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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Volunteer Appreciation

By this time of year, your Girl Scout troop has enjoyed troop meetings, product sales, perhaps and overnight trip and her new found Girl Scout friends. Juliette Gordon Low said "The work of today is the history of tomorrow and we are its makers." You as the Girl Scout volunteer are the "makers." You are transforming girls by your deeds of being a Girl Scout Volunteer. As you reflect on your past year as a Girl Scout Volunteer, think about all the progress you have made and how not only you have changed the girls lives but how you have changed your own. We are grateful for all the late night you spent planning troop meetings, all the evenings you gave up to attend a Girl Scout training and all the other tasks Girl Scout volunteers complete without anyone else noticing. Without Girl Scout volunteers, our program wouldn't be such a success.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Appreciates YOU!

We are looking to expand ways that we give trainings. We have a GSKH staff member that can train National Health and Safety Council First Aid and CPR Instructors. We are looking for interested individuals. If you would like to become certified contact [Jennifer Amrein](#) right away!! The great thing about this offering is that part of the course can be done at home through the book and you have to come only for a skills training and test. Get involved TODAY!

Membership Services

What in the World? It's Area Meeting time!

At least two representatives from each Service Unit are required to attend the area meetings.

The East Area meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22 (Leader's Day) from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 593 3rd Street, Phillipsburg. The theme for this evening will be "Girl Scouts Throughout the World" and each service unit should bring a potluck dish that represents another country. Mark your calendars and contact Monica at 625-5671 by April 15 to register for the meeting. See you in the world of Girl Scouting! Volunteers!!

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the West District Area Meeting May 2nd in Selden, Kansas at the Selden Community Center, 112 N. Kansas Street from 4:00 pm-6:30 pm. Come celebrate "Spring is in the Air" with other volunteers, discuss upcoming events and programs, and find out how "The Early Bird Gets the Worm". The Selden Service Unit will provide the main dish, table setting, and drinks and is asking those attending bring a salad or dessert. Call Becky Ayers at 785-259-6743 to make reservations or for more information. We will look forward to seeing you there!

Items on the agenda include: Early Bird Re-Registration, GSKH communications, summer program and older girl opportunities, Cookie Credit updates and much more!

End of School Year Checklist for Girl Scout Leaders:

- Buy recognitions/awards for girls
- Make sure girls fulfill requirements to bridge to the next level
- Plan and host a Court of Awards/Bridging Ceremony for girls and their families
- Complete and submit the Troop Finance Summary to your Membership Services Manager by June 1
- Promote Early Bird Re-Registration and submit forms to regional office along with membership dues for each member by June 30
- Plan and hold End of Year Party/Trip/Celebration/Summer Activities with the girls
- Start Recruitment for next year's troop – both girls and adults
- If you are NOT returning as a leader in the fall, please return all troop supplies/books/checking acct information, etc. to the Service Unit Manager
- Girl Scouting is a year round organization.... Just because school is ending doesn't mean your troop should stop meeting... have fun this summer!

Trip Planning Reminders

This is the time of year that many troops are planning trips and fun events. Remember to check your Leader-Wise and Safety Wise for guidelines in preparing for these various activities. If you have questions using the proper forms or the time-line for Troop Trip Applications be sure to contact the Regional Office or your Membership Services Manager to ensure a successful and safe outing.

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Program Services

- Attn. Service Units! Please don't drop the ball. We have received very few donations for the Older Girl Congress Auction. The girls really appreciate it. Send your donations to the Hays office. Questions? Contact Virginia
- All adults who plan to attend the Wacky Skills weekend, please make sure you have taken the OLS Training. Training is April 24-25th. Note: This overnight training is required for all adults participating in the Jr.3-Part Campout beginning in this fall. Deadline to sign up for the training is April 8th.
- All adults who plan to host or attend a backyard campout, day camp, campout in your town will be required to take the new training **Outdoor Basics 101** on April 24th. The training will begin at 9:30am and last till around 5pm. Cost on this training is \$10.00 Deadline to sign-up is April 8th.
- We will still accept your Congress Buck Applications until April 9th. Download your application at:
 - <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/images/stories/forms/congressbucksupdated.pdf>
 - Bucks are used at the Older Girl Auction on April 18, at Colby Community College.
- Not too late to run for an officer position in the Older Girl Congress.
 - Go to:<http://kansasgirlscouts.org/forms/52-girls/235-congress-officer-position-application> and download your application. Questions?? Contact Virginia
- Don't miss out on the New Older Girl Statewide Congress Meeting and Retreat on July 9-11 at Starwoods near Wichita. Prices for girls \$50, Adults and Congress Officers will be \$30. More info to come.

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Product Sales Information

Hey Service Unit Cookie Managers!

Keep an eye on your front door. . . . cookie recognitions left the warehouse March 31st. Get a jump on the process and log back into Snap!,

1. select Reports –
2. select Summary List
 - a. to separate by Troop
 - b. Select Recognition Order Summary by Troop.
3. If you are a Troop Cookie Manager
 - a. Then select Recognition Order Summary by Girl.

And remember: if the girl did not go back into the ABC Goal Getter website and

complete her goal information, she did not receive the Goal Getter patch that is provided by the Council.

Cookie Credits Available APRIL 1!!

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In the Council Shop

Get your Bridging Kits!!

We will be carrying the Bridging Kits again this year! Depending on what level, each kit will provide you with everything you need in one bag – for each girl.

Also Note: Plan now and shop early for any badges and awards you will be needing for your year-end Court of Awards or ceremonies. Allow at least 10 days for the shop to fill your order. The stock we now carry for Try-Its to Interest Project Awards are in low quantities so please allow us enough time to fill your requests that may need to come from another regional shop and then to you.

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

GIRL SCOUTING SHOULD BE FUN.

L--Laugh--remember to laugh at yourself and situations, keep it light.

E--Enthusiastic--be happy, pleasant, and have a sense of humor.

A--Active--be involved and aware of what's going on in your troop.

D--Democratic--get input from parents and girls, "the GIRL is first in Girl Scouting".

E--Encouraging--let parents and girls know that they are needed and appreciated.

R--Respectful--of parents, girls and other volunteers; we are the example.

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