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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Great news - Leadership Essentials is offered online!

Leadership Essentials is now available online. The 45-minute learning session helps volunteers gain a good understanding of the journey resources available to them, provide tools for a great Girl Scout Leadership Experience, especially the Discover, Connect and Take Action keys in a girl-led, learning-by-doing, and cooperative-learning environment.

Link to Leadership Essentials Online: <http://training.girlscouts.org>

Helpful Tips for the Online course

- Be sure to turn up your computer volume.
- Use the "Learning Log" at the bottom of the screen to complete answers about the course and register yourself as a participant in the course. Our council name in the drop down is "Kansas Heartland." We must have your information to give you credit for taking the course.
- When using the Learning Log, remember to scroll to the bottom and click on the "Return to leadership essentials lesson," after you have answered the question and click "Submit" when you have completed the entire Learning Log.
- Be sure to look under the "Resources" tab at the bottom to go through that section.
- If you have questions while working on the course contact [Angela Cheever!](#)

Volunteer Awards

Girl Scout volunteers give their time in hopes that their reward comes from watching girls grow stronger. However, it is nice to be appreciated by your peers for the work you

do. Nominate the outstanding volunteer in your community. Nomination forms were distributed during the December Area Meeting but may also be downloaded at www.kansasgirlscouts.org. Nominations must be received in the Emporia Regional office by **Feb. 28**.

E-mail or call [Susan Faler](#) or [Angela Cheever](#) for more information.

Mark these adult learning opportunities on your calendar

- ✿ Outdoor Living Skills Escape – 7 p.m. March 26 through 5 p.m. March 27 at Camp EE, 794 Rd. 200, Emporia. Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors and adults are invited. Cost is \$15.
- ✿ American Heart Association First Aid/CPR Training – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 24 at the Amend Girl Scout Center, 1200 Burlingame Rd., Emporia. Cost is \$16.

You may sign up online or contact [Linda Jones](#) or [Angela Cheever](#).

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Membership Services

How many of your parents are registered?

Often times we register girl members, but not the parents of these girls. Parents can easily fill the roles of cookie chairperson, chaperones, drivers or they could help at an occasional troop meeting/event. Use this list of benefits to encourage parents to register. *(Volunteer application, signed criminal background check authorization and GSUSA registration is required)*

Membership...

- provides supplemental insurance coverage while participating in Girl Scout activities
- allows your troop to meet Safety-wise guidelines
- means parents spend more quality time with their daughters
- becomes something the whole family does together, creating more commitment to Girl Scouting
- aids in personal development, such as trainings, enrichment opportunities and programs
- helps with career searching - "Volunteer activities" is an important section on professional resumes
- is recognized through years of service and pins.

Remember to utilize your resources...

- GSKH staff is available via phone, e-mail, Facebook, Skype...contact us, we want to hear from you!
- Attend your Service Unit (SU) Meetings – each SU holds meetings for troop leaders/volunteers. Volunteers with many years of experience attend these meeting and can be a valuable resource for you.

If you haven't checked the rosters distributed at the December Area Meetings, do so as soon as possible so corrections can be made in our data base with the correct information. You can e-mail your Membership Services Manager ([Susan](#) or [Angela](#)) the corrections or contact the Emporia Regional Office with the updated information.

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Program Services

Our newest partner

GS of Kansas Heartland are partnering with Goodwill in April for a council-wide community service project. Troops may collect gently used items for Goodwill for Good Turn Day. It's simple, merely download, www.goodwillkansas.easterseals.com, and complete a registration slip by March 12. Registered troops will pick up donation bags at designated Goodwill donation sites after April 2 and distribute them through your community. On April 17, troops or individual girls may take donated items to the Goodwill Store.

Troops participating in this service project will receive a patch and the troop collecting the most goods (in weights) will receive a Certificate of Achievement and a troop party.

Questions? Contact Sharrilyn Smith, 316-744-9291 or ssmith@goodwilleastersealsks.org

Program Reminders!!

