



COME ONE, COME ALL TO SYBAQUAY WAY 2007!

This expo-style event makes a great troop outing or family day. Girl Scouts from throughout Sybaquay Council and beyond will come together to celebrate the past, present and future of Girl Scouting as they commemorate the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouts and the 50th anniversary of Sybaquay Council. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

When: Saturday, March 17, 2007, 1 to 5 P.M.

Where: NIU's Convocation Center, 1525 Lincoln Hwy. -Rt. 38, DeKalb, IL

Admission: Free

Parking: \$3 per car

Troops will be providing activities and displays such as weird science activities, tinikling, bracelet making, troop camping activities, travel displays, historical displays, service project activities and more. And don't forget about SWAPS—Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere. At the SWAPS area, girls can meet and make new friends as they trade SWAPS they bring with them or make at Sybaquay Way.

Non-troop exhibitors include Aim Immediate Care, Challenger Learning Center, Crystal Lake Park District, Hostelling International Chicago, Mad Science of McHenry County, Noah's Ark Animal Workshop, Sci-Tech Hands-on Museum, Steven Keefe—music activities, Vertical Endeavors and YMCA Camp Algonquin.

Girls 11-17 will want to stop by the STUDIO 2B_{SM} only area and younger girls can stop by the VERB activity area. Interested in learning about Sybaquay's resident camp, Camp Pokonokah Hills or Sybaquay's Troop Trek program? You can do just that at Sybaquay Way. And girls can vote for their favorite patch design at the 2007 day/twilight camp patch contest.

And don't forget to stop by the Girl Scout Shop to check out some great buys, including Sybaquay Way T-shirts and patches.

In celebration of Girl Scouting's long tradition of community service, a collection for local food pantries will be conducted. Items needed include boxes of individually-wrapped snack bars, canned fruits, vegetables, and meat, boxed cereal, canned soups, peanut butter, boxed macaroni & cheese, toilet paper and Kleenex.

In addition to the council-sponsored food drive, two troops will be conducting service project collections at Sybaquay Way as well.

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Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Hours:

Monday	Noon–5 P.M. (Shop only Noon–8 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
 Website: 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	Noon–4 P.M.

Contacting the Girl Scout Express:

Phone: 847-620-5043
 Fax: 847-620-5044

The Girl Scout Express is located in the Ice House Mall at 200 Applebee Street, in Barrington. The Ice House Mall is north of Main Street, next to the Jewel Food Store. Hough (Route 59) and Main Street is the major intersection nearest the mall location. Call the Girl Scout Express for more specific directions.

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!

Photo Highlights



A Chinese New Year event was held at the Girl Scout Center for Service Unit Managers. Diane P., Mary T., Debi F., Carolyn B. enjoyed a Chinese dinner and the opportunity to network.



Leader Terry L. and Cadette Girl Scout Kathleen sell Girl Scout Cookies at an area business.



Girl Scout Cookies arrive at the Girl Scout Center! Staff members form a line to help unload.



Volunteer, Katy P., of Winema was the first to pick up cookies.

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• Junior Girl Scout Troop 1095 is collecting can tabs to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

• Junior Girl Scout Troop 1468 is collecting puzzles and old games for Mary Ann Beebe Center and Chapman Hills as their Girl Scout Bronze Award project. They will accept incomplete games but ask that puzzles be complete. (They will also have a collection box at the Girl Scout Center through April 5, 2007.)

The Convocation Center's concession stands will be open and serving standard arena food such as hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, candy and drinks. Prices range from \$2 to \$5 per item. No outside food or drink is allowed in the Convocation Center.

PROGRAM NEWS

Wanted—Do you know of any girls who have participated in LEGO League? If yes and they would be interested in sharing their experience with other girls, contact Kay Flavin at the Girl Scout Center (847-741-5521, Ext. 130). We are looking for girls to share their experience at a booth at Sybaquay Way on March 17.

