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**NEWSLETTER FOR
OUR GIRL SCOUT FAMILIES**

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The month of March Was All About Girl Scouts!

During the month of March, Girl Scouts have been in the public eye more than ever! March 9 through the 15 was Make the World a Better Place Week. During this week Girl Scouts across the nation participated in community service projects to make a difference in the world. Additionally, celebrations took place on Girl Scout Sunday, March 9, and Girl Scout Sabbath, March 15, at church and synagogue services throughout our communities. March is also the month that Girl Scouts were out at neighborhood businesses at Girl Scout Cookie Shops. ***March 12 was the 96th birthday of the Girl Scout organization!***

For the first time this year, girls were able to provide service to their communities through the Community Cookie Share initiative. At our Girl Scout Cookie Shops, troops had the opportunity to invite community members to become "Hometown Heroes" by purchasing a box of Girl Scout cookies to donate to a troop-designated Community Cookie Share recipient.

Watch our Web site during the next couple of months—we would love to share with you which troops participated in the Community Cookie Share initiative and who their recipients were. We have also asked our Girl Scout adult volunteers to let us know what service projects their girls did during Make the World a Better Place Week. Also, stay tuned for the announcement of who our top GS cookie seller is for the 2008 Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

In this issue . . .

Make the World a Better Place—Girl Scouts of the USA's 96th birthday!

Highlights from Sybaquay's Girl Scout Cookie Sale

Girl Scout Emissaries—what have they been up to?

Registration for Summer Camp and Program Opportunities is now open!

New features on Sybaquay's Web site!

check it out!

We're having fun working and playing together—check out our photo pages!

For more photos, visit the Scrapbook page of our Web site at www.gs-sybaquay.org!

Highlights from Sybaquay Council's 2008 Girl Scout Cookie Sale!

Senator Pamela Althoff was Sybaquay's honorary Girl Scout cookie chair this year! The Senator kicked off the sale on January 5 by purchasing the "first" box of Girl Scout cookies from Girl Scout Senior and Emissary, April H.



courage



Girl Scout Emissaries posing with our new Girl Scout cookies—Cinna-Spins. Here they are pictured with the cookies and cupcakes made from the cookies (You can find this recipe and other GS cookie recipes on our Web site under Girl Program/Product Sales/GS Cookie Sale).

confidence

Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 280 held a Cookie Shop at Sybaquay's Open House in February at the Girl Scout Center. Members of the Elgin Chamber of Commerce were happy to oblige the little saleswomen!



character

Members of Girl Scout Junior Troop 1304 held a Cookie Shop at Read Between the Lynes, in Woodstock's Square.

Pictured from left to right: Madison, Nicole and Jolen



Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 420 held a Cookie Shop at Wal-Mart, in McHenry.

Pictured from left to right: Paige, Sam and Maddie



Girl Scout sisters Lauren, Sarah and Allison helped out during Sybaquay's Drive-through Girl Scout Cookie Sale the last week in March.



The Girl Scout Cookie Program is the nation's premier business and economic literacy program for girls. Through their participation, girls develop skills they will use for their entire lives. Among the many benefits are ethical decision-making, presentation skills, learning to work on a team, and money management.

What have our Girl Scout Emissaries been up to?

Girl Scout Emissaries have been busy representing Sybaquay in Girl Scout cookie sale interviews with newspapers and radio stations, as well as speaking to visitors at Chamber Expos in Huntley, Lake in the Hills, Lake Zurich and Crystal Lake. We also had a photo shoot with our Emissaries at the Girl Scout Center in Elgin (see next page)!

Emissaries were present at Sybaquay Council's Open House with the Elgin Chamber in February. The girls spoke to Elgin Chamber members about their experiences in Girl Scouting and showcased our upcoming new social networking site—*OneGirl!*

Some of our Girl Scout Emissaries have begun work on Sybaquay's Girl2Girl section of our Web site. They will soon be updating the entertainment reviews, games, quizzes, and suggestions for troop activities. We can't wait to see what good ideas the girls have!

See the back page of this edition for info on "Ask a Girl Scout!"



Come to our Spring Emissary Event!

Come to our Spring Girl Scout Emissary activity on Saturday, April 26, from 1 to 3 P.M., here at the Girl Scout Center in Elgin—have fun, participate in a press release photo shoot and find out more about the Emissary Network!

