



Girl Scouts celebrate Girl Scout Month

Helping girls to discover their strengths through impacting their communities was what Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon instilled from the earliest days. In 1912, when the Girl Scouts was founded, many girls' paths in life were limited by their social standing. Low encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for future roles as professional women in the arts, sciences, business and for active citizenship. Today membership has grown to more than three million, and the Girl Scout program promotes leadership qualities such as self-esteem, positive values, critical thinking, community spirit, and the ability to educate and inspire. Being a Girl Scout today means being part of a worldwide organization that provides girls with opportunities to discover their interests, connect with others, and take action.

On March 12 Girl Scouts of all ages will commemorate our 97th birthday by demonstrating courage, confidence, and character in ways that have real impact on their communities. During Girl Scout Week, March 8-14, make plans with your troop/group to join Girl Scouts across the nation as they participate in community service projects during the week, which has been named Make the World a Better Place Week. "Making the world a better place" isn't just part of the Girl Scout mission statement, it's a real and lasting commitment that will continue to make Girl Scouting a positive and rewarding experience for the next 97 years and beyond. Girls learning this commitment to helping others early on can lead to a lifelong commitment of core values and community service.

During Girl Scout Week Girl Scouts also celebrate in their places of worship. The week will begin on March 8 with Girl Scout Sunday, and conclude the following Saturday, on Girl Scout Sabbath. This allows members of diverse faiths to celebrate Girl Scouting on their chosen day of worship. In honor of Girl Scout Sunday, March 8 and Girl Scout Sabbath, March 14, check with your church or synagogue to see how your Girl Scouts can participate in the worship service. Encourage the girls to show their pride in the organization by wearing their Girl Scout uniforms. Girl Scout church bulletin covers and inserts can be downloaded from our Web site on the Leader page—click on the Quick Link for church bulletin covers and inserts.

The celebration will extend through the rest of the month with Girl Scout cookie shops, troops/groups participating in service projects or learning more about the history of Girl Scouting and about the life of founder, Juliette Gordon Low.

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

Staff, Board Members and Volunteers
Gathered for the Annual Meeting January 31.



PROGRAM NEWS

Destination Opportunity:

When: July 8-17, 2010
Who: Girl participants who will be age 14-17 at the time of the event. Adult trip leaders/chaperones must be 19 years old or older. (NOTE: At least one adult must be 25 years of age or older.)
Location: Ontario, Canada
Registration: Deadline for submitting your application, with \$25 non-refundable deposit, is March 2, 2009.

For complete description and application forms, visit www.gs-sybaquay.org and click the Girl Program tab. The Canada link is found in the Feature Items box on the Girl Program page. If you have any questions, contact Brooke Radford at brooke@gs-sybaquay.org or 847-741-5521, Ext. 7147.

Program Aide (PA) Opportunities available:

Amelia Bedelia Fashion Show and Tea (Barrington Library on March 14): For more information, contact Pam at pam@gs-sybaquay.org or Ext. 7140.

Take a Hike (Mary Ann Beebe Center on March 28 and April 18 and Chapman Hills on April 25): For more information, contact Kay at kay@gs-sybaquay.org or Ext. 7130.

TroopTrek (Chapman Hills): For information see page 36 of the 2008-2009 Program Booklet or check-out the Program Events listing for April 25 on our Web site.

Discover Pokie (Camp Pokonokah Hills): For more information, contact Kay at kay@gs-sybaquay.org or Ext. 7130.

Discover Pokie Family/Troop Camping—Discover Pokie is not your everyday resident camp program. It is a combination of Troop Camping and Family Camping that puts you in the driver seat. You pick the length of

your stay, including your arrival and departure dates between July 24 and August 3, 2009. Camp Pokonokah Hills provides meals and a variety of camp activities such as swimming, boating, hiking, archery, games, crafts and campfires. You can choose to participate in camp activities or simply relax and explore the surrounding area on your own. For detailed information on this opportunity, please visit www.gs-sybaquay.org (Girl Program/Camp). Fee is \$25 per person per night.

Camp Co-op Participation—Sybaquay Council has re-joined the Camp Co-op, which provides access not only to Sybaquay's Camp Pokonokah Hills but also the following resident camps:

Camp Dean, owned and operated by Girl Scouts - Fox Valley Council

Camp Far Horizons, owned and operated by Girl Scouts - Green Hills Council

Camp McCormick, owned and operated by Girl Scouts - Rock River Valley

The camp co-op book is available as a PDF on Sybaquay's Web site (www.gs-sybaquay.org) as well as on the co-op's Web site (www.nwilgirlscoutcamps.org). A limited supply of booklets are available for PICK UP at Sybaquay's Girl Scout Center in Elgin and the Girl Scout Express in Barrington. Girls who are members of Sybaquay Council are considered in co-op and pay the cheaper fee when registering for sessions at any of these camps.

