

# 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](mailto: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.

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### Membership & Recruitment

Jill Rady, Membership Coordinator email: [jrady@gspw.org](mailto:jrady@gspw.org)

#### Add a Friend Promotion

More lady bug teddy bears were awarded to girls adding friends to Girl Scouting in February and March. From all of the entries the following girls names were drawn.

Chippewa Service Area: Carissa Bell and Rochelle Kagarise, McKenna Reno and Areka Foutch

Delta Bay Service Area: Katie Stephenson and Emma Horton, Allison Verbigghe, Kaitlyn Rhode and Amber Laughery

Hiawatha Service Area: Eugenia Murdock, Brianna Jacobson and Courtney Steinhoff, Courtney Livermore and Taylor Widner, Bethany Pirman and Maria Leppanen

Ke-Bay Service Area: Andria Anderson and Rebekah Mayles

Manistique Service Area: Hannah Reno and Jennie Monroe

Northern Lights Service Area: Kimberley Collins and Cayla Ostola

Portage Service Area: Emilie Jacques and Abby Zander,

Many other secondary prizes were awarded to girls. Troop # 135 from Chippewa Service Area won a \$25 certificate to the Girl Scout Shop from among the adults registered in February. Thank you everyone who opened your arms to include new friends into your Girl Scout circle!

### Thoughts from Jill

This year Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters has thirty Senior Girl Scouts graduating from High School. Nearly half of them attended our Annual Meeting on April 21 in Marquette. They represent the tremendous level of achievement that comes from staying active in Girl Scouting through High School. Three of the girls had been campers with me at Horse Camp a number of years ago. From little girls who fought being homesick they became young women who are excellent in academics and community service. These young women say that the Girl Scout Promise and Law helped to guide them as their decisions became more challenging through the years. We are so proud of every graduating Senior Girl Scout. I wish more volunteers understood the benefits girls receive by remaining active Girl Scouts.

Right now we face a tremendous challenge to enroll and retain younger girls. Parents want their daughters to experience a quality program. If we fail the girls in that aspect, these families don't wait around for us to get better, they move on. Leadership training is essential to providing quality program.

Girls are getting very busy at an earlier age than ever before. We must rise to the challenge to work out flexible ways of participation for girls who are also involved in other demanding activities.

I find it disheartening that when middle school arrives many troops disband. Some of the girls will go on to become very involved in other activities and some will not. At this age girls are facing an increase in social and academic pressure and the loss of Girl Scouting will leave some girls without a healthy compass for future decision making. The Girl Scout Promise and Law should not be neglected when any Girl Scouts meet as a group. All girls can benefit from the positive peer pressure they need to avoid high risk behaviors such as drug and alcohol abuse, sexual activity, violence and school problems while part of a Girl Scout troop. They also benefit from their relationship with caring adults, exposure to a range of activities, view points and cultures, and being challenged to address issues they see in their community.

The girls who are fortunate enough to have volunteer leaders remain with them through High School are an example of the success of the Girl Scout mission; Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

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## **Programs**

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## **Centennial Celebration at the UP State Fairgrounds**

Space is filling up for the Centennial! Participants can expect fantastic live performances, fun fitness activities, a tour of the Steam and Gas Village, activities in the Pocket Park, and much more! Join with 1000's of Scouts to celebrate 95 years of girl Scouts and 100 years of Scouting worldwide. Troops and families may register to attend this celebration! It's not too late to register: information is available at [www.gspw.org](http://www.gspw.org)

## **Sending your Child to Camp? Check for a State License!**

For many youth, going to camp is a highlight of the summer. Resident camps provide a magical experience where kids can have fun, make life long friendships and try new things. You may select a camp for you child based on word of mouth, or perhaps convenience of the location, but not all camps are created equal.

Some camps are licensed by the State of Michigan, which means the site and the program have met a standard of safety. The State of Michigan requires all resident camps to be licensed, if they operate for 5 nights or longer. Even day camps that run more than 5 days should be licensed. The state will review the safety of the site, health care, staff selection and training, waterfront procedures, nutrition, and emergency procedures. Not all youth camps go through the hassle of obtaining license. An unlicensed camp may provide a safe environment, but there is no accountability that safety procedures have been followed.

