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**GSHPA is Now on Facebook!**

**Ranch Camp**  
 Ranch camp is open to campers in grades six through twelve and is the perfect option for your camper if she is interested in horseback riding. Throughout the week, your camper will get the chance to develop a relationship with the horse assigned to her and learn all about riding and caring for horses.

**Traditional Camp**  
 Available to campers in grades two through ten, Traditional Camp offers your camper the opportunity to custom design her program during her stay.

Whether it's a traditional camping experience or a week on the range, GSHPA offers your daughter the opportunity to rediscover Girl Scout Camp and celebrate it the way it was meant to be. We've broken this year's camp selections down to two options. Girls can choose from either Traditional Camp or Ranch Camp.

**2011 Sleep Away Camp is Taking Girls Back to Basics**

**Summer Camp 2011**  
**Rediscover Girl Scout Camp... Every Day is A New Adventure!**  
 For more information about 2011 Sleep Away Camp and to find out when you and your daughter can attend an information night near you, log onto [www.gshpa.org](http://www.gshpa.org) and click the "Summer Camp" tab under the "Camp" heading or call 1.800.692.7816.

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**WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY?**

**Rediscover Girl Scout Camp... Every Day is A New Adventure!**

## How Do We Know We Are Producing Tomorrow's Leaders?

Leadership - that is what Girl Scouts is all about, and as we approach the beginning of our 100th anniversary, we are looking for new ways to challenge your daughter and ourselves by asking the question, "Are we truly producing leaders as we go about our Girl Scouting activities?"

There are times when we know we are because of specific incidents where a girl's leadership suddenly jumps out, but we don't always have dramatic incidents to prove it. This is exactly why we introduced the Girl Scout Voices survey this past November and asked you to help your daughter provide us with valuable feedback as a way to measure the leadership development of girls throughout our council. The results of our survey are in, and we are proud to share with you the measurable impact that Girl Scouts is having:

- 70% of girls credit their experience with Girl Scouts as helping them make healthier choices.
- 82% of girls credit their experience with Girl Scouts as helping them to develop positive communication and relationship-building skills.
- 66% of girls credit their experience with Girl Scouts as having helped them to learn how to develop and implement a plan.



Watch your email this fall for the next installment of the Girl Scout Voices survey, which we plan to conduct twice each year. Collecting this information semi-annually will allow us to compare results while also tracking our progress and growth. More importantly, the survey helps confirm to you that by enrolling your daughter in Girl Scouts, you have truly made a valuable investment in her future!

If your daughter participated in November's survey, look for her participation patch soon. Troop leaders are scheduled to start distributing them to girls in April.

## Girl Scouting Helps Provide Recipe for Council Girl's National Success

From Girl Scout Cookies to Olympic Gold—those are the aspirations of 12 year-old Julia Biechler, a Cadette from Hershey, PA. Julia competes in Freestyle skating and Ice Dancing. In December, 2010, Julia and her skating partner Alexander Petrov won the Juvenile Ice Dancing championships at the US Figure Skating Junior Nationals in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Julia, a member of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania (GSHPA) Troop #11039, has been skating since she was only two years old and a Girl Scout since her Daisy years. Julia says that her experience as a Girl Scout has played an important role in her success on the ice. "Girl Scouts has really helped me learn how important it is to set goals and push myself to achieve them," Julia said.

Being a Girl Scout has also helped Julia to become more prepared for traveling across the country and meeting new people at national skating competitions. "It has just helped me to become a more well-rounded person, and to realize that I don't have to be shy or afraid to talk to new people when I meet them."

While the thought of speeding across the ice on skates and launching into the air may be a little frightening to some 12 year-olds, Julia tackles the challenge with great enthusiasm and believes that Girl Scouting has helped her to develop the courage to do it. "The biggest jump I can land cleanly now is a Double Axel," Julia said, "And I'm working on landing a Double Lutz, which is a little more difficult, but I learned in Girl Scouts that if I keep trying and do my best, I can do it."

It seems like there is no challenge too big for Julia, and she even hopes to someday represent the United States as a Gold medal hopeful in the Olympics. But for now, her sights are set on her next goal of making it to the 2012 Junior National competition in California.



Julia Biechler and Alexander Petrov practicing their championship routine.



**Early Bird Registration!**  
Don't forget to sign  
up your Girl Scout  
for 2011-2012!