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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

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 Amend Girl Scout Center by **Feb. 28**.

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

Join the few, the proud, the Girl Scouts delegates

Being a delegate is a great way to show you care about Girl Scouts. Not to mention, it's a great time to network with others involved within the organization.

Delegate qualifications include:

-  Registered as a Girl Scout with GSKH council with no outstanding council debits.
-  Active regional member 14 years of age or older.
-  Willing to support the Board of Directors and recognize, understand and accept council goals and policies.
-  Possess the ability to listen and communicate different points of view and participate in making decisions.
-  Uphold the time commitment.

If you meet these qualifications and desire to become a delegate, contact [Angela Cheever](#) or [Susan Faler](#) by calling 620-42-4532 or e-mail them at acheever@kansasgirlscouts.org or sfaler@kansasgirlscouts.org by March 12.

The Annual Meeting Saturday, April 17 at Starwoods Outdoor Center, 7800 E. 103rd St. West, Clearwater. Lunch is picnic fair from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. There will be an a Earth Day program from 1 to 4 p.m.

Adult learning opportunities

- ✿ “**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. Registration deadline is March 18.
- ✿ “**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

Calling Girl Scouts of all ages!!

Aren't you PROUD to be a Girl Scout (GS)? Help us promote our organization to the public on “Wear Your Uniform To School or Work Day” on March 12. This promotion is an *old way turned new* for GS members of GSKH. By wearing your uniform to school and/or work that day, you'll let your peers and co-workers see the honor you have in being a GS. Take advantage of that chance to share a bit about our program and the fun, friendship and fascinating opportunities you've had in GS. Maybe we can encourage others to join us!

Here's how it will work:

1. GS leaders pump this promo to their girl members, volunteers and parents!
2. Girl members wear their UNIFORM to school March 12.
3. Adult members can either wear either a uniform or a GS pin to work.
4. Everyone is on their honor and troop leaders will compile a list of the girls/adults within their own troops that were PROUD on March 12. (If the leader wants to visit the school to count girls that is up to her/him.)
5. There will be “Proud Girl Scout 2010” patch available for purchase for those who participate in the promotion.
6. Patches are \$1.25 each and must be ordered and paid for by March 31. Order forms will be available from your Membership Services Manager at each regional office or via the GSKH website at www.kansasgirlscouts.org

It's not too early to get ready for next year!

Kindergarten Roundups are around the corner! This is a great time to inform parents about Girl Scouts in your community and maybe find a new Daisy leader for next year! Call your elementary school to ask when Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled and plan to attend the roundup or find someone else who is available to attend. We can provide materials to hand out or you can make your own flier with the cute Daisy Roundup stationary we have available. Let [Angela](#), or [Susan](#) know if you would like council materials and we will bring them to the next service unit meeting.

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Program Services

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We need to know by **March 12**, if your troop plans to participate in Goodwill for Good Turn Day. The 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 receive a patch and the troop collecting the most goods (in weight) receives a Certificate of Achievement and a troop party.

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

Program Reminders!!

- ✿ **"It's a Small World" (Thinking Day Event) Daisy/Brownie/Junior**
Celebrate World Thinking Day by learning about other cultures, languages and traditions. Bring a canned food item to donate.
WHEN: Saturday Feb. 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. Amend Girl Scout Center.
Cost is \$12.
Reservation deadline is **Feb. 12**.
- ✿ **"Animal Antics" – Daisies/Brownie/Juniors**
What is the best part about working at the zoo? What animal will be the favorite among the girls? Jennifer, zoo worker and animal lover, will amaze the girls with fun critters, facts and activities.
WHEN: Tuesday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to Noon
Juniors – 1 to 4 p.m.
Camp Double E, 793 Rd 200, Emporia Cost is \$10 per girl
Registration deadline is **March 2**.
Register at this link: www.kansasgirlscouts.org/events?id=1249&view=event
or contact our office, 620-342-4532 or 800-342-4532.
- ✿ **"Mall Madness" – Cadette/Senior/Ambassador**
It is a slumber party at the Flinthills Mall! Whether girls like dancing, playing games, watching movies or hanging out with friends while snacking on huge dill pickles or other tasty treats one thing is sure girls will be very little sleeping! Join your Girl Scout friends for the slumber party of the year, total madness, Mall Madness!
WHEN: March 13 and 14 Check-in: Saturday 8 p.m. Check-out: Sunday 7 a.m. Flinthills Mall, 1632 Industrial Rd, Emporia
Cost: \$15 per person
Reservation deadline: **March 5**
Register at this link: www.kansasgirlscouts.org/events?id=1248&view=event
or contact our office, 620-342-4532 or 800-342-4532.

☼ **"Three Cheers for Girl Scouts" – Daisy/Brownie/Junior**

Girls will have fun making their own pom-poms and megaphones. They will learn cheer motions, jumps, stunts and end with a Girl Scout Cheer and Dance. Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies will earn the Dancercise Try-it and Girl Scout Juniors will earn the Fun and Fit Badge.