**How to find out if a camp is licensed:** The state of Michigan has listing of all licensed camps at [http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs\\_cwl/sr\\_cac.asp](http://www.dleg.state.mi.us/brs_cwl/sr_cac.asp)  
*Summer Thing Resident Camp is licensed by the state of Michigan, and takes place in Iron County.*

### **Summer Thing Resident Camp Update**

The Service Center is already receiving applications for Summer Thing! Apply today to assure your daughter gets her first choice for camp. Uniquely Me! by Design camp applications are coming in as well. A committee of grant supporters will select the participants for this program based on grant requirements. UM participants will not be notified of their acceptance into the program until June.

**Help wanted:** Summer Thing is seeking fun, patient and dedicated adults to be kitchen staff, lifeguards and counselors. A stipend is available. Applications are available at [www.gspw.org/programs.htm](http://www.gspw.org/programs.htm), or at the Service Center.

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### **Adult Education**

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Spring is coming, it's time to get outdoors. Don't forget to sign up for outdoor training so that you can take your girls on outdoor adventures. **NOTE: Outdoor training must be taken in person. The information on the CD is supplemental and can be used as a recertification tool. The outdoor checklists there are for those who have taken hands on outdoor training in another place.**

The following outdoor training sessions are scheduled. Register by sending in a form in the back of the council calendar along with the proper fee.

#### Cooking in the Out-of-Doors

May 14	Cedarville	6-9
May 17	Camp Hy-Da-Way (Manistique)	6-9
May 24	Camp Blueberry Knoll (Hancock)	6-9
May 24	Iron Mountain	6-9 CT

## Tent Camping

May 15	Camp Blueberry Knoll (Hancock)	6-9
May 22	St. Ignace	6-9
May 24	Munising	6-9

**All three outdoor modules are available at the Outdoor Workshop to be held at camp Pow-Low on May 12, 2007.**

## **Training Pins Awarded**

Congratulations to the following adults for completing enough training hours to be awarded parts of their "train".

Kim Harris	Trillium	1 <sup>st</sup> car
Amie Lawson	Chippewa	1 <sup>st</sup> car
Sherry MacFarlane	Delta Bay	3 <sup>rd</sup> car
Jane Lanaville	Delta Bay	Engine
Terri DeMuri	Trillium	Engine, 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> cars

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## **Fund Development & Product Sales**

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### **Product Sales**

How is the 2007 cookie sale program going in your Service Area? Cookies have been flying out of the cupboard here at the Service Center for booth sales! Keep up the great work!

If you are looking for a booth sale location, 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.

### Important date to remember:

#### **May 7**

- All money is to be deposited into accounts.
- Top 2 copies of each T-3 (troop award summary) Remember that awards are cumulative and she will earn recognitions on all boxes sold, including the Hi-Stepper and booth sales.
- Page 4 of the T-2 (troop order and report) Remember to account for any additional cases received.
- Complete the T-5 (bad debt form) if needed

Please contact your Service Area chair, field executive or myself if you have any questions on the forms.

### **Blossom the Bunny**

Congratulations to Melinda Shauver of Troop 245 in Bergland! She sold 157 boxes in initial orders and her entry slip was randomly drawn to win Blossom! She will be presented Blossom on May 15 at a troop tea party.

### **Annual Meeting**

The 2007 Annual Meeting silent auction was a great success! We raised over \$2,200 for the opportunity fund! Thank you to the following Service Areas for contributing a basket: Chippewa, Gwinn, Hiawatha, Ke-Bay, Marquette, St. Ignace, Tahquamenon and Trillium. Thank you to the GSPW board members, trainers, staff and volunteers that also contributed baskets and other items for auction. Again, thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting the Opportunity Fund.

### **Fund Development**

Did you know.....