To register, visit our Web site or call 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115 or register by e-mail at <vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org>.

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What is a Girl Scout Emissary?

A Girl Scout Emissary is a Girl Scout who represents Sybaquay Council in the media, in council publications and on our Web site. She will share her Girl Scout experiences, enthusiasm and dedication with others. She may also be called upon to participate in community or program activities for photos.

For more information, to become a Girl Scout Emissary, or to register for our Spring event, call us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115 or e-mail <vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org>.



Girl Scout Emissaries participated in a photo shoot at the Girl Scout Center in January— photos have been used in council publications, newspapers and on our Web site.



Girl Scout Emissaries

**Rocks Rock
Bartlett's Nature Center**



**A visit to the
Girl Scout Center
Troop 1444**

**Troop 14 at
Bartlett's Nature Center**



**Maple Syrup Try-It
Russell Woods Preserve**



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop
608 wins first prize!**



**Outdoor Chef
November 2007**



**Sybaquay Girl Scouts—
out and about this fall & winter!**

Summer 2008 Preview . . .

Have you checked out the new Summer Opportunities brochure for this summer's fun program and camp activities? Here are just a few—

URBAN Opportunities

U R Bound for Adventure and New experiences

Lighten Up!

Mystery Crime Lab Overnight

Outdoor Chef

Camping with Yogi

Chicago Mystery Tour

Eco-Art

Camptivities

Camp Pokonokah Hills

Maiden Voyagers

Junior Counselors

Wild Women Riders

Nancy Drew & the Mall Mystery

Apostle Island Explorer

Counselor in Training I & II

White Water X-perience

Registration is Now Open!

Be sure to register for camp as soon as possible! Sessions are filling up fast and those that aren't filling up will be cancelled no later than May 1, 2008!

TROOP TREK

**Troop Trek
Island Adventures**

Session 1: June 20-22

Session 2: July 11-13

Session 3: July 18-20

**Troop Trek
You and Me**

New!

June 20-22

ONLY THIS SESSION IS
AVAILABLE FOR YOU & ME

To view a PDF of the complete summer brochure and/or to register online visit our Web site at www.gs-sybaquay.org

From the Girl Scout Center (GSC)

Important Dates!

<i>Earth Day</i>	<i>April 22</i>
<i>Adult Volunteer Recognition Dinner</i>	<i>April 23</i>
<i>Girl Scout Leader Day</i>	<i>April 22</i>
<i>GSC Closed for Holiday</i>	<i>May 26</i>
<i>Girl Scout Gold Award Banquet</i>	<i>June 4</i>
<i>GSC Closed for Holiday</i>	<i>July 4</i>
<i>Sybaquay Golf Classic</i>	<i>July 11</i>
<i>GSC Closed for Holiday</i>	<i>Sept. 1</i>
<i>End of GS membership year</i>	<i>Sept. 30</i>

Don't forget to check our Web site throughout the year! We will post information and dates about upcoming Sybaquay-sponsored events, Council Shop & Girl Scout Express sales, and special GSC closings.

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Coming Soon—OneGirl!



OneGirl is a cool new feature of the Girl2Girl section of our Web site. It's a safe, fun, new social networking site just for Sybaquay Girl Scouts! It's a place where you can connect

with other Girl Scouts in our council to see what they're up to. Keep in touch over the summer! What Try-Its, badges and IPs are they working on? Have they been on a fun field trip? Are they going to register for any sessions at Camp Pokie this summer? You can create your own screen name and password. Search for Girl Scout friends. Post your own photos and create blogs. Send and get messages. Users will be approved by Sybaquay administrators and their *OneGirl* page will be monitored for inappropriate content. Watch for more information about this fun new feature!

Tech Notes . . .

New Online Registration—We have recently updated our online registration system. Under the Girl Program button and Program Events on the dropdown, you now see a calendar view of events that can be sorted by event type, age level . . . click on an event and you'll view Event Details where you have an opportunity to register by clicking one of the "register" buttons. You will complete your transaction via PayPal. For camp, you'll click on 2008 Camp Registration on the dropdown under Girl Program/Camp and be taken through a similar process. This is a new system! **If you have any difficulty viewing an event or registering, please contact us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7138 or 7139.**

Online Publications—Be sure to check the Web site regularly for the *Leader Links*, *Sybaquay Annual Report*, *2007-2008 Program Booklet*, *Summer Program Opportunities*, *Sybaquay Reporter*, *Teen Links* and coming soon—*Parent Links*. Hard copies of any of these publications will be mailed upon request. Please contact Cindy at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139 or cindy@gs-sybaquay.org.

