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Volunteer Services

Emporia Region Learning Opportunity- Internet Safety Class for Parents

Are you interested in attending an Internet Safety class to learn great tips on how to keep your kids safe while they are surfing the Web?

Parents ask yourself, "Do I know.... What information my kids should and should not upload on their Facebook profiles? Who is looking at their profile information? Is there anything I can do to monitor/manage these social network profiles? What's "sexting"? What's cyberbullying?"

If you answered "No" to any of these questions and you or some parents in your area would be interested in attending an Internet Safety class, please contact Candace Smith.

Recruit New Volunteers!

Be on the look-out for new volunteers; Do you know someone that would be a great Girl Scout volunteer? Would this someone be interested in volunteering as a camp helper, events committee member, first aider, driver, troop leader? You are our best recruiters! Share your fun Girl Scout experiences with others and tell them to visit the [council website](#) or send *Candace Smith* their contact information.

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is on Facebook!

I am excited to tell you that Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland has created a Facebook group! This will help girls, parents and volunteers connect and share ideas through the new technology of social networks!

Looking for community activities girls and troops can participate in?

Do you have a fun activity in your community you think would be fun and interesting for scouts to attend? Maybe it's a community fair, festival, theater performance or a great guest speaker!

Post information/instructions for these events on the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Facebook group wall, so troop leaders and girls across the state can participate!

Questions about the Facebook group? Call or e-mail Candace Smith csmith@kansasgirlscouts.org.

Membership Services

Just a Reminder.....

- Proposed Leadership Roster is due **June 1, 2009**
- Troop/Service Unit Finance Summary is due **June 1, 2009**
- Early Bird registration forms are due **June 30, 2009**

If you have not received your April Area meeting Packets and/or Early Bird registration forms, contact your Service Unit Manager or Membership Manager.

Girl and Adult 2009-2010 Girl Scout Membership Dues

The cost of the Girl Scout Membership Dues has changed; for the 2009-2010 membership year, each member will pay \$12 for National Dues.

Also, have you considered becoming a lifetime member? This is a good time to take the plunge. Until October 1, 2009, 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, 2009, the cost rises to \$300. This is also a great way for graduating Girl Scouts to use up their remaining Cookie Credits! The cost for a graduating senior is \$130 if done before September 8. Take advantage of the great cost savings now!

How Do You Want To Receive Information From the Girl Scout Council?

We want to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Communication Survey and let us know how we can better serve you.

The survey is open to girls, parents and volunteers until May 8. You can find the survey by clicking on the link:

<http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/component/content/article/241>

Council Programs / Events

Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony

Bridging is an important transition in a Girl Scout's life. It's a defining moment when a girl becomes aware of her achievements and is ready for new adventures and responsibilities. Celebrating this change should be fun, personalized, and memorable for everyone involved. Most of all, it should be designed by the girls in true partnership with adults.

Celebrate their badge work, community service activities, friendships and more in the presence of their families and other Girl Scout troops.

Any girl can move up to the next level of Girl Scouting, however, the Bridging Award is earned by completing a set of activities described in the Girl Scout handbooks. These activities help a girl learn about the next grade level they are entering.

Below are a few resource links that might help you with the above topics. Have fun!

<http://scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/Traditions/Ceremonies.htm>

<http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gscentral/ceremonies/bridging.asp>

<http://www.fortunecity.com/millennium/puppet/989/cere/cerecoa.html>

<http://www.girlscoutstrailways.org/PDF/RecruitmentHints.pdf>

Reminder: GSUSA has published information for Girl Scout Seniors who will be bridging to

Ambassadors. The information is available at <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gscentral/ceremonies/bridging.asp>.

Byou2- A Fun Girl Scout and Non-Girl Scout Event!

Girl Scouts and non-Girl Scouts are invited to the **BYou2** recruitment event at 6:30 to 9p.m. on May 22 at the Lyndon High School in Lyndon Kansas. Girls will learn Bollywood and Hip Hop moves from Cheetah Girls Sabrina Bryan's DVD "BYou2". There's a flier for each girl in your troop in the April Area Meeting Packet. This event is not a typical Girl Scout event; in order for Girl Scout to attend, they must be a non-Girl Scout. This is a great opportunity to introduce non-Girl Scouts to all the fun things Girl Scouts can do and half their Girl Scout Annual Registration will be paid by the Girl Scout/Dove Self Esteem Program! The cost is \$5 for Girl Scouts and \$10 for non-Girl Scouts. To register, girls complete and return the Council Reservation Form attached to the flier by May 20.

