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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services News



Upcoming Adult Learning Classes

Check out the opportunities in January and February.....

Leadership Essentials - Thursday, January 21, 6 to 9 p.m., Girl Scout Center
Tuesday, February 2, 6 to 9 p.m., Girl Scout Center
Thursday, February 11, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., GSC

Red Cross First Aid and Skills Test
Tuesday, February 16, 6 to 8:30 p.m., GSC

Let's Sing **Thursday, February 18, 6 to 8:30 p.m., GSC**

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



Leadership Essentials Online

It's here! Leadership Essentials is finally online for those people who prefer taking the class at home and at a time that is more convenient. To access the class, go to training.girlscouts.org and follow the directions. In the Learning Log be sure to input your personal information so that you will get credit for taking the class. After entering your email address, add a semicolon and type the email address for Ginger Durall, volunteer services manager at gdurall@kansasgirlscouts.org. You can also email me at that same address for more help or call at the number listed at the bottom of this page. Remember, all new leaders or leaders changing grade levels need to complete Leadership Essentials.

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Membership Services News

Troop Rosters

Please return your troop rosters with corrections/no corrections if have not already done so. Make sure all girls and leaders or helpers in the troop are registered. We still have a number of troop leaders who have not turned in the finance reports that were due June 1st. *This needs to be done prior to the cookie sale.*

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Program Services News

2009 Festival of Giving

Thanks to everyone who donated and/or volunteered to make the Festival of Giving such a great success! **Mary Wilson**

Look at these service units who participated with 100% of their troops!

- Arrowhead
- Cottonwood
- Dreamweavers
- Empire
- Flamingo
- Land Rush
- Northwind
- Santa Fe
- Southwind
- Sunflower
- Sycamore.

64% of our Service Units had an increase of participation over last year with **88%** of our region's troops participating; this beats last year's participation rate of 82%.

All the agencies were very pleased with their gifts; and asked us to pass on a very big THANK YOU to our Girl Scout troops and volunteers.

Thank you to the Service Units that volunteered to host or work a booth: Appleseed, Dream weavers, Arrowhead, Sycamore, Flamingo, Sunflower, Cottonwood, and Girl Scout troop 40066.

Make plans for next year: Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010.



Winter Events Now Available Online

The January through March events are now online. Remember, there will **not** be a printed Roadmap. However, you can go online and print out the pages of your choice.

Upcoming Events:

- Golden Plains regional Older Girl Congress Saturday, January 30th 3:30 - 5:30 at Exploration Place, cost is free, but you do have to register.
- **New!** February 13, EquiFest for Juniors has a **very early registration deadline** of Jan. 25. Due to pre-ordering tickets there will not be any late

registrations accepted.

- Program Aide training series Feb. 4th & 11th – Don't wait until Spring!



Leadership Opportunity for Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador Girl Scouts
2010 World Thinking Day Celebration
"Ready, Set, Jet"
Saturday, February 20th

Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts are needed to represent different countries at our upcoming World Thinking Day celebration, "Ready, Set, Jet", as Tour Guides. Prior to the event, they will choose a country and learn about their customs, games, and songs. During "Ready, Set, Jet", Tour Guides will share what they've learned with participants using educational exhibits. Exhibits may include samples of local delicacies, arts & crafts, games, dances, story telling, songs, etc. WSU Cultural Ambassadors from various countries are available to meet with and assist troops with preparing for the event. The reservation deadline for Tour Guides is January 22, 2010. For more information about this leadership opportunity, please call Melissa Loibl at 620-545-8310 or e-mail her at mloibl@kansasgirlscouts.org

Girl Scouts to Compete in Robotics Competition

It's not too late to be a part of the 2009-2010 Girl Scout LEGO Robotics team. Girls in 4th – 8th grades are welcome to join. The next team meetings are scheduled for Thursday, January 14th & 28th. The team will compete in the Wichita State University 2010 Shocker MINDSTORMS Challenge on March 6th. For more information, please contact Allison Wright, Team Coach, at 316-619-4467 or ajw717@gmail.com or Melissa Loibl at 620-545-8310 or mloibl@kansasgirlscouts.org

Roadmap Correction

In the Spring Roadmap page 19:

- Junior Overnight at Exploration Place - correct dates are: Friday, March 5 - Saturday, March 6th.

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It's Cookie Time!



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

Friday, January 15, 2010

Who can attend?

ALL Girl Scouts and their parents

Girls are encouraged to bring a friend to the Cookie Kick Off. Membership staff will be on site to sign up unregistered girls so that they can participate in the cookie sale.

What's going on?

Girls will enjoy lots of fun and educational activities.

What if I have questions?

Call (316) 684-6531



Cookie Sale Dates:

January 16:	Girls start selling
February 3:	Initial Orders due from Troops
February 16-20:	Cookies delivered to Service Units
February 18:	Cookie Cupboards Open
February 18:	Booth Sales Begin (Council organized sales start 2/26)
March 7:	End of Sale

Adult Learning Classes:

- Combined Troop Cookie Manager Training and Booth Sales Training will be held:

Dates:

- Monday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m.

New Troop Cookie Managers are encouraged to attend. Troops who plan to participate in booth sales must attend training as there is a new booth sales process.

Resources: abcsmartcookies.com abcsnap.com kansasgirlscouts.org



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New! In the Council Shop

It's New!

NEW Cookie Sock Coin Purses!

NEW Cookie Swap Pins!

NEW Cookie Magnets!

NEW Cookie Socks!

NEW Cookie T-shirts in Girl and Adult Sizes!

Visit the '**Shop on the Go**' at the Cookie Kickoff, January 15th at the Beech Activity Center!

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News to Use and Ideas to Motivate

Take the Challenge

As you know, the Volunteer Appreciation Event is fast approaching. Volunteers are the backbone of the Girl scout movement; the movers and the shakers of our organization. Without key volunteers such as yourself, there would not be as many opportunities for girls to Discover more about themselves and their future, Connect with others and Take Action to make a difference in the world.

I challenge you to nominate at least ONE outstanding volunteer in your troop, service unit or council at large. Let's see how many volunteers we can thank for their dedicated service to our Girl Scouts. To download a nomination form, go to <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/58-volunteers/250-volunteer->

[award-nomination](#)

The nomination form is due to your service unit no later than February 1, 2010. Or, you can send it to Ginger Durall at 360 Lexington Rd., Wichita, KS 67218.

Let's make this the year of the volunteer!



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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