

GIRLFRIENDS

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2009

We're
Imagining

the Best Cookie Program Ever!

Girl Scout Cookies® are as important to Girl Scouting as community service, trips and camping! But with Girl Scout Cookies® you can earn enough to pay for all of those things and more. This year's program contains lots of the familiar pieces, along with some great new ways to help you and your Troop reach your goals.

Back again this year is the Cookie Club – an online goal-setting program, designed to help girls of every age level to set their cookie goal. Leaders – you must register the Troop for the program, and you will receive a unique password for each girl you enter into the program. By using this program, a girl can track her progress as she works towards the goal, and the Troop Leader can view the entire Troop's efforts as they move forward.

Cookie Booth Sales, always a big part of any Troop's cookie plan, will have an additional twist this year. Is your Troop's Cookie Booth the best it can be? Our Secret Shoppers will be stopping at Girl Scout Cookie® booths around Nassau County to verify that you've got all the elements in place for a great booth sale. Troops who score high on booth sale savvy will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 GSNC gift card.

Learn more about these and many other aspects of our 2009 Cookie Program on our website www.gsnc.org.



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Beach Towel	100+ boxes
Love Your World Tee	150+ boxes
2 Movie Tickets	200+ boxes
Jumbo Calculator	*300+ boxes
USB Message Wrist Band	450+ boxes
Blanket	*600+ boxes
\$150 Visa Gift Card	1000+ boxes

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* \$75 Cookie Credits are issued at 300 box intervals.



A Message From Sandra & Donna...

As our country weathers the biggest financial downturn in decades, Girl Scouts and their families are feeling the effects. At the Council level, we too, are grappling with the budgetary distress caused by the economy. We know Girl Scouts deserve a fair share of our community's charitable dollars, but we know they are harder to come by than ever. While Girl Scouts is absolutely unable to function without Adult Volunteers, we also need dollars to provide programs, materials and camping to girls, training to adults, and the means to communicate with everyone. With the recent shift on the financial scene there are fewer corporations, therefore fewer corporate philanthropic dollars. Foundations and individuals may reduce charitable giving. And yet, Girl Scouts is probably still the biggest bargain you can find! Not only does the ten dollar registration fee (which goes to the national organization, not us) give you membership in the world's most impressive Leadership development program, it also entitles each girl to participate in some awesome experiences and programs right here on Long Island.

And remember, no girl is ever turned away from Girl Scouts of Nassau County because of inability to pay, and in fact we subsidize every girl's participation in our program. It actually costs \$262.98 per girl per year to provide the Girl Scout experience. This is the reason we need to continually reach out to you through the Family Campaign, and through special events, targeted appeals, and planned giving. It is why we actively pursue foundation awards and corporate giving. We promise that Girl Scouts of Nassau County will continue to be responsible stewards of the Council's assets generated by our programs AND the charitable donations we receive.

We want our girls to become productive and happy citizens. The Girl Scout Cookie® and Fall Products Programs give girls insight into the economy and practical tools like setting goals, planning, making presentations and providing quality customer service. Girls gain skills they will carry throughout their lives.

This year more than ever, Girl Scout families can use the Girl Scout Cookie® Program to stretch their family's entertainment and education budget. Through the Girl Scout Cookie® Program girls and their Troops earn money to support the Troop's goals and to meet their objectives for travel and activities. Every dollar raised through the Cookie Program® is one less dollar that families need to pay toward an event for their daughter. We encourage each girl to set her own goal (at least 10% higher than the number of boxes she reached last year). Girls* who sell 300 boxes of Cookies earn \$75 in Cookie Credits that can be used for Troop activities, "destinations," Camp or for merchandise in the Girl Scout Shop. If a girl sells 600 boxes, she gets \$150 in Cookie credits ... The sky is the limit!

As parents we want to give our children many things. This year we challenge you to start your daughter on the path to self-sufficiency. Work with her to set goals for her part in the Girl Scout Cookie Program® and encourage her to reach high, so that she can learn and earn and know that she is helping her Troop reach its goal ... and maybe even earn her own way to Girl Scout Camp or beyond.

We wish you a warm and safe winter. Please call either of us when we can be of service to you. We will see you at the Drive-Thru Cookie Delivery!

Sandra Echols Williams
Sandra Echols Williams
President and Chief Volunteer Officer

Donna Ceravolo
Donna Ceravolo
Executive Director/CEO



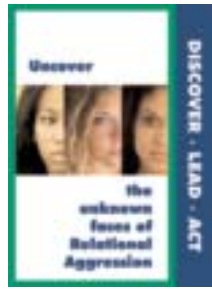
*Sisters in the same household whose combined total boxes of Girl Scout Cookies® sold is 300 boxes (or multiples therefore) earn Cookie Credits.

Girl Scouts Of Nassau County Is Pleased To Announce...

that Winthrop University Hospital will be the Council's Community Partnership Sponsor on our 2009-2010 Critical Issue Priority: **Girls and Body Image.** – Critical Issues Coordinator Carole Aksak will be working with Winthrop professionals, as well as other community leaders, parents and girls as we explore this issue and utilize existing Girl Scout programs and develop new approaches to help girls develop positive, realistic and healthy relationships with their bodies and their looks. Deborah Johnson-Schiff, Senior Vice President for Administration at Winthrop and a member of the Girl Scouts of Nassau County Board of Directors says "Given the increased incidence of obesity on Long Island and throughout the country, Winthrop is thrilled to have the opportunity to partner with Girl Scouts on this important critical issue. Our goal is to assist girls in establishing realistic expectations about their bodies while teaching them how to adopt a healthy lifestyle. Helping girls develop healthy habits early in life will assist them in building self esteem and optimizing their health over the course of their lifetime."



