



PUBLIC RELATIONS—EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!!

Each and every one of us is in the business of promoting Girl Scouting to the public. Whether you're a Brownie Girl Scout troop on a field trip to a local pumpkin farm, or Junior Girl Scouts outside of a local business selling Girl Scout cookies in a cookie shop—you're representing the entire Girl Scout organization!

You might actually want to plan an event that will put your Girl Scouts in the public eye and give you a chance to make a good impression! Take advantage of community events, holidays and public observance days—your girls can show how proud they are to be Girl Scouts by marching in a local parade! You can also use a public observance day to do a community service project: November 15 is America Recycles Day—have your girls collect cans, glass and other recyclable materials and research how recycling impacts our environment. November 17 is National Great American Smokeout Day—your troop could all take a pledge not to smoke and make posters or fliers to place in your public library on the dangers of smoking.

Take photos of the girls in action—tell a story with your photo and get up close and personal. Send the photo to your local newspaper with a press release—if you'd prefer, Sybaquay's communications department can write the press release and send it out with your photo to local newspapers—we would need the troop number, the names of the girls in the photo (i.e., front row from left to right . . .), leader contact information and a description. ALWAYS make sure you have photo releases on all of the girls in your photo!

This year, we are especially interested in action photos of Girl Scouts doing community service projects. We may use your photo on our Web site, or in one of our council publications or newsletters! We prefer to use digital photos—you can e-mail them to the director of communications at <cindy@gs-sybaquay.org> with the rest of the required information.

In order to help you keep your troop in the public eye, we will include a section in each month's *Leader Links* entitled In the Public Eye. In this section we will list some of those holidays and public observance days. To get you started in your planning, here are some observance days that are coming up in December:

- December—National Drunk Driving Prevention Month
- December 3—United Nations International Day of Disabled Persons
- December 7—Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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: 847-741-5251
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.

See holiday hours in the Shop section on the last page of this newsletter.

This year is Sybaquay's 50th anniversary! We've asked service units to hold decade-themed anniversary events—from the 1950s to the future! Don't forget to let us know about your event so that we can promote it and come with our camera to join in the fun!

Leader Highlights FROM OCTOBER 2006



Fall Family Fest: One of our raffle winners proudly displays her scrapbooking basket at our Fall Family Fest in September.

Fall Family Fest

Sybaquay's Fall Family Fest helped kick off the 2006–2007 membership year and Sybaquay's 50th anniversary. The four-hour event held at The Centre in Elgin offered Girl Scouts and their families a variety of hands-on activities and concluded with a two-hour family swim for the more than 150 participants.



Leader Jamboree: One of Sybaquay's master trainers shows leaders how to read a GPS in the Geocaching class.

Leader Jamboree 2006

Saturday, October 7 was a perfect fall day for Sybaquay's 2006 Leader Jamboree at the Mary Ann Beebe Center. Leaders chose from a variety of classes like Beyond Campfire Stew, Basic Outdoor Skills, and Geocaching.

Leader Highlights

FROM OCTOBER 2006



Leader Jamboree: Two leaders get expert advice from one of Sybaquay's master trainers on how to make bread over a fire in the Beyond Campfire Stew outdoor-cooking class.



Leader Jamboree: Leaders enjoyed the beautiful afternoon sun outside the activity center during the lunch break.

WATCH FOR MORE PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS
EACH MONTH IN THE LEADER LINKS!

PROGRAM NEWS

Program Opportunities Just Added—

2007 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-Off: Information on this will be distributed through service units in November and will be online. Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts participating in this workshop will earn the 2007 Girl Scout Cookie Activity Pin.

Who: Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops and/or individual Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts accompanied by an adult.

Date: Saturday, December 2, 2006

Location: Elgin Community College Gymnasium, Elgin

Session 1: 10 A.M.-Noon

Session 2: 1-3 P.M.

