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## Volunteer Services

### 2009 Annual Meeting-Moving at the Speed of GIRL!

Mark your calendars for the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Annual meeting, 1p.m., Saturday, May 30, at the [Wesley Black Fine Arts Center](#) on the campus of Central Christian College in McPherson. All Girl Scout members are encouraged to attend this inspirational event and no reservations are needed. You'll be the first to hear about the latest advancements in Girl Scout program offerings and hear Board Chair Allison Ochoa share the state of the council. Come find out how Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland is "Moving at the speed of GIRL." Hope to see you there!

## Membership Services

### Looking for a Tool That Can Help you Keep Organized?

Hey Troop Leaders! Are you looking for a tool that can help you keep track of your troops badge work, attendance, money, forms and activities? Below is a link to Trax Spreadsheets, which has free customizable Excel spreadsheets. Just click on the grade level you are working with, DaisyTrax, BrownieTrax, JuniorTrax or 11-17Trax, and then read the instructions on how to customize the premade Girl Scout spreadsheets! <http://trax.boy-scouts.net/gstrax.htm>  
If this resource is useful to you and we want to know! Contact Candace Smith at 620-342-4532 or [csmith@kansasgirlscouts.org](mailto:csmith@kansasgirlscouts.org).

### 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.**

## Council Programs / Events

### Planning a Trip!

Taking a trip with your Girl Scouts this summer? Be sure to fill out the proper paperwork before leaving. Remember that taking trips in Girl Scouting should be on a progression basis. Start with small simple outings and build on the trips from there! Check pages 39-43 of your Leader-wise to understand the guidelines on your specific trip. The application for overnight and troop trips can be found here <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/58-volunteers/92-overnight-and-troop-trip-application-guidelines-and-procedures>

Parents accompanying your troop on a trip must have their proper paperwork complete to be in care, custody, or control of the girls.

Any questions about planning a trip, call our office at 620-342-4532!

### Wichita Mall Madness!

Spend the night at Towne West Mall in Wichita! Girl Scouts and their chaperones will enjoy discounted shopping, food, crafts, games, prizes and fun activities. Cost is \$10 per registered Girl Scout (girl or adult). Festivities will begin at 9:30p.m. on Friday, July 31 and last until 5a.m. Saturday, August 1. [Click here to register online](#)

### Fun Summer Activities!

Are you looking for some fun summer activities? Our Summer Guide 2009 is jam-packed with events and programs across the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland council. [Click here to check it out!](#)

Remember, you can always search for fun things to do on our online [Calendar of Events](#).

### UPCOMING JUNE- JULY EVENTS...

Event	Grade Level	Event Date	Fee	Sign-up Deadline
Firefly Fairies	Daisy/Br	<b>June 10</b>	\$5	<b>May 29</b>
Dad Daughter Fish &Hike	All Levels	<b>June 14</b>	\$10per couple \$2.50 each addit'l	<b>May 29</b>
Mystery Getaway	C/S/A	<b>June 17</b>	\$15per girl \$5per adult	<b>May 29</b>
Playful Pixies	Daisy	<b>July 9</b>	\$5per girl	<b>June 19</b>
Sun Catchers	Brownies	<b>July 9</b>	\$5 per girl	<b>June 19</b>
Moonlight Mischief	C/S/A	<b>July 10-12</b>	\$20per girl	<b>June 19</b>
Dad Daughter Bowling	All Levels	<b>July 12</b>	\$10per girl	<b>July 10</b>
Road Trip to Savings	C/S/A	<b>July 16</b>	\$12per girl	<b>July 10</b>
Paula's Explosion Scrapbooking	C/S/A	<b>July 21</b>	\$5per girl	<b>July 10</b>
Sew What	Juniors	<b>July 21</b>	\$5per girl	<b>July 10</b>
Sew What	Brownies	<b>July 22</b>	\$5per girl	<b>July 10</b>
Discovering the Colors of Chemistry	Jr/Cad	<b>July 25</b>	\$10per girl	<b>July 10</b>

## Product Sales

## Vote for Next Year's Cookie Recognitions!

We need girls to vote for next year's Cookie Sale recognition items. Please pass the link below to girls in your troops. The deadline is June 21, 2009.

<http://www.abcsmartcookies.com/recognitionvote/Kansasheartland>

## New! In the Council Shop

- **The "Bridge to Ambassador" Patch is in!**

### 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.
- 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](mailto:jmccormick@kansasgirlscouts.org)

## News To Use & Ideas To Motivate

### Troop Activity- LMK; Keep Your Girls Safe Online

Let's face it, IMing, texting and surfing the Web are a part of girls' lives, so playing it safe online should be too. LMK (text speak for "let me know") is a new online interactive Web site created in partnership with the Girl Scouts of the USA and Microsoft Windows. 20 Girl Scouts from all over the country were selected to participate, including two from Kansas, Jessica (from Wichita) and Elizabeth (from Colby).

Each month a new online topic is discussed and the all-girl editorial board provides guidance about dangers such as cyberbullying, online predators and social network, Facebook, profile settings. By visiting the Web site you can meet each of the Girl Scouts involved, create a profile and participate in the monthly topic.

**Parent Web site:** <http://letmeknow.girlscouts.org>

**Teen Web-site:** <http://lmk.girlscouts.org/>

Help spread the word to troop leaders, parents and girls about the Internet Safety Initiative!

If you have any questions about LMK, contact Candace Smith at 620-342-4532 or

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