- ✿ "It's a Hard Knock Life" – Grades K – 12
Games and activities with Emporia High School cast and crew of production of "Annie." From 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 6 at Emporia High School. Cost is \$10 per Scout. Reservation deadline is Jan. 29.
- ✿ "Uniquely Spa-tastic" – Grades 4 – 12
Bake your way to beautiful skin by making bath cookies, jellies, melts and soaps. Cost is \$15 per Scout. Reservation deadline is Jan. 29. From 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 11 at Amend Girl Scout Center
- ✿ "It's a Small World" (Thinking Day Event) – Grades K – 5
Celebrate World Thinking Day by learning about other cultures, languages and traditions. Bring a canned food item to donate. Cost is \$12 per Scout. Reservation deadline is Feb. 12. From 1 to 4 p.m., Saturday Feb. 27, Amend Girl Scout Center.
- ✿ **Date Change** for Council-wide Older Girl Congress (Older Girl Congress Power Play) July 9-11 at Starwoods. Specific Info available at a later date.
- ✿ New York Trip applications extended till Feb. 15. Call Virginia Jacobs at (785) 625-5671 for more information.
- ✿ The Spelunking trip deadline is extended until March 15 with additional program information. Join us on our trip to Colorado Springs for an X-Treme Adventure which includes: camping under the stars, visiting a ghost town, panning for gold, checking out 700 yea-old cliff dwellings and learning about

Native American customs and dances, campfires, riding a steam engine train, Garden of the Gods, and of course....learning the basics of cave exploration in "Caving 101." Note: for this trip, the spelunking will be basics. There will not be tight areas to go through or major climbing, however we will crawl some of the way. We need adults for this trip. Fill out adult application <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/58-volunteers/578-adult-trip-application> or click "**Adult Trip Application**" on our website, www.kansasgirlscouts.org Click on "Forms" and "Volunteers." Send completed applications to Girl Scouts, c/o Virginia Jacobs, 2707 Vine #8, Hays, KS 67601.

Reminder: The Spelunking adventure is not a tough course. It is the basics for beginning spelunkers. Girls can attend this trip and go through the three-hour course and in three years they will be eligible to take Spelunking II. Note: Spelunking 101 will be available at the same time. You must take 101 before taking Spelunking II.

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Product Sales Information

Attention leaders and cookie managers!

If you haven't already, be sure to log on to the SNAP ordering system, www.abcsnap.com. Don't not know your password or are having problems signing on, contact Elyse. Cookie sales being Jan. 16!

Cookie Service Unit Managers – Be sure to update you delivery station information in SNAP. You just need to double-click the existing station, do not create a new delivery station. Questions? Contact [Elyse Birdsong](#).

Leaders – Add/edit your troop members as soon as possible. Remember, names must be entered exactly as they appear on the troop roster in order for them to receive cookie credits.

IT'S COOKIE TIME!

Cookie order taking begins Saturday, Jan. 16

Do you know the #1 reason people didn't buy Girl Scout cookies last year? They didn't know where to buy them! Well, we just happen to know 12,000 Girl Scouts who would love to sell some cookies and we need your help to get the word out. You can help by participating in our inaugural "Post and Boast" contest on our [Facebook Fan Page](#). Participation is easy. Just follow these simple steps to be eligible to win a prize package which includes lots of fun items with this year's cookie theme "Leap 2 Lead," a Girl Scout cookie T-shirt, a "rock star" photo session at [Linda Gregory Photography](#), T-shirts

from [Go Play Kansas](#) and a free night stay in a "Kozy Kabin" at the [Lawrence KOA!](#)

1. Join the Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland Facebook Fan Page at facebook.com/ksgirlscouts (13 and under, see #4)
2. Download, customize and print off one (or many) of the cookie flyers: [Horizontal](#) or [Vertical](#)
3. Post your flyer at a local business, school, church, etc. (Obtain business owner's permission and follow Safety-Wise.)
4. Boast about it on our [Facebook Fan Page](#) by submitting a picture of yourself posting your flyer. (Girls under 13 years old must have a parent, guardian or troop leader post the photo for them using the adult's Facebook account.)
5. Wait for your name to be drawn on March 7!

Questions? E-mail Cat Poland, cpoland@kansasgirlscouts.org

Save these dates:

Cookie Kick-offs

- ✿ [Burlingame](#)
Saturday, Jan. 16
8:30 to 10 a.m.
Schuyler Annex Building
218 W. Fremont

- ✿ [Emporia](#)
Friday, Jan. 15,
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Flint Hills Mall
1632 Industrial Rd., Emporia

- ✿ [Eureka](#)
Friday, Jan. 15
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.
Eureka Public Library
606 N. Main

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In the Council Shop

We're here for ya! Holler at us to order your earned Cookie pins.

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Have you looked at Momma Scout's blog?

Check out the "Momma Scout blog" on our web site. Every week Momma Scout (AKA Susan Faler, Emporia Membership Services Manager) posts interesting information, stories, Girl Scout facts, quizzes, craft ideas, leader-Scout news or something of the likes. Let Susan know if you have topics you want addressed!

Here's the link to the blog:

www.kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/about-us/74-general/549-momma-scout-blog

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