



Be Connected - June 2010

Dear Volunteer,

We were glad to be able to share our progress in implementing GSHPA's business plan with delegates and others at the Annual Meeting on April 24th. The work continues with task forces considering signature programming initiatives, customer service and other issues. This includes discussing how to link up with the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouts in 2012 which will have a national theme of "Forever Green" with a focus on the environment.

The Council and local volunteers are planning farewell events at some of our discontinued camps. So far, events are planned at Camp Pocono (July 18), Camp Laurel (July 31) and Camp Lycogis (August 7). At the same time we are taking registration for Sleep Away Camp and our Outdoor Program Task Force is deciding on models to emphasize and improve in the outdoor programming we offer.

In the North region we are experimenting with a new kind of staff deployment and way of working – with staff spending more time in the field with girls and volunteers and having fewer office hours. The feedback from volunteers attending "think tanks" in Frackville and Montoursville has been generally favorable with many saying they are now enjoying better access to their Membership Associates.

We are looking forward to Kick-Off this August 14th at Camp Louise when there will be a chance for more dialogue with you as the new troop year

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begins. In the meantime, we welcome your feedback on any aspect of the Council's work and business plan implementation. [The feedback link is here.](#)

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Kate Crowley Jane Ransom
Board Chair President/CEO

Financial Assistance

Girl scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania designates funds for financial assistance for girls and adults based on need so that every member has equal opportunities to participate. When requesting Financial Assistance, please specify the membership year that it is intended for on the top of the form(s).

Troop Financial Report Deadline is July 31

All troop leaders are required to submit a 2009-2010 Troop financial Report to their Service Unit Manager no later than July 31, 2010. Both a printable form and an editable e-form are available on the GSHPA website under the Forms tab, Financial Record Keeping at <http://www.gshpa.org/forms.html>.

Virtual Membership Card

The GSHPA Virtual Membership Card can be accessed via our Web site. It's located on the Forms page under Troops/ Leaders. This card is valid until September 30, 2010. The location is: http://www.gshpa.org/images/memb_card_10.pdf

Family Fun Nights Set at Camps

Each region has scheduled Family Fun Nights at their local camps. These events are planned as an opportunity to show off the great camp facilities as well as to acquaint girls and their parents with the opportunities available. The camps and dates are as follows:

- Archbald - August 2 and 12
- Echo Trail - July 11
- Furnace Hills - June 29 and July 15
- Golden Pond - July 17
- Happy Valley - July 31
- Louise - July 1 and July 13
- Small Valley - August 5 and August 17

Register through your local service center.



T.A.C. (Troop Adventure Camp)

Is a great way for troops to enjoy outdoor adventures in a fun and safe environment. The best part? Everything is already planned for you! Activities may include hiking, boating, arts-n-crafts, nature activity, outdoor cooking and archery. Sing songs, play games, make new friends and shop at the Trading Post. Discover what Girl Scout camp is all about! Four meals and two snacks are included. Outdoor training is not required for participation. A first-aider is required for each troop. Troops should also be accompanied by the number of adults necessary to meet Safety-Wise guidelines.

Fee: \$45/girl, \$30/adult. For dates and locations please check out the 2010 Sleep Away Camp Guide or the Spring 2010 PAL! Please contact Candace Campbell at x.1316 with any questions.

Updated Guidelines for Bridge to Brownie and Bridge to Junior Awards

Updated guidelines for Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie and Bridge to Girl Scout Junior awards are now available on the Bridging Awards section of the GSUSA Web site. Bridging patches remain the same and are available through the GSHPA council online store.

Bridging awards mark a girl's transition from one leadership level to the next. An exciting time in a Girl Scout's life, the earning of the award and completion of the activities are designed to emphasize the continuity of one Girl Scout program and to welcome girls to an anticipated "next level."

Girl Scouts of the USA, in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Northern California and Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council, has aligned Bridge to Girl Scout Brownie and Bridge to Girl Scout Junior awards with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. These revised award requirements for these levels replace those in grade-level handbooks.

Additional grade-level Bridging Award updates are currently in development.

Pennsylvania Governor's Conference for Women – for Our Girls Destination Pittsburgh!