Strike
a Balance
for a
Healthy Life



For children, friendships are the bridges that help them move from childhood into adulthood. A child's friends will help her discover who she is and what she thinks, feels and believes about herself and the world around her. Social success boils down to who a girl's friends are and how strong that connection really is, when it's tested.

Critical Issues

By Carole Aksak, Critical Issues Coordinator



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“You don't know me, but I hate you...”



The new bully in the schoolyard is not the same one your parents always worried about. It's the cell phone your daughter carries tucked inside the pocket of her jeans, or the computer at home, sitting on her desk. It's the cyberbully.

Kids go to the web for relationships—to continue or build on the ones they have started in school, to make or form new ones, or to hash out the drama that started in school just before the dismissal bell rang. After all, isn't that what being a kid is all about - forming new friendships/relationships; trying to figure out who you are; what you're good at; and trying to avoid an attack from the “enemy?” Is it any wonder aggression has moved from the physical world into cyberspace?

So what actually is cyberbullying? Perhaps your child was the target of a malicious social networking page (Facebook, MySpace) set up to inflict all sorts of hurt and harm. They may be spammed with unwanted pornographic emails, embarrassing product information, or added to unwanted distribution lists, all in the name of “fun.” For the perpetrators, phony online identities allow them to do the damage anonymously then sit back and watch the drama.

GSNC is committed to giving girls, their families, their schools, and their communities the tools to address these forms of covert aggression. The Ophelia Project Friendship Program will help girls examine their own feelings and behaviors within the context of friendship, including friendship in the cyberworld. For adults, our Critical Issues Initiative workshops help parents, schools and communities understand the world of secret bullying.

Please visit our website at www.gsnc.org/criticalissues to find out more. Or, contact me at 516.741.2550 ext. 254 or email aksakc@gsnc.org.

Oh No! Not My Daughter! She's Too Young!

If there is one thing having three emerging adult daughters will teach you, is that daughters have a way of doing things in their own time, on their own schedule and certainly not according to yours.

It seems like only yesterday your daughter was that perfect infant. And now, there she is, standing in front of the mirror again, striking poses, pouting lips, tossing that wild mane of hers from side to side. What happened! She's only nine! She's way too young to be vamping in front of the mirror like that ... isn't she?

The fact is she's not. A girl's romantic development can begin as early as nine or as late as age fifteen. Revving up her romantic engine is very much tied to her biology and tied very little to her parent's plan for her life. A child's job is to figure out who she is and whether she is lovable. Their friendships help them to do that and make the transition into adulthood. Romance is part of that transition.

If you would like to host an adult workshop about the four phases of a girl's romantic development, contact Carole Aksak at 516.741.2550 ext. 254. Leaders/Advisors may request a copy of the Facilitator Guide and the age level curriculum for the Affection Connection. The Affection Connection is a 4-session program created for girls in grades 4 through 12. Troops completing the program and the pre- and post- surveys will receive a free Affection Connection patch for each Troop member.





Just for Girls



Global Climate Change

TAKE A STAND!

Katherine Fondacaro, Senior Girl Scout – Oceanside

Many times we ask ourselves as individuals, "What can we do to make a change?" That was the purpose of the Leadership Institute program that was my "destination" this past August. I was chosen, along with girls from all over the country and as far away as the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and even Kenya, to discuss how global climate change is affecting our world. We met at the Edith Macy Conference Center in Briarcliff Manor, New York and we immediately bonded together as a group because we all had similar interests and a passion for protecting the environment.

Our first lecture was given by a woman who had been on a polar expedition to the Antarctic and had been studying the effects of global temperature increases on the ice caps. The disappearance of these vast ice shelves and the consequent impact on the animals that live in the area and depend on them, as well as the rise in water levels that will result from the melting ice was a major issue to many of us. I was also asked to give a brief lecture on the work that I had done during the summer. I had been involved in documenting the impact that rising water temperatures was having on the coral reefs in the Caribbean, and had spent six weeks in the British Virgin Islands researching and studying the area.

It wasn't just lectures either! There were a lot of hands-on activities. We made solar-powered backpacks that we could use to recharge our phones and ipods without using electricity. We also tried our hand at making organic make-up from bee's wax, and creating recycled clothing from our old t-shirts.

One of the conference highlights was our trip to New York City. For many of the girls from across the country this was their first visit to Manhattan. We stopped first at the United Nations and discussed how many climate change issues are having a global impact. Laws will have to be enacted worldwide, and by leaders on every continent to save the planet from this encroaching threat, before our planet suffers irreparable damage. We also visited the Hearst building. This happens to be the greenest building in NYC, and it was a gratifying surprise to learn that architects and developers are building more structures like this one. These types of buildings are designed to have a smaller carbon footprint and to impact our environment in a healthier way.

During our final days at the conference we discussed what we could do in our local community to promote energy efficiency. Even small steps can have a huge impact on the environment when we work together. Suggestions were made to increase and expand recycling facilities; to promote the use of canvas bags and to work toward the ban of plastic bags from stores completely. I believe that education is key to involvement. The more people learn about, care for, and love their planet the more they will do to try to protect it. I plan to continue my research work in the Caribbean this summer and hopefully the data collected will be useful in persuading the scientific community and the world that action must be taken immediately to save our planet.

Our last day was sad as we said goodbye to our many new friends from across the country. We all were moved by the Edith Macy Ceremony and promised to use our love of Girl Scouting as a way to promote action and response to this global crisis.

