



New Year's Resolution, Live the Law"

As a leader you've recited the Girl Scout Promise with your girls, and pledged to live the Girl Scout Law. These words are a guideline helping millions of girls become leaders in the Girl Scout organization. As role models and mentors, adults set the standard for girls to strive for. Take a look at the law and see how you can set a good example and become a leader too—start out the new year placing your focus on the parts of the law!

I will do my best— Let your girls know that no one is perfect, but that we try our best to do what we can.

To be honest and fair— Be honest with girls and parents about what you expect. Be honest with yourself and your co-volunteers about your abilities and capabilities. Be fair in your treatment of the girls and do not judge. Keep an open mind and let each individual have a chance to grow and to change in her own time and her own way.

Friendly and helpful—Its not easy to rise above the stresses of the day, but make the conscious effort to be friendly and outgoing to girls and other adults. Make visitors and new members of your troop/group feel welcome. Work together and show girls how to make a difference in the lives of others and in their communities.

Considerate and caring—Keep in mind the needs of the girls individually. Team-building activities are important, but be patient and remember that girls will all grow and learn at different paces.

Courageous and strong—Here's where the Girl Scout Mission applies. Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. Be sure to nurture and encourage these qualities.

Responsible for what I say and do—Actions speak louder than words; set an example for girls in your choices of how you say things and how you react.

Respect myself and others, respect authority—Behavior and self-esteem issues can be included under this section. Show and teach that respect is earned. Girls who practice respect will gain the respect of others.

Use resources wisely—This is becoming increasingly important as we "go green" to save the environment and conserve resources for future generations.

Make the world a better place and be a sister to every Girl Scout—Unified we can accomplish anything! Help your girls become the leaders of tomorrow!

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

NEW COOKIE THIS YEAR!

Each box of
Daisy Go Rounds
contains five single-
serve snack packs full
of crunchy cinnamon
flowers!

Leader Highlights

Our Adult volunteers with their girls, at the Pet Pros workshop held at Tails Animal Shelter in DeKalb



PROGRAM NEWS

Some new programs have been added. Complete information on these programs is also available on our Web site (www.gs-sybaquay.org).

Mind Your Own Business—This program is brought back by popular demand for girls ages 11-17. 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: Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
Location: Girl Scout Center, Elgin
Time: 1- 4 P.M.
Fee: \$10
Fee includes: Mind Your Own Business Focus book and program supplies
Min./Max.: 10/20
Registration: Ends February 18, 2009

Senior Program Aide Training—A leadership opportunity for young women who are trained Program Aides to advance their leadership skills. Participants may choose to take on a leadership role of facilitating Program Aide Trainings (basic or enrichments), developing programs-in-a-box, or developing council-sponsored events.

When: Saturday, January 24, 2009
Who: Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors who have completed Program Aide Basic Training and have earned their PA Award and completing their 25 hours of leadership.
Location: Barrington Library, Zimmerman Room
505 N. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, IL
Time: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.
Fee: \$6 per girl (includes Senior PA Pin)
Bring: Sack lunch, notebook, writing utensil and water bottle
Min/Max: 6/25
Registration: Ends January 16, 2009

Winter Family Fun at Mary Ann Beebe Center—Get together with your family or troop, bundle up and join us in the frosty winter wonderland of Mary Anne Beebe Center for a fun-filled afternoon of winter games and sports. Learn the proper way to wear and use snowshoes and cross-country skis, then try on a pair for size and explore the snowy terrain of the MABC grounds. You can also bring your own sleds to whiz down the hills. Let the true artist in you shine while you try your hand at snow painting. Bring your most unique hat, scarf, or other winter gear to build and dress up your own snowman for a snowman building contest. Then warm up inside the activity center with hot chocolate, decorate your own sugar cookie, try your hand at some wintry crafts and meet and greet children's book author and Girl Scout Gold Award recipient Kristen Simon and listen to a reading of her new book, "Bruce the Little Blue Spruce." It's sure to be a fun-filled afternoon for all who attend.

