

GSPW E-News

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Special Requests from around our council

This section is for all of our e-news members to share information. Do you have a great idea you can share with others? Do you have a question about your troop? Need a new craft or game? How about the words to a song? Are you traveling to another Service Area – get tips from the local Girl Scouts before you go. This is your section! When asking for ideas please specify the age levels you are working with.

Send your questions and suggestions to: kdelong@gspw.org for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please make sure to include your name and email. If you are responding to a question you can email the person directly, but make sure to copy the group at the above address so everyone can share.

1. Is there anyone among our membership capable of taking older LP records and transferring the music to CD? We have a variety of LP's that have folk dance music and Girl Scout songs from the past. It would be fun to have these available for program events and special occasions. Some of the recordings are collectables and we would hate to lose them. Contact the service center if you would like to volunteer to do this.

Bronze Awards Presented

Troop 240 from Delta Bay Service Area babysat at the Gladstone Armory for several months during support meetings for families of troops deployed to Iraq. The troop planned activities and snacks for the children and helped make a welcome home sign. Congratulations to the following girls for completing the requirements for their Bronze Award: Kaylea Doneau, Marissa LaVigne, BranDee Nuernberg, Marissa Nygaard, Samantha Rosa and Katharina Scholer.

Silver Awards Earned

Several girls have completed the requirements for their Silver Award. Troop 280 created a camping club to teach the basics of camping before girls experience their first camping adventure. Troop 143 planted trees and landscaped a park in memory of three adults close to the troop who had died recently. Troop 91 held a community baby shower. If you see any of these troop members, please congratulate the following girls for their good work.

Troop 91 – Calumet: Ariel Taivalkoski and Jessie Oyler

Troop 143 – Iron Mountain: Rene Adams, Stephanie Alsteens, Bridgette Cazzola, Casy Chapman, Megan Harper, Ashley Kleikamp, Kelsey Kruegor, Rebecca LaClaire, Stephanie LeClaire, Christina Nicholson, Teresa Ray, Chelsye Summerfield and Kristina Tickler.

Troop 280 – Manistique: Stephanie Johnson, Kelly Aldrich, Rachel Aldrich, Randi Vaughan, Robin Vaughan and Chelsey Smith.

Congratulations to all these girls!

Gold Awards Earned

Seven girls from two troops in Delta Bay have completed the requirements for the Gold Award. Troop 44 worked with the Alliance Against Violence and Abuse to sort products and make tote bags and sleep pants for children in need.

Troop 351 held concerts throughout the community during the summer to entertain senior citizens as well as the general public; an environmental puppet show was developed and presented at the U.P. State Fair and school classrooms; a map of the Gladstone public library was developed to help people better utilize the facility; and raised flower beds were built at Fairview and Bay View Manors in Gladstone which allowed residents to grow flowers and vegetables.

These girls certainly have contributed to their community. Congratulations to the following girls.

Troop 351 – Gladstone: Erica Tauzer, Suzanne Johnson, Maggie Closs and Amy Van Steen

Troop 44 – Gladstone: Elisha Hunt, Carrie Anderson and Jessica Masters

Girl Scouts will be part of Super Bowl commercial

Girl Scouts will play a prominent role in this year's Super Bowl contest – not in the actual playing of the game, but in one of the commercials to air.

Dove will be tugging at the heartstrings of the football viewers with an entry into the highly touted commercial world of this sporting event. As part of it's Campaign for Real Beauty, Dove will feature an ad designed to debunk conventional beauty stereotypes.

An estimated 90 million viewers are expected to tune in to the February 5 broadcast on ABC. The inspirational message from the beauty products maker is geared to raise girls' self esteem with the message that real beauty comes in all shapes, sizes and colors. A previous ad ran last summer featuring unretouched images of adult women, rather than using models.

The Super Bowl ad features girls selected from schools, sports leagues and the Girl Scouts. There is a dark-haired girl who "wishes she were blond." Another girl "thinks she's ugly." The red-haired girl "hates her freckles." The ad images are accompanied by Cyndi Lauper's *True Colors*, sung by the Girl Scouts Chorus of Nassau County, New York.

The ad promotes the company's Self-Esteem Fund. The fund, started by the company with a \$3 million donation, supports the Girl Scouts' Uniquely Me program.

