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Keeping girls of courage, confidence and character connected!

Remember safety guidelines for online activity

Although the internet is an amazing resource, it is important to keep in mind that whenever you go online, information can be collected and used without your knowledge. No data transmission over the internet can be guaranteed to be absolutely secure. Here are some reminders for cyber safety. Social networking online is fun and you get to meet people who you wouldn't ordinarily cross paths with in your day-to-day lives. But it's important to follow safety guidelines and to only utilize those sites that are secure.

Do not give out personal information. Transmitting home addresses, parent/guardian work addresses, phone numbers, or school names are details that shouldn't be exchanged over the internet. Pictures or other identifying attachments should only be sent to a known and trusted recipient. Content of messages should not be hurtful or in anyway make you feel uncomfortable. Do not respond to these types of messages and they should be brought to an adult's attention. Never agree to get together with someone you "meet" online without first checking with parent or guardian. Be aware of each Web site's individual privacy policies, while the site you are currently visiting may not share any information with other companies, clicking on an advertisement or promotional offer could lead you to an unsecured site or third-party company that may not be associated with the original web site and its policies.

OneGirl is Sybaquay's social networking site just for Sybaquay Girl Scouts. It is a secure site that you can feel safe using. It is monitored by Sybaquay administrators and there is a filter attached to prevent inappropriate content. It's a great way to connect with other girls in towns throughout the council's jurisdiction. *OneGirl* is fun and easy to use! Just request a log in and password. Once your Sybaquay Council Girl Scout registration is verified, you will receive an approval e-mail with a temporary password. The first time you log on you'll be prompted to change your password to something personal and easy for you to remember. If you forget your user name and/or password or if you have any trouble with your *OneGirl* page, contact Cindy at cindy@gs-sybaquay.org or 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139. Read the rest of this publication to see some of the other exciting online activities for Sybaquay Girl Scouts!

Teen Links is a quarterly publication for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

E-mail us with ideas of what you'd like to see in future issues!

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Visit our Web site to register for this year's exciting program opportunities and find out more about our 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Program!

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Don't forget about the Girl Scout cookie sale, January 6-27, 2009.

Up your sales this year & become a 300+ Club member!

Online fun for Sybaquay Girl Scouts

OneGirl's GIRL TALK & Your Voice, Your World

You might already know about Sybaquay's fun new social networking site, *OneGirl*. Hopefully you already have your own *OneGirl* page! Well, we now have a new feature on *OneGirl* called *GIRL TALK!* *GIRL TALK* will help you voice your opinions about subjects relevant to your lives. Each month, *GIRL TALK* will propose a topic for *OneGirl* users to talk about. *OneGirl* users will have the opportunity to post comments regarding the topic on the *GIRL TALK* page. To participate in our monthly discussions, you'll have to make sure you make *GIRL TALK* your "friend." Comments will be posted to a new page on our Web site, called Your Voice, Your World. If you have any suggestions for topics, please contact Vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org. Be sure to put "GIRL TALK" in the subject line. Don't miss this opportunity—if you haven't already signed up for *OneGirl*, be sure to sign up today and CONNECT!

Juliette Page

If you're an individually-registered Girl Scout Juliette, don't forget to check the Web site for service unit events and monthly badgework. *OneGirl* is also a great way to stay connected to other Sybaquay Girl Scouts. Look through the program booklet for council-sponsored activities where you may meet other girls in the council. And don't forget KIT stands for Keep In Touch—it's a relatively new program that was started just for Juliettes. The link to the KIT Program will give you more information and an e-mail address where you can send any questions you might have. And don't forget that as a Juliette you can also participate in the council's upcoming Girl Scout Cookie sale! You can earn "J-Bucks" that you can use towards a council-sponsored activity or camp, as well as in either of our council shops.

Girl2Girl

We have a section of Sybaquay's Web site that is just for girls. The problem is that it's still "under construction" in most areas. We need your help in determining what girls want to see on Girl2Girl. Be a part of the Girl2Girl Advisory Board—contact Cindy at the Girl Scout Center if you're interested by e-mail at cindy@gs-sybaquay.org or by phone at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139. If you e-mail us, please be sure to put Girl2Girl and/or Girl Scouts in the subject line. Once we have a panel of girls, we'll work on setting up a meeting date on a Saturday at the Girl Scout Center in Elgin.

Ask a Girl Scout

Did you know that you can go on the Girl2Girl section of our Web site and ask one of our Girl Scout Emissaries any questions you might have about Girl Scouting? Just go to the **Girl2Girl** page and click on the GS Emissary's photo—you'll then be able to e-mail a question to *Ask a Girl Scout*. Then check back later—your question and the GS Emissary's answer will be posted on the *Ask a Girl Scout* page on the Web site.

New Program Opportunities

Raging Bull Snowboarding

Travel local and head over to Raging Buffalo snowboarding park in Algonquin.

- Who:* Girl Scout Juniors & up (Adults & nonmembers ages 9 & up are welcome)
Where: Raging Buffalo, 19N475 Route 31, Algonquin
When: December 19—CHECK-IN 3:30 P.M., LESSONS 4 A.M., SLOPES CLOSE 11 P.M. (Reg. due by 12/11)
January 10—CHECK-IN 8:30 A.M., LESSONS 9 A.M., SLOPE TICKET ENDS 4 P.M. (Reg. due by 1/2)
January 24—CHECK-IN 3:30 P.M., LESSONS 9 A.M., SLOPES CLOSE 11 P.M. (Reg. due by 1/16)

Check the Web site for more information on this event. Please note that online registration is not available for Raging Bull Snowboarding. The event flier and registration forms will need to be downloaded and mailed in to the Girl Scout Center.

Overnight Adventure at Bluespring Caverns

Did you know that there's an amazing other world right under your feet? Want to explore a land millions of years in the making? Then hop on the bus and head down, down, down 100 feet in the beautiful limestone caves of Bluespring Caverns in Southern Indiana's Cave Country.

- Who:* Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, adult chaperones
Where: Bluespring Caverns, Bedford, Indiana
When: Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29, 2009
Travel: By charter bus from the Girl Scout Center Sat., 10:30 a.m./EST return to Girl Scout Center Sunday, 7 p.m.

Registration begins immediately and ends December 19, 2008. Check the Web site for more information and online registration for this event.

Discover Pokie

Discover Pokie at Camp Poknokah Hills is not your everyday resident camp program! It is a combination of Troop Camping and Family Camping that puts you and your family in the driver seat. You choose your arrival and departure dates (Your troop/family will need to provide adult supervision and transportation.). Camp Poknokah provides the meals and a variety of camp activities, such as swimming, boating, hiking, archery, games, crafts, and campfires. This opportunity is open to Girl Scout Junior through Ambassador troop/groups accompanied by adults, as well as Girl Scouts (all ages) and their families—mom, dad, sisters, brothers, and beyond. The earliest check-in date is July 24 and the latest check-out date is August 3. The cost is \$25 per night, per person, which includes meals. Registration for *Discover Pokie* is on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning February 24, 2009. Registration will be available by mail, by phone, by fax, or in person. Online registration will not be available for this event.

Watch for more information on our Web site about *Discover Pokie*, as well as summer camp at our camp co-op resident camp opportunities.