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## Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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## Volunteer Services

### Did you Hear???

#### Leadership Essentials is now being offered online!

GSUSA would like to announce the launch of Leadership Essentials Online, a 45-minute online learning session that introduces volunteers to the use of journeys books within the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Leadership Essentials Online is interchangeable with the face-to-face version of Leadership Essentials. Volunteers can choose to use one or the other as they prepare to partner with girls. Either version of Leadership Essentials will help volunteers gain a good understanding of the journey resources available to them, as well as a refresher of the fundamentals of the GSLE, especially the Discover, Connect, and Take Action keys in a girl-led, learning-by-doing, and cooperative-learning environment. Volunteers will have access to Leadership Essentials Online on a 24/7 basis so they can engage in this learning session at their own convenience.

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 to register yourself as a participant in the course. Our council name in the drop down is listed as Kansas Heartland. We must have your information to give you credit for taking the course.
- When using the learning log, be sure 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.

- Don't forget to look under the resources tab at the bottom and go through that section.
- It is helpful to have your own level of journey books available to look through as you go along in the course. Be sure to have those ready.
- If you have questions while working on the course contact [Jennifer Amrein!](#)

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## Membership Services

### World Thinking Day...???

#### How many of your parents are registered?

Often times we register girl members, but not the parents of these girls. Parents could easily fill the roles of cookie chairperson, chaperones, drivers or they could help out at an occasional troop meeting/event. Please 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. It creates 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, email, Facebook, CyberGalz, Skype...contact us!
- Attend your Service Unit Meetings – each SU holds meeting for troop leaders/volunteers. Volunteers with many years of experience attend these meeting and can be a valuable resource for you.

Volunteers, please be checking your rosters that you were given at the Area Meetings so corrections can be made in our data base with all of the correct information. You can email your Membership Services Manager ([Becky](#) or [Monica](#)) the corrections or contact the Regional Office with the updated information.

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## Program Services

### Program Reminders!!

- ❑ **Date Change** for Council-wide Older Girl Congress (titled- Older Girl Congress Power Play) July 9-11, 2010 at Starwoods Specific Info available at a later date.
- ❑ New York Trip applications extended till February 15, 2010. Call Virginia for more information.
- ❑ The Spelunking trip deadline has been extended until March 15 with additional program information. Join us on our trip to Colorado Springs for an X-Treme Adventure which will include: camping under the stars, visiting a ghost town, panning for gold, checking out 700 year old cliff dwellings and learning about Native American customs and dances, campfires, riding an old 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 you will have to crawl some of the way. We will need adults for this trip. Please fill out adult application <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/forms/58-volunteers/578-adult-trip-application> Or click on **Adult Trip Application** on our website and click on forms and look under volunteers. Send in your application to Girl Scout, 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 to learn spelunking. Girls can attend this trip and go through the 3 hour course and then in 3 years will be eligible to take Spelunking -II. Note: Spelunking 101 will also be available at the same time. You must take 101 before you are able to take Spelunking II.

- ❑ Service Units, please begin getting your donations for the Older Girl Congress Auction planned. We would like the items at the Hays office by Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ❑ Service Units... if your town will be hosting a day camp this summer, don't forget to turn in your Service Unit Request for Day Camp forms by January 30<sup>th</sup>.

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## Product Sales Information

ATTENTION ALL TROOP LEADERS/TROOP COOKIE MANAGERS!  
It is a Troop, not a Service Unit responsibility, to input cookie orders into the on-line ordering system. This may be new to you because you are a new leader, a new cookie manager or the SU Cookie Mgr has always "just done it". This is a troop responsibility for the reason of having more than one pair of eyes checking the orders. "Checks & Balances." So, if you have not logged into the SNAP ordering system, do not know

your password or are having problems doing so, contact Lisa at 888-811-8832.  
Cookies are just around the corner!

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## In the Council Shop

### Shop News –

With Cookie Time now approaching, it is time to start thinking about ordering your 2010 Cookie Pins. Also, we have some cute coin purses in stock that reference the cookie sales, so you might want to stop in & see

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## News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

Is your troop looking for some new activity ideas?

**Shoe Zoo** Draw around your shoe on a piece of paper. Make an animal out of the shape.

**Tightrope Walk** Walk along a rope on the floor while looking through the wrong end of a pair of binoculars.

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