Wed. Oct. 13 - 4:00 p.m.— Friday Oct. 15 - midnight

Do you know a deserving girl? Is she in 11th or 12th grade? Do you see strong leadership abilities within her?

Leaders and Eligible Girls

To nominate a deserving girl or show interest in the conference, check the website at www.gshpa.org and follow the link to the Governors Conference or call Kris Battle at 800-692-7816 ext. 1330.

DEADLINE for nominations is July 16, 2010
Cost is \$175.00 per girl includes travel, 2 nights lodging, 4 meals, and sightseeing/activities fees)
Financial Aid is available
Girls will miss 2 days of school.

Join us for two trips in one.
Attend the Governor's Conference on Oct. 14, 2010
AND
Tour the "Sights and Sounds" of Pittsburgh on Oct. 15, 2010

Pittsburgh is a city rich in history, art, and shopping. We will tour the city starting immediately after the conference with a ride up the "Duquesne Incline", an 1877 cable car, to get a full view of the Pittsburgh Skyline, then off to dinner on a "Chicken and Rib" cruise on the Three Rivers. Friday we will experience the living art at the "Andy Warhol Museum", visit the University of Pittsburgh, and of course - shop in the "Strip District" before heading home.

Activities are subject to change before trip due to time of year and availability. Substitutions will be made in the event an activity has to be changed.

The York Revolution Invites Girl Scouts

Friday, July 16th is Girl Scout Sleepover Night

GIRLSCOUT SLEEPOVER NIGHT INCLUDES:

A field box ticket to watch the Revolution take on the Newark Bears @ 7 PM

A Pre-game parade for troops

Each girl sleeping over will receive a Revolution Scout Patch

Participants receive breakfast in the morning courtesy of Stroehmann Bakeries

A post-game movie will be shown before lights out

Pine wood derby track provided, so don't forget your cars! See if yours is the fastest!

Sleep over tickets just \$15

Game tickets \$7

For more information call Kaylee at (717) 801-4477.

Harrisburg Senators Girl Scout Night

Sunday, June 27, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.

Kids get to run the bases after the game and adults get a free t-shirt.

Tickets are just \$7

There's also a picnic option for \$22 for adults and \$12 for kids.

Call Jessica Kauffman for details at 717-231-4444 or email jkauffman@senatorsbaseball.com.



Still Time to Join Us for the 2010 Gold Award Luncheon

Saturday, June 26, 2010 at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

The deadline to RSVP is June 7th. The cost is \$15 per person and everyone is invited to see our Council's Gold Award recipients be honored. Call 800.692.7816 ext. 1019.

There's Still Time to Register for Summer Sleepaway Camp

Sleep Away camps provide a great summer opportunity for girls to discover, connect, and grow. While some camp sessions have filled, there are still plenty of fun, exciting, adventurous sessions just waiting for girls.

Discover the fun of making lifelong friends and enjoying all that the great outdoors has to offer. [Register today by clicking here.](#)

Steps for Success

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For girls in grades 8-12

Saturday, November 13, 2010

9am-3pm

Enola, PA

Presented by the Women's Leadership Network, the United Way of the Capital Region, and Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania.

Discover what kind of education and preparation you will need to pursue the career of your dreams, connect with career women, and have an opportunity to ask questions about how they got where they are today. Then in the afternoon, take action by applying what you learned in the morning sessions as you explore a career fair and talk to female professionals about what it takes to do their jobs and how to get involved.

More details and registration information will be posted on the GSHPA website this summer.

Adult Learning Your Way – Choose the Option that is Best for You!

GSHPA will be offering three training options for volunteers in 2010-11. Online options will continue as will "on request" training dates from volunteers.

The third method will be Training Weekends/Day to be conducted in each region each season. This option will satisfy the needs of those volunteers who need/want face-to-face training, as well as ease facilitator's frustration over canceled classes.

The idea is to bring back the training weekends that the experienced leaders love and miss, offer a chance for volunteers to get acquainted with the key camps, and to encourage face-to-face opportunities for volunteers who thrive on the networking possibilities that on-site courses offer.

Sessions at these weekend trainings will include a mix of the basics as well as enrichment courses and fun learning activities. Volunteers may come for the weekend or the day.