Upcoming Programs—

Brownie Girl Scouts

Fit & Fun Brownie Style

Saturday, April 21, 8 to 10 A.M., DeKalb

Junior Girl Scouts

Badge Overnight

(Wildlife and Sky Search badges)

Saturday, March 24 to Sunday, March 25

1 P.M. Saturday to 10 A.M. Sunday

YMCA Camp Algonquin

Fit & Fun Junior Style

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m.-12.30 p.m., DeKalb

Girl Scouts 11-17

Fit & Fun

Saturday, April 21, 1 to 3 P.M., DeKalb

Watch for fliers—Troop Trek fliers will be distributed to Girl Scout troops with third grade Brownie Girl Scouts and fourth and fifth grade Junior Girl Scouts through service unit meetings in April. Summer Program fliers will be distributed to all girls through April service unit meetings.

Come Share Your Summer With Us at Camp Pokonokah

Hills—Although the snow is falling and our days are chilly, the time to think about resident camp has arrived. Camp Pokonokah Hills and the summer staff of 2007 are ready to welcome you to several great upcoming sessions! Please join us for as many as you can!

Registration began February 15. Check out the camp co-op brochure and our Web site for more information.

An information session will be held Sunday, March 25, 1-5 P.M. at the Girl Scout Center. Even if you have attended camp before, come and meet the new director, hear about some exciting changes, and participate in some hands-on activities that will help get you geared up for camp! This session runs like an open house, so stop in whenever and stay as long as you'd like. Don't forget to bring your campers! Please note that the date in the camp co-op brochure is incorrect.

Resident Camp Committee—Because camp is an ever-changing and evolving environment, it's important to involve the people who have been the biggest part in Camp Pokie's success—You!

The Resident Camp Committee is a way that the camp director and other summer staff can network with adults/parents, campers and leadership campers (CITs) to discuss our overall camp programming and community. If Camp Pokie has been a part of your life, please join us in a monthly meeting or e-mail us your ideas, program thoughts, or concerns as we work to make our camp the best it can be!

If interested, please contact Shena Willbrandt with the days and times you are available! Shena can be reached at 847-741-5521, Ext. 147, or at <shena@gs-sybaquay.org>.

Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet—The GS Gold Award Banquet is scheduled for April 25. The banquet will honor Girl Scouts who have earned their GS Gold Award (prior to March 15, 2007), graduating seniors and girls in their tenth year of Girl Scouts. Invitations will be mailed by the end of March. If you have girls currently in their tenth year of Girl Scouts, please contact Sarah, 847-741-5521, Ext. 123 or e-mail sarah@gs-sybaquay.org for an invitation and recognition certificate.

Girl Scout Silver Award Ceremony—The Silver Award Ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, May 20 at Prairie Lodge, Del Webb Sun City in Huntley. This event recognizes Girl Scouts who have earned their GS Silver Award between May 2006 and April 2007. The final paperwork must be submitted to the Girl Scout Center by April 30, 2007, in order to be recognized at this ceremony. Each Silver Award recipient is encouraged to bring a table top display of their project. Girls who earned the award as a troop may make one display. If you need further information please contact Pam Schnecke, 847-741-5521, Ext. 140 or e-mail <pam@gs-sybaquay.com>.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Some April Holiday Observances—

- April 8, Easter
- April 16, Patriot's Day
- April 22, Earth Day
- April 22, Leader's Day
- April 27, Arbor Day

April 16-24 is National Volunteer Week. April is also Keep America Beautiful Month and Stress Awareness Month.

Our communications department is interested in your activities—contact Cindy Kocol at 847-741-5521, Ext. 139 or at cindy@gs-sybaquay.org with details. You might find your activities, or good deed or service project detailed in your local paper, on our new Web site or in one of Sybaquay's publications!

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Golf Classic—This year's annual Sybaquay Golf Classic is scheduled for July 23. Lisa Sheldon of Osceola Service Unit has agreed to chair the committee that will plan the event. We would like anyone who may be interested in golfing, or in helping sponsor the event to contact MaryBeth at 847-741-5521, Ext. 112, or <marybeth@gs-sybaquay.org>. We are still looking for volunteers to help with this event. More information to follow as the committee finalizes the details.

Golden Gala—In celebration of Sybaquay Council's 50th anniversary, a Golden Gala Dinner will be held June 23, at the Chicago Marriot Northwest in Hoffman Estates. Look for more information on our Web site in mid-April or contact Cindy, 847-741-5521, ext. 139 or <cindy@gs-sybaquay.org>. Please let us know of anyone you think should be included on our invitation list!

