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Summertime Reflection

Right now it's summer. It's time to enjoy the weather, let the sun dance on your skin, let the cool breeze blow the cobwebs from your thoughts. It is time to relax, remember, and refresh. Why not use some of this time to start planning for how you might work the journeys into your next Girl Scout year?

Think back on your past year. What successes did you have? As you worked with girls, do you remember the look on their faces when you helped them discover a new experience, or supported them as they took the plunge and tried something new—and then discovered that they were good at it? From that moment, each girl developed a new passion, strove to prove her excellence, and was introduced to people who could help her explore, grow, and develop. Together, you embarked on a journey. Your memories are wonderful; theirs are life-changing. And there are so many more life-changing memories in the works!

[Continue to read the Girl Scout Journey Update – Summer Planning Guide.](#)

Remember! Potential volunteers can now complete the [application ONLINE!](#) Type the word “application” in the website search form, fill it in and hit send. So easy!

Sher Holloway

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Membership Services

Those who can, do. Those who can do more, volunteer.

Are you planning on returning next year to help [Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland](#) fulfill our mission of building girls of courage, confidence and character?

I heard from a great number of you who are not only willing to volunteer again next year, but excited about it as well! I'd like to personally thank you for your continued dedication to the girls in the Bluestem region and tell you how much I'm looking forward to working with you again in the coming year. The beginning of last year was a bit bumpy for us all as we really didn't know what to expect of each other or of the new council. This year I'm absolutely confident that we're going to have it EASY as far as understanding what paperwork is to be filled out and when, what myself and Carol are here for, and more importantly, how to work together as a team to better serve our girls.

So again – THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

If you know someone who might like to volunteer, either with girls or in another role, please let me know! [Click here to send me a quick email.](#)

*Talk to a friend or co-worker about volunteering. Remind them not everyone has to work with girls to be a great asset to Girl Scouting. For a list of volunteer opportunities, [email me.](#)

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Program Services & Product Sales

Summer Day Camp

When a Service Unit puts their heads together, they can do anything! In Iola a few weeks ago, the Service Unit created, hosted and enjoyed a fantastic summer day camp. An awful lot of work and volunteer dedication was necessary to make it happen, but wow! Did they ever pull it off with great success! What kinds of things can YOUR service unit do together for our girls? If you have ideas or thoughts about programs at the Service Unit level, please visit with Carol. She'd love to help in any way she can.



For questions regarding an existing program or to suggest an idea for a program, please contact [Carol Wehmeyer](#).

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Cool Web Resources for a Hot Summer

What are your FAVORITE web resources? [Send me and email](#) and share with other volunteers!

[Free Kid Crafts](#) – A fun way for girls to learn the Girl Scout promise.

[Child Fun](#) – Make a Girl Scout tresfoil.

[Scout Trax](#) – Helps you easily manage and keep track of girls' badges, awards, bridging, etc –

FREE.

[Bella Online Girl Scout Forum](#) – The wonderful website also features a super Girl Scout forum to get and share ideas.



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, please [email](#) Candace Smith.

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What's on your mind? If you have a question, comment, or idea you'd like to see covered in Connect, send an email to sholloway@kansasgirlscouts.org.

So that you'll always be sure to receive *Connect*, add sholloway@kansasgirlscouts.org to your email address book.

Are you on Facebook? Carol and I would love it if you'd send us a friend request. It's a great way to get to know each other better. [Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland now has a group on Facebook!](#) I love it because it opens volunteers and staff up to talking with and sharing with volunteers from other regions in our Council. That means new & exciting ideas and of course, lots of new friends.

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