Girl Scout News—You can see what we've sent to the local newspapers and get updates from Girl Scouts of the USA by visiting our Web site and clicking on Girl Scouts in the News and News from GSUSA, in the dropdown under the News button.

Reminder—Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council has been communicating with its members via e-mail blasts and automated phone messages. We are still receiving some of our e-mails back as undeliverable. Please be sure to update the Girl Scout Center of any changes in your phone number and e-mail address. To update your records in our system, contact Tina at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7117 or by e-mail at tina@gs-sybaquay.org. Also, don't forget to add Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council in your computer address book to ensure that these important messages don't go to your junk mail!

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month

Leaders' Day is April 22!

Without our leaders, Sybaquay Council would be hard-pressed to deliver the Girl Scout program to its more than 10,000 girl members! A special thanks to all of our volunteers—from leaders, to Girl Scout Gold Award advisors, trainers, service team members and Board of Directors and committee members!

Be sure to thank your Girl Scout's leader for all her hard work this month!

On April 23, 2008, Sybaquay will hold its annual Adult Recognition Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Elgin—registration deadline is April 15. You can find an invitation with additional details and registration form on the Home page of our Web site at www.gs-sybaquay.org, or call us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7131.

Her leaders need your help . . .

Our adult volunteers often rely on Girl Scout families to help with the delivery of the Girl Scout program. Whether you're chaperoning on field trips, helping out as a unit leader at your service unit's day camp, providing a craft or a skill demonstration—there are a variety of ways our Girl Scout families can lend a helping hand. Talk to your Girl Scout's leader to find out how you can help them!

Here are some ways you might be able to help your Girl Scout's troop/group:

- Attend one or more meetings to assist with the girls
- Be the troop/group bookkeeper and maintain the finances
- Be the troop/group fall product chair or Girl Scout cookie chair
- Assist with a flag ceremony and court of awards
- Help find and set up (with the help of the girls) suitable ways for the girls to give community service
- Research and help plan field trips (with the advice of the girls)
- Chaperone one or more field trips
- Carpool to and from meetings (you must have one seatbelt per girl)
- Help girls earn recognitions (Petals, Try-Its, Badges, and Interest Projects)
- Provide space for storage of equipment
- Assist by babysitting leaders' children during meeting times, field trips or during trainings
- Provide the use of a copier and make copies when necessary
- Provide a backyard for an occasional meeting or a kitchen for a cooking experience

Being there for your Girl Scout and her leaders helps give each girl a chance to have fun, learn new skills and make friendships and memories to last a lifetime! So . . . we'd also like to thank all of our Girl Scout families for their support of our Girl Scouts!

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Ask a Girl Scout!

Girls . . . do you have questions about Girl Scouts? Ask a Girl Scout Emissary! Go to Sybaquay's Web site and click on "Ask a Girl Scout" on the Home page. Then ask your question and it will be answered by a Girl Scout Emissary your own age and posted on the Web site!

Don't worry moms—only first names, last initial and girls' ages are listed on the Web site and in our publications.

Our Girl Scout Shops

Girl Scout Center and Council Shop Hours

Monday	12 Noon – 5 P.M. (Shop only 12 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, the shop will be closed and will then be open the following Saturday.

Contacting the Girl Scout Center Shop:

Phone: 847-741-5521
Fax: 847-741-5667
E-mail: info@gs-sybaquay.org
Website: www.gs-sybaquay.org

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!

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. – 8 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.

Award-Winning Troop Groovy Girls Are Here!

Manhattan Toy Company's Troop Groovy Girl doll was named Girl Toy of the Year at the Toy Industry Association's Awards Dinner this February. The Troop Groovy Girl collection celebrates diversity and friendship.

Shop online or come into either the Council Shop in Elgin or the Girl Scout Express in Barrington to purchase the latest Troop Groovy Girls and all their accessories—fun outfits, groovy friends, pets, tents, sleeping bags and more!



If you are unable to print this online publication and would like a copy, please contact Cindy Kocol at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139 or by e-mail at cindy@gs-sybaquay.org.