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**NEWSLETTER FOR  
OUR GIRL SCOUT FAMILIES**

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## **COUNCIL REALIGNMENT— WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START!**

With the start of our new membership year this October, Sybaquay Council has begun realigning with three other northern Illinois councils—Fox Valley, Rock River Valley, and Green Hills. The entire process of realignment will take a full year, with completion slated for October 1, 2009.

A Council Realignment Committee (CRC) has been formed consisting of volunteers from the councils' Board of Directors and council CEOs—the co-chairs of the CRC will be Lisa Normoyle, president (Board of Directors), Girl Scouts of Rock River Valley and Jane Carter, CEO, Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council. Sub-committee categories and co-chairs have been determined and additional sub-committee members will be recruited and confirmed by the end of December. The CRC will ensure that all committees will be a fair and equitable representation from all four councils. Updates about the realignment will be put out to Sybaquay's membership on a quarterly basis. This realignment will bring more opportunities to all of our girls and adult volunteers!



*For more info about the realignment, visit our Web site and click on the link under the flash photo box on the Home page.*

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# GIRL SCOUT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

October 29–30, 2008, 4 Girl Scouts from Sybaquay Council, 1 from Fox Valley Council, and 1 from Green Hills Council joined the over 2,000 Girl Scouts from across the nation and around the world in Indianapolis to experience the Girl Scout Leadership Institute for girls. This year's theme was *"Live Healthy, Lead Healthy"* and included workshops from nationally recognized experts focused on physical and emotional health, global diversity and advocacy. The Girl Scout Leadership Institute was open to girls in grades 6–12.



At the event, girls heard from MTV's SuChin Pak, the spokesperson for the Uniquely Me! program, and Vanessa and Angela Simmons from MTV's *Run's House*. Vanessa and Angela gave away prizes in the form of string backpacks from their Pastry Collection and then held a special autograph session for the winners as well. Girls also attended a special concert featuring Disney recording star Keke Palmer. On one of the days, girls were treated to a party with a DJ!



**GIRL SCOUT AMBASSADOR SARAH SAID ABOUT THE EVENT, "I'VE NEVER BEEN SO PROUD TO BE A GIRL SCOUT!"**



The two-day event preceded Girl Scouts of the USA's 51st National Convention and National Council Session—the girls were able to see the opening ceremony before they headed back to Illinois. The next Girl Scout Leadership Institute is scheduled for 2011 in Houston, Texas. On the way home, Girl Scout Ambassador Sarah said about the event, "I've never been so proud to be a Girl Scout!" She then told everyone that she would be wearing her new Girl Scout T-shirt to school the next day—with pride.

# GIRL SCOUT EMISSARIES



**LEFT TO RIGHT: ASHLEY, EILEEN**

***IT'S NOT TOO LATE . . .  
SIGN UP TO BE A  
GIRL SCOUT EMISSARY!***

**You may have missed our first GS Emissary event this September . . . maybe you missed the photo shoot at Mary Ann Beebe Center in October . . . but it's not too late to represent**

**Sybaquay Council in the news and in our council's publications. We will be holding an indoor photo shoot sometime in February or March here at the Girl Scout Center in Elgin. If you're interested in becoming a GS Emissary or are already an Emissary and want to be featured in our indoor photo shoot, contact us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115 or 7139. You can check out more GS Emissary opportunities on our Web site. Click on the link on the Girl Scout Emissary page.**

**We need all ages—the only prerequisite is that you must be a registered member of Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council (for the 2008-2009 membership year) and we must have a signed Girl Scout Emissary Permission Form. You can find a copy of the form on the Girl Scout Emissary page of our Web site at [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org). To get to the Emissary page, click on the link on the Home page.**

## **Ask Me! Emissary**

### **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 or to become a Girl Scout Emissary, call us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115 or e-mail <[vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org)>.**



**Emma, one of our Girl Scout Emissaries, at our October 2008 photo shoot at the Mary Ann Beebe Center.**

# SCRAPBOOK



WHITEWATER RAFTING TRIP



FALL PRODUCT SALE



ARCHERY



ADVENTURE WALK



NAT'L PUBLIC LANDS DAY



GS EMISSARY PHOTO SHOOT



TROOP 508 IN NEW YORK CITY



TROOP 508 WITH GSUSA CEO  
CATHY CLONINGER

FOR MORE  
GIRL SCOUT  
FUN, CHECK  
OUT OUR  
PHOTO  
SCRAPBOOK  
ON OUR WEB  
SITE —

[WWW.GS-SYBAQUAY.ORG](http://WWW.GS-SYBAQUAY.ORG)

## Leader Jamboree 2008

*On October 4, 2008, adult volunteers from all over Sybaquay Council gathered to learn new skills to share with the girls who they advise. Sybaquay facilitators taught classes such as Outdoor Cooking, Stove-Making, Basic Outdoor Skills, and more.*



**Outdoor Cooking**



**Making Ovens  
& Stoves**



**Basic  
Outdoor  
Skills**



**Service Unit  
Event Training**

# ADULT VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

You can nominate a special volunteer for one of our recognition awards. Then, come and see them receive their awards—at a service unit event for service unit awards and/or to our Adult Recognition Dinner in April of 2009 for council-level awards!

