunities for Sybaquay Girl Scouts!

NEW FROM GSUSA

Program level changes—GS Daisies, grades K-1; GS Brownies, grades 2-3; GS Juniors, grades 4-5; GS Cadettes, grades 6-8; GS Seniors, grades 9-10; and a new program level, GS Ambassadors, grades 11-12..

Guidelines for official uniforms—Girl Scouts at each level will have one official uniform item (tunic, vest, sash) for the display of official pins and awards. GS Daisies and Brownies will continue to have a full uniform ensemble available to them—new this year, GS Daisies may now choose a tunic or vest. For Girl Scout Junior through GS Ambassador levels, girls will wear their own solid white shirts and Khaki pants or skirt with their required official uniform item (tunic, vest, sash). GS Seniors and Ambassadors will also have a scarf, uniting them in the WAGGGS tradition. This is the official dress code which will unite girls as Girl Scouts and which is required when participating in ceremonies or representing the Girl Scout Movement in the public. Girl Scouts of the USA will continue to develop and offer a range of appealing casual wear for girls and adults to wear in unofficial meetings and activities. The official uniform for adults in Girl Scouting is navy blue business attire worn with an official scarf and membership pins for women, and the tie for men.

New Journeys—Materials are now available in both of our Girl Scout shops and online for both girls and adult volunteers—books, adult guides, awards and fun collectables!

Leadership Essentials—Sybaquay facilitators have been busy with the new GSUSA Leadership Essentials learning opportunities for adult volunteers. In this class, which replaced recent program level trainings for both new and experienced leaders, volunteers will learn all about the new Journeys, as well as ways to integrate the journey materials with current program level badgework and awards. Visit our Web site now to register for a Leadership Essentials learning opportunity near you!

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Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Hours:

Monday	Noon–5 P.M. (Shop open Noon–7 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	12 Noon.–4 P.M.

Contacting the Girl Scout Express:

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

Did you know—When you shop at the Council Shop or the Girl Scout Express, revenues are used to further the Girl Scout program for girls in Sybaquay Council!

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New Girl Scout Leadership Experience—GSUSA's new program model focuses on three keys to developing leadership in our girls. Girl Scouts are engaged in age-appropriate activities which allow girls to *Discover* themselves, *Connect* with others and *Taking Action* to make the world a better place. An increasing importance is placed on not just "what activities girls do," but "how they do them." The new leadership experience has girls participating in *Girl-Led* programming, *Learning by Doing*, and working with others as a team through *Cooperative Learning*.

Changes to Safety-Wise—Don't forget to go on our Web site for updates to Safety-Wise. You'll find them on the Leader page under Adults/Volunteers. Remember, Girl Scout Daisies will be participating in both the fall product and Girl Scout cookie sales this year. You'll find guidelines for their participation as well.

NEW FROM SYBAQUAY COUNCIL

New Leader Page—Don't forget to regularly check the new page on our Web site that's just for leaders—*Leaders: What you Need to Know*. Just go to the Adult tab at the top of the Home page and then Volunteers/Leaders on the dropdown! Watch for the *Leader's Corner* link coming soon!

New place for Sybaquay Girl Scouts to CONNECT!—*OneGirl* is the fun new social networking site just for Sybaquay Girl Scouts. It's located on the Girl2Girl section of our Web site. Users are approved and their *OneGirl* pages are screened to ensure safety. It's a great way to have the girls keep in touch between meetings and over breaks. Be sure to encourage your girls to sign up and CONNECT! Watch our Web site for more information on *OneGirl* workshops coming later this year.

New Family Events—For the first time this year, a variety of FAMILY EVENTS are being offered. These events are open to siblings and parents as well as

registered Girl Scouts. All youth participants must be accompanied by adults. Troops/groups with adult chaperones are welcome to register for these events as well. Check the Web site or your new program booklet to register for our first event on October 11—*Bubble Wonders*—registration opens September 18!

A change to emergency procedures—Please be advised that the emergency number is no longer a pager number. After hours, just call 847-741-5521, Ext. 7122 and your call will be forwarded to the staff member on call.

First Aid/CPR Blended Learning—Sybaquay Council is now offering blended learning classes for our volunteers in first aid and CPR. The first part of this training from the American Red Cross is taken online, which allows you to learn at your own pace. The second part of your training is held by a Red Cross-trained instructor—during a two-hour skills practice and assessment session with the instructor, you can practice and demonstrate the skills you've learned and earn certification. See the training section of our Web site for information on registration.

Council Realignment—As if all of this isn't enough, on October 1, 2008, Sybaquay Council will begin the process of realigning with three other area councils—Fox Valley, Rock River Valley, Green Hills. This will be a year-long process and updates will be communicated to our membership on a regular basis via our Web site, through service unit meetings, and in council publications.

This should prove to be an exciting year for all of us—our girls, volunteers, families, lifetime members and staff! There are more opportunities coming our way!

Leader Highlights

Leadership Essentials learning opportunity and fall product sale training had volunteers smiling!



PROGRAM NEWS

Lost & Found—We have had a variety of items left at council-sponsored events this summer. If your daughter attended an event and you are missing a water bottle, towel, swimsuit, bag, messkit or anything else, please contact Kay at the Girl Scout Center (Ext. 7130 or kay@gs-sybaquay.org).

2008-2009 Program Booklet—If it has not already, the new program booklet should arrive in your mailbox shortly. A PDF version can be found on the Web site.

