

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.

Strong leadership candidates sought To serve on GSPW Board of Directors

Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters Nominating Committee is seeking strong candidates to fill two and three year slots on its Board of Directors. During this time of changing boundaries and realignment of council resources, GSPW needs to provide a strong front and a commitment to seeing that girls in the Upper Peninsula continue to receive quality service once the changes have gone into effect.

Community and business leaders from across the U.P. (especially outside Marquette County) are needed to fulfill responsibilities on the Board, as well as to serve on the Finance, Fund Development, Human Resources, and Communications committees.

Once the realignment map is adopted in August by the board of directors of Girl Scouts of the USA, Peninsula Waters' board members will have the task of overseeing the smooth and effective realignment of GSPW with other Girl Scout councils in lower Michigan and/or northeastern Wisconsin.

Board members must be 18 years of age or older, but do not need to be currently registered Girl Scouts. Qualifications include: belief in the principles of Girl Scouting, interest in the development of girls into strong leaders, the ability to provide direction and leadership to the council, a commitment to help the council meet its financial obligations to make Girl Scout available to all girls, and a willingness to promote Girl Scouting within their communities. Board members may attend the six regular meetings in person or via conference call.

Volunteers who have suggestions for possible board members are asked to contact either Carol Brady, Nominating Committee chair [e-mail: carol@callcarolbrady.com] or Jean Barnes, CEO: jbarnes@gspw.org. Please submit potential candidates' names by March 24.

We just can't say enough good things about our volunteers!

So we need your help. Tell us the good things about a volunteer in your Service Area! Every month GSPW wants to recognize a volunteer of the month. Imagine the fun recognizing these 12 selected individuals at the 95th anniversary celebration during the Council's Annual Meeting in April 2007! Selected nominees will receive a certificate and a surprise from GSPW staff. Send a "secret report" about your nominee to GSPW by the 1st of each month by mail, e-mail or in person. Use only one page and include the nominee's name and volunteer position. (She/he must be a registered member.) Help us celebrate the volunteers who make Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters great! Send your emails to Jill Rady at jrady@gspw.org.

Marquette Service Area Junior Troop 101 Completes Bronze Award project

The girls of troop 101 hosted a Russian Tea Party for Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts in Marquette on Sunday, March 12. They had 29 girls attend the event. Troop 101 planned and prepared for this event for six months. They had six stations set up and each girl was responsible for leading her station.

Station One: Faberge Eggs made using plastic Easter Eggs and a variety of decorations like stickers, gems, flowers.

Station Two: The younger girls learned about Russian culture and the story "The Littlest Matryoshka".

Station Three: Pysanky Eggs made using plaster eggs, Russian designs, permanent markers and sealer. The girls looked at a variety of designs used on Pysanky eggs, created their design using the markers and then sealed the design. It was made into a necklace. They also made plaster tea pot magnets at this station.

Station Four: Matryoshka doll picture frames made using cardboard cutouts of a matryoshka doll, material cut to fit the cardboard shape and a picture of each little Girl Scout's face. They also played a cute bowling game in this room using matryoshka dolls made from coffee creamer containers.

Station Five: International dancers from NMU came and taught the girls a Russian folk dance.

Station Six: Russian Tea Room where they sampled various Russian foods and tea.

We also hosted 11 mascots from across the USA at the tea party.

The event was a lot of hard work and the girls did an awesome job. Those earning the Bronze Award (which will be presented to them at the May Marquette Service Area meeting) were Breanna Shaw, Caroline Jones, Emalie LaJoye, Erica Ewers, Hailey Halvorson, Megan Dulmaine, Molly Laurich and Tatiana Dulmaine.

Rope Runner a Success

Smiles, excitement, creativity, new friends, fun. These are some of the images that come to mind when thinking about the Rope Runner Derby held in Escanaba recently. Twenty-four girls learned about the science of constructing their very own Rope Runner, built and decorated their creation and then raced it down a rope to determine the fastest Rope Runner in the Delta Bay Service Area. This was the first time this event for 3rd through 6th graders was held in Delta Bay but it won't be the last. There is already talk of the next one being bigger and better. Girls decorated their Rope Runners as frogs, cows, fancy dressed ladies, bugs and a variety of creatures. After racing their creations, ribbons were awarded for the most original, the most outrageous, the most colorful and the most realistic. All girls were awarded a participation ribbon and a patch and went home laughing and smiling. That's what Girl Scouting is all about.