Council Performance Assessment Task Force Members are needed

Every four years, Girl Scout councils around the country go through a Council Performance Assessment. This internal accountability process is a yardstick for Girl Scout councils to assess their progress in serving girls. The process is designed to have each council take a look at its accomplishments and challenges, and to provide a path to a successful future.

Former council president Emily Coyne and Negaunee volunteer Marybeth Kurtz have agreed to co-chair this important task group. They are in the process of seeking community members and Girl Scout volunteers to serve on the committee. It is required that some members of the task group be from the community and not previously involved in Girl Scouting as adults. It also is required that the group reflects the racial/ethnic and geographic diversity of the council's jurisdiction.

Your help in providing names of possible task group members would be greatly appreciated. The work will begin in February with completion and a final report to the board scheduled for November. Efforts will be made to allow task force members from outlying areas to participate in meetings via telephone or internet.

To nominate individuals to serve on the Council Performance Assessment task force, please e-mail names, addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses to: emilycoyne@chartermi.net or jbarnes@gspw.org.

Membership & Recruitment

Jill Rady, Membership Coordinator email: jrady@gspw.org

My new year's resolution is to take action on the things I believe in. I've noticed that time has a way of taking off without me if I stand still too long, sleep too late, get things lost in piles, don't write them down. Life is too important to do it badly. I want to stay on top, and keep in contact with people who will pull me up when I flop. It's not a matter of pride; it's a matter of value. My word should have value. Friends and family should be treated with value. The Girl Scout Law says to respect myself and others, and make the world a better place. I believe in the value of Girl Scouting. To take action I will continue to encourage you, challenge you and even admonish you to do Girl Scouting well. I remember the words of the Girl Scout song "When 'ere you make a promise, consider well it's importance, and when made engrave it upon your heart."

The first prizes have been awarded to 3 girls for adding members to their Service Area through the Add a Member promotion. Congratulations Morgan Miller from Gwinn, Ann Marie Horn from St. Ignace and Holly Beaudoin from St. Ignace for winning the Lady Bug Pillow in this week's drawing. Troops can add members weekly and a drawing will be held from entries received each week to receive a special prize! Entry forms can be found on the council web site www.gspw.org Every entry is eligible for the grand prize Portable DVD Player to be awarded in early April! Congratulations

to Manistique and Hiawatha Service Areas for reaching their goal of serving 1 in 7 girls. Both areas will receive a High Five party brought to their Service Area Meeting in April by their proud Field Executive. Several other Service Areas could also reach this goal. Let's make sure every girl we are serving is being counted!

Programs

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Summer Fun Days Patch and t-shirt Contest

Be a part of the Summer Fun Days Patch and T-shirt Contest. Girls and adults alike can participate in the contest. We are looking for a theme, and artwork that can be used for the patch and t-shirt for Summer Fun Days 2006. Designs must be sent and received at the Service Center by Wednesday, February 22, 2006. Please include artwork and theme. If the theme is included in the artwork, please send a printed copy of the theme. Artwork may not be returned to contestants. Submissions will be judged at the 17th annual March Madness. Winning theme and artwork may be altered from the original submission. Winner(s) will receive a free Summer Fun Days patch and T-shirt, and recognition on our council website. Please send submissions to Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters, Attn: SFD Contest, 131 W. Washington St., Suite C. Marquette, MI 49855. Submissions may also be emailed to Emily Koren at ekoren@gspw.org

Adult Education

Ann Smith, Adult Education Director email: asmith@gspw.org

Training Needs

In exploring lists of training taken we have discovered that there are a lot of adults working with girls who have not attended any training for the job. This is against our council policies. If you are someone who has been putting it off, make a vow now to do something about it in the next two weeks. If there are several (or even a few) of you in a Service Area who have not taken Basic Orientation, talk to your Service Area Manager to see who can give you that training on the local level. If you can't make an "in person" training make sure you take time to complete the training on CD. Check with your Service Area manager or field executive for a copy. There is a home study test at the end of the CD training to print it out and make it an "open book" test. Ask your co-leader and to join you and do it together. The CD includes Basic Orientation, Daisy, Brownie and Junior training. Training is a requirement for Service Areas filling out Honor Area forms. Soooooo..... let's hear from you! You will feel better about the job you do after taking training.

Pow-Low Dumpster Removed

Forsyth Township has changed their trash pick-up and there is no longer a dumpster for use at Camp Pow-Low. For the winter months those using camp will need to take their trash with them and dispose of it. In the spring we will start a new system with a trash can at the road and tags which we pay for to put on every bag of trash. Remember this in your winter camping training.