When: Sunday, February 8, 2009
Who: All Girl Scouts and their families (NOTE: Youth participants must be accompanied by adults.)
Location: Mary Anne Beebe Center
Time: 1-4 P.M.
Fee: \$1/person with a fun patch available at the event for an additional \$1.25
Min/Max: 50/100

Dove Real Beauty Workshop—Did you know that according to a Dove global study, 92% of teenage girls say they want to change some aspect of their appearance. Or that looking at a fashion magazine for just one hour lowers the self-esteem of 80% of girls? How can we help stop this? Giving young girls the tools they need to build a healthy sense of self-esteem is one way to start. Join us at the Girl Scout Center for an afternoon of finding the true, real beauty in ourselves at a Dove Real Beauty Workshop. Find out what self-esteem is and why it's important; learn how to look at magazines, movies, and TV with an educated eye, and how to have great relationships with your friends and family. You'll be able to stand up tall and shout, "I AM BEAUTIFUL!"

When: Saturday, January 17, 2009
Who: Girl Scout Juniors
Where: Girl Scout Center, Elgin, Illinois
Time: 10:30 A.M. -12:30 P.M.
Fee: No Charge
Min/Max: 15/25

Changes to Current Programs—

- Pet Pros, Jan 3 and March 14, time will be 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
- Girl Scout Silver Award date, May 9, 2009
- Outdoor Chef, May 16, Located at Fox River Preserve and Marina, 26034 Roberts Rd., Port Barrington, IL

Update to Reserving Council-owned Properties—While the application for using a council-owned site states the form can be “hand delivered or mailed with a \$50 deposit check,” Sybaquay has updated this process to be current with technology. Along with hand delivery or mail, applications will also be accepted by fax or e-mail and the deposit may be by check or credit card. Please note that a post mark date is considered equal to the date a form is delivered in one of the other manners. All other guidelines for reserving council-owned properties remain the same.

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, 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.

WEB SITE UPDATE

New on OneGirl—*Girl Talk*, a new blog opportunity has been launched. Each month a new topic will be posted for your comments. *OneGirl* users need to add *GirlTalk* as a “friend” to their page, then can check for new topics. We want to hear what you think—post your comments and get a dialogue going!

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—This year’s Adult Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at the Elgin Holiday Inn. Keep an eye out for more information on registration for this event in the *Leader Links* and on our Web site.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of January 12, 2009, we have 8,282 girls and 2,289 adults entered into our membership system for the new 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.

IMPORTANT!!

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. 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 February observances:

Groundhog Day (Feb. 2); Wear Red Day (Feb. 6); Mardi Gras (Feb. 24); Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) and Leap Year Day (Feb. 29). January is also American Heart Month, International Boost Self-Esteem Month, National Black History Month and National Children's Dental Health Month.

Also, don't forget to start planning for Thinking Day on February 22, 2009! Check out the Leader Page on our Web site for some ideas.

Helping Hands—Girl Scouts make the world a better place! Community service is always in season, but now is the time when many troops focus on a service project. Our communications department would like to know about service projects your troop is planning. If you let us know in advance, we can spotlight your event in local media. Either before or after, photos are always great for our Web site and in council publications. Use the *Helping Hands* form posted on the Leader Page of the Web site. If including a photo, please be sure that the girls are identified so that they can be checked for photo releases.

PRODUCT SALES

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council has added a new feature to its Girl Scout Cookie Sale. We will extend the sale through the first two weeks in April to initiate our first "Sell Down." Here's how it works: At the end of March, all cookie Cupboards will combine at the GSC and troops will be able to purchase Girl Scout Cookies by the case at a discounted price. They will be able to sell for the next two weeks and keep all the profits—no deposits, no returns. Any cookie shops they would like to set up will be the troop's responsibility.

CALENDAR

Girl Scout Cookie Sale	Jan. 6-27, 2009
Sybaquay Council's Annual Meeting	Jan. 31, 2009
Thinking Day	Feb. 22, 2009
GS Week	March 8-14, 2009
GS Sunday	March 8, 2009
GS Sabbath	March 14, 2009

Service Unit Delegates:

Don't forget to RSVP for this year's annual meeting.

Call 847-741-5521, Ext. 1736 or e-mail

delegates@gs-sybaquay.org.

SHOP TALK

IT'S COOKIE TIME! ARE YOU READY?

Let us help you get ready with savings of 15% to 80% off selected cookie items the entire month of January.

**CLOTHING ITEMS!
MUGS!
COOKIE JARS!
RECOGNITIONS!
PATCHES!
AND MORE!**

Sale is good at both of our stores and online.

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.