Cost: \$7 per girl (no cost for adults)

Includes: Program supplies, cookies and milk, and activity pin

Registration: Begins immediately/ends November 20, 2006.

Each participant is asked to "Take Action" by bringing either a canned good, new toy, or new mittens or hat as a community service project.

Money Sense Badge Workshop: Help girls to get the most out of the money they have—both now and in the future—through the Money Sense Badge Workshop.

Who: Junior Girl Scouts

Date: Saturday, November 11, 2006

Location: CitiBank, 800 S. Barrington Rd., Streamwood

Time: 10 A.M.-Noon

Cost: \$5 per participant

Includes: Program supplies and badge

Min./Max.: 15/25

Registration: Individual basis begins immediately/ends November 1, 2006.

Girl Volunteers Needed—Girls in 8th grade and up are needed to volunteer at the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick Off on Saturday, December 2, 2006, at Elgin Community College. To volunteer for one or both of the sessions, (times listed above), contact Madelon at the Girl Scout

Center, 847-741-5521, Ext. 120 or e-mail <madelon@gs-sybaquay.org>.

The Nutcracker Ballet—The Nutcracker Ballet Performance will be Thursday, November 30 at Barrington High School and is open to Girl Scouts of all ages, their families and friends.

Enjoy this holiday tradition and help fellow Girl Scouts travel to Japan. This event is being offered at a reduced price of just \$12 per ticket. For more information, see page 18 or 36 of Sybaquay Council's Program Booklet or check online at <www.gs-sybaquay.org> and enter events in the search feature.

Leaders Only—Don't forget to check out the Leader Insert (green section) of The Program Booklet for:

- You & Me Scrapbooking Workshops
- The latest Sybaquay Council's Own Recognitions
- Take a Hike @ Mary Ann Beebe Center
- LEAD (Leadership Enrichment and Development) Workshops for Junior Girl Scouts

Registration Deadlines—If you are interested in attending an event and the deadline has passed, you can see if registrations are still being accepted by checking our Web site at <www.gs-sybaquay.org> or contacting Sarah at 847-741-5521, Ext. 123.

What's New for Camp Pokonokah Hills—The 2007 summer resident camp program is full of changes. The first big change is that Sybaquay Council has joined a camp co-op with Girl Scouts of Fox Valley, Green Hills, Prairie Winds, and Rock River Valley. This means more resident camp options for Girl Scouts of all ages.

The next big change is at Camp Pokonokah Hills. Dan Brion, camp director for the past three summers, is stepping down and Shena Willbrandt, a program specialist with Sybaquay Council, will be stepping into the camp director position. Dan will still be a familiar face at Pokonokah as he remains as site manager.

Shena has some exciting programs planned so be sure to check out the brochure when it arrives in early January. And make note that registration for resident camp will now open on February 15, 2007!

Sybaquay Council's New Council-Own Recognitions—In the Leader Insert of The Program Booklet, there is a new recognition interest indicator for ordering these new recognitions. A 50 cent non-refundable deposit is due with the form. To clarify this, the recognitions will be ordered based on the interest we receive. If the individual recognition cost is \$1.50 or less, your troop will be responsible for payment or lose the 50 cent deposit. If the cost is above \$1.50, you will be contacted prior to the order being placed and will have that opportunity to choose to order or not, in this case should you choose not to order, your deposit would be refunded.

Correction to Community Listings—Under Yoga Field Trip the contact person's name should be Lisa Gniady.

Membership vouchers—Just wanted everyone to know that a membership voucher has been developed for use when non-Girl Scouts register for a council-sponsored event. When they register for an event, they pay an extra \$5 to attend as a non-Girl Scout. At the event, they will receive a Girl Scout Membership Voucher to go toward the \$10 GSUSA membership fee. The voucher and registration must be received in the Girl Scout Center by the "use by" date (a month from date of event).