Fund Development & Product Sales

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Product Sales

Mark your calendar now for the 2006 Cookie Sale Trainings held this month. The trainings will be January 18 in Sault Ste. Marie, January 19 in Houghton, January 23 in Escanaba and January 24 in Marquette. Everyone is invited. Time is 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. local time. It's not too late to register! Please call 800-562-9787 or email lcarr@gspw.org to let me know if you will be attending. Make sure you join in the fun and taste the new Café cookie!

Misc.

GSPW will be sponsoring the Noquemanon Spaghetti Feed on Friday, January 27. It will be held at St. Michael Parish Hall in Marquette. We are looking for troops to help set up, clean tables, make decorations and serve cookies. Please contact Liz Carr at 225-8020 or lcarr@gspw.org for more information and to sign up.

Annual Meeting

The 2006 Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 22 at Upfront & Co. in Marquette. Service Areas are invited to contribute a basket of items from their area for the silent auction to raise funds for the Opportunity Fund. This is a voluntary contribution and a great way to highlight some of the unique items from your area of the Upper Peninsula. If your area would like to contribute a basket, please contact Liz Carr by March 15.

Fund Development

Congratulations to the following areas for meeting their 2005 Annual Giving Goals: Between the Bridges, Delta Bay, Gwinn, Manistique, Marquette, St. Ignace, Tahquamenon and Trillium. A sincere thank you for all of your hard work and efforts! Service Area Managers will be mailed a letter late in January or early February with the 2006 goals. Make your plans now for a successful event.

Goodie Box News, contact store manager, Mary Beals at goodiebox@gspw.org with any questions.

Tidbits from *The Goodie Box...*

New arrivals: 2006 Thinking Day Patch	#22662	\$1.00
2006 Cookie Activity Pin	#09027	\$1.10
Daisy Girl Scout Patch	#58208	\$2.00
Girl Scout Week Patch	#58189	\$1.95
"Cookie" the Dog Patch	#58206	\$2.00
I Love G.S. Cookies	#58203	\$1.95
Cookie Volunteer Patch	#58113	\$1.80

It's Cookie Sale time—check out the age level items:

Brownie Try-It Cookies Count	#59140	\$1.25
Brownie Try-It Smart Cookie	#59200	\$1.25
Junior Cookie Biz Badge	#09723	\$.95
Junior The Cookie Connection Badge	#09260	\$.95
Girls 11-17 Cookies & Dough I.P. Award	#09558	\$1.05
Girls 11-17 On the Money: Cookies & More	#20494	\$5.25

"Cookie" G.S. Plush Dog

#11808

\$19.75

Stop in to pick up your Valentine's Day gifts—a uniform piece, accessories, handbooks, Italian charms, water bottles, hooded sweatshirts.

Mark your calendars for the month of February—14 % off any items with a heart. The heart can be part of the item—such as the Daisy pencil with heart charm, Brownie Try-It Caring & Sharing, Junior Healthy Relationships Badge, Flexible Carabiner Keyring, or Happy Valentine's Day Patch. Other items will be tagged with a red heart indicating 14% off.

THE WONDERS OF THE WEST END!

WHETHER YOU ARE NEAR OF FAR THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO ON THE WEST END OF THE UPPER PENNINSULA. YOU'LL WANT TO PLAN AN ADVENTURE FOR ALL SEASONS.

WINTER: SKI - DOWN HILL OR CROSS COUNRTY, SNOWSHOE, SLED OR CURL UP IN A CABIN AND PLAY. WE HAVE SNOW. SOME YEARS YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO BELIEVE IT!

SPRING: THE WATERFALLS ARE RUNNING. YOU CAN PLAN AN ENTIRE WEEKEND GOING FROM TOWN TO TOWN EXPLORING THE BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF SPRING. CALL A LOCAL CHAMBER OR COMMERCE OR THE UPPER PENINSULA TOURISM COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION OR MAPS. THERE ARE ALSO BOOKS FOR SALE AT BOOK STORES EVERYWHERE. (MICHIGAN WATERFALLS BY PENROSE; GUIDE TO 199 WATERFALLS. ALL BUT ONE IN THE U.P. AND MOST ON THE WEST END – A GREAT GUIDE!)

SUMMER: CAMPING! HIKING! BIKING! WHAT A TRIP YOU COULD HAVE GOING FROM STATE PARK TO STATE PARK - - - CALL AHEAD AND HAVE THE PARK RANGER PLAN SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR TROOP!

