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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

 Happy Holidays! 

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Volunteer Services News

Awards for Volunteers - Service Unit Teams Needed

Girl Scout Leaders volunteer their time in hopes that their reward will come from watching girls grow stronger. Some times though, it is nice to find that you are appreciated by your peers for the work you do. That is why a team is needed from each Service Unit to nominate Adults for the hard work they do benefiting the girls, your peers, the Service Units and the Council as a whole.

Each Service Unit should nominate, select or elect an Awards for Volunteers Chair and some additional members to serve as a team to discover worthy volunteers to nominate for awards to be given in April. In order to get through the entire process the nominations must be into the Girl Scout office by February 1. Training will be given to Chairs, Service Unit Managers or another member of your team as needed. You still have time to get important information for nominating those key volunteers in your service. Please email or call either of the people below for more information:

Ginger Durall at gdurall@kansasgirlscouts.org, 316-684-6531 ext. 540
Sheryl Stanley at Sheryl4207@yahoo.com or 316 794-8312.





Upcoming Adult Learning Classes

The Wichita Region has some *awesome Adult Facilitators* who are excited about all of the upcoming classes being offered in your area. Here are the opportunities in November.....

Tuesday, December 1, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Girl Scout Center
Tuesday, December 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Girl Scout Center
Thursday, January 21, 6 to 9 p.m., Girl Scout Center

Sign up online or call Ginger for help at 316-684-6531 OR 888-472-3683.

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Program Services News

New!

Community Partners at Festival Of Giving

Troops visiting the Festival of Giving will have a special treat. Some of our community business partners are bringing informational or "hands on" display booths to share with the girls and volunteers of Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland.

Here are some of the business partners who will be attending:

- * Sedg. Co Zoo
- * Museum of World Treasures
- * Tanganyika, Botanica Gardens

- * Eagle Valley Raptor
- * The Alley
- * Westar
- * AND MORE!

Please pass this information to other volunteers, troops, girls and families.



Festival of Giving Reminders

- * 60th Annual Festival of Giving 2009 Hand in Hand – **We Can**, Saturday, December 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Century II Exhibition Hall, free.
- * All troops are encouraged to participate in this community service project
- * Training for first time Festival of Giving Program Aides will be on Thursday, Dec. 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wichita GS office; [please register for the class.](#)
- * Program Aides please don't forget to register online to work.



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Product Sales

Annual Cookie Sale Just Around the Corner
Girls start taking cookie orders on Saturday, January 16, 2010

SAVE THESE COOKIE SALE DATES

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Service Unit Cookie Manager Training
 Monday, December 7, 2010
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
 Girl Scout Center
 360 Lexington Rd., Wichita

Cookie Kick-off
 Friday, January 15, 2010
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 Beech Activity Center
 9710 E Central, Wichita



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News to Use and Ideas to Motivate

Going Paperless

GSUSA is no longer going to print and mail Leader magazines.
Future issues will only be made available on-line.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is no longer printing the Roadmap on paper. You can view the adult learning classes and girl program opportunities online at www.kansasgirlscouts.org/Roadmap.



Get in the Loop

Are you a part of our online community? Make sure to become our Fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter to get the latest news and connect with other volunteers across the council.

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www.facebook.com/gskhbrownieelf
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'Tis the Season to Simplify *By Helen Orloff*

It's hard to believe, but the holiday season is upon us already. Smiling faces, decorated stores, and the general holiday hustle and bustle fill the air. How can you and the girls celebrate the season, keep traditions, share cultural differences, and end the year with good vibes?

Keep It Simple, Sister

Here's a holiday K.I.S.S. to help you and the girls plan for the holiday season:

Keep it Reasonable

Planning ahead is what's needed to keep things manageable. The girls may want to go holiday caroling, but do they really have the time to spend the next six weeks practicing? Hanging holiday decorations in a children's hospital ward or a nursing home takes one afternoon and is appreciated and welcomed by many! Take a close look at time constraints as you and the girls plan for the holiday season.

Involve the Girls

Everyone loves a holiday party, but keep in mind that the definition of "party" can vary. Ask the girls how they want to celebrate the holidays as a group. Do they want to cook and prepare their favorite holiday dishes for all to enjoy? Or is swapping holiday cards over a pizza more in line with how they would like to spend their time?

Spend Time Together—or Not

Ask the girls whether they want to stay connected over the holiday break or not. If not, the first meeting back can be a great opportunity for everyone to share holiday experiences. If the girls decide they want to stay connected, are they thinking of IM-ing and emailing or taking trips with parents to the mall to use their gift cards?

Set the Tone for the New Year

Take this time to have girls plan for the post-holiday season. Ask the girls if they want to come back together when school resumes—or do they want a longer break? After what may have been a hectic holiday season, an informal post-holiday season party can be a great way to come back together in the New Year.

Remember: the goal is to reduce holiday stress, have time to relax, AND have fun! So K.I.S.S. your way through the season—both with your Girl Scout group and at home!

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