



Girl Scouts Can Lead Anywhere

Girl Scouts Can Lead Anywhere was the theme for this year's Girl Scout National Council Session/51st convention held in Indianapolis. The format focused on expanding opportunities for all to voice their views and tell their stories. Delegates and guests from around the country gathered together to celebrate the launch of the New Girl Scout Leadership Experience, to share their knowledge and experience, and to continue the transformation of our Girl Scout Movement. 9,300 girl and adult members attended the 4-day conference. Over 1,800 of those were voting members who were present to review progress on the implementation of the core business strategy and vote on important policy decisions vital to the continued success of the Movement.

In addition to the business meetings, the Convention Center was a buzz with nearly 200 exhibitors, areas for interactive sessions for open space discussion and story-weaving activities and energetic Girl Scout troops of all ages eagerly greeting visitors and sharing their past, present and future visions. The Exhibit Hall housed a variety of informative resources of people, places, opportunities, and of course free samples of products. Interactive sessions were held before and during the meeting for reflecting on personal leadership and providing input to help shape the future of Girl Scouting through kiosk entry, strategy café discussion, video story collectors and learning labs.

Some of the inspiring entertainment and motivational speakers included a mix of girl and adult role models. Actress Geena Davis, founder of the Geena Davis Institute on Gender in the Media and Marie C. Wilson, founder and president of the White House Project, co-creator of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day got top billing at the event. Girl speakers and entertainers included Tatyana McFadden, Paralympic athlete and Olympic medalist; Karina Pasion and Chrisette Michele, both Def Jam Records Recording Artists; National Woman of Distinction, Sarah Merz and 10 girls recognized as National Young Women of Distinction—all told incredible stories of success and leadership in directing projects of their own personal causes.

National delegates will be speaking at the November Service Unit Delegate Meetings about the National Council Session. Service unit delegates should be reporting this information to their service units at December service unit meetings.

The next National Council Session will be held in Houston, TX, in November 2011 with the theme, "Launching the Next Century of Girl Scouts."

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
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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!

Convention Highlights

Sybaquay Council's voting members and visitors converge in Indianapolis for the National Convention



PROGRAM NEWS

The Nutcracker Ballet—A Family & Troop Event

Thursday, December 4

(see page 15 or 32 in Program Booklet)

Enjoy this holiday tradition and help fellow Girl Scouts. This special dress rehearsal performance of The Nutcracker Ballet, presented by the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble, comes to you at a reduced price of \$13. Regular performance tickets are \$22 and up. Proceeds from this event go towards Sybaquay Council's Girl Opportunity Fund.

Who: Girl Scout of all ages, their families and friends

Location: Barrington High School, Barrington

Time: Lobby opens at 5:15 P.M.; curtain opens at 6 P.M. (The performance lasts approximately 2 ½ hours and includes an intermission.)

Fee: \$13 per person for general admission seating. An optional event patch is available for an additional \$1

Registration: Use the registration form in the 2008-2009 Program Booklet or register online at www.gs-sybaquay.org Registration ends November 20, 2008.

Kalahari Lock-In—A Family & Troop Event

Friday, January 23 – Saturday, January 24, 2009

(see page 17 or 34 in Program Booklet)

It will be crazy . . . but what fun! Stay up all night at Wisconsin's largest indoor waterpark—the Kalahari Resort. Experience the thrill of the Master Blaster uphill water rollercoaster. Enjoy the family raft ride, huge wave pool, lazy river, whirlpool spas and so much more incredible wet fun!

Who: Girl Scouts of all ages and their families

Time: Check-in at resort at 11 P.M. and Check-out at 5 A.M.—Yes this is an all night event!

Fee: \$25 per person

Registration: Use the registration form in the 2008-2009 Program Booklet or Register online at www.gs-sybaquay.org Registration ends January 2, 2009.

Just Added Programs—

Cadettes

Saturday, November 15 Soaring for the Silver

Seniors/Ambassadors

Thursday, November 20 Senior Program Aide Training

Upcoming December and January Programs—

Daisies

Monday, Dec. 1 Let's Grow
Saturday, Jan. 3 Making Music

Brownies

Friday, Dec. 5 Stitch It Together
Saturday, Jan. 3 Brownie Try-It Day (Earth and Sky Try-It & Science Wonders Try-It) *(The correct time for the afternoon Science Wonders work shops is 12:30 – 2 P.M.)*

Juniors

Saturday, Dec. 6 Up, Up and Away Junior Badge Day (Aerospace Badge Workshop & Sky Search Badge Workshop)
Saturday, January 31 Live On Stage

Cadette, Senior, Ambassadors

Saturday, January 10 Program Aide Training, Basic
Saturday, January 10 Desktop Publishing
Saturday, January 31 Live On Stage

ELGIN COMMUNITY TOY DRIVE—Sybaquay Council is once again a sponsor of the Elgin Community Holiday Toy Give-away. Last year, this community-sponsored event provided more than 5,000 toys to over 2,500 children from nearly 900 families. We anticipate an increase in numbers this year and invite you to share the joy of the holiday season by remembering children of families in need. You can

bring your donations to the Girl Scout Center during business hours between December 1 and December 15. Toys should be new, valued between \$5 and \$25, and unwrapped. Children served are from birth to age 16. Suggested toys include infant/toddler toys, multi-cultural dolls, car and trucks, board games, hand-held games, sports items, building blocks, craft kits, and portable CD players. Please no toys of violent nature, including action figures with weapons.

INVITATION FROM GIRL SCOUTS – ROCK RIVER COUNCIL —

College 101 Workshop

An exciting event for Girl Scouts in grades 9–12. Workshops include application information, financial aid, and a question and answer college panel.