*The Jersey Shore, NJ.
Ambassador Troop 19,
Glen Cove Association,
attended the Cadette/
Senior/Ambassador*

*Camporee at Six Flags Great
Adventure hosted by Girl
Scouts of the Jersey Shore.*

*We arrived at the
Timberland Campground
early Saturday morning, set
up camp, and then drove to
the amusement park. The
girls spent the entire day
riding the roller coasters.*

*At 6:00 pm, the park under-
went a transformation
as the ghouls came alive
for "Fright Fest." The girls
enjoyed the haunted walks
and stayed in the park well
into the night. We drove
back to the campground
for a much-needed night's*



*rest then broke camp in the
morning and returned home.
This trip was paid for, in part,
by money earned from the
2008 Girl Scout Cookie®
Sale. Thanks to Girl Scout
Briana for chairing this event!*



This Girl Scout Cookie® Sale Led to Venice & Florence & Rome! Oh My!

By: Andrea Galeno, Leader Troop 911

In February 2008, girls from Senior Troop 911 boarded a plane for an experience they would never forget. Over a period of ten days, the girls would tour Italy including Venice, Florence, Sorrento, and Rome. So with (very!) full bags, we took off for the adventure of a lifetime.

Planning for a big trip with a group can be difficult. First, the girls voted on where in Europe they wanted to go. The Troop officers narrowed down the choices to three countries before opening the vote to the rest of the Troop. Once the girls chose Italy, Leaders looked up educational tour companies and sorted them by price, as well as what was included in that price. We loved the educational extras and places visited on one specific tour, so we made a decision and booked that tour! What's great about using a tour company is that they give you all the materials you need to organize your tour.

We knew what the overall cost of our tour was, and we also knew we'd need to budget in some money for the trip as lunches, tips and souvenirs weren't included. Based on recommendations from the tour company we came up with a budget and made a plan to start fundraising. Our fundraising efforts concentrated on our two biggest fundraisers per year- cookie sales, and our annual plant sale. Cookie sales were hugely important to us. Besides girls increasing their individual sales, we organized as many cookie booth sales as we could, organizing them through our local Association and contacting local supermarkets to inquire as to whether or not we could sell cookies outside their establishment. It required many long hours standing out in the cold, but cookies are our biggest fundraiser of the year, so it was worth it. When the warm weather hits, we sell plants for Mother's Day. It requires more standing out in the elements, a lot of door to door plant selling, and a lot of organizational work on the part of Leaders, parents, and girls.

As the trip drew closer, we had lots of meetings about what to expect abroad, what to bring, and how to prepare for a big trip abroad. Soon, the trip was upon us! We packed up, and we headed off to Venezia!

We were met by our tour guide at the airport, and took a boat to our first hotel in Venice. We had guided tours of all the major attractions, like the Piazza San Marco, the Doge's Palace, the Colosseum, St. Peter's Basilica, the lost city of Pompeii, and the leaning tower of Pisa. Some of the other amazing things we saw included Michaelangelo's David, the Pietá, and the Sistine Chapel. We also got to do a few things that you usually don't get to do on your travels abroad, like attending a cooking class in Florence, and going to Gladiator school in Rome.

Overall, it was trip we'll never forget! We had such a great time, we've decided to make trips abroad a tri-annual experience for our Troop. We're looking forward to deciding where we're going to go next, and how we'll reach our goals in order to go on our next adventure!



**Thank you for helping
to make a difference!**

On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Twenty-two Girl Scout Troops from a variety of communities helped make a difference in the lives of the hungry on Long Island. They collected and delivered over 3,580 pounds of food to the Girl Scout Service Center where an Island Harvest truck was waiting to receive the proceeds of their Kids-4-Kids Food Drives. This amount of food will help supplement 2,797 meals.

We appreciate the hard work of the all the Troops who participated. Please go to www.gsnc.org to see a complete listing of the Troops and their Associations. Watch for the announcement about the "Kids-4-Kids Food Drives" in GirlFriends Summer 2009.

Special thanks to our Media Girls who helped sort and pack the food. Working right alongside the girls were volunteers from Chaminade High School and Island Harvest. GSNC is very proud of the community of Girl Scouts who have taken this project to heart and made it a success.



GIRLFEST Was "What We Are All About!"

Connie Wysota, Troops 522 and 520
Manhasset

My Girl Scout Senior and Junior Troops participated in this ... Girlfest at the Broadway Mall and had a great time! (My Juniors had so much fun that several of them opted to miss basketball try-outs rather than leave the event early! How often does that happen?) Thank you everyone at GSNC who organized this event. Thank you to all the Leaders and girls who organized activities, badge work and information tables. You really demonstrated some of the best attributes of Girl Scouting. Watching my ninth grade Seniors interact with the younger girls reinforced in me why we do what we do. For those of you who missed it, I hope GSNC organizes it again next year so you will have another opportunity to participate. Your girls will love it! Thank you to all who made this such a special day.

GIRLS SPOKE, WE LISTENED GIRLFEST will be back!

If you weren't able to be part of GIRLFEST this past September, don't fret – we're having another GIRLFEST next fall. Once again, we'll be asking Troops to come up with activities that they can share with other Girl Scouts. Girls came up with a great variety of ideas to share and things to do this year. Girls worked on Try-Its and Badges, did arts & crafts, made musical instruments, planted terrariums, had their faces painted, and just plain had fun, while Leaders and parents learned lots about what Girl Scouts has to offer their girls.

HOST A TABLE!

Talk with your Troop about hosting an activity table. Girls who plan and run these tables get great leadership experience, plus the satisfaction of seeing the results of their efforts at the event. We plan to make GIRLFEST 2009 even bigger and better, but we can't do it without you!

