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Volunteer Services

Volunteer Survey:

Okay everybody I have the link that will take you to the Volunteer Survey that we have been talking about. This is a survey that will give us an idea on what you think that you have learned and how you have grown as a leader this year and also what we can do to help you in the future. I do hope that everybody takes this; it only takes about 10 minutes. Please go to <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/volunteers>.

Outdoor Skills Training:

Okay I have heard from some of you that you missed the Outdoor Skills Training and that you would like us to have another class. I think that is something that we would be able to arrange. I will work with both Marsha McConaughy and Denise Turner to see what we can come up with. If you are interested in taking this training please give us some dates that we can work with in order to get it scheduled.

Remember in order for you to take your girls camping you must be Outdoor Skills Certified.

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Membership Services

Early Bird Packets, April Area Meeting and Town Meetings:

Early Bird Registration Deadline is June 30th, 2009. Kelly has been attempting to attend each Town Meeting in May in order to distribute Early Bird Registration packets, cover April Area Meeting minutes for those that might have missed it, help with the year-end Troop Finance Summary forms and make plans for each Service Unit for next year. If by chance you have not been able to attend your local Town Meeting and still need your packet, you must give her a call or email in order to set up a time to go over the items, notes, etc. and receive them.

Registration Incentive Events:

Please be on the look out for registration incentive events that will be held this summer in the following communities in July and August. Garden City, Dodge City, Ulysses, and Liberal. More information will be forthcoming as soon as plans are finalized.

Council Delegates:

Thank you to all that signed up to be a Council Delegate. Each region is responsible for having 20 delegates and we are happy to report that we had 16!!! I really hope that all of you that signed up were able to attend the Annual Meeting in McPherson.

Service Unit Leadership Plans:

It is that time of year again. If you have not been to your local Town Meeting you need to get in touch with Kelly in regards to your plans for next fall for Girl Scouts. We need to know if you are planning to return as a volunteer for 2010 which also includes whether or not it is in the same position or if you are moving to a new age-level. Kelly has been completing Service Unit Leadership sheets for each community, large or small, so please help her out and let her know as soon as possible what your plans are so we know where are gaps are and what we need to do to fix those gaps within the next two months!
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Program Services

Trip Planning:

Are you planning a trip this summer with your Girl Scouts? If you are be sure to fill out the proper paperwork before you go. 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 Leaderwise to find the guidelines. The application for overnight and Troop trips can be found at <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/58-volunteers/92-overnight-and-troop-trip-application-guidelines-and-procedures> .

Remember that 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, please contact Christina Britton or Kelly Combs at 1-888-900-7061.

Summer Activities:

Are you looking for some fun summer activities? Don't forget to look in the Summer Guide 2009. Also remember to check your e-mail because Christina is constantly sending reminders about the up coming camps and programs that are going on.

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Product Sales Information

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New in the Council Shop

It's Time To Shop!

We have lots of new merchandise for you to see so the next time that you are in town come on in and see what's new.

Please contact the council shop to order at (620) 276-7061; or fax (620) 276-7143, or email orders to jkeeton@kansasgirlscouts.org or rodriguez@kansasgirlscouts.org

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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 cyber bullying, 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 csmith@kansasgirlscouts.org.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see in this section please feel free to contact me at tkendall@kansasgirlscouts.org.

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