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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!](#)

**If you missed the boat on attending a Leadership Essentials Course in your area...this is your chance to complete the course in the comfort of your own home!**

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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 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.

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## Program Services

## Get involved in the World Thinking Day Fair 2010

Help us with the World Thinking Day Fair! We are planning a special World Thinking Day event on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. The plan for the event is to encourage girls to think globally and act locally. It will be a multicultural event with booths, songs, games, guest speakers, and a ceremony. We are in need of volunteers to help with this event! If you know of someone who would be willing to share a part of their culture with the girls for the event, let [Vesa](#) know. The event will be from 1 to 4 pm and the location is yet to be determined. If your girls want to get involved, be sure to register them through our online registration system! It is open to all levels of girls. Hope to see you there for this great event.

Please note that the Road Map has gone virtual. If you are looking for program offerings for your girls check out <http://kansasgirlscouts.org/index.php/events>

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## Product Sales

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 your council office. Cookies are just around the corner!

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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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