Design a Patch for GIRLFEST, 2009!

Join the fun! Show your creativity! The girl with the winning design will be awarded a \$25 gift card to be used for merchandise in the Council Shop or towards a Council-sponsored program or event. AND you will see your design all over GIRLFEST 2009!

To sign up for your table, and to get the rules for the Patch contest, visit the GIRLFEST section of our website www.gsnc.org.



See you at GIRLFEST on Sunday, October 4, 2009!

SHOP



NEW GIFTS FOR LEADER'S DAY • APRIL 22, 2009



Oblong Scarf & Girl Scout Scarf Slide
Official Girl Scout "Inspire" T-Shirt
Navy Baseball Cap
Covered Glass Box
Girl Scout Graffiti Mug

PATCHES

"Leader Vintage"
"Leaders Are Stars"
"Leader's Day"

PINS

"Leaders Are Stars"
"Awesome Leader"

Go to www.gsnc.org for a photofull description/cost!



Product Sale Activities – The Girl Scout Cookie® Program

Diane Seekamp,
Program Resources Coordinator

Safety is important in all Girl Scout activities. Did you know there are Safety-Wise Standards and Activity Checkpoints for the Cookie Program? GSUSA updated this information in June, 2008. The new information reinforces the need for adult supervision and the buddy system. There are also Safety-Wise checkpoints specifically for Girl Scout Daisies which stress the importance of one-on-one supervision when girls are handling money. To find out more about Safety-Wise updates including those for Product Sales, go to the Volunteer page on our website <http://www.gsnc.org/volunteers/> and click on Safety-Wise.

Shop Hours

Inventory and Holiday Closings
Inventory - Closed January 05 - January 09, 2009
Reopens January 10, 2009 at 10:00 am

Monday- Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm
Thursdays 9:00 am-8:00 pm
Saturdays to June 20, 2009 10:00 am-1:00 pm
Closed Saturday:
1/17/09, 2/14/09, 4/11/09, 5/23/09

Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 19, 2009
President's Day
Monday, February 16, 2009
Good Friday
Friday, April 10, 2009, 3:00 pm closing
Staff Conference Day
Friday, April 17, 2009
Memorial Day
Friday, May 22, 2009, 3:00 pm closing
Monday, May 25, 2009



INSIDE the RESOURCE ROOM

World Thinking Day

Diane Seekamp, Program Resources Coordinator

World Thinking Day (February 22) is a special day in the Girl Scout year. It is a day for Troops to celebrate international friendships and a time to remind ourselves that we are part of a global community, the World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). WAGGGS has 10 million members in 145 countries around

the world! If you have new Girl Scouts in your Troop, Thinking Day is the traditional day to give them the World Trefoil Pin. This blue and gold pin is the WAGGGS symbol and is worn above the Girl Scout pin. See the illustration of the pin and its components below.

Does your Troop need some ideas to celebrate Thinking Day? Then the Resource Room is a great place to start! Look on the WAGGGS/Thinking Day shelf or in the WAGGGS/Thinking Day folder (among the Browsing files) for a line drawing of the World Trefoil Pin. Make copies for your Girl Scout Daisy Troop so the girls can color/glitter it as they learn about the meaning of the various components of the pin. Borrow the WAGGGS flannelgraph for your Girl Scout Brownie Troop and celebrate with the World Trefoil Ceremony. For Girl Scout Juniors and up, the WAGGGS Resource Box has everything needed for Thinking Day, including a WAGGGS flannelgraph; Trefoil Round the World; handbooks from other countries; the video "Sisters All ... Friends Forever" and International Uniform posters.

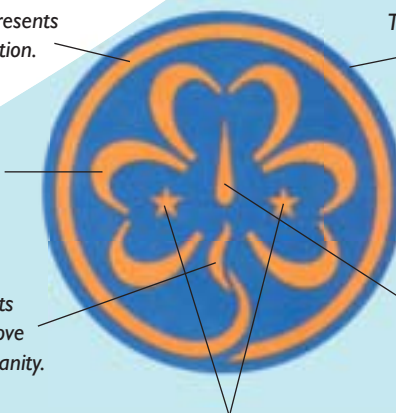
The Resource Room is available 24/7 on our website. Look for ceremonies, SWAPS, Council patch programs, a list of materials/books for loan and a convenient online reservation form. If you have any questions, contact Diane Seekamp, Program Resources Coordinator at 516.741.2550, ext. 244 or seekampd@gsnc.org.

Each element of the World Trefoil of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) has a specific meaning.

The outer circle represents the worldwide association.

The three leaves represent the three-fold Promise as originally laid down by the Founder.

The flame represents the flame of the love of humanity.



The golden yellow trefoil on a bright blue background represents the sun shining over the children of the world.

The vein pointing upwards represents the compass needle pointing the way.

The two stars represent the Promise and Law.



LEADERSHIP THROUGH COOKIES?

Now that's

cookies 4 a change

You can use the Cookie Activity to bring your service ideas to life. Whether you are caring for the environment, promoting literacy or campaigning for social issues, the Cookie Activity can help you:

Discover more about your values and the world.

Connect with others when selling cookies.

Take Action to make the world a better place with projects funded by cookie proceeds.

“Discover, Connect and Take Action to Make the World a Better Place.”



COOKIE BOOTH

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRETS OF GREAT BOOTH SALES REVEALED!