Sybaquay Way—Has your troop/group come up with an idea for a stage presentation or booth activity for this year's Sybaquay Way? This year's theme is Celebrate Past, Present and Future—we'll be celebrating 95 years of Girl Scouting and 50 years of Sybaquay Council. We are also looking for volunteers to help make Sybaquay Way a success! You can sign up to help or reserve your troop/group's spot by either e-mailing your info to celebrate@gs-sybaquay.org or calling our celebration hotline at 847-741-5521, Ext. 128. We'll need the adult contact name, e-mail or mailing address and daytime phone number; troop level and number; and whether you will be doing a stage presentation or booth demonstration.

ADULT DEVELOPMENT

Highlight on Adult Recognition—This month we are featuring the Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer adult recognitions. The Outstanding Leader award is for outstanding performance in working with

girls. The Outstanding Volunteer award is for excellence in service at the service unit level in a position other than troop/group leader. Do you know someone who deserves one of these awards? Each service unit has an adult recognition binder, which contains applications and information about nominating. See your service unit manager for more information. Applications are due on the last working day of February, but it's not too soon to be thinking of nominees!

In hopes of heightened awareness of adult recognition and the nomination and selection process, members of the Adult Recognition Committee will be present during service unit meetings to share this information and answer any questions. Check your next service unit meeting's agenda.

Volunteer Notebooks & Portfolios—If any service unit managers or troop service coordinators have unused Volunteer Notebooks and /or Volunteer Portfolios, please return them to the Girl Scout Center as soon as possible so that we can get them out to new volunteers who need them. Remember to sign out all Volunteer Notebooks and Volunteer Portfolios at the front desk before you leave the Girl Scout Center.

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.

In regards to troop/group registration vs. individual registration for council-sponsored events—In the program booklet, each event description includes information on the registration process. If the description states "individual basis," troop registrations will NOT be accepted. Only events/workshops that state "troop/group and/or individual basis" accepts both troop and individual registrations. If an event calls for individual registration, you may include individual registration forms and payment for no more than two girls in the same envelope to accommodate registering with a buddy.

You may be asking yourself "why?" When planning workshops, we try to offer a variety of larger workshops

that can accommodate troop participation and smaller workshops that provide individual girls the experience of participating in programs beyond the troop level and serve girls that may have interests that go beyond what the troop is offering, as well as provide Girl Scout opportunities for girls that are registered as Juliettes and do not have a troop affiliation.

Also, we often find that when troops register for an event, not all the girls are actually interested and either don't participate fully or don't show up. By asking for individual registrations for smaller workshops, we find that it is more likely that girls will attend and participate fully.

FUND DEVELOPMENT

Fashion Show & Tea—We are still looking for Models for this year's show. The deadline for becoming a model is November 15, 2006. If you need more information please contact MaryBeth Markwell at 847-741-5521, Ext. 112. Again this year service units will have an opportunity to create a basket for the raffle. This year's show, "Pearls & Lace," will be held on Sunday February 11, 2007, at Village Hall Banquets in Union, IL.

Family Partnership—Our Family Partnership Campaign is still going strong. Talk up family partnership in your service unit and in your troops. We would like every family to be a participant in this year's campaign. If you have any questions or would like to get more involved with this program please contact MaryBeth Markwell at 847-741-5521 X112, or <marybeth@gs-sybaquay.org>.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Membership—As of October 31, 2006, we had 6,771 girls and 1,795 adults entered into our membership system for the new 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) or given access to the Leader Forum. Please send your forms A.S.A.P.

Redesign of Sybaquay's Web site—We have exciting

news . . . we've finally begun the redesign of our Web site! We will be working with an outside design firm over the next couple of months and expect our "screaming" new site to go live sometime in January 2007!

Search for Alumnae—We're still looking for our council's oldest alumnae. Do you know someone who was a Girl Scout as a child? Give them our contact information and have them send us their name, age, address, phone and e-mail address, as well as the years they were a Girl Scout and what level they completed. This individual will be invited as our guest to a special celebration of Sybaquay's 50 years!

