



GSUSA & Microsoft Launch Online Safety Project



With detailed advice and information about online safety issues written by teen girls, this collaboration between the Girl Scouts of the USA and Microsoft provides resources for both teens and parents.

In addition to the girl site, parents have access to a site specifically geared to their needs, equipping them with the tools necessary to understand and act on the rapidly changing world of online safety. The site includes Microsoft tips on how to set up parental controls. Parents also have the opportunity to sign up for a free monthly online safety newsletter written by girls.

“This collaboration between Girl Scouts and Microsoft not only bridges the digital generation gap between girls and parents, but it also empowers girls to become leaders and advocates for the safe and responsible use of technology,” explains Laurel Ritchie, Senior Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer, GSUSA.

Check out both the teen and the adult sites.

Girls: <http://lmk.girlscouts.org>

Adults: <http://letmeknow.girlscouts.org>

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



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 531 Leader Missy N. with members of her troop at Jewel in Algonquin.

Girl Scout Cookie Shops began this month at local businesses throughout Sybaquay Council.



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 842 Leader Kerry L. with members of her troop at Joseph's in Crystal Lake



Girl Scout Brownie Troop 744 Leader Nicole E. with members of her troop at Wal-Mart in McHenry.



It's important to be at your cookie shop location during your scheduled time. Locations and times have been posted on Sybaquay's Website and advertized in local newspapers.



Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council

Adult Recognition Dinner



April 22, 2009, 6 P.M.
Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites
Chicago NW
495 Airport Road
Elgin, IL 60124
Cost: \$25*

* Purchase a table of eight and receive \$5 off each meal.

Register online or submit the form below by April 13, 2009.

ADULT RECOGNITION DINNER REGISTRATION—R.S.V.P by April 13, 2009

Guest Name(s):

1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____
5. _____	6. _____
7. _____	8. _____

Purchase a table of eight and receive \$5 off each meal.

Please select ONE (1) meal choice for yourself and EACH guest:

Chicken Florentine	_____	(no. of meals) X \$25 (\$20) per meal =	\$ _____
Pasta Primavera	_____	(no. of meals) X \$25 (\$20) per meal =	\$ _____
Yes! We would like to sponsor	_____	award winners at \$25 per meal =	\$ _____
Total Enclosed			\$ _____

Payment Method: Credit Card Check Cash
If paying by credit card, please give the following information:
Type: Mastercard Visa Discover

Name on Card: _____ Expiration Date ____ / ____ / ____
Card # _____ Validation Code ____

IMPORTANT: Make checks payable to: **Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council**
DO NOT send cash through the mail—mail to: **12N124 Coombs Road, Elgin, IL 60124**

Questions: Contact Karen at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7131.

PROGRAM NEWS

Change to Program: The following workshop replaces the Earth & Sky Try-It Workshop listed in the Program Booklet for this date/location.

Watching Wildlife

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Ever wonder about the creatures who share your backyard? Come to the Bartlett Nature Center to learn about some of the animals that live in your neighborhood.

Who: Girl Scout Brownies and first-grade Girl Scout Daisies as a bridging activity

Location: Bartlett Nature Center, James "Pate" Philip State Park, 2054 W. Stearns Road, Bartlett

Time: 1 to 3 P.M.

Fee: \$7.50 per girl

Earn: Watching Wildlife Try-It

Bring: Water bottle, dress for the weather, if attending Session 1—Earth is Our Home Try-It Workshop, bring a sack lunch

Registration: Ends March 19, 2009

Girl Scout Day at Pump It Up

Wednesday, March 25, 2009

Pump It Up, "The Inflatable Party Zone," in Crystal Lake is holding a Girl Scout Day. Each of the four sessions will provide you with 80 minutes of jumping.

Who: Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors

Location: Pump It Up, 1095 Pingree Rd., Suite #114, Crystal Lake

Time: Session 1: 1 P.M.

Session 2: 2:30 P.M.

Session 3: 5:30 P.M.

Session 4: 7 P.M.

Fee: \$8 per "jumper"

Registration: To purchase tickets, visit Pump It Up's registration site at:

www.eventbrite.com/org/140484556?s=1093302

- Sybaquay Council has received a Pump It Up certificate of insurance as required by *Safety-Wise*.
- It is the responsibility of troops or individuals attend-

ing this event to provide appropriate adult supervision including first-aid coverage. Troops must meet, at a minimum, the girl/adult ratio outlined in *Safety-Wise*. Pump It Up does require all children to have adult supervision present.

- Pump It Up requires each child to have a signed waiver, available on their Web site.
- Remember, only registered Girl Scouts are covered by Girl Scout Activity Insurance.

Girl Scout Day at Great America dates have been set—May 2, 2009 and June 6, 2009. Ticket price will be \$28 per ticket and picnic tickets are \$10.75 per person. Two new patches—one for Great America and one for Hurricane Harbor will be available, price to be determined. As in the past, these tickets will be available through the Girl Scout Shops (Elgin & Barrington). Tickets should be available by mid April.

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. You are required to register for the event by mailing in the registration form on page 3 of this publication or online by clicking on the link on Sybaquay's Home page. 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.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

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

Car Care Month, Celebrate Diversity Month, Keep America Beautiful Month, National Card and Letter Writing Month, National Poetry Month, Physical Wellness Month and Stress Awareness Month, Good Friday (April 10), Easter (April 12), High-Five Day (April 16), International Stress Awareness Day (April 16), Teach Your Daughter to Volunteer Day (April 18) and Earth Day (April 22).

PRODUCT SALES

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

- **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.

Statements from GSUSA and ABC Bakers regarding the safety of our peanut butter cookies can be found on Sybaquay's Website. Be sure your Girl Scouts are prepared to answer any questions.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of March 2, 2009, we have 8,764 girls and 2,364 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

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
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

**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.