The most successful sales people will tell you that while a great product is a good start (What product could be better than Girl Scout Cookies®?), there still needs to be attention to “marketing!” Marketing means advertising, promotion, and selling – all skills that girls learn during our Cookie program. You know all the things to do to help run a successful Girl Scout Cookie® Booth, but we thought we would provide you with a checklist anyway.



- Your booth should be neat, with cookies attractively displayed for sale.
- The Troop goals and activities should be displayed. For example, a poster of the Washington Monument, with a banner that says “Help our Troop reach our goal to visit Washington, DC.”
- Girls and adults are dressed appropriately. Girls are wearing a Girl Scout sash or vest, Girl Scout pin, or Girl Scout T-Shirt or Sweatshirt to identify them as Girl Scouts.
- No one should be eating, drinking, chewing gum or smoking at the booth.
- Girls are not blocking store entrances or annoying store customers.
- Girls are pleasant and enthusiastic, but not LOUD.
- Girls are not approaching cars in the parking lot or customers inside the store.
- There are no more than 4 girls at the booth at any one time.
- Cookies are protected from the weather.
- Girls ask customers to make a donation to “Operation: Cookie” or Gift of Caring, and have information about these programs displayed.
- Girls are able to answer age-appropriate questions about the cookie and the cookie program. (e.g. What is the cost per box? What will the money be used for?)
- Girls say “THANK YOU” whether or not the customer makes a purchase.

DID YOU KNOW that a “secret shopper” may visit your Troop’s Girl Scout Cookie® Booth sale, see that it is well-run, and enter your Troop into a drawing for a \$100 GSNC gift card? Secret Shoppers will rate Girl Scout Cookie® Booths using the above checklist. Any Troop that scores at least 9 out of the 12 points will be entered into our drawing (and will have a great cookie booth!). **Remember – “Be Prepared” is our motto, and preparation before your booth sale will yield great results!**

GIRL SCOUT DAISIES CAN BE "Smart Cookies"

Your Girl Scout Daisy can begin to develop entrepreneurial leadership skills even at her young age. How? Girl Scout Daisies can now join their older sisters in the learning and earning that comes with the Girl Scout Cookie® Program.

A new story, "Smart Cookies in the Daisy Flower Garden," taken from the first Daisy leadership journey, introduces the girls to this significant Girl Scout tradition. Download the story from our website, www.gsnc.org, and talk about it with the girls. They will learn about banks (including piggy banks!), and practice their math and counting skills before they are ready to sell to their friends and family. When handling money they will work one-on-one with an adult partner.



There is also a special guide for adults with many suggestions and resources which will help them to tie this activity into the Daisy leadership journey, as well as involve the girls and their families in learning all the basics of the Girl Scout Cookie® Program.

Any gardener will tell you that having the right tools makes the task much easier, and the tools provided for Daisy Leaders will make it that much easier for the girls to "blossom."



HERSHEY, PA.
Senior Troop 3087, East Meadow Association, loves to camp! They attended the Hershey Park Camporee again this year. The girls' goal is to go to Fort Wilderness at WALT DISNEY WORLD. Troop Leader Brenda Kenny keeps reminding them, "sell those cookies!"



COOKIE DATES

Order Taking/Kick Off

Saturday, January 10

Council Cupboard opens

Thursday, February 5

Cookie Drive Thru

Sunday, February 22

and Saturday, February 28

BOOTH SALES

Corporate

Monday, February 16

to Friday, February 20

Local

Saturday, February 7

to Monday, March 30

Railroad

Monday March 2

to Monday, March 30

SPECIAL WEEKENDS

Walk About

Saturday, March 7 and

Sunday, March 8

Military

Saturday, March 14

and Sunday, March 15

Program Ends

Monday, March 30

Council Cupboard closes

Friday, April 3





FUND DEVELOPMENT

RECENT GRANTS

as of October 31, 2008



We are delighted to have been awarded the following grants and wish to thank the organizations for their support.

“Girl Scouts Where You Live”

(a program that makes Girl Scouting available to all girls regardless of their ability to pay registration and participation fees)

1. Community Chest of Port Washington - \$2,500
2. Manhasset Community Fund - \$3,500
3. Community Development Agency for the Incorporated Village of Hempstead - \$2,500



4. Green Tree Foundation of the Manhasset Community Fund - \$7,000
for Affection Connection workshops in North Hempstead
5. GSUSA – uniquely Me Grant - \$6,500
for self-esteem and leadership development workshops
6. Motorola - \$3,500 – for Lego Robotics



Annual Luncheon

Tuesday, October 28, 2008

HONORING:

Dr. Adrienne O'Brien-Salten
(shown above with Leslie Segrete)
and DHL represented by
Cathy Reilly (shown bottom right
with Dan Walsh, Winthrop
University Hospital)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Maureen LoVetro
(shown at top left)

SPONSORS:

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Vicki Murphy

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In Memory of:

Erin Belfer ~ (Niece of Irene Lennon)
Donna Ceravolo

Eileen Capraro ~ (Mother of Donna Lapidis)
Floral Park/Bellerose/Stewart Manor
Association

Kathleen Dugan ~ Lydia & Bob Slatic

Sallie Falkowski ~ (Former member of Shore
Association) Frank Kurowski, Patricia Brala, Pearl
Cadwell, Antionette Agosta, Donna Ceravolo,
Staphanie Bozzella

Angelina LoBalbo ~ (Mother of Linda
Melaccio) Joanne & Jim Surless, Fran Monahan,
Chris Ferry, Sue Carter, Tricia Nummey,
LauraJean D'Alessio, Marie Rauch,
Joyce Wagner, East Meadow Association

