

Council Realignment Committee Communications

The Council Realignment Committee (CRC) is working to reinvigorate its local structure to make the most effective use of community resources and to deliver a superior Girl Scout Leadership Experience to even more girls in the area. By realigning Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council, Girl Scouts - Green Hills Council, Girl Scouts - Rock River Council and Girl Scouts - Fox Valley Council we will realize the benefits outlined in GSUSA Core Strategy Plan.

For the past four years, the Girl Scout Movement has been going through a process of transformation.

It's touched everything—from the uniforms Girl Scouts wear and the programs they take part in to the structure of the Girl Scout organization itself.

Why? To make us better able than ever to carry out our mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Six teams set our evolution in motion by getting feedback from many of you and analyzing and identifying the changes that need to take place to bridge the gap between where Girl Scouts is today and where we want to be in the future. Five teams were responsible for implementing one of the strategic priorities; the sixth focused on ways to improve our culture.

GAP TEAM OVERVIEW

The Teams:

- Brand
- Culture
- Funding
- Organizational Structure and Governance
- Program Model and Pathways
- Volunteerism

Girl Scouts began to develop its Core Business Strategy in 2004, to ensure that this historic organization continues to be the best leadership experience for girls ages 5-17.

Our Council Realignment Committee (CRC) met on Monday, January 26. Outcomes from that meeting are:

- By realigning, we are strengthening our program model through joining Fox Valley, Rock River, Green Hills and Sybaquay Councils to form the new high capacity council of "Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois." Our new name was officially approved at the last GSUSA National Board Meeting. A press release announcing the new name will be available for dissemination by the legacy councils to their specific geographic media services sometime in February.

- CRC sub-committees have either held their first meeting or the first meetings have been scheduled.
- CRC sub-committee members are in the process of signing confidentiality agreements.
- The CRC hosted a legacy council's Board of Directors get-together on January 24. The event was perceived as a wonderful display of the board unification efforts surrounding our merger. Board members were asking the date of the next get-together.

Respectfully submitted by:

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois CRC Communications Sub-Committee