Sweet Rewards—This coming January, Sybaquay's membership department will be giving an ice cream party (ice cream, syrup and sprinkles) to the first thirty troops/groups who add five or more new girls to their troop/group in the month of January. To qualify, a troop/group must already have the minimum number of girls to participate (5 for Daisy GS, 10 for Brownie and Junior GS, 5 for Cadette and Senior GS). Your troop service coordinator or service unit manager will have a list of names of girls who are currently on our waiting list. If there is no waiting list in your area, feel free to send a note to the grade-level you are seeking. See your membership director for more details.

Don't Miss Out—November and December are being marked as "Don't Miss Out" months. We're asking for your help in getting the word out in your community about Girl Scouts! At your November and December service unit meetings, you will be provided with a paragraph advertising Girl Scouts. Any volunteer who can get that paragraph into print and show us the proof—in church bulletins or PTA, school or neighborhood newsletters, or in the local newspapers—will have their name entered into a drawing for a special holiday surprise!

Don't Forget to Get Your Anniversary Collectibles—We have T-shirts for girls and adults (\$10), polo shirts for adults (\$25), and an anniversary patch (\$1.50). You can use the troop/group or service unit order forms that were distributed in September service unit meetings or purchase items in one of our shops. It would be a good idea to call ahead to be sure we have your size if you're considering T-shirts or polos.

FYI

It's Yours for the Taking!—The program department has been cleaning and your troop can benefit. From November 13 to 17 there will be tables of giveaways at the Girl Scout Center. Please stop by and see if your troop can use any of these items!

We also have a piano available. If you can move it, it's yours! Call 847-741-5521, Ext. 138 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE



Fashion Show & Tea	February 11, 2007
Sybaquay Way	March 17, 2007
Adult Recognition Dinner	April 18, 2007
Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet	April 25, 2007
Golden Gala Dinner	June 23, 2007
Mary Ann Beebe Camp Tours	June 24, 2007

SHOP TALK

Don't forget your favorite Girl Scout items this holiday. We have many new items including T-shirts, sweatshirts, and lots of fun stuff. Shop early to get a good selection of holiday merchandise and gift bags.



Holiday Hours—The Girl Scout Center/Council Shop will be closed to the public from December 25 through January 1 for the winter holiday—the Girl Scout Center and Council Shop will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. Additionally, please note that the Girl Scout Express in Barrington will be closed December 23 through January 1—the Girl Scout Express will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007. The Girl Scout Express will have special holiday hours beginning December 11 through December 22:

9:30 a.m.–7 p.m., Monday–Friday
9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Saturday
Noon–5 p.m., Sunday

CALENDAR

Fall Product Sale 2006 ends	November 4
Thanksgiving Break	
<i>GS Center & Council Shop closed</i>	November 23 & 24
<i>Girl Scout Express closed</i>	November 23
Delivery of fall product items	December 1, 2
Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-off, ECC	Dec. 2
EC Toy Drive Dropoff at GSC	Dec. 1–15
<i>See program booklet for specifics</i>	
Winter Break	
<i>GS Center & Council Shop closed</i>	Dec. 25–Jan. 1
<i>Girl Scout Express closed</i>	Dec. 23–Jan. 1
Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins	January 6
Sybaquay Council's Annual Meeting	January 27
<i>McHenry County College, Crystal Lake</i>	

Delegate Meeting	November 14
<i>Bartlett Public Library, 7–9 P.M.</i>	
Delegate Meeting	November 18
<i>Girl Scout Center, 9–11 A.M.</i>	

PART-TIME HELP NEEDED in the Girl Scout Express and Council Shop providing sales assistance to members wishing to purchase Girl Scout merchandise. Hours vary per week, immediate start, \$7.50-\$8.50/hr. Contact Dawn Acosta, Shop Manager, at 847-741-5521, Ext. 151 or e-mail <dawn@gs-sybaquay.org>.

No time to visit the Council Shops? . . . Order by



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