Barbara Nelkin ~ (Garden City Hotel)
Staff & Board of GSNC

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Monastero) Fran Monahan, Chris Ferry,
Magalie Delia, Laura Bissett-Carr, Tricia
Nummey, Marie Rauch, Joyce Wagner, Sonia
Oxford, Fran McAllister, Vicky Strauber,
Bellmore Association

Robert O'Brien ~ (Brother of Dr. Adrienne
O'Brien-Salten) Staff & Board of GSNC,
Donna Ceravolo

Tania Ciavarella ~ (Sister-in-law of Mark Florio)
Staff & Board of GSNC

Alice Walenta ~ (Mother of Arline Jones)
Lydia & Bob Slatic

**Happy Birthday
Greetings for:**

Audrey Entwistle ~ (In honor of her 80th
Birthday!) Fran & John Galante, Marge
Capobianco, Nancy Antonius & Joe Richter

Wedding Congratulations to:

Catherine Mottola on her marriage to
John King ~ Laura Bissett-Carr & the
Camp Blue Bay Staff



Go for the Green Golf Classic

Monday, August 11, 2008

Thursday, October 2, 2008 raindate

Honoring: Lisa DiFilippi, Vice President,
Alure Home Improvements



Massapequa, NY.
**The Girl Scouts in Brownie
Troop 2165, West End
Elementary School, Lynbrook,**

**used the money earned from last year's fundraising to pamper
themselves! Their year-end trip was spent at the Pout Day Spa in
Massapequa. The girls had their hair, nails, and makeup done,
and they received mini-facials and massages too. What
better way to end a great year in Brownies!**



LET'S CELEBRATE Hispanic Heritage Month

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15

Asian Task Force at Girl Scouts of Nassau County

If you were at GIRLFEST you must have tried origami, made Japanese doll bookmarks, Chinese lanterns and you might have gotten an Indian "bindi" on your forehead while visiting the Asian Task Force tables.

On the one hand the Asian Task force at Girl Scouts of Nassau County is working hard to increase visibility and awareness of the Girl Scout program in our various Asian communities, and on the other it seeks to expose the Girl Scout community to various Asian cultures through fun, education and thought-provoking activities, events and programs. The Asian Task Force is comprised of girl and adult members and meets on a quarterly basis. We invite you to join this dynamic group.

Please call Rama Vora at
516.741.2550 ext 224



While at the Hispanic/Latino GIRLFEST table several of our Latina girls assisted those who visited to make bean art. Meanwhile Dr. Dell'Amore presented "A Taste of Different Types of Latina/American Beans." He demonstrated how important fresh ingredients are to the flavor and taste of foods, and provided information on healthy, simple homemade salad dressings. He also distributed a handout about "Smart Food Storage" and "Smart Grocery Shopping Tips." This program was also presented to our Staff in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Look for Dr. Dell'Amore's advertisement in our Spring issue of Possibilités.

Uniquely ME! HISPANIC HERITAGE EVENT

Girl Scouts of the USA/Dove Self Esteem Program awarded a \$5,000 grant to GSNC, to be shared with the Caroline G. Atkinson School (shown below is the check presentation ceremony). The award was to implement a "uniquely ME!" Hispanic Heritage event. The Atkinson School helped girls, families, staff and volunteers to start a conversation on healthy living which should be continued in their homes, schools and the community. Making healthy choices is easier when you have a support system providing nutritional information and promoting healthy self-esteem in girls. This is the first time a school in Nassau County was funded by the Girl Scouts of the USA/Dove Self Esteem Program.



The programs conducted by The Atkinson School have been provided by the Girl Scouts of Nassau County. For more information about this project call Yvonne Maria Mowatt, Community Services Manager at 516.741.2550 ext. 272, mowatty@gsnc.org

Shown are Marianela Jordan, Girl Scouts of Nassau County (GSNC) Board of Directors; Dr. Eric Eversley, Superintendent, Freeport School District; Ms. Tesla Bongiorno, Teacher and Mrs. Linda Carter, Principal, Caroline G. Atkinson Elementary School and Yvonne Maria Mowatt, GSNC Manager, Community Services.

Summer Camp 2009

The Camp Lottery Date is set for February 9, 2009

The 2009 Summer Camp Brochure is being mailed to every household of a registered Girl Scout in Nassau County during the month of January. If you have not received your copy by January 26, 2009, please visit our website at www.gsnc.org or contact the Girl Scout Service Center to receive your copy.

Initially there will be a large number of registrations, so we will once again utilize the lottery system for the first batch of registrations. All registration envelopes received prior to the February 9, 2009 lottery date will be collected and held. A random drawing of those envelopes will take place on February 9, 2009. Registrations will be processed, and confirmations mailed to households, beginning the week of March 2, 2009. All registrations arriving **after** the February 9, 2009 lottery date will be date-stamped and processed in date order after the initial batch of registration envelopes has been processed.

Be sure to check out our Summer Camp Brochure for our fee structures, offering multiple-week discounts. Send your child to camp for two weeks and get a discount. Send your child for three or four weeks and get an even bigger discount.

Returning for Summer Camp 2009

Sibling Discount - Families who have more than one daughter attending camp will have a \$10 per session sibling discount applied to each additional girl.

Extended Daycare at Summer Fun Day Camps - For a weekly fee of \$50 parents can choose an extended daycare option which will allow your camper to be dropped off starting at 8:30 am and picked up no later than 5:30 pm.

Bring a Friend - Bring a friend to camp who has never attended GSNC summer camp before and receive a \$25 rebate at the end of the camping season.

Please note: If your child would like to attend camp with a friend it is best to mail registration forms together in the same envelope.