HELP WANTED! Women and Philanthropy Day

On May 4, 2006, GSPW will convene and host a day-long program in Marquette for Upper Peninsula women who are known to be contributors to philanthropic causes in their communities. The program will be titled "Values, Vision and Voice: Women's Philanthropic Potential." Our goal is to nurture in our communities a culture of philanthropy that recognizes the power and importance of women as donors and develop their potential as philanthropists.

We will be inviting women from all over the Council service area to attend this workshop. Please help us reach potential attendees by sending names and addresses of women who donate to organizations and causes in YOUR community. Contact Liz Carr, Fund Development Director, GSPW, by March 15 at (906) 225-8020 or e-mail lcarr@gspw.org

Membership & Recruitment

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FORMS: Out of curiosity I decided to look up a definition for this word that is such an accepted part of our lives. Form: The shape and structure of an object; the essence of something; a document with blanks for the insertion of details or information: *insurance forms*. Other definitions included, procedure, behavior: *Tardiness is considered bad form*, a fixed or accepted standard, proven ability to perform, a mold or a model.

As little as most of us like paperwork, it is what gives us a standard for accomplishing the work we need to do. That said; it has long been a tradition for Girl Scout volunteers to use resources wisely and that in itself makes it difficult for some to part with those beloved forms. Let me recommend that if you have been a volunteer for more than three years you must go through your files and totes and

clean out that old paperwork and send it to the recycling center. You will be glad you did and so will I!

I hate to see our volunteers go through the work of using an outdated form such as an old Opportunity Fund application only to have it returned to them, because it does not contain the information we now require. Annual Troop reports for several years now include a portion asking troops to state how the girls met the four program goals. (The goals of the Girl Scout program) I still receive Annual Troop reports without that section. No one should retain any of the old membership registration forms. They are very difficult to use with the updated computer program and incomplete for recording purposes. Updated forms are available on our council website, at the Service Center or from your Service Area Manager. If a form you require is not posted on the website or you are unable to download a usable form please contact us at the Service Center so we can do our best to have what you need available for you.

ADD-A-MEMBER COMING TO AN END

March 30 is the deadline for girls enter the Add-a-Member promotional drawing for a weekly prize or the grand prize of a portable DVD player. Every girl adding a member will have her name entered in the drawing. Below is a list of girls who won a weekly prize.

Troops adding girls and submitting the Add-a-Member entry form will be included in the drawing for one of three free camp use certificates to be used in 2006.

Service Areas reaching the council goal of serving one in 7 girls will be awarded a "High Five" party at a Service Area meeting. Manistique Service Area and Hiawatha Service Area are currently eligible. Gwinn Service Area needs to add 10 girl members to reach that goal and St. Ignace Service Area needs to add 13 to reach that goal.

What summer program can Girl Scouts offer in your community that will allow girls to receive the benefits of Girl Scout fun and friendship if they were unable to participate in troops this year? GSPW needs to reach an additional 1,000 girls to reach our goal of serving 1 in 7 girls council wide. Can you offer one weekend a month this summer or two days a month during the week to meet with girls? Not every girl you worked with during the school year will be available, but other girls may be able to participate. When the snow finally melts there are so many more opportunities for group activities. Girl Scouting is a year round program. ***Be a part of it.***

Autumn Ison from Newberry and Amanda Ayers from Alpha
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the third week in March!

Emily Hinsman and Rebecca LaLonde, from St. Ignace,
Samantha Lindeman from Kingsford Lauren Smith from Manistique, Laura LaMarche from Gladstone
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the second week in March!

Alicia LaLonde, Becca Litzner and Jackie Lee from St. Ignace, Erica Adams from Iron River, Samantha Burlew from Sault St. Marie, Darby Coyne, Amy Bliss, and Carley Pringle from Newberry and Jennifer Koish from Escanaba.
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the first week in March!

Sydni Voakes from Baraga, Shannon Forsberg from Calumet, Autumn Hoffman from Kincheloe, and Holly Beaudoin from St. Ignace
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the fourth week in February!

