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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 comes from watching girls grow stronger. However, it is nice to be 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, peers, Service Units and Council as a whole.

Each Service Unit should nominate, select or elect an "Awards for Volunteers" chair and additional members to nominate worthy volunteers for awards given in April. Volunteer nomination criteria will be distributed to the committee.

In order to get through the process, nominations must be received in the Emporia Regional office by Feb. 1.

E-mail or call Susan Faler or Angela Cheever for more information:

Susan, sfaler@kansasgirlscouts.org, or Angela, acheever@kansasgirlscouts.org,
or call 620-342-4532.

Upcoming Adult Learning Classes

The Emporia Region has awesome Adult Facilitators excited about the upcoming classes offered in our area. Here are upcoming opportunities:

- * Outdoor Living Skills Escape – 7 p.m. March 26 through 5 p.m. March 27 at Camp EE, 794 Rd. 200, Emporia. Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors and adults are invited. Cost is \$15.
- * American Heart Association First Aid/CPR Training – from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24 at the Amend Girl Scout Center, 1200 Burlingame Rd, Emporia. Cost is \$16

Sign up online or call Linda Jones or Angela Cheever, 620-345-4532 or 800-342-4532.

Remember, if you have a group of five or more we will give the training in your area!



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- Follow us on Twitter: www.twitter.com/ksgirlscouts

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Membership Services News

Emporia Area Meeting

Don't miss the December Area Meeting and cookie training from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Amend Girl Scout Center, 1200 Burlingame Rd., Emporia.

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Event happenings

- Approximately 55 area Scouts learned about what was popular and how things worked during the **“Blast from the Past”** program. This event showed the girls the differences in movies from 40 years ago to today, the changes in technology, food (including popcorn), clothes, cars and music. “This was a lot of fun,” one scout was overheard saying.

- Eighteen Cadette/Senior girls were challenged during **“Snap Shot Scavenger Hunt”** with finding different photo opportunities in Emporia while following clues. The

Scavenger hunt took them to historical sites, local business, Emporia State

University and public buildings. Each member of the winning team with the most correct photos received a \$5 Wal-Mart gift card and a scented candle.



An Admire/Allen Troop make button spinners at “Blast from the Past.”

IT'S COOKIE TIME!

Girls start taking cookie orders on Saturday, Jan. 16

Do you know the #1 reason people didn't buy Girl Scout cookies last year? They didn't know where to buy them! Well, we just happen to know 12,000 Girl Scouts who would love to sell some cookies and we need your help to get the word out. You can help by participating in our inaugural "Post and Boast" contest on our [Facebook Fan Page](#). Participation is easy. Just follow these simple steps to be eligible to win a prize package which includes lots of fun items with this year's cookie theme "Leap 2 Lead," a Girl Scout cookie T-shirt, a "rock star" photo session at [Linda Gregory Photography](#), T-shirts from [Go Play Kansas](#) and a free night stay in a "Kozy Kabin" at the [Lawrence KOA!](#)

1. Join the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Facebook Fan Page at facebook.com/ksgirlscouts (13 and under, see #4)
2. Download, customize and print off one (or many) of the cookie flyers: [Horizontal](#) or [Vertical](#)
3. Post your flyer at a local business, school, church, etc. (Obtain business owner's permission and follow Safety-Wise.)
4. Boast about it on our [Facebook Fan Page](#) by submitting a picture of yourself posting your flyer. (Girls under 13 years old must have a parent, guardian or troop leader post the photo for them using the adult's Facebook account.)
5. Wait for your name to be drawn on March 7!

Questions? E-mail Cat Poland, cpoland@kansasgirlscouts.org

Save these dates:

* [Service Unit Cookie Manager Training](#)

Thursday, Dec. 10
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Amend Girl Scout Center
1200 Burlingame Rd., Emporia

* [Troop Cookie Manager Training](#)

Thursday, Jan. 7
6:30 – 8 p.m.
1200 Burlingame

* [Cookie Kick-off in Emporia](#) - watch for your invitation in the mail.

Friday, Jan. 15,
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Flint Hills Mall
1632 Industrial Rd., Emporia

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Web site news

“Momma Scout” has a blog

Check out the “Momma Scout blog” on our web site. Every week Momma Scout (AKA Susan Faler, Emporia Membership Services Manager) will post interesting information, Girl Scout facts, quizzes, craft ideas, leader-Scout news or something of the likes. If you have topics you want Susan to address...let her know!

Here’s the link to the blog

www.kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/about-us/74-general/549-momma-scout-blog

Going Paperless

Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland will no longer print the *Roadmap*. You can view the 2010 Spring Road map of adult learning classes and girl program opportunities online at www.kansasgirlscouts.org/Roadmap

GSUSA is no longer printing and mailing *Leader* magazines.

Future issues will be available on-line for viewing and printing. Here’s the magazine link http://www.girlscouts.org/for_adults/leader_magazine/

News to Use and Ideas to Motivate



Donate ‘em to the Emporia Regional Office

Be sure to give the Emporia Regional office your old ink cartridges, Best Choice Labels and Community Care Points from Price Chopper and Country Mart. These programs allow us to save money on supplies etc.

We also recycle soda cans. Money from the cans goes toward purchasing new HUGE American flags for the front of the Amend Girl Scouts Center building in Emporia. These big flags cost \$275.



'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" varies. 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 e-mailing 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 troop and at home!

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*We wish you and your family the best the
holiday season has to offer!*

*From the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland -
Emporia Regional office*

Holiday office schedule

The office will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Jan. 1.

The office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day Monday, Jan. 18.

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What would you like to see in future e-newsletters? Share your thoughts and suggestions. Send an e-mail to Susan Faler, sfaler@kansasgirlscouts.org

