

**February 29, 2008**

***GIRL LEADERSHIP IN ACTION CELEBRATED DURING GIRL SCOUT WEEK***

(Elgin, Illinois) Girl Scouts in Sybaquay Council join Girl Scout troops around the country in celebration of Girl Scouts of the USA's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12, 2008. The week of March 9-15 (Girl Scout Week) will be "Make the World a Better Place Week," where Girl Scouts will be doing service projects in their communities. Sycamore Girl Scouts will be decorating brown lunch bags for Meals on Wheels. Additionally, on Sunday, March 3, 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m., Brownie and Junior Girl Scout Troops 211 and 116 will be holding a Girl Scout Cookie Booth at Brown's Market in Sycamore. As part of Sybaquay Council's Community Girl Scout Cookie Share initiative, the girls will be asking community members to be "Hometown Heroes" and donate a box of cookies to the troops' community share recipient—Meals on Wheels. It is their goal to sell enough boxes of Girl Scout cookies for everyone in the Meals on Wheels program to receive a box! Additionally, the troop proceeds from these donated boxes will go to Meals on Wheels.

Helping girls discover themselves and how they can impact their communities was something that Juliette Gordon Low, Girls Scouts' founder, had first envisioned. At the time of the organization's founding, when many girls' paths in life were limited to their social standing, Low's vision was to establish an organization where any American girl could expand her personal horizon by having fun, while exploring new interests and contributing to society. Low was determined to help expand opportunities and learning for the average American girl.

Honoring Girl Scouting's mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place, Girl Scout Week projects are part of a broader initiative by Girl Scouting to help girls lead by example in their communities and in the larger world around them. With leadership development at the organization's core, today's Girl Scouts enjoy vast adventures in self-discovery with activities like extreme sports, international travel, business and economic literacy, science & technology, and mentorships with caring adults.

Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council is headquartered in Elgin and serves over 10,000 girls in 50 communities throughout McHenry County and parts of Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Lake, La Salle, and Kane counties.

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