



Be Connected - July 2010

Dear GSHPA Volunteers,

Summer camp is in full swing. Girls throughout our region are enjoying Service Unit-organized day camps and encampments. Sleep Away camps at Furnace Hills, Small Valley, Louise and Archbald have drawn 1,200 girls to the out-of-doors, camp songs, canoes and swimming.

The volunteer-staff task forces working on the implementation of GSHPA's business plan provided their written recommendations to the Council at the end of June. This month our management is working on incorporating their recommendations on signature programming, outdoor programming, customer service, staff deployment, finance and information systems, and retail operations into our Fiscal Year '11 Operating Plan. We are looking forward to sharing the highlights of this plan for the coming year at Kick-Off on August 14th at Camp Louise.

We also want to announce a change that has occurred in the Council's management. The Chief Operating Officer (COO) position was eliminated last month to make way for a new position that connects our programming, fundraising and financial goals in a way that the COO job was not structured to do. We would like to thank our outgoing COO, Anne Reitzes, for her dedication and hard work and wish her our very best. Ann Goropoulos, formerly Vice President of Communications & Fund Development, has been promoted to the new Executive Vice President position at the Council. Ann has a strong

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background in youth programming as well as in planning, communications and fund development. We are delighted to welcome her to this important leadership position.

We hope you are keeping cool during the heat wave and having an enjoyable summer. Endless thanks for all that you do for girls in the heart of Pennsylvania.

Best regards,

Kate Crowley
Board Chair

Jane Ransom
President/CEO

Girls Honored at 2010 Girl Scout Gold Award Event



20 girls from across the Council celebrated earning their Gold Award at the Girl Scout Gold Award Event that was held at the National Civil War Museum in Harrisburg on June 26, 2010.

The event included a welcome by Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, Mary Malone. After lunch, Kari Andren, a Girl Scout Alumna and Girl Scout Gold Award recipient spoke about how Girl Scouting has influenced her life.

Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania Scholarships were also presented at the event.

In total, more than 61 girls earned the Gold Award for 2010. Congratulations to all the recipients and a huge thanks to the Gold Award advisors for all their hard work.

Camp Farewell Events Scheduled So Far

Please join us as we remember the rich history and celebrate the wonderful experiences we've shared at Girl Scout Camp with our Camp Farewell Events.

Farewell events will be held at the following locations:

Camp Pocono – July 18 – 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Camp Laurel – July 31 – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Camp El Wa Ho – July 31 – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Camp Lycogis – August 7 – 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Activities will include campfire, songs, reminiscing, and refreshments*. If anyone has photographs or memories to share, please bring them to the event. Those participating are asked to bring a sit upon or chair. Events will be held rain or shine.

To register please click on the appropriate link below:

Camp Pocono - [Adult](#) or [Girl/Troop](#)

Camp Laurel - [Adult](#) or [Girl/Troop](#)

Camp El Wa Ho - [Adult](#) or [Girl/Troop](#)

Camp Lycogis - [Adult](#) or [Girl/Troop](#)

Everyone is invited to help celebrate the life of these camps. Please pass this information to anyone who you think may be interested.

*Please bring your own drinks for the El Wa Ho Farewell Event.

We Need Your Help to Find Additional Volunteers

We need your help! Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania wants to find more great volunteers to lead troops across the entire Council. You know how much fun it is to lead a troop or group of girls and now we are asking you to help find others. As you know, anyone can be a troop leader. Please pass the word to your friends, coworkers and family. Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania will be holding Troop Leader Information nights in each county of the Council coming up next month. These are great ways for people who are interested in volunteering with Girl Scouts to get a feel for the wonderful opportunity being a troop leader provides. Be on the lookout for more information about these events in the next coming weeks, but until then, please let others know how much fun it is to be a Girl Scout leader and encourage them to join this amazing Movement.

You're Invited to the 2010 Kickoff

Please join us as we kickoff the 2010-11 Troop Year with our Kickoff Event on August 14, 2010 at Camp Louise near Shickshinny, PA. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include important information about the upcoming troop year, plus some fun activities and networking with fellow Girl

Scouts. All adult volunteers are welcome to attend this event.

[Please register for the kickoff by providing your information here.](#) More information about the day, including directions to camp will be emailed to you one week prior to the event. If you have any questions, please email Kristen Mauro at kmauro@gshpa.org or call 800.692.7816.

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 pdf 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>.

Updated Guidelines for Bridging Awards for All Grade Levels Now Available

Updated guidelines for Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette, Senior, Ambassador, and Adult awards are now available on the Girl Scouts of the USA Web site (www.girlscouts.org). As noted in the previous newsletter, the updated guidelines for bridge to Girl Scout Brownie and Bridge to Girl Scout Junior were released last month. Bridging patches remain the same and are available through the GSHPA store and online store.

Bridging awards mark a girl's transition from one leadership level to the next. Completing the activities and earning the award emphasize the continuity of one Girl Scout program and 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 all grade-level bridging awards with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. These revised award requirements replace those in grade-level handbooks.

Rent Vintage Uniforms for Summer and Fall Parades

Vintage uniforms are available to rent for upcoming community events and parades. This is a great way to promote Girl Scouts in your community. Contact your local service center today to reserve a set of loaner boxes!

**Opportunities for Girls
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.

Steps for Success

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

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.