Troop Trek is a council-sponsored troop camping experience designed for Girl Scout Junior troops

—At Troop Trek, a core staff of program aides and adult volunteers are on hand to assist troops with camp skills and lead a variety of program activities. Troop Trek is held at Sybaquay's Chapman Hills near East Troy, Wisconsin.

When: Session 1: June 26-28

Session 2: July 10-12

Session 3: July 17-19

Fee: \$22 per girl; \$12 per adult

Includes: Camp operations (program supplies and staff) as well as Troop Trek patch and T-shirt

Registration: Began January 5, 2009/Ends May 1, 2009. Troop registration form may be mailed, hand delivered or faxed.

IMPORTANT ADDITION TO REGISTRATION INFORMATION: A non-refundable deposit of \$2 per person will be accepted with your registration. The balance is due April 1, 2009.

For more information and/or a registration form: See the Leader Insert of your 2008-2009 Program Booklet or visit our Web site and follow the quick link on the Home page.

Mind Your Own Business—This program is brought back by popular demand for girls ages 11 to 17. Meet with a panel of four professional women who will guide you through setting goals to become a future entrepreneur. Some requirements will be filled in order to earn the Mind Your Own Business charm.

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Who: Girls ages 11-17
Location: Girl Scout Center, Elgin, IL
Time: 1 to 4 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per girl
Registration: Ends Feb. 18

Science in Action—Use chemistry to make Mr. Balloon's head grow. Use it to create a weird glop. Join Mad Science of McHenry County and ROY G BIV as you make a colorful butterfly to take home.

When: Saturday, February 28, 2009
Who: Girl Scout Brownies (This workshop is also open to first grade Girl Scout Daisies as a bridging opportunity.)
Location: Mary Ann Beebe Center, Harvard, IL
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Fee: \$14

Bring Filled water bottle
Registration Ends: Feb. 12

ADULT RECOGNITION

Nominate a Girl Scout volunteer for adult recognition!—There's still time to recognize volunteers who donate their time and talent to helping girls develop courage, confidence, and character in Sybaquay Council. Go to our Web site to look at specific awards, eligibility requirements and online nomination forms. Keep in mind that this may be the last year for Sybaquay's Bronze Charm. All nominations and applications are due to the Girl Scout Center by February 28, 2009.

Adult Recognition Dinner—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. Nominations are due by 5 P.M., February 28. Join us for a night of fun and fabulous prizes. 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, Troop Service Coordinator, First Aid/CPR Blended Learning, Basic Outdoor Skills, Indoor Overnights and Outdoor Overnights. Also plan to attend a training to get ready for Day/Twilight Camp by attending a Bookkeeper Training or Committee Training.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

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

Expanding Girls' Horizons in Science & Engineering Month, Caffeine Awareness Month, National Frozen Food Month, National Nutrition Month, and National Women's History Month, National Write a Letter of Appreciation Week: 1-7, Universal Women's Week, Act Happy Week 16-22, National Cleaning Week.

Don't forget Make the World a Better Place Week, March 8-14. March 12 is Girl Scouts' 97th birthday!

PRODUCT SALES

Don't forget these activities to help you reach your service unit GS cookie sale goal:

- **Door hanger/Walk-About:** more door hangers are available for the asking as the deadline has been extended to March 13
- **Booth sale:** even if a troop did not participate in the initial ordering process, it can still help the service unit by setting up a booth sale and earn profits.
- **Sell Down:** April 1-19 – Come to the Elgin Cupboard, purchase cases at \$32 each, sell and keep all the money earned. No deposit, no return.

If you have any questions regarding the GS cookie sale activities, contact Madelon at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7120.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of February 2, 2009, we have 8,495 girls and 2,311 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.

CALENDAR

Thinking Day	Feb. 22
GS Week (Make the World a Better Place)	March 8-14
GS Sunday	March 8
GS Birthday	March 12
GS Sabbath	March 14
Adult Recognition Dinner	April 22
Girl Scout Leader Day	April 22

SHOP TALK

**PLAN TO SHOP
THE MARCH SPRING SALE!
10% Off Everything
(March 1-31)**

**At the Council Shop in Elgin & the
Girl Scout Express in Barrington**

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.