Is your Girl Scout's leader a role model for the girls? Does she go above and beyond? All of our adult volunteers deserve recognition for the time and talents that they share with the girls. It's been said that there's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer, and Sybaquay Council believes that they should be thanked in a special way.

**Service Unit Awards** consist of the Outstanding Leader Award and Outstanding Volunteer Award. The Leader Award is for the troop/group leader or assistant leader or coordinator. The Volunteer Award is for an adult member in a position other than the troop/group leader. Below is a summary of the recognitions which are usually presented at a service unit event.

AWARD TYPE	AWARD	RECIPIENT	REASON	HOW TO APPLY
Service Unit: Approved by Service Team	Outstanding Leader Award	Troop/group leader, assistant leader or coordinator	For outstanding perform- ance in working with girls	Submit an application with <b>two</b> letters of endorsement
	Outstanding Volunteer Award	Adult member in a position other than a troop/group leader	For excellence in service to a geographic area or program audience	Submit an application; no letters of endorsement are required

**Council-level Awards** are approved by Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council's Board of Directors—the Sybaquay Bronze Charm, Appreciation Pin, Honor Pin, Thanks Badge and Thanks Badge II. Below is the summary of these recognitions.

AWARD TYPE	AWARD	RECIPIENT	REASON	HOW TO APPLY
Council: Approved by Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council Board of Directors	Sybaquay Bronze Charm	Adult member in a service unit position	For outstanding service at the service unit level	Submit an application with <b>two</b> letters of endorsement
	Appreciation Pin	Adult member	For outstanding service to a geographic area or program delivery audience	Submit an application with <b>two</b> letters of endorsement
	Honor Pin	Adult member	For outstanding service to two or more geographic areas or program delivery audiences	Submit an application with <b>three</b> letters of endorsement
	Thanks Badge	Adult member	For truly outstanding service that benefits the entire council or Girl Scout Movement	Submit an application with <b>four</b> letters of endorsement
	Thanks Badge II	Thanks Badge recipient	For continued outstanding service that benefits the entire council or Girl Scout Movement	Submit an application with <b>four</b> letters of endorsement

This year will probably be the last year for the Sybaquay Bronze Charm so make sure you nominate as many as you can for the award. **For additional information and nomination forms, visit our Web site at [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org).**

# GIRL PROGRAM

Don't forget to register for these fun program activities. Sybaquay Council adds activities throughout the year so be sure to check out the Girl Program/Program Events section of our Web site!

## Girl Scout Daisies, Brownies and Juniors:

MAKING MUSIC (GS DAISIES/BROWNIES)

LIVE ON STAGE

TROOP GROOVY GIRLS

UP, UP AND AWAY JUNIOR BADGE DAY

BROWNIE TRY-IT DAYS *and more!*

## Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors:

DESKTOP PUBLISHING

LIVE ON STAGE

TAKE CHARGE

IT'S A WILD WORLD

PROGRAM AIDE TRAINING, BASIC *and more!*

## NEW! (For GS Juniors & Up)

SKIING & SNOWBOARDING AT WILMOT  
FEBRUARY 21, 2009

HARPER SPORTS OVERNIGHT  
MARCH 13 TO MARCH 14, 2009  
(THIRD-GRADE GS BROWNIES & GS JUNIORS)

*SEE OUR WEB SITE FOR DETAILS  
ON ALL OF THESE EVENTS & MORE!*

## Girl Scout Family Events

LOCK-IN AT KALAHARI  
THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

DISCOVER

CONNECT

TAKE ACTION



## START PLANNING NOW FOR FAMILY/TROOP SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP POKONOKAH HILLS!

Pencil your family in for some fun and adventure and Camp Pokie this summer. July 24 through August 3, 2009, will be our Family/Troop Summer Camp. Choose how long you and your family want to stay—a long weekend, a couple of days, a week, or stay the entire time at this beautiful 475-acre camp in northern Wisconsin. About 45 minutes north of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the camp is situated on 475 acres of deep woods, gently rolling hills and secluded lakes. There will be camp staff to help with activities and meals will be provided. You and your family can participate in planned activities or have fun on your own in camp or take a side trip outside of camp!

Watch for more information in the next few months about Family/Troop Camp at Camp Pokonokah Hills, as well as our Camp Co-op brochure with sessions for girls at our three sister councils. Check our Web site after January 15, 2009.

