

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council



April is Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Month

April 19-25 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, and April 22 is Girl Scout Leader Day! This is a great time to recognize the efforts of all our volunteers who have given our Girl Scouts the opportunity to try new activities, make lasting friendships, learn new skills and have fun!

We'd like to thank you, our volunteers—leaders, advisors, trainers, service team members, Board of Directors and committee members . . . all of you who help build leaders and help create an environment for girls to gain skills and prepare for a positive future. Adult leaders and mentors inspire and empower girls to help make the world a better place. Whether it's organizing meetings, outings or special projects, troop/group leaders put a lot of time and effort into creating a positive Girl Scout experience. Without caring adults playing important roles, Girl Scouting couldn't happen. Volunteers make a valuable difference in the lives of our girls. Your commitment is appreciated!

Sybaquay Council will be celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Week with recognitions and service unit prizes. At your April service unit meetings, membership directors will hold drawings and one volunteer in each service unit will win a special prize and be featured in an article in their local paper.

Our Girl Scouts need more volunteers like you. If you know someone who could help benefit a girl's life with their time or talents, no matter how big or small, have them call the Girl Scout Center at 847-741-5521 to see how they can help a girl today!

Plan to join us for the Annual Adult Recognition Dinner to be held at the Elgin Holiday Inn on April 22 at 6 P.M. This dinner and awards presentation will recognize outstanding volunteers nominated by other adult staff and volunteers.

*Thank you to all Girl Scout leaders who volunteer
their time and energy in encouraging girls
to become the best that they can be.*

Happy Leader's Day!



APRIL 2009

Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Regular 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 Regular 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!*

Leader Highlights

Volunteers help out at the Amelia Bedelia Fashion Show and Tea



PROGRAM NEWS

Dairy Queen Treats—We are pleased to announce that GSUSA has renewed the licensing agreement with *American Dairy Queen* for two new *Blizzard Treats* this summer. *Dairy Queen* will introduce the *Girl Scouts Tag-along Peanut Butter Patties Blizzard* as the featured *Blizzard* of the Month for July and bring back the *Girl Scouts Thin Mint Cookie Blizzard* during August. In addition, Dairy Queen has declared July 20–26, 2009, as Girl Scout Appreciation Week. Stay tuned for more information on special activities that may be scheduled during that week.

Summer Program—This year's council-sponsored summer program offerings will be available online May 1. Be sure to check it out. In an effort to save both paper and money, there will be no summer brochure. If you do not have access to our Web site and would like information mailed, please contact Denee at Ext. 7123.

Girl Scout Silver Award Ceremony—The Girl Scout Silver Award Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 9, 2009, 2–4 P.M., at Gail Borden Public Library, Elgin, IL. This event recognizes girls who have earned their Girl Scout Silver Award between May 2008 and April 15, 2009. Final paperwork must be submitted to the Girl Scout Center by April 15 in order to be recognized at this ceremony. Invitations were mailed the first week of April.

As our honored guests, the Girl Scout Silver Award recipients will attend for no fee. The cost for guests attending is \$5 per person—pre-school and under attending are free.

Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet—The Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet will be held Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 6 P.M., at Randall Oaks Golf Club, West Dundee, IL. This event is by invitation only and honors young women who have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award. Girls who have been in Girl Scouting for 10 years and girls who are graduating high school are also recognized at this ceremony. Girl Scout Gold Award recipients must have

completed their Girl Scout Gold Award and have had a final review meeting prior to April 15. Invitations will be mailed the first week of May.

If you know of a girl who is celebrating her tenth year in Girl Scouts or is graduating high school, please submit her name to Pam Schneck at pam@gs-sybaquay.org by

ADULT RECOGNITION

Adult Recognition Dinner—Join us for a night of fun and fabulous prizes. The Adult Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Elgin Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites Chicago Northwest, at 6 P.M. The cost is \$25, but any group reserving a table for 8 people will be able to obtain a \$5 discount for each person at the table. There will also be a one-time \$5 discount for anyone who submitted a nomination for a volunteer who was approved for an award for the Sybaquay Bronze Charm, Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, or Thanks Badge II. There's still time to register for the event. Click on the link on Sybaquay's Home page and download the registration form to mail with payment or register online by April 13. If you would like to donate a prize for the dinner or know someone who would, please contact Jenny Savage, Director of adult development, 847-741-5521, Ext. 7119.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Be sure to check the Web site for recently added trainings that are available for volunteers. Register now for Leadership Essentials for New and Experienced Leaders, First Aid/CPR Blended Learning, Archery, Basic Outdoor Skills, Indoor Overnights and Outdoor Overnights.

Sybaquay Council frequently communicates with its members via e-mail. It is important that the Girl Scout Center has your correct e-mail address. Also, 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.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some Holiday Observances—Make plans for your troop/group's activities to be themed after some of these May observances:

Better Hearing and Speech Month, Clean Air Month, Family Wellness Month, National Good Car Keeping Month, National Barbeque Month, National Bike Month, National Mental Health Month, Teen Self Esteem Month, Women's Health Care Month, Young Achievers of Tomorrow Month, National Family Month, National Pet Week (May 3-9), Teacher Appreciation Week (May 3-9), Reading is Fun Week (May 10-16), May Day (May 1), National Scrapbooking Day (May 2), National Two Different Colored Shoes Day (May 3), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), National Teacher Day (May 5), Mother's Day (May 10), National Chocolate Chip Day (May 15), Armed Forces Day (May 16) and Memorial Day (May 30).

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of April 6, 2009, we have 8,928 girls and 2,390 adults entered into our membership system for the 2008–2009 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.

PRODUCT SALES

Congratulations to the following service units who made their Girl Scout Cookie Goal!

Apache, Broken Arrow and Wynonwy

Because of their initiative and remarkable sales talent, these service units are invited to attend an event at Magic Waters.

It's not too late to join them! The "Sell Down" ends April 19 with all cases purchased at \$32 per box credited to your

troop. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Elgin Cupboard (Girl Scout Center)!

Please note, due to the realignment, all "Cookie Dough" and "J-Bucks" will expire September 30, 2009.

CALENDAR

Adult Recognition Dinner	April 22
Girl Scout Leader Day	April 22
GS Express closed for Easter	April 12
GS Silver Award Ceremony	May 9
GS Center closed for Memorial Day	May 25
GS Express closed for Memorial Day	May 24 & 25

SHOP TALK

25% OFF
JOURNEY BOOKS AND
KEEPSAKES
DURING ENTIRE MONTH OF APRIL
(awards not included in the sale)

Offer good at the Council Shop in Elgin, the Girl Scout Express in Barrington and for online purchases.

No time to visit the Council Shops? Order by



Shop online on our Web site at <www.gs-sybaquay.org>.

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.