Ashley Homola from Ishpeming, Brittany Vickstrom from Champion, Richelle Vandeville from Rock, Katelyn Quinn from Escanaba, and Samantha Burlew from Sault Ste. Marie!

Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the third week in February

Chelsea Ross from Pickford, Jessica Weber from Kincheloe, Michelle Barrett and Kerryn Winkler from Gwinn

Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the second week in February!

Katrina Lindeman from Iron Mountain, Yana Stevens from Quinnesec, Messiah Markosen from Kingsford and Audrey Annear from Iron Mountain

Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the first week in February!

Becca Forsberg from Houghton, Mandy Scott from Newberry,
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the fourth week in January!

Zoey Hulse from Munising, Skylah Minerick from L'Anse and Molly Dake from Newberry
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the third week in January!

Morgan Miller from Gwinn, Annemarie Horn from St. Ignace and Holly Beaudoin from St. Ignace
Add-a-Member Prize Winners for the second week in January!

Programs

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Chicago trip- last chance to register!

Don't miss out on all that fun as GSPW takes a trip to Chicago June 19-21. If you are planning to attend, registration and deposit money is due **Thursday, March 30**. Opportunity fund money is available for those in need. This spectacular 3 day trip is for girls ages 11 and up. Take a tour of Chinatown, visit Navy Pier and Millennium Park stay at Hostelling International and meet visitors from across the nation and the globe! Travel details and information is available at www.gspw.org, or by contacting Emily Koren at the Service Center.

Summer Fun Days

Over 25 girls and leaders submitted artwork and theme ideas for the Summer Fun Days Artwork Contest. Entries were posted at March Madness. Leaders and girls voted on their favorite artwork and theme. Dawn LaVigne (co leader for troop 240 in Gladstone) won for best design and best theme. Runners up for artwork were Tia Harris from Portage Service Area, and Becky and Nicole Lindgren from Trillium Service Area.

The theme for Summer Fun Days 2006 is "Reflecting on our World." The patch and t-shirt show a sun at the horizon, reflecting on blue water. Summer Fun Day patch and t-shirt order forms will be distributed to Service areas in April. T-shirts and patches may be ordered by May 11 or June 29.

Thanks again to all who participated in the Summer Fun Days design contest!

Adult Education

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

Upcoming Training Sessions

The following training sessions are scheduled for April and May

Basic Outdoor Awareness

April 25	Hancock	6-9 p.m.
April 27	Escanaba	6-9 p.m.

Cooking in the Out of Doors

May 8	Sault Ste Marie	6-9 p.m.
May 16	Iron Mountain	6-9 CT p.m.
	Hy-Da-Way	6-9 p.m.
May 19	Cedarville	6-9 p.m.
	Blueberry Knoll	6-9 p.m.

Tent Camping

May 15	Rapid River	6-9 p.m.
May 31	Newberry	6-9 p.m.
	Blueberry Knoll	6-9 p.m.

Camp is Waiting

Camp Pow-Low is beautiful in the winter. Last Sunday, before the snow came again, I was fortunate enough to snowshoe into camp just to check it out. The sky was blue, the snow was glistening and there was hardly a breeze blowing. I didn't even need my gloves while snowshoeing. I sat on the bench overlooking the lake and thought about how different it is from summer time when the place bustles with girls and their shouts can be heard across the lake. There was nothing but the drip of snow melting on this day. A group had been there, I could see their footprints and the quinzies (snow shelters) they had built. But camp was quiet- waiting a few more months for the snow to melt; the lake to become unfrozen. Waiting for the time when girls will once again explore, play, shout and enjoy the wonders of camp. Plan your outing now—camp is waiting for you.

Fund Development & Product Sales

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Product Sales

How is the 2006 cookie sale program going in your Service Area? The annual program began on Saturday, March 11. Delivery of cookies is scheduled for the week of April 17-21 and booth sales can take place any time after delivery. The Service Center in Marquette is a great spot for a drive-up booth is available with entrances on both Washington Street and Main Street. Please contact us if your troop would like to sign up.

There are *many* great locations in your community for cookie booths!

Have you scheduled your booth sale yet? Make sure to schedule the booth sale in advance for the best dates and times and have more than one. When ordering extra cases of cookies for your booth sale remember that chocolate varieties sell the best! You will also be able to fill any additional orders at the cookie cupboards in Houghton, Kincheloe, Escanaba and Marquette. See your cookie envelope for location and contact information.