If you have questions about the BYou2 event, Contact Susan Faler sfaler@kansasgirlscouts.org or Angela Cheever acheever@kansasgirlscouts.org

UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS...

<u>Event</u>	<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Sign-up Deadline</u>
Firefly Fairies	Daisy/Br	June 10	\$5	May 29
Dad Daughter	All Levels	June 14	\$10per couple	May 29
Fish & Hike			\$2.50 each addit'l	
Mystery Getaway	C/S/A	June 17	\$15per girl \$5per adult	May 29

JUNE DEADLINES for JULY Programs:

Daisy- Playful Pixies, Brownie- Sun Catchers and C/S/A- Moonlight Mystery:
*Reservation **deadline June 19 at 5 p.m.***

Product Sales

Cookie Credits

Cookie Credits are available for girls to use in council shops, day camps, summer programs, and toward council event fees. Parents can manage their daughter's Cookie Credits by visiting www.kansasgirlscouts.org and clicking on "Events" and then "Click here to register online; for camps, events and training".

Daisy, Brownie and Junior girls must use their Cookie Credits before they expire on November 15, 2009.

On November 16, unused Cookie Credits will be automatically stored for girls in **6th-12th grade**. Please remember if you plan on using Cookie Credits in the council shop, the "Cookie Credit Transfer Form" must be completed, signed by a parent and returned to the Wichita office or e-mailed to cwiemeyer@kansasgirlscouts.org 24-hours prior to credits being used.

The link to the "Cookie Credit Transfer Form is:

<http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/52-girls/144-cookie-credit-transfer-form>

If you have any questions about cookie sales, contact Amy Miller amiller@kansasgirlscouts.org

New! In the Council Shop

Bridging Kits Available

The Council Shop has Bridging Kits available for all age levels that are moving up to the next

age level. All the kits are \$5.00 each and contain a bridging certificate, patch, pin and disc, a personalized cover page, and a coupon for 25% off on the Journey Keepsake.

Donate Toner Printer Cartridges to the Amend Girl Scout Center

Do you have any empty toner printer cartridges? Please bring or send them in to the Amend Girl Scout Center in Emporia and we will turn them in to be recycled. The money earned, from recycling the printer cartridges helps pay for Emporia office supplies.

New Girl Scout Shop Hours

- The Emporia Council Shop hours are now 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The Council Shop will not be open on Saturdays in April or May.
- **May 25, 2009 the Amend Girl Scout Center is closed for Memorial Day**
- Leaders, please support your local council shop by phoning, faxing or emailing orders.
- We accept MasterCard and VISA over the phone. If paying by check, please place your payment in the mail the day you place your order so that we may ship your order in a timely fashion.
- Your order will be mailed within two business days if your items are in stock. Items not in stock may take from 3-10 business days, depending on the time of the year. All orders mailed will arrive via USPS and will include shipping charges.
- If you want to place an order in the council shops, please try to plan ahead and order one week in advance, if possible, to avoid delays and backorders.
- Please contact the Council Shop at: (620) 342-4532; fax, (620)342-8066; or email Joan McCormick jmccormick@kansasgirlscouts.org

News To Use & Ideas To Motivate

Council Delegates, We Need You!

Would you like to be a delegate? As a delegate, you have the opportunity to shape the future of the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland. Our annual council meeting is in McPherson on Saturday, May 30 with lunch starting at noon. Any GS member over age 14 interested in serving as a delegate can contact your Membership Services Manager.

There will be a drawing for two great prizes at the annual meeting;

- 4 tickets to a K-State football game
- Lifetime Membership

What's the catch to enter in the drawing?

Only delegates are eligible to receive these prizes and you must be present to win.

Don't miss out! Contact Susan Faler sfaler@kansasgirlscouts.org or Angela Cheever acheever@kansasgirlscouts.org

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What would you like to see in future e-newsletters? Please share your thoughts and suggestions. Send an e-mail to Candace Smith at csmith@kansasgirlscouts.org.