Help Wanted

Nurses Needed for Camp Blue Bay Summer Camp

Be a nurse at Camp Blue Bay this summer, enjoy the great outdoors, be part of a wonderful staff working with children, and receive an excellent discount for your daughter(s).

If you are a registered nurse and interested in working this summer for one or more weeks please contact Laura Bissett-Carr, Manager, Program & Outdoor Services at BissettL@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 233 for an application and more information.

Summer Camp Open House and Information Nights

Camp Information Nights

Learn more about the summer programs we have to offer by participating in one of our Camp Information Nights with your daughter. Representatives from both Day Camp and Sleep-away Camp Blue Bay will be on hand to give an overview of our camp programs and answer any questions you may have.

Where: Girl Scout Service Center
110 Ring Road West, Garden City, NY 11530

When: January 27, 2009, February 4, 2009
or February 9, 2009

Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Camp Blue Bay Open House

Enjoy a drive with your family to East Hampton and visit our beautiful Camp Blue Bay. Learn more about our facility and programs by taking part in a self-guided tour. Staff and volunteers will be available to answer questions you may have.

Where: Camp Blue Bay, East Hampton, NY 11937

When: Saturday, May 2, 2009 or Sunday, May 3, 2009

Time: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Please register by completing the form below. A confirmation and directions will be mailed to you.

Questions: Contact Laura Bissett-Carr, Manager, Program & Outdoor Services, BissettL@gsnc.org or 516.741.2550 ext. 233.



Camp Blue Bay Open House / Camp Information Night Registration Form

I will attend:

Camp Information Night

Jan 27 Feb 4 or Feb 9

Camp Blue Bay Open House

May 2 May 3

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Estimated # attending: _____



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Pirates and Fun

AT CAMP BLUE BAY

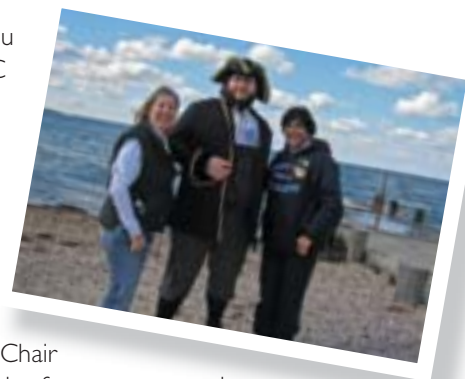
Joyce Wagner, Director, Collaborative and Volunteer Services

Shiver me timbers! Oktoberfest 2008: Legend of the Blue Bay Pearl proved to be yet another hit for Girl Scouts of Nassau County volunteers! The array of festivities provided learning, fellowship, networking and fun for all - landlubbers and scallywags alike. Adult volunteers participated in a wide variety of workshops themed around science, the outdoors, camping, crafts, the new Journeys (It's Your World – Change It!), leadership skills, cooking, music and much more!

Did you know that Oktoberfest is brought to you each year by a dedicated committee of GSNC volunteers? Work starts early in the year and culminates every October in this unique and fun-filled weekend. With that in mind, please let us know if you have an idea you would like to share for our next Oktoberfest. Check future issues of GirlFriends for updates.

Thank you to the hard-working Oktoberfest Committee volunteers and especially to committee Chair Michele Anselmo. Please visit www.gsnc.org Oktoberfest page to see the listing of all committee members.

To share ideas for Oktoberfest 2009, contact Joan Bompane at 516.741.2550 ext. 245, email bompanej@gsnc.org.



Adult Recognitions Award Ceremony

Carole Aksak, Volunteer Coordinator

On Tuesday, March 10, Girl Scouts of Nassau County will recognize its outstanding volunteers at a special awards ceremony at Long Island University at C.W. Post College in the Hillwood Commons Auditorium. There is no charge to attend our Adult Recognitions Awards Ceremony and all are welcome to attend the event. The Awards Ceremony will be followed by an Adult Volunteer buffet dinner in the Top of the Commons. The cost of the dinner is \$30.00 per person. Seating is limited to 140 volunteers. Please go to www.gsnc.org for more information and to purchase your dinner ticket in advance which reserves your place. Associations purchasing ten tickets in advance holds an assigned table for the Association.

Girl Scouts of Nassau County recognizes the following volunteers for their

YEARS OF SERVICE AND TENURE

during the 2008 membership year:



Years Of Service Pins		
Association	Name	Years
Bellmore	Terry Donnelly	35
	Carlyn Radvansky	35
	Anita Cardillo	25
Hardscrabble	Blanche Oakes	55
Massapequa	Helen Murphy	30
	Kathleen P. Murphy	30
Oceanside	Marilyn Avruskin	35
Park	Mildred Bogart	30
Seaford/Wantagh	Kimberly Zedalis	30

Tenure Pins		
Association	Name	Years
Bellmore	Carlyn Radvansky	40
	Anita Cardillo	35
	Janet Donnelly	30
	Terry Donnelly	30
East Meadow	Rosemarie Breitreutz	45
	Hardscrabble	Ione Moran
Hardscrabble	Blanche Oakes	55
	Evelyn Wright	50
Hardscrabble	Helen Hayes	45
	Massapequa	Helen Murphy
Massapequa	Kathleen P. Murphy	30
	Oceanside	Jeanne San Fanandre
Oceanside	Marilyn Avruskin	40
	Park	Mildred Bogart
Park	Colleen Drozd	25
	Port Washington	Judy Young
Seaford/Wantagh	Grace Totten	30
	Seaford/Wantagh	Kimberly Zedalis
Seaford/Wantagh	Mary Van den Heuvel	25
	Syosset	Gloria Zucker
Staff	Mindy Fanwick	25



Girl Scout Leader

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

In an effort to make the training process easier for our volunteer Leaders we now have **all required Leader training available on-line!** Taking the classes on-line can be done in the comfort of your own home at a time that is convenient for you. The on-line courses do not need to be completed in one sitting; it is easy to begin looking at the on-line content, stop if you need to, and return when you have the time to complete it. The on-line courses can also be used as a resource simply by returning to the site when needed. We will continue to offer some of the training and workshops in person for those volunteers who prefer to learn in a group setting.

