

Connect

## Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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## Welcome!

Welcome to your brand new volunteer newsletter-

*“Connect!”*

Each month *Connect* will feature the most current information about what's new in areas that are important to you as a volunteer. The very best part is that this newsletter is specific to the **Sunflower** region in [Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland](#).

Be part of the newsletter, I would love to hear of any ideas, opinions or suggestions that you have for future newsletters. Take some time to [email me](#) so your ideas can be heard!

*Jennifer Amrein* Volunteer Services Manager

**Remember:** [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend our Area Meeting/Volunteer Appreciation Event : April 16 or April 19, 2009

Dues will be going up to \$12 as well as the costs of lifetime & graduating seniors.

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# Volunteer Services

## It's Not too Late!

- Looking for learning? Let me bring the Leadership Essentials course to you. If you have 5 or more volunteers in your area interested in taking the course, I would love to visit your area with the learning opportunity! Be sure to check out the list of additional courses including, Prairie Passport, Songs and Games, Promise in Action, and so much more! Refer to your Road Map or the [council website](#)!
- Missed the opportunity to nominate someone for a council award this year? You can fill out the nomination form and submit it at any time. Just go to the [council website](#), print, complete, and return the forms. The awards are given out at the April Area meetings but the forms can be completed at anytime. If you need assistance on completing or finding the forms, contact the council office and we can assist!

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# Membership Services

## It's That Time....

### **Court of Awards!**

### **Bridging Ceremonies!**

### **Summer Activities!**

### **Recruitment for the New Year!**

Keep your girls interested in Girl Scouts by acknowledging their accomplishments through a Court of Awards and Bridging Ceremony. 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.

Girl Scouts can be a year-round activity for girls. There is no reason for troops to be limited by the school year. The summer months offer the opportunity for troops to participate in activities that require warmer weather or take longer to accomplish. Host a day activity at a local park, go bicycling, tour a place of interest, have a barbecue/picnic, do a community service project, hold a sleepover....staying active during the summer keeps the girls interested and makes it easier to start the troop up again in the fall.

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/gs\\_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp)

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

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

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## Program Services

### Just You and Me

Meeting the demands of our everyday lives can be a daunting task. Making time to spend with our children gets harder and harder. The motivation behind the “Mom and Me” or “Dad and Me” events is for parents to have that time to be one on one with their child. Teaching the girl that they are a priority in our life and giving them the special attention with you for the day. Get involved in these events as a parent and a child and the effect it will have on your daughter will be a true reward for all involved.

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## Product Sales Information

### Cookie Recognitions

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, cookie recognitions were ordered and are expected to arrive at your Service Unit Cookie Managers door around April 15<sup>th</sup>. Once they arrive, the SU Cookie Mgr will separate and distribute through the troop leaders who will then distribute to the girls. Any girl or troop that has a Cookie Shortage Report on file for non-payment will not receive these recognitions until payment has been made. This will also apply towards Cookie Credits as well. If you have any questions contact Lisa Cech at 888-811-8832

## What's New in the Shop

### SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!

Cookie Credit time is now upon us. The Council Shop will be open on Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm for early Cookie Credit shoppers. We are adding new merchandise to the shop for the upcoming camping season. We have blankets, outdoor cookwear & BioGreen water bottles now in stock. We will also be receiving the purse/pals again this spring & summer. These are the purses come in either large or small size with a cat or dog in them. So let the girls know that we will be having these again this year!

## News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Troop Leaders looking for a trip idea for your troop? Think about taking a tour of the wind turbines in Ellsworth county. Tours are FREE! Best times to visit are during the summer and only on the weekdays. Tours include an overview of operations and close up views of the turbines. Length of the tour is one and a half hours and can take around 25 participants. If you are interesting in scheduling a tour...contact John Schultz at 785-524-4900 or visit their website [www.enel.com](http://www.enel.com).

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**Remember:** Any Girl Scout member over the age of 14, who may be interested in serving as a delegate should attend the area meeting. The delegates are a force of 140 Girl Scouts who elect our new Board, consider any changes to the Council bylaws, and conduct any other business required by the Council. It is very important that the delegates attend the Annual Meeting on May 30. Volunteers who would like to nominate themselves or others to be a delegate, or if anyone has questions, contact Krista Wagner at 316-684-6531 or [kwagner@kansasgirlscouts.org](mailto:kwagner@kansasgirlscouts.org).

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