WHEN: **Saturday, March 27** 1 to 4 p.m. Girl Scout Amend Center, 1200 Burlingame Rd., Emporia

Cost: \$12 per

Reservation Deadline: **March 12**

Register at this link: www.kansasgirlscouts.org/events?id=1252&view=event or contact our office, 620-342-4532 or 800-342-4532.

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Product Sales Information

Gotta love Cookie Season!

ABC Bakers announces a SNAP Tech Support Hotline and e-mail available 24/7! Use this new service for "SNAP," if you have general questions about SNAP or if you are having SNAP problems (logging in, navigation, etc.).

☼ Hotline: 1-800-221-1002 (select SNAP from the menu, option #1)

☼ E-mail: abctech@interbake.com

The hotline should be answered within two minutes. If you need to leave a voice mail, calls will be returned within 15 minutes. E-mails will be returned within 30 minutes.

Continue communicating with [Elyse](#) for Cookie Sale assistance, as the SNAP Tech Support Hotline only helps with "SNAP."

Initial Orders

The deadline to input initial orders into "SNAP" is Feb. 3 by midnight. Be sure to click "Commit" at the bottom of the initial order screen to indicate you completed your order.

Service Unit Cookie Managers please review your Service Unit's Troop orders on Feb. 4 to ensure they are committed. Simply e-mail [Elyse](#) when you finish this process, so she knows the task is completed.

If a troop/girl doesn't meet these deadlines, they need to call or e-mail [Elyse](#) their order. They will pick up their order at the cupboard closest to them, after Feb. 20.

Opt-Out Forms

Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Troop Opt-Out forms are due **Feb. 3**. Download the form from our website, "Cookie Program" <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/cookie-program>. The form is in the back of the blue "Troop Guide" too. Hand deliver, mail, fax, 620-342-8066 or e-mailed (scanned with signatures) to [Elyse](#).

ACH Payments

The ACH Debit Form must be completed and submitted to Elyse by Feb. 13. Debiting of troop accounts begin March 16 for the amount due to the Council for the 2010 Cookie Sale. The "ACH Debit Form" is in the back of the blue "Troop Manager Guide," under "Forms" at www.kansasgirlscouts.org/cookie-program

Delivery

Check with your Service Unit Cookie Manager for the cookie delivery date.

Booth Sales

Want to have a cookie booth? Contact [Elyse](#) and she will check the location against the master list to ensure no other troop is scheduled at the same time. Elyse will contact the business to set up the sale and enter the request into SNAP. The request will appear in the "Pending" section on SNAP. After the location is approved on SNAP, the troop leader will receive an e-mail from noreply@abcsnap.com and the location will move to the "Reserved" section.

Booth Sales will be listed on the "Booth Locator" on our website to assist the public in finding places to purchase cookies. The link will be on our website around Feb. 5, once the majority of the booth sales timeslots are assigned.

Troops are responsible for all cookies ordered and checked out from Cookie Cupboards. Cookies can be exchanged box-for-box at Cookie Cupboards until March 8, but they may not be returned.

If you have an abundance of a variety, exchange it for those you need before you order more. Do not wait until the last weekend to exchange.

For more booth sales information go to <http://www.kansasgirlscouts.org/cookie-program> and download the "Booth Sale Guide" under "Volunteer."

Visit www.kansasgirlscouts.org

Check out the new information on the website. www.kansasgirlscouts.org/cookie-program. Here you'll find information about "Treat the Troops" events. The Emporia area event is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Flinthills Mall. The public can purchase Girl Scout Cookies at the event to donate to McConnell Air Force Base and Kansas National Guard to support the troops and their families. They can write a card to send with the cookies to the deployed troops.

If your troop would like to help with the event, they will receive credit for the cookies sold. Let Elyse know by Feb. 15, if your troop wishes to participate. This is a cookie booth setting, so Daisies can not participate.

Have cookie questions? Contact [Elyse](#).

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In the Council Shop

We're here for ya!

- ⊗ 2010 Cookie pins, \$1.15 are in. Call to orders yours.
- ⊗ World Thinking Day (Feb. 22) is around the corner, be sure to order the patch to commemorate your festivities, \$1, today.
- ⊗ Girl Scout Birthday (Mar. 12). Shoppers will draw a number and that number is the percentage off received on their entire order that day. One day only.

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Ready for World Thinking Day?

- ✿ Check out Momma Scout's blog for ideas or call her, 800-342-4532 or 620-342-4532.

Here's the link to the blog:

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

- ✿ The theme for World Thinking Day 2010 is girls worldwide say "**together we can end extreme poverty and hunger.**"

http://www.girlscouts.org/who_we_are/global/world_thinking_day

For more World Thinking Day ideas, contact [Angela](#) or [Susan](#).

Get connected with Girl Scouts

Facebook: www.facebook.com/ksgirlscouts

Twitter www.twitter.com/ksgirlscouts

Amend Girl Scout Center changes

The Amend Girl Scout Center meeting room and Camp EE are available for the public to rent. Reservations are accepted on a first come/first serve basis so be sure to reserve the facilities early for troop activities.

If you have checked out a key for either location, those keys will no longer work as the locks have been re-keyed. You must check out a new key each time you reserve either of these facilities.

Questions? Contact [Larry](#) Palmer, 620-342-4532 or 800-342-4532.

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