Troop leaders—don't forget to hand out the catch-up order takers to girls after they turn in their initial orders. It's a great way to take additional orders and to get rid of extra boxes of cookies.

Remind girls in your troop to complete the drawing slip for the Giant Cookie the Dog if she has sold 135 boxes or more during the initial order taking period. Mail it to 131 W. Washington St., Marquette, MI 49855 by March 31. Drawing will be held April 10.

Misc.

I will be taking maternity leave very soon and this will be my last edition of e-news prior to my leave. I will be returning to work in late June or early July. Please don't hesitate in contacting the staff at the Service Center if you have any questions regarding product sales, public relations or fund development. Thank you for all of your good wishes as my husband and I embark on the new adventures of parenthood!

Annual Meeting

Don't forget to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 22 and to send in your registration and money by April 2 for the best price. Make sure you take along some extra money to bid on your favorite basket this year! Baskets will be filled with goodies from Service Areas throughout the council. All money raised supports the opportunity fund. Thank you to the following areas for contributing a basket: Ke-Bay, Portage, Chippewa, St. Ignace, Manistique, Marquette, Northern Lights, Delta Bay, Hiawatha and Trillium.

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

Tidbits from *The Goodie Box*...

Take a look at the *Girl Scout Patches* (iron-on) catalog for Girl Scout Week and cookie sale items:

- Girl Scout Sunday #58133
- Girl Scout Week #58189
- Cookie Volunteer #58113
- Cookie the Dog #58206
- I Love Girl Scout Cookies #58203

The *Girl Scout Patches* catalog has some great community service patches for various types of events.

The 2006 Girl Scout Cookie Pin is available for \$1.10 #09027.

Leaders' Day is April 22nd. You can find great "thank you" gifts for leaders and volunteers at *The Goodie Box*...pins, candles, patches, Green Angel pin and poem, pens, note pads, and clothing items.

The Goodie Box will be open before and after the Annual Meeting on April 22nd. Location: 131 W. Washington Street Suite C in Marquette. Special hours: 8:00 ~ 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 ~ 3:00 p.m. Free parking is available in the Main Street parking lot with entrance to the Service Center. You will

have a chance to shop the entire Goodie Box! **Please call ahead to place your special order if you plan on purchasing your end of year insignia, uniform pieces, and patches.** We will have the order ready for pick-up at the Service Center. This way you will have more time to check out the new displays in the shop and tour the new office.

Places to Go

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

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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2006 National Youth Leadership Training - July 16-23, 2006 **Audubon Center of the North Woods, Sandstone, Minnesota** **For High School Youths, Educators, and Community Workers**

Registration open through June 9, 2006. Each year, high school students from across the country, gather for the National Youth Leadership Training (formerly the National Youth Leadership Camp), for a life-changing week of adventure, self-discovery, friendship, cultural exchange, leadership building, and service.

Held in Sandstone, MN., at the Audubon Center of the North Woods - a 535-acre sanctuary rich with old-growth red and white pines, hardwood forests, restored wetlands, and prairies - NYLT engages participants in a wide range of physical and intellectual activities, from rock climbing and canoeing to stimulating seminars, small-group interactions, and service projects. Young people are challenged to push their limits; use leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills; build cross-cultural bonds; and prepare themselves for active, contributing roles in their communities.

REGISTRATION - Though individuals are welcome, groups of two to 10 youths from sponsoring schools and organizations are encouraged to attend as teams. Attending as a group is one of the most effective ways to sustain what students learn at the NYLT after they return home. It is strongly recommended that all participating students and groups of students select an "adult sponsor" to

accompany them to NYLT. Adult sponsors are encouraged to attend the entire eight days, but may choose to attend only the final three days.

For more information: http://www.nylc.org/happening_event.cfm?oid=4856

Web Wanderings

Kim DeLong, webmaster email: kdelong@gspw.org

Have you found a great website in your wanderings? Share your secrets here! Keep in mind, please, that some of 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.

MINNESOTA DREAMIN' 2007

The Escape to Minnesota! Jamboree planned for July 18-22, 2007 has a new website at <http://www.mndreamsjamboree.com>

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