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For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Award Nominations

Who can be nominated for a council award?

<http://www.kansasgirlscouts.org/images/stories/forms/volunteerawardnomination2009.pdf>

Be sure to keep track of businesses or other organizations that help your troop or service unit so they can be recognized as well!

Learning Opportunities

Do not miss out on a Leadership Essentials offering. If you still need to take the course, be sure to register online or call our office. Course offerings are only held if there are at least 5 participants signed up for the class. If you cannot make the class after you have registered, be sure to let our office know right away! One volunteer in a leadership role with the troop needs to participate in the course within three months of assuming their volunteer position. If you have taken Leadership Essentials but are still looking for some additional guidance remember that we have self directed learning opportunities from everything ranging from The Daisy Petals to Ceremonies! Check your road map for more information!

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Membership Services

And The Numbers Are...

Sunflower Region Membership Update: We ended our 2009 year on September 30th with 1018 girls and 392 adults (which include lifetime members) for a total of 1,410 members. We currently have **909 girls** and **370 adults** registered (which includes lifetime members) for a total of **1,279**. Our girl member goal for 2010 is 1,082 girls = we need to recruit, recruit, recruit. Service Unit Cookie Managers now have troop rosters with all girls and adults registered through November 30, 2009 – be sure to check these lists to make sure all of your member registration forms have been submitted to the office. See “Recruitment Tips” below!

Recruitment Tips: Every Season is Recruitment Season

Unlike many of the activities girls take part in, Girl Scouting has the advantage of being a program that continues all year round! That means recruiting new members is a year-long pursuit, too! While bringing more girls into your already-formed troops can sometimes seem overwhelming, it's also an opportunity for fun, discovery and affirmation of your own commitment to Girl Scouts. Below are some simple tricks that might add a few girls to your troop!

- Your current members are the best recruiters. At your next meeting, why not have each girl sign a Christmas or New Year's Card for one of their best friends who is not a Girl Scout. Have them tell their friend what their favorite part of being a Girl Scout is and then invite her to attend the next meeting. Make sure they include the date, time and location of the meeting! (Then, you'll want to purchase the extra insurance for that meeting just in case some girls attend – it's only \$5 and has to be done 48 hours in advance – see your Membership Services Manager for details)
- Conduct a simple competition for the girl who recruits the most friends...then reward that girl with an add-a-friend patch
- Hold a special movie party specifically for add-a-friends. Admission for current Girl Scouts is one friend
- And.... Leaders, don't forget that you, too, can add-a-friend in Girl Scouting. Get your friends involved too!

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In the Council Shop

USE 'EM or LOOSE 'EM!

Reminder: The Hays Shop will be closed from Dec. 24, 2009 thru Jan. 3, 2010.

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Get involved in our 1st Annual Thin Mint Sprint!

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