The current required courses are as follows:

GSUSA Volunteer Orientation (previously called Basics of Girl Scouting) – All new Leaders will take this on-line class after picking up a Volunteer Orientation packet from our Service Center. The packet contains Girl Scouts of Nassau County Volunteer Policies, Standards and Guidelines and a copy of Safety-Wise, the Girl Scout manual of basic safety and security guidelines. GSUSA Volunteer Orientation is only offered on-line. Volunteers who do not have a home computer can access the site from their local library computer or an on-line session can be scheduled at the Service Center by contacting Joan Bompane, Adult Education Coordinator at 516.741.2550 ext. 245.

Welcome to Girl Scouts – This course reviews the history and traditions of Girl Scouting as well as the structure of Girl Scouts of Nassau County. This training can be found on-line at our website www.gsnc.org under Adult Training.

Leadership Essentials – As the name suggests; the focus of this new course is what a volunteer needs to effectively facilitate the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. There will be an on-line version as well as a group class offered at the Service Center. Participants will learn about the three keys; DISCOVER, CONNECT and TAKE ACTION and how to use the girl and adult Journey books to support the delivery of this program. A schedule of classes is located on our website at www.gsnc.org under “Adult Training.”

Level Training – New Leaders and those transitioning to the next level are encouraged to take one of the following optional level courses; Daisy, Brownie, Junior or Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador (formerly titled, “Advisor to Girls”). This optional training can be found on-line at our website www.gsnc.org under “Adult Training.” Level training can also be used as a resource and is available whenever needed!



Outdoor Training

Spring Outdoor Training Schedule

Available at

www.gsnc.org

or contact

Laura Bissett-Carr

BissettL@gsnc.org

516.741.2550

ext. 233



CAN YOU MATCH THE TERM WITH THE DEFINITION?

New Girl Scout Leadership Experience Glossary Of Terms

Term	Definition
1 15	A Girl Scouting Research Institute publication that identifies and explains 15 anticipated outcomes, or benefits, of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
2 Transforming Leadership	B The Discover, Connect and Take Action components of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
3 Girl-Led	C What girls might think, say, or do that helps adults determine the success of the Girl Scout Leadership experience.
4 Signs/Indicators	D Not just “what girls do” (activities), but “how” they do them to ensure the quality and promote the fun and friendship so integral to Girl Scouting.
5 The New Girl Scout Leadership Experience	E Girls play an active role in the planning and implementation of activities, while adults provide age-appropriate guidance, ensuring that planning, organization, set-up, and evaluation of all activities are done jointly with girls.
6 Girl Scout Processes	F Learning module that prepares volunteers to effectively guide the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.
7 Leadership Essentials	G Help girls to explore a theme through a sequence of fun and challenging experiences, incorporating specific outcomes and processes.
8 Keys to Leadership	H Specific observable characteristics or changes that can represent achievement of a specific outcome in Girl Scouting.
9 Journeys	I The engine for everything girls do in Girl Scouting encompassing all the elements that need to be in place for Girl Scouting to achieve its mission.
10 Outcomes	J The number of outcomes that have been identified and that are grouped according to the Leadership Keys.

ANSWERS: 1 (J); 2 (A); 3 (E); 4 (H); 5 (I); 6 (D); 7 (F); 8 (B); 9 (G); 10 (C)

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**Fran Monahan
Honored**

***Fran Monahan, Associate
Executive Director, was
honored by the School-
Business Partnership of LI
as one of "60 over 60," who
made a positive, tangible
contribution to Long
Island. She is pictured
above with family.
Fran is retiring as of
January 1, 2009, her
bio is available on
our website.***



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DATES to remember &

"PLACES" TO GO!

- January 5-9 Shop Closed for Inventory
- January 9 Referrals for Nominating Committee due
- January 10 Cookie Kick-off Roosevelt Field, Broadway Mall
Green Acres Mall and Westfield Sunrise.
- February 9 Camp Lottery Date
- February 22 World Thinking Day
- March 7-8 Cookie Walkabout (Rain Date of March 14-15)
(for additional Cookie Dates see page 9 of this issue)
- March 8 Alumni Celebration - Nassau County Bar Association,
Mineola, NY
- March 14-15 Cookies for the Military Weekend
- March 11 Adult Recognitions Awards Ceremony
Volunteer Dinner
Long Island University at CW Post
- April 22 Leader Appreciation Day
- May 13 Annual Meeting, Adelphi University, Grand Ballroom
- June 14 Gold Award Ceremony, Adelphi University, Grand Ballroom
- October 4 GIRLFEST - Broadway Mall

<http://www.gsnc.org/girlfriends>

- ... ***an excellent place for more information on:***
- ... Fran Monahan's "Girl Scouts of Nassau County biography."
- ... SHOP - Leader Appreciation Day gift descriptions/costs
- ... Adult Recognitions Ceremony and Volunteer Dinner
- ... GIRLFEST 2009 patch contest information.
- ... Oktoberfest 2008 recap
- ... Kids-4-Kids Food Drive/Making A Difference Day