Where: Rock Valley College Stenstrom Center,
4151 Samuelson Rd., Rockford,
Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008
Time: Check-in 12:30 P.M., Event 1– 3:30 P.M.
Fee: Only \$7 per girl, includes Studio 2B Focus Book “College 101”

Registration due by December 1, 2008. Space limited to first 75 girls only!

For information or for registration form contact Mary Nunez at Rock River Valley Council, 815-962-5591 Ext.125 or e-mail mnunez@girlscoutsrrv.org.

Community Listings—The following information is sent to Sybaquay Council from outside organizations/businesses. To participate, contact the hosting organization directly. Troops/groups participating in these programs are responsible for following all applicable safety guidelines.

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.

Illinois Youth Dance Theatre Nutcracker Production

Location: Lake Zurich High School
Date/Times: Saturday, Dec. 20, at 1 and 5 P.M.
and Sunday, Dec. 21, at 2 P.M.
Girl Scout Group Rate: \$8 per person, troop registration only. (Requires payment by troop checking account.)

For more information: Contact IYDT office at 815-675-9359 or deenass@mchsi.com

The *Cernan Earth and Space Center* at Triton College in River Grove has a variety of shows in November and December. For more information visit their Web site at <www.triton.edu/cernan> or call 708-456-0300, Ext. 3372.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-off in a Box—Kick-off a successful Cookie Sale by creating your troop’s own Cookie Sale Kick-off. Simply check out Sybaquay’s Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-off in a Box and you will get all the materials you need to help girls learn and practice leadership and communication skills, teamwork, planning, networking, and the importance of setting goals. To reserve the kit, simply call or e-mail Chris at the Girl Scout Center (847-741-5521, Ext. 7146 or chris@gs-sybaquay.org). A \$25 deposit is required at time of pick-up and returned to you when the kit is returned. There is no fee for the materials used from the kit.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Recognition—Girls and adults in Girl Scouting show appreciation in many ways. We express gratitude with a smile, a “thank you,” formally written notes, certificates and other awards.

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council believes in a special way of thanking those volunteers who have been role models giving unselfishly of their varied talents and valuable time—nominating them for one of this year’s awards. Nomination forms are available online at www.sybaquay.org or call Jenny in Adult Development at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7119. Nominations will be accepted until February 28, 2009. Please make this year a positive one by nominating your peers!

Awards for Adult Volunteers—

Service Unit Awards consist of Outstanding Leader Award and Outstanding Volunteer Award. The Leader Award is for the Troop/Group leader or assistant leader or coordinator. The Volunteer Award is for an adult member in a position other than the troop/group leader. Below is the summary of the recognitions.

<i>AWARD TYPE</i>	<i>AWARD</i>	<i>RECIPIENT</i>	<i>REASON</i>	<i>HOW TO APPLY</i>
Service Unit: Approved by Service Team	Outstanding Leader Award	Troop/group leader, assistant leader or coordinator	For outstanding perform- ance in working with girls	Submit an application with two letters of endorsement
	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Adult member in a position other than a troop/group leader	For excellence in service to a geographic area or program audience	Submit an application; no letters of endorsement are required

Council approved by Girl Scout—Sybaquay Council Board of Director awards consists of the Sybaquay Bronze Charm, Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge, and Thanks Badge II. Below is the summary of the recognitions.

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Council: Approved by Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council Board of Directors	Sybaquay Bronze Charm	Adult member in a service unit position	For outstanding service at the service unit level	Submit an application with two letters of endorsement
	Appreciation Pin	Adult member	For outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience	Submit an application with two letters of endorsement
	Honor Pin	Adult member	For outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences	Submit an application with three letters of endorsement
	Thanks Badge	Adult member	For truly outstanding service that benefits the entire council or Girl Scout movement	Submit an application with four letters of endorsement
	Thanks Badge II	Thanks Badge recipient	For continued outstanding service that benefits the entire council or Girl Scout movement	Submit an application with four letters of endorsement

This year will probably be the last year for the Sybaquay Bronze Charm so make sure you nominate as many as you can for the award.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership—As of November 04, 2008, we have 6,534 girls and 1,965 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.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some Holiday Observances—Make plans for your troop/group's activities to be themed after some of these December observances: International Day of Disabled Persons (Dec. 3); International Volunteer Day for Economic & Social Development (Dec. 5); Coats & Toys for Kids Day (Dec. 6); National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (Dec. 7); National Cotton Candy Day (Dec. 7); Human Rights Day (Dec. 10); Bill of Rights Day (Dec. 15); National Chocolate-covered anything day (Dec. 16); National Haiku Poetry Day (Dec. 21); World Peace Day (Dec. 22); Winter Solstice (Dec. 22); National Candy Cane Day (Dec. 26); New Year's Day (Dec. 31) and World Peace Meditation Day (Dec. 31).

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.



CALENDAR

Girl Scout Center, Council Shop, GS Express

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Nov. 27 & 28

Feb.– May prog. event registration begins

Jan. 5, '09

Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Jan. 6-27, '09

Sybaquay Council's annual meeting

Jan. 31, '09

DELEGATE MEETINGS

November 11, 7-9 P.M.

First Congregational Church, 11628 Main St., Huntley

November 15, 9-11 A.M.

Girl Scout Center, 12N124 Coombs Rd., Elgin

SHOP TALK

CLEARANCE BLOWOUT!!

During the month of November, buy one Clearance item at the reduced price, get another Clearance item 50% off the reduced price! Offer good in store locations only.

Don't forget your favorite Girl Scout this holiday season. We have a variety of fun gift items at both locations and online!

No time to visit the Council Shops? Order by



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