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### **Third Annual Girl Scout Festival**

(Elgin, IL) Girl Scouts - Sybaquay

Council's Latina Adult Volunteer

Advancement (L.A.V.A.) program held its  
third annual Girl Scout Festival at Centro de

Información in Carpentersville on Friday, September 21, 2007. This fun, family event was hosted in partnership with Centro de Información and sponsored by Comcast. Over three hundred participants enjoyed free activities, games, snacks, music and dancing. Additionally, two Latina groups performed at the event, including the Latina Girl Scout dance group Ballet Folklorico, led by adult volunteer Carmen B., and a cheer squad led by 17 year-old Girl Scout, Yesenia E.. Comcast volunteers hosted a booth where participants made crafts, had fun with balloon animals and received free gifts. Sybaquay Council volunteers and staff members were on hand to provide information about the Girl Scout program and to sign girls up as Girl Scouts. Centro de Información was also on hand to answer questions about the services that they provide to the Latino community.

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council is headquartered in Elgin and serves over 10,000 girls and almost 3,000 adults in 50 communities in McHenry County and parts of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Lake, La Salle, and Kane counties. The Latina Adult Volunteer Advancement (L.A.V.A.) initiative was started in 2003 because of the identification of a need to serve the growing Latina population. Sybaquay's L.A.V.A. program, led by

Silvia Ysais, director of membership initiative at Sybaquay, was one of the first of its kind and served as a pilot to the L.A.V.A. programs now existing at Girl Scout councils across the United States. Sybaquay Council regularly hosts events in the Latina community, serving over 1,000 Latina girls and close to 150 adults in its jurisdiction. For information about Girl Scouting, contact us at 847-741-5521—for Spanish, dial extension 145.

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