

Connect

Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Each month **Connect** will feature the most current information about what's new in areas that are important to you as a volunteer. The very best part is that this newsletter is specific to the **Golden Plains** region in [Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland](#).

I need your to help to create this newsletter each month. If you have questions, comments, suggestions or fantastic ideas you've been using in your role as a volunteer, I invite you to [email me](#) so that I can share them with other volunteers in our area. Include a picture of yourself if you have one so we can all see your smiling face!

Ginger Durall Volunteer/Membership Services Manager

Enrichment Courses On The GO.....

Volunteer Services Managers have updated or created several enrichment courses and are excited to share them with our volunteers. For groups of 5 or more we would be willing to come to your area to present one of these courses. Some service units have opted for a 30 minute class, which only has bits and pieces of the course, conducted during the monthly meeting. For more information, contact Ginger Durall at gdurall@kansasgirlscouts.org.

Volunteer Appreciation Event

Our 2009 Volunteer Appreciation Event is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 3:00 to 5:00 here at the Girl Scout Center, 360 Lexington Rd., Wichita. We are looking forward to seeing many of you here. Don't forget to register online at www.kansasgirlscout.org/events.

Membership Services

Lifetime Membership

Have you considered becoming a lifetime member? This is a good time to take the plunge. Until October 1, the cost is \$250, and you'll never have to worry about paying your dues on time! Plus, you'll save \$50 by doing it in the next few months. After October 1 the cost rises to \$300. This is also a great way for graduating Girl Scout Seniors to use up their remaining credits!

Council Delegates

Council Delegates needed! Each region of the council is responsible for 20 delegates and 5 alternates. Any Girl Scout over the age of 14 is eligible to be a council delegate. If you would like to nominate someone (or even yourself), please contact your membership services manager at the office at 316-684-6531.

Finance Dues Summary

Financial reports are due June 1. If you who haven't any idea what this is give us a call at the office at 800-495-5166.

Adult Recruitment

Now is the best time to start recruiting adults for next year. Think about people we need to have in place to make next year fun and successful; leaders, co-leaders, day camp directors, product sales chairs, maintenance for our camp sites, event helpers and coordinators and more.

Council Programs /Events

Camp Registration

Summer program registrations in the Golden Plains Region begins April 1 and there is also still time to register for Camp Wah-Shah-She resident camp sessions. For more information about Camp Wah-Shah-She programs or for registration forms go to

http://www.girlscoutseastok.org/mecgs/Online_Camp_Book.asp?SnID=1202875334.

Older Girls – Young Woman of Distinction form

Troop leaders and parents with graduating seniors and/or girls who have spent 10 year as a Girl Scout need to fill out the Young Woman of Distinction form that has been mailed. Please return these forms by April 4 to Mary Wilson at 360 Lexington Rd., Wichita, KS 67218.

Financial Assistance

Anyone applying for Financial Assistance to attend summer program must apply 3-4 weeks prior to the registration program deadline.

Cookie Sales

Congratulations!

Congratulations on a fantastic 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale! With the help of determined Girl Scouts, dedicated volunteers, and generous communities, we were able to sell 1,316,712 boxes—nearly 44,000 more than last year! 3,400 of these boxes will be donated to social service agencies through our Cookie Sharing program. Thanks again to all of our wonderful volunteers, parents, and girls who helped make this year's sale a success!

450+ Achievement Party

Girls who sold 450 or more boxes of cookies will receive an invitation to the Sedgwick County Zoo on Saturday, April 18th.

Top Sellers Event

This is a special event for the top two cookie sellers in each Region. Hold the date for Saturday, May 2nd in Wichita. Girls will be notified by special invitation.

Cookie Recognitions

All items will be distributed to the girls in April.

Cookie Credits

Cookie Credits will be available April 1st by logging on to www.kansasgirlscouts.org and clicking on Camp Registration.

New! In the Council Shop

Bridging Packets

Is your troop bridging from one age level to another? The regional council shops have bridging kits that contain everything you need: bridging patch, star and disc, and a bridging certificate. \$5.00 each

Open Saturdays

We will be open for your shopping convenience

- April 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- May 2nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

News to Use and Ideas to Motivate

Changes in National Dues

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This is also a great way for graduating Girl Scout Seniors to use up their remaining credits. The cost for a graduating senior is \$130 if done before September 10. Take advantage of the great cost savings now!

Community Service Projects

Is your troop looking for an end-of-the year service project? All of our sites are in need of cleanup before summer camp begins. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Gerry Wilson](#) in the Wichita regional office

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What would you like to see in future e-newsletters? Please share your thoughts and suggestions.

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