FALL: COLOR IS THE FOCUS! THE COLOR TOUR THROUGH THE WEST END IS NOTHING SHORT OF BREATH TAKING. BEAUTIFUL VISTAS AND LOVELY DRIVES WILL PROVIDE FOR A WONDERFUL TIME. PACK FOR A DAY TRIP AND YOU WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY YOU HAD IN THE BEAUTIFUL WESTERN UPPER PENINSULA.

IF YOU NEED IDEAS FOR SOMETHING TO DO ON THE WEST END GIVE ME A CALL AND ICAN GET YOU STARTED! ENJOY JANE MARKKANEN (906)487-7183 OR jemarkk@yahoo.com

Places to Go

Is something interesting happening in your area? Send your information to kdelong@gspw.org to be added in upcoming newsletters.

Amazing Race held in Delta County

Just under 20 girls from Manistique, Gwinn and Delta Bay service areas will spend January 21 exploring the four corners of Delta County on their own Amazing Race. They will be divided into team and set of in "taxis" to see who can get to the finish line first. From ice fishing, tubing, exploring the library to buying a room full of furniture, the girls will do it all. What a blast!

Earn a badge or a try-it when you visit the Michigan Historical Museum! Are you planning a trip to Lansing? The Michigan Historical Museum can provide try-it and badge programs for Brownies and Juniors. You can find more information at http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447_18618_18622---,00.html You may also contact Tami Averill, Curator of Education Michigan Historical Museum, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., Lansing, MI 48909. Phone: (517) 241-4060 Fax: (517) 241-4738 Email: averillt@michigan.gov

The crochet teacher at Michaels Craft Store is offering a special for Girl Scout troops during the months of February and March. She will conduct a class for the \$25 room fee only (no per girl fee). We are limited to weekday evenings and weekends for this special offer. Each participant will need their own yarn and crochet hook for the class.

If you are interested, please contact Bev at Michaels in Marquette (906-228-3059) or at Bhumpula@aol.com. Some openings in February are available and all of March is available at this time.

Mark your calendars for Birding By the Bay 2006, May 19-21! Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and Hiawatha National Forest are working on an exciting line-up of speakers, banquet, outstanding field trips and a great variety of workshops and activities for adults and youth! Birding is such a great way to spend time outdoors. It's one of those wonderful activities that is enjoyed by people of all ages -- and you don't need to be an expert to enjoy birdwatching! We're trying to get the word out to youth clubs, elderhostels, educators and birding clubs. So whatever you can do to help us pass the word will be greatly appreciated!

If you'd like to request a registration package or more info about the festival or the area, please contact our partner, Alger Chamber of Commerce (906-387-2138). If you've never been to the Central Upper Peninsula, you'll want to ask for tourism info, too -- nestled along the Lake Superior shoreline, we've got amazing cliffs, beaches, waterfalls, trails, rivers and more! Check us out!

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Web Wanderings

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Have you found a great website in your wanderings? Share your secrets here! Keep in mind, please, that these sites are not part of GSPW or GSUSA and we have no control over the content. As always, if you are online with your girls, be safe and never give out the girls' personal information.

WAGGGS new website has been launched. Check it out at: <http://www.wagggsworld.org/en/home> This year the Thinking Day theme is "Adolescent Health Issues World Wide". You will be able to access it through the main "Girls Worldwide Say" website which was as part of the WAGGGS website.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL ENGINEERS WEEK WITH ZOOM

It's time to start planning for National Engineers Week (February 19-25, 2006)! Whether you are planning a series of small group activities or a big blow-out event, ZOOM has the fun, hands-on activities to make it a success. Small groups will enjoy the in-depth investigations provided by KEEP-A-CUBE, MARBLE RIDE, and EGG BUNGEE JUMP. Some great big-scale activities include FLINKER, GUMDROP DOME, CUP TOWER, and HOOP GLIDER. Provide plenty of building space for CUP TOWER and testing space for HOOP GLIDER. For reproducible handouts of any of these activities (and many more), head to the parents and teachers section of the ZOOM Web site (<http://www.pbskids.org/zoom>). For more information about National Engineers Week, head to <http://www.eweek.org>.

That's it for this issue. Was it helpful to you? Is there something you would like to see on the newsletter in future issues? Send your ideas to: kdelong@gspw.org