Registration for events begins as follows:

- September 1 for events in September
- September 18 for events in October through January, unless otherwise noted
- January 5 for events in February through May

NEW procedure this year—We ask that adults who plan to stay for an event register; however, a fee is payable only if an adult fee is listed.

Leader's Insert—your version of the booklet once again includes the Leader Insert which has:

- A **Petal/Try-It/Badge/IP Correlation** list which gives a short list of recognitions from the different program levels that correlate with each other. This is no way a complete list, watch for more in upcoming Program Update E-Mail Blasts.
- Information on **Take A Hike** at Mary Ann Beebe Center and **NEW THIS YEAR** at Chapman Hills as well.
- **NEW THIS YEAR** the **Troop Trek 2009** information and registration is included.
- And of course, the community listings which come to you from outside groups who have fun activities for girls.

Your leader insert can also be found on our Web site under the Adult tab and Volunteers/Leaders on the drop-down menu.

Some of the early program event offerings are:

- Troop Archery, Sept. 27, Mary Ann Beebe Center (MABC), GS Juniors, Deadline Sept. 17
- Program Aide-Basic, Sept. 27, MABC, GS grade 7 and up, Deadline Sept. 11
- Adventure Walk Overnight, Sept 27-28, MABC, GS grade 7 and up, Deadline Sept. 11
- *Explore the Wonders of Wetlands, Oct. 4, MABC, GS Brownies and Juniors, Deadline Sept. 18
- *Songs, Safety & S'mores, Oct. 4, MABC, GS Brownies, Deadline Sept. 19
- *Adventure Walk, Oct. 4, MABC, GS Juniors, Deadline Sept. 19
- Bubble Wonders, Oct. 11, Fox River Country Day School, Elgin, FAMILY EVENT, Deadline Sept. 25
- Swimming Like a Fish, Oct. 11, Elgin YWCA, GS Juniors, Deadline Sept. 25
- Scrapbooking & Stamping, Oct. 13, Algonquin, GS ages 12-17, Deadline Sept. 25

**These girl program events are being offered on the same day as the Leader Jamboree. Registration opens immediately for daughters of leaders attending the Leader Jamboree; please be sure to register for the Leader Jamboree prior to registering your daughter. Registration opens to all Girl Scouts on September 8. Registration ends September 19.*

Don't forget to check our Web site often for additions to the programs listed in the program booklet. Also, if you want to receive the monthly Program Updates E-Mail Blast, be sure we have a current e-mail on file for you.

Reminder: We have new phone extensions at the Girl Scout Center. Extensions are now 4 digits—previous extensions are now prefaced by 7. Also please be aware that the phone menu options have changed.

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

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

This year's Leader Jamboree is being held on Saturday, October 4, 2008, at the Mary Ann Beebe Center in Harvard. For the first time, this year we are offering several new options:

OPTION 1: Leaders will have the option of an overnight stay with the *Indoor Overnights* or *Creative Furniture* classes, or you can just spend the night! The overnight option is Friday, October 3, 7 P.M. to Saturday, October 4, 8 A.M. All overnight options are \$5 and include breakfast the next morning.

OPTION 2: Sign up for as many classes as you like. Some classes have a minimal charge for supplies and/or food, and some classes are free of charge.

OPTION 3: If you would like to *Stay for Lunch* and it is not included in your course, please register for this option at a cost of \$10. If you'd prefer, you may join us for no cost if you bring a sack lunch from home.

OPTION 4: If you sign up for three or more courses, you'll have the opportunity to register for a special *Divas do Desserts* class at no charge!

Don't forget to sign your daughters up for the Girl Scout program events that will be running simultaneously—*Explore the Wonders of Wetlands* for GS Brownies or GS Juniors, *Songs, Safety and S'Mores* for GS Brownies, and *Adventure Walk* for GS Juniors. Registration for daughters of volunteers attending the Leader Jamboree begins September 1—general registration begins September 8. NOTE: You must register for Leader Jamboree prior to signing your daughter up for one of these program events.

SHOP TALK

Please note that summer hours have ended for both Girl Scout shops and Girl Scout Center.

See front page.

CALENDAR

Girl Scout Center & Council Shop, Elgin	
CLOSED FOR ALL-STAFF MEETING	Sept. 12
National Public Lands Day	Sept. 27
Leader Jamboree	Oct. 4
Fall Product Sale Begins	Oct. 18
National Council Session Convention	
Indianapolis, IN	Oct. 30-Nov. 2
Fall Product Sale Ends	Nov. 1
Girl Scout Center, Council Shop, GS Express	
CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY	Nov. 27 & 28

FALL PRODUCT SALE

This year's fall product sale begins October 18 and ends November 1, 2008. The theme for this year's sale is "Going Green" Observe and conserve! This year's sale will include an online sales component and remember—Girl Scout Daisies will be allowed to sell for the first time this year! If you do not receive fall product sales information from your service unit's fall product sales chair or service unit manager, please contact Madelon at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7120.

It is important that leaders give all girls and their families and opportunity to participate in the fall/product sale if they choose to do so—it shouldn't be a decision made by the troop/group leaders. The fall product and Girl Scout cookie sales are both important components of the Girl Scout program that teach girls a myriad of life skills and builds confidence and leadership abilities.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some Holiday Observances—Make plans for your troop/group's summer activities to be themed after some of these October observances: International Day for the Elderly (Oct. 1); Columbus Day (Oct. 13); Make a Difference Day (Oct. 25); Founder Juliette Low's Birthday (Oct. 31); Halloween (Oct. 31). October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, National Diabetes Month, National Pizza Month and National Popcorn Popping Month.