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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

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 **Central Kansas Region** in Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland.

Appointment/Reappointment Letters

It is that time of year again when we will start the reappointment process for membership year 2010. Membership Services will be working within their service units to start the process of identifying volunteers who will be returning, and passing this information on to Volunteer Services to begin the reappointment process. Please be sure to watch for further communication from the council on the reappointment process so we can accomplish everything in a timely manner and have you all ready for the new membership year.

Do you have new parents helping this summer or next year?

Just a reminder, the current membership year doesn't end till **September 30, 2009**. If you are taking a summer trip, going on a campout, or having a day camp in your area, ALL volunteers who are assisting need to complete the Volunteer Application Process and be a registered member of Girl Scouts for the current year. Please help us safe guard our girls by making sure we are following the process.

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Membership Services

Re registration Packets are in

Membership Services will be wrapping up with the following Service Units in May. Make sure to attend to go over important re registration information. Deadline for Early Bird patch is **June 30, 2009**.

Don't miss the wrap up meeting in your area

Home on the Range- May 4

Golden Belt/Cardinal Country- May 4

Kill Creek/Waconda- May 5

WWC- May 5 (Oakdale Park, Shelter house #1, dinner at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm, in case

of bad weather GS Center)

Willowsprings- May 7

Oak Creek- May 12

Ell/Kan- May 18

Tumbleweed- May 20

Eagles Nest- May 26

Sunflower- May 28

TBD- Meadowlark, Mulberry Meadows

Completed- Smoky Valley, Centennials, Pike's Trail, Thunderbird, Post Rock, Starlight, Sunbeam

Be on the look out for notice from your Membership Manager for meeting notices!

Troop Finance Summaries

Just a reminder.....

Your troop's end-of-the-year summaries are due to your Membership Services Manager by **June 1, 2009**. What is the benefit? Your troop will be ready to start product sales in September!

Please send them to:
Dieckhoff Girl Scout Center
1550 Broadway
Salina, KS 67401

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Program Services

Trip Planning!

Planning on taking a trip with your Girl Scouts this summer? Be sure to fill out the proper paperwork before leaving. 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 understand the guidelines on your specific trip. The application for overnight and Troop trips can be found here <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, call our office at 800-888-0872!

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Product Sales Information

Credits, Credits, and More Credits!

Cookie Credits are available for girls to use in council shops, day camps, summer programs, and toward council event fees. Parents can manage their daughters Cookie Credits by visiting www.kansasgirlscouts.org and clicking on “Events” and then “Click here to register online; for camps, events and training”. If they are needing username or password assistance, they will need to contact the regional office for this information. Toll Free: 800-888-0872.

Daisy, Brownie and Junior girls must use their Cookie Credits before they expire on November 15th, 2009.

On November 16, unused Cookie Credits that were earned while in the 6th thru 12th grades will be automatically banked on that girls behalf. Once Cookie Credits are banked they can only be used for council approved trips, troop trips or *destinations* as well as Lifetime Memberships for graduating seniors.

The link to the “Cookie Credit Transfer Form is:

<http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/52-girls/144-cookie-credit-transfer-form>

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New in the Council Shop

SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!

Spring is here and the shop has been revamped! We have changed things around and added new merchandise. Don't wait on spending those cookie credits until the last minute, visit us today!

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

We want to hear from you! Complete the Communications Survey by May 8:

Please take a few minutes to complete our Communications Survey, and let us know how we can better serve you. The survey is open to girls, parents and volunteers until May 8. Click here to take the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=eHV6Zxs8KGMC1LErNyINqA_3d_3d

Important information about the Girl Scout Center in Salina

At the Property Committee meeting last week, we discussed our Girl Scout Center in Salina. We have received an unsolicited request to purchase the property. The Property Committee has asked me to research other alternatives for an office location in Salina. Of course, we will need to consider the costs associated with moving, buying/leasing another property, and making sure we serve the needs of the girls and staff in that region.

I will be working with Salina staff members and volunteers to gather information. This will be an item for discussion at our Board meeting on May 30. I don't anticipate that we will have everything in place to make a final decision at that time, but wanted to make you all aware that this process is being put in motion.

You are welcome to share this information with volunteers and girls in the area (it's OK to forward this). If they have feedback, ideas, or questions, please encourage them to email me. I want to emphasize that given our current capital situation, coupled with a challenging economy; we will not be considering a major fund-raising campaign at this time. I would also appreciate it if ideas and work done on this project are funneled through me, and that we don't have volunteers making contacts with realtors, leasing agents etc. We want to complete this analysis in the timeliest and most efficient manner we can.

Thank you, and I welcome your input and ideas.

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Heartland. Check us out!

Reminder: GSUSA has published information for Girl Scout Seniors who will be

bridging to Ambassadors. The information is available at http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gsc_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp.

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