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For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Learning Opportunity Facilitators

As the new Girl Scout year quickly approaches, we are in great need of some Learning Opportunity Facilitators. If you want to use your Girl Scout experience to share and help new Girl Scout Volunteers, [Let me know!](#) I would love to have you. No one can teach volunteers better than someone with the experience of other seasoned volunteers! I need YOU!

Remember to complete your end of the year Volunteer Survey!

As another Girl Scouting year starts to wind down the volunteer services department would like to congratulate and thank you for a successful year. Whether you are a leader, assistant leader or SU volunteer we want to hear from you about your experience this year. Completing this short survey (5-10 minutes) will help us in our quest to support our Girl Scout volunteers. It may also help you to assess your own leadership qualities for a position next year. We do ask that you give us some identifying information so that we may follow up with you if you have concerns. Also, the deadline for this survey is June 12, 2009.

To get started please click this link to the survey:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=iagMFtq93dCDt4hAP1XSdg_3d_3d

Warm Regards,
Linda Mills, Director of Membership and Volunteer Services

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Membership Services

End of Year Checklist for Girl Scout Leaders:

- Complete and submit the Troop Finance Summary to your Membership Services Manager by June 1
- Promote Early Bird Re-Registration and submit forms to regional office along with \$12 GSUSA membership dues for each member by June 30
- Plan and hold End of Year Party/Trip/Celebration/Summer Activities with the girls
- Start Recruitment for next year's troop – both girls and adults
- Save the Girl Scout and Adult Authorization Forms from this past year for your parents' meeting at the first of the new year.
- If you are NOT returning as a leader in the fall, please return all troop supplies/books/checking acct information, etc. to the Service Unit Manager
- Check your e-mail for a link to an End of the Year Self Assessment (provided through survey monkey) to be completed

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/gc_central/ceremonies/bridging.asp

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

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

Thanks and Have a great summer!

Dawn, Shelly and Dana

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Program Services

SUMMER CAMP IS STARTING...REMEMBER TO

- Check-in time for the day camps is between 7:30 and 8 am the morning of the camp.
- Wear the proper footwear
- Everyone must bring their own sack lunch
- Use sunscreen
- If girls are swimming, they must bring something to put their wet clothes in

OTHER PROGRAM REMINDERS

- Fall Program is being planned and we need adult volunteers...Can we count on YOU?
- We are looking for interested adults in serving on a Gold Award Committee. Help girls in achieving this great award!
- Love being involved in the planning and working of programs? We are looking to create a summer and spring program committee.
- Call Vesa at 785-827-3679 or e-mail her at vcunningham@kansasgirlscouts.org

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Product Sales Information

Time Sensitive!

Ribbit...Ribbit! All girls, moms and dads, don't "frog-et" to vote for the 2010 Cookie Recognitions before June 21.

Click here to vote: <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/cookie-program/50-general/281-leap-to-lead-2010-cookie-recognition-voting>

Get your GSUSA registrations in quick! The sooner they are in the quicker we can get the files ready for the Fall Opportunity Sale that is fast

approaching. And the girls need to be registered for 2010 in order to sell. And don't forget to file your Troop Finance Summary so the troop can sell.

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In the Council Shop

SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!

Invite your girls to visit the council shop to spend their hard earned cookie credits! New shop merchandise includes "keeping it green" items such as the bio green plastic water bottles, polar bear organic tees, eco-friendly tote bags, Snowball the polar bear, and an earth friendly recycled bracelet.

Remind the girls that if they want to spend their cookie credits in the retail shop, the credits must be transferred 24 hours in advance of coming to the shop to make purchases. This process is quick and simple. Log on to <http://kansasgirlscouts.org>. Scroll down to the bottom. On the right hand corner, under Popular, you will see a Cookie Credit Transfer Form. Complete this form and follow the directions to submit by e-mail. After approximately 24 hours your cookie credits will appear in the retail shop and be available for use.

Happy Shopping!

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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, please call or email Candace Smith

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