Training Dates & Locations

West Region

Fall Weekend at Camp Golden Pond –October 1-3, 2010

Super Saturday at State College Service Center – January 8, 2011

Spring Weekend at Camp Golden Pond –April 8 - 10, 2011

North Region

Fall Weekend at Camp Louise –September 17-19, 2010

Super Saturday at Montoursville Service Center –January 22, 2011

Spring Weekend at Camp Louise –May 13 – 15, 2011

North East Region

Fall Weekend at Camp Archbald - Oct 8-10, 2010

Super Saturday at Hazleton Service Center - January 15, 2011

Spring Weekend at Camp Archbald - April 29-May 1, 2011

South Central Region

Fall Weekend at Camp Small Valley – Oct 1-3, 2010

Super Saturday at Harrisburg Service Center –January 22, 2011

Spring Weekend at Camp Small Valley – May 6-8, 2011

South Region

Fall Weekend at Camp Furnace Hills - Sept 24-26, 2010

Winter at Camp Echo Trail - January 15-16

Spring Weekend at Camp Happy Valley - April 16-17, 2011

Save the Dates

4th Annual Fall Kick-Off

The 4th Annual Fall Kick-Off for service team members and volunteers is coming soon. A full-day of workshops, trainings, and networking is scheduled for Saturday, August 14 at Camp Louise. Free overnight accommodations at the camp will be available Friday and Saturday on a first-come basis.

Learn the latest GSHPA and GSUSA program, training, and Task Force news. Greet old friends and make new ones. Tour Camp Louise and stay after the program for swimming and boating. Registration will be available online soon. Watch our website for further details.

Fall & Spring Delegate Mtgs.

Delegate meetings for the Fall and Spring have been set. These meetings are open to all Girl Scout volunteers. The schedule is as follows:

Harrisburg: Mon., Oct. 18, 2010 and Thurs., March 10, 2011

Lewisburg: Tues., Oct. 12, 2010 and Tues., March 8, 2011

Scranton: Wed., Oct. 13, 2010 and Wed., March 9, 2011

State College: Mon., Oct. 11, 2010 and Mon., March 14, 2011

York: Thurs., Oct. 14, 2010 and Mon., March 7, 2011

Webinars: Wed., Oct. 20, 2010 and Tues., March 15, 2011

Foxfire House Open House

2 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, September 26

This event is open to girls, families, friends, troops, and community. Tour the 19th century Swiss-German bank house and step back in time at Camp Furnace Hills located outside Denver, PA No registration required.

2011 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2011 at an as yet undetermined location.

Questions? Contact Shelly Sprenkle at 1-800-692-7816 X1504 or ssprenkle@gshpa.org.

Free Energy Educators Workshops

Three free alternative Energy Educator's Workshops are being offered this summer. The workshops are geared for upper elementary, middle and high school teachers and non-formal educators.

Workshops will be offered at the following locations:

June 22: Northwest PA Collegiate Academy, Erie. E-mail jfarster@state.pa.us.

June 29: Dickinson College, Carlisle. E-mail adevine@state.pa.us.

July 13: Harrisburg Area Community College, Midtown Campus, Harrisburg. E-mail adevine@state.pa.us.

Workshop participants will learn about and explore alternative energy technologies through presentations, hands-on activities and a field trip to see alternative energy technology in action.



STAR Center Facilitators

The STAR (Science, Technology, and Adventure Researchers) Center at Camp Small Valley is GSHPA's

hands-on science facility where girls can discover new skills and learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) as they take on the role of scientists by observing, problem-solving, and hypothesizing. STAR Center Facilitators nurture and build girls' interest in STEM subjects through interactive activities and experiments. We are looking for volunteers to join the STAR Center Facilitator team. If you are interested in science and are willing to share your interest with girls, please contact Susan Neville at 1-800-692-7816 ext. 1035 or email sneville@gshpa.org.

Outdoor Odyssey is Coming!

What's Outdoor Odyssey??? It is a great opportunity to learn new outdoor skills to teach your girls when you go camping. Picture it...nature, you, instructors and lots of other adult volunteers who share your love for the outdoors! It's a great weekend of fun, friendship and learning.

Mark your calendar...this Adult Learning Conference will take place August 21 through August 22, 2010 at Camp Golden Pond.

Watch for more information soon!

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