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Volunteer E-Newsletter For Girl Scouts of Kansas Heartland

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Volunteer Services

Understanding the Volunteer Process

How does someone become a Girl Scout volunteer? What training do I need? When can I start meeting with my girls? These are all very common questions regarding the volunteer process and here are your answers.

New volunteers must complete the volunteer application process which consists of:

1. Completing the Volunteer Application and Criminal Background check (back of application)
2. Registering as an Adult Girl Scout Member (GSUSA dues \$12)
3. Interview (Get to know you!) with a GSKH staff member
4. Receiving an Appointment/Reappointment letter from GSKH with job description

You can take on responsibilities as a GSKH volunteer after you have been appointed or reappointed by the council. If you have completed the volunteer application and CBC, you do not have to re-do the forms with each new Girl Scout year.

If you are a leader or assistant leader, it is mandatory that one person meeting with the girls in a leadership role has completed Leadership Essentials and Introduction to Troop Management. Course offerings for Leadership Essentials can be found in your Road Map. Introduction to Troop Management is scheduled through your Membership Services Manager. If you have 5 or more volunteers in your area that would like to take a course, special arrangements can be made by contacting [Jennifer Amrein](#).

Any individuals who have CARE, CUSTODY, or CONTROL of girls must complete

the volunteer application process.

Enrichment Courses (Songs and Games, Promise in Action, Try it Now, Brownie Style, etc) are offered through the council office. These courses are self directed and can be sent to you by contacting [Jennifer Amrein](#). A complete list of course offerings can be found in the Fall 2009 Road Map on page 20.

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Membership Services

Gearing up for the New Girl Scout Year!

- Interest Indicator Cards is something new that should accompany any new Girl Registration form. These cards a way that GSUSA can track girl interests in Girl Scouting.
- Be sure to mark girl grades and school on the membership forms! We need this information when entering the girl into our system and placing her with a troop or pathway.
- As you begin the new year as a GSKH volunteer remember that you are a leader for the girls. Be sure to set a good example when not only working with the girls but also when working with other adults. Have a smile on your face! Make your mood inviting and uplifting. Be sure to keep the lines of communication open with others!

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Program Services

Program Reminders!!

- Don't forget, 7-12th grade girls wanting to go on the New York trip need to fill out an application and submit it to Virginia no later than Sept 11 to be considered for this trip. Applications can be found on website under girl and New York

Brownie CSI Info

This years Brownie CSI is in 4 parts.

The CSI program will be working with the NEW Brownie Journey – “Wonders of Water”.

- Part 1 will be at Hansen Scout Reservation near Kirwin and troops must sign up to complete parts 2, 3 and 4.
- Part 2 is to be done in your hometown. Help will be available from area RC and D and Co. Extension Services.
- Part 3 will tentatively be at Camp Hansen in the spring.

- Part 4 will be a Service to be done back in your hometown.

Girls will not be penalized if they miss one of the parts, however to complete the CSI, the troop must be signed up for all parts.

It is not required that troops MUST do this program in its completion however this will be the only opportunity for these girls to be able to do this program.

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Product Sales Information

Preparing for Fall Opportunity Sale!

Two Questions to Ask Yourself.

Question #1

Q: Does your Troop have their Troop Finance Summary turned into your Membership Services Manager?

A: If not, the troop can not sell. If you have questions or concerns regarding this form contact your Membership Servc Mgr; Becky Ayers or Monica Legleiter

Question #2

Q: Are your girls registered for the 2010 Girl Scout year?

A: Girls cannot sell without being registered for the 2010 scouting year. If your not sure who is or isn't registered contact the Hays Regional Office for verification.

Fall Opportunity Sale is fast approaching. Your Service Unit FOS Manager will be training and distributing sale materials over the next couple weeks to Troop Leaders and parents. Girls begin selling on Sept 25th.

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In the Council Shop

20% off!

Buy any two or more regularly priced apparel items for girls or teens as featured in the 2009 Girl Scout Catalog and get 20% off. This offer excludes official sashes, vests and tunics. To take advantage of this great offer, visit your council store today as the offer is good through October 15th!

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News to Use & Ideas to Motivate

A Girl Scout Leaders Poem

My dishes went unwashed today,
I didn't make the bed,
I took her hand and went with her
To a Girl Scout meeting instead.
That my house was neglected,
That I didn't sweep the stairs,
In twenty years no one on earth,
Will know or even care.
But that I helped a little girl,
From child to adulthood grow,
In twenty years, the whole wide world,
Will look, will see and will know!

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