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Volunteer Conference—The 2007 Volunteer Conference will be held Saturday, April 14, 2007, at Elgin Community College, from 8:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Join in the fun and network with fellow Girl Scout volunteers while participating in enrichment classes and trainings. You should receive information regarding conference registration at your March service unit meetings or by mail. You can also find it on Sybaquay's Web site at <www.gs-sybaquay.org>. Click on the link on the Home page.

LET'S CLARIFY THIS

Get answers to questions that arise due to miscommunication and confusion about procedures, policies and guidelines. Send questions to the attention of the adult development department at the Girl Scout Center.

Financial assistance for camp—Girls should request financial assistance from the council they are a member of, not from the council running the camp session they are attending. We do not provide financial assistance for girls attending a non-council camp that is not in the co-op.

Staff Spotlight



Meet Sybaquay Council staff!

This month's spotlight is on:

Name: Kay Flavin

Title: Director of Program

Job responsibilities: Responsible for the design, development and delivery of council-wide program opportunities. Of course I don't do all of that by myself. I depend on numerous volunteers and staff to help make Girl Scout program happen in Sybaquay Council.

Years of Girl Scouting: Six years as a girl member and 30 plus as an adult

Three words that describe me: Guess that depends on who you ask, but since you're asking me I will say *dedicated, helpful, and at times, crazed!*

Outside of work, I like to: Is there such a place? Actually, when given the opportunity I like to sit by a lake and read a good book, but that only happens about one week a year. I do enjoy reading and I'm trying to get more time to develop two new interests—geocaching and Tai Chi (both interests that I have learned through Girl Scouts!)

Something else you might not know about me: That all of my years of Girl Scouting have been in Sybaquay Council, and my involvement as a Girl Scout staff member all ties in to the fact that I attended Camp Pokonokah Hills as a girl!

PRODUCT SALES

Peanut Butter Recall—GSUSA Statement

GSUSA is aware of the issue and has contacted all of their licensed vendors. All vendors have assured GSUSA that the peanut butter used in Girl Scout products is not purchased from the supplier involved in the current peanut butter recall.

GSC Cookie Cupboard—Please note that the Girl Scout Center cookie cupboard will be closed on March 17 because of staff attendance at Sybaquay Way.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Membership—As of March 2, 2007, we had 9,430 girls and 2,550 adults entered into our membership system for the 2006–2007 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). Please send your forms A.S.A.P.

Volunteer appreciation—In honor of National Volunteer Appreciation Week, April 16-20, 2007, Sybaquay Council will celebrate our Girl Scout volunteers! During the month of March, anyone who attends their service unit meeting will have their name entered into a drawing—one name will be pulled each day that week for a total of five winners! You do not need to be present to win this one, but if you were planning on coming out anyway, we're kicking off the week with a special treat! The first Girl Scout volunteer to walk into the Girl Scout Center on Monday, April 16 (remember, we open at noon!) will not only receive a fabulous prize, but will also have their photo and write-up in the May issue of the Leader Links and in their local paper! A big thank you to all of our Girl Scout volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our girls!

REMINDER: When submitting e-mail to us, please include the words *Girl Scout* or *Sybaquay* in the subject line. This will prevent your message from getting lost in the volumes of junk e-mail we receive. Thank you.



Please continue to recycle those ink cartridges! Sybaquay Council benefits from each return! If you need some return envelopes, contact your service unit manager, or the Girl Scout Center at 847-741-5521. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Make the World a Better Place Week	March 11-17
Girl Scout Sunday	March 11
Girl Scout Sabbath	March 17
Sybaquay Way	March 17

Save the date—Mark your calendars and watch for more information on these upcoming events!

National Volunteer Appreciation Wk	April 16-20, 2007
Adult Recognition Dinner	April 18, 2007
Girl Scout Leader Day	April 22, 2007
Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet	April 25, 2007
Girl Scout Silver Award Ceremony	May 20, 2007
Golden Gala Dinner	June 23, 2007
Mary Ann Beebe Open House	June 24, 2007
2007 Sybaquay Golf Classic	July 23, 2007

SHOP TALK

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



ONLINE

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



**PATCHES AND T-SHIRTS
STILL AVAILABLE!**

Come in to either the Council Shop or the Girl Scout Express, or contact Becky at 847-741-5521, Ext. 138, or <becky@gs-sybaquay.org>.