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# FROM THE GIRL SCOUT CENTER (GSC)

## IMPORTANT DATES!

GSC Closed for Holiday	Nov. 27 & 28
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Feb. - May prog. event reg. begins	Jan. 5, '09
Girl Scout Cookie Sale	Jan. 6 - 27, '09
Sybaquay's Annual Meeting	Jan. 31, '09
Thinking Day	February 22, '09
Girl Scout Week	March 8 - 14, '09
Girl Scout Sunday	March 8, '09
Girl Scout Sabbath	March 14, '09
Adult Recognition Dinner	April 22, '09
GS Silver Award Ceremony	TBA May, '09
GS Gold Award Banquet	June 10, '09

**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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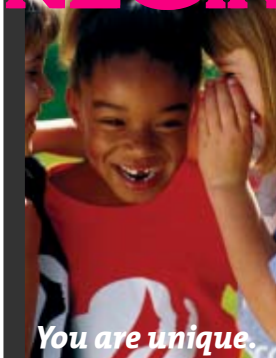
## TECH NOTES . . .

**Online Publications**—Be sure to check the Web site regularly for the *Leader Links*, *2008-2009 Program Booklet*, *Sybaquay Reporter*, and *Teen 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](mailto:cindy@gs-sybaquay.org).

**Are you lost on our Web site?**—There are Quick Links in a grey box at the bottom of most pages on our Web site that will help you get to the page you need. There are also commonly used links at the top of the Home page, right under the flash photo box. If you still can't find what you need, you can do a search—it will show as a Google search.

**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](mailto: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!

# ONE GIRL



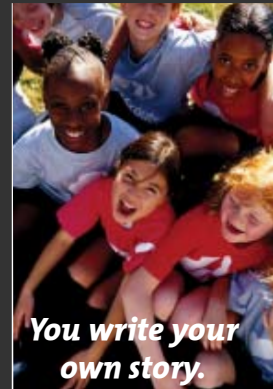
**You are unique.**



**You have your own voice.**



**You have your own style.**



**You write your own story.**

## You are one girl—CONNECT!

**Have you signed up for the social networking site just for Sybaquay Girl Scouts? Go to our Web site at [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org) and click on the *Girl2Girl* tab and then on *OneGirl*. Do it now so you can start finding new friends right away!**

Once you have been approved you will receive an e-mail with your temporary password—this could take up to one week.

# FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

A special thank you goes to the following families in Sybaquay Council who are building a foundation for our girls through their donation of \$50 and above to the 2007–2008 Family Partnership Annual Giving Campaign:



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## THANK YOU!!

### Other ways you can help to build girls of courage, confidence, and character!

**Annual Fund**—Girl Scouts make a tremendous difference in the communities in which they live. They truly strive to make our world a better place. Without the help of friends, Sybaquay Council could not provide the Girl Scout program to the nearly 11,000 girl members. Each fall, an appeal is made to the Board of Directors, lifetime members, friends of Sybaquay Council and staff.

**Matching Gift**—Many companies match employees' gifts to charitable organizations. Additionally, some employers will also donate dollars to the charitable organization for volunteer hours served by their employees.

**Gift-in-Kind**—Business owners may give a gift-in-kind by offering a service for free or for a discounted price. For example, a printer may choose to print one issue of a publication free of charge.

**Event Sponsor**—Sponsorship opportunities are available in Sybaquay Council throughout the year. For example, you can support an event by "buying a table" or donating a gift to help with event food or printing costs.

**Juliette Low Society (JLS)**—There are several ways to qualify for membership in the JLS: include Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council in your will; name Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council as owner or beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy; include Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council in a charitable trust, gift annuity, or pooled income fund; or, make an outright monetary gift in the amount of at least \$5,000 in cash, securities, personal property, land or other real estate to Sybaquay Council's endowment fund.

## DON'T FORGET YOUR FAVORITE GIRL SCOUT THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!

### Groovy Girls—

Did you know that our Girl Scout Groovy Girl dolls (Made by Manhattan Toy Company) were chosen as the Girl Toy of the Year by the Toy Industry Association's Awards Dinner in February of 2008. We have several different dolls to choose from and they have tons of accessories! Our Groovy Girls have their own soft furniture, clothing, backpacks, sleeping bags and tents, as well as soft-scooter, and even their own pets, including a horse, dog and cat.

*Don't forget to register for our Troop Groovy Girls program activity on February 7, 2009. Registration for this event opens January 5, 2009. See the Web site or program booklet for additional information.*

### Other Fun Gift Items—

- Girl Scout hair accessories
  - Purses and Backpacks
  - Jewelry
  - Ceramic cookie jars
  - Party plates, cups
  - Stuffed animals
  - Fun Girl Scout Scrapbooking Items
  - T-shirts and Sweatshirts
  - CDs
  - Stationery and notecards
  - Hats
  - Journey keepsakes
  - Keepsake ornaments
- ...AND MORE!**

## OUR GIRL SCOUT SHOPS

### GIRL SCOUT CENTER AND COUNCIL SHOP HOURS

Monday	12 Noon – 5 P.M.
(Shop only)	12 Noon – 7 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](mailto:info@gs-sybaquay.org)  
 Web site: [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://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.*

**CHECK OUT OUR WEB SITE FOR OUR HOLIDAY HOURS!**  
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