It costs **\$10.00** to cover one girl's Girl Scout membership dues

It costs **\$50.00** to train one Girl Scout leader

It costs **\$175.00 or more** to send one girl to Summer Thing for one week

It costs **\$220.00** to provide a full year of Girl Scouts for one girl

Every year, Service Areas are asked to help support the Annual Giving Campaign through a fundraiser that benefits not only their local area, but Girl Scouts throughout the entire Peninsula Waters jurisdiction. Funds received from Service Areas are used to provide handbooks, sashes and membership fees for economically deprived girls, or to help send a girl on an adventure that she will remember the rest of her life.

Annual giving goals are based on girl membership of each Service Area. Adults (volunteers and parents) are asked to sponsor a fundraiser— a program, a dinner, a celebration—to reach the goal. Funds raised are split between the Service Area and GSPW. Funds kept locally are used to sponsor events, assist leaders with training, cover mailing costs, and to provide tokens of appreciation and awards to our outstanding leaders and volunteers.

Has your Service Area met their annual giving goal? By working together to achieve 100% of this year's annual giving goal, we will be able to provide life-enhancing opportunities for thousands of Girl Scouts throughout Peninsula Waters council. Thank you for your strong support of Girl Scouting and your interest in helping today's girls become tomorrow's leaders.

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**Goodie Box News**, contact store manager, Mary Beals at [goodiebox@gspw.org](mailto:goodiebox@gspw.org) with any questions.

## Tidbits from *The Goodie Box...*

### Get ready for your Court of Awards & Bridging Ceremonies

Plan your ceremony with the following books:

Ceremonies #26470 \$8.75 or Let's Celebrate G.S. Ceremonies #26471 \$9.95

Bridging Certificates #24541 \$.50 each

Daisy Beginning Certificate #24549 \$.50 each

Daisy Ending Certificate #24550 \$.50 each

Bridging patches for each age level:

To Brownies #09709 \$1.20

To Juniors #09710 \$1.25

To Cadettes #09711 \$1.25

To Seniors #09712 \$1.25

To Adults #09713 \$4.85 (pin-not a patch)

Lifetime pins: Traditional #09010 \$16.50 Contemporary #09009 \$16.50

Cookie sales are in full swing! Have your girls completed the requirements for age level badge? If so, now is a great time to order:

BR #59140	Cookies Count
BR #59200	Smart Cookie
JR #09723	Cookie Biz
JR #09260	The Cookie Connection
CA/SR #09558	Cookies & Dough
Cookie Activity Pin 2007	#09028
Cookie Activity Pin 2006	#09027
Cookie the Dog Stuffed Animal	#11808

**2007 World Thinking Day** patches #26621 are \$1.00 each. Please view on GSPW website. You can still place an order.

**The 2007 Cookie Activity Pin** #09028 \$1.15 is available at the Girl Scout Shop. You can locate the Cookie Activity Guide at: [http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs\\_cookies/cookie\\_activity.asp](http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_cookies/cookie_activity.asp)

**95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Make the World a Better Place** items are super! A pin, patch, and 3-D mug have the 95<sup>th</sup> logo on them. A pin, patch, and pen proudly state Girl Scouts Make the World a Better Place. Check the GSPW website for pictures of the items.

### The Girl Scout Challenge Awards

These awards unite girls across the country by age level, engaging them in similar learning experiences. When girls take THE CHALLENGE, they explore some of the values and leadership skills

that are the very heart of our Movement—The Girl Scout Mission: *Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.*

The activities and requirements are available on line at [www.gogirlsonly.org](http://www.gogirlsonly.org) and [www.studio2b.org](http://www.studio2b.org). A tip sheet for adults is available online at [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org). The awards can be purchased through **The Girl Scout Shop**.

- Girls 11-17 Blue Metallic Challenge Award Necklace #09716 \$6.00
- Junior GS Magenta Metallic Challenge Award Necklace #09715 \$6.00
- Brownie GS Challenge Award Patch Pin #09044 \$3.00

**New!** Ocean blue ceramic mugs with the 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo and Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters have arrived. \$9.95 each. The mugs make great thank you gifts for your volunteers.

Check out the Patches!

- Take Your Daughter to Work Day #18639 \$1.00  
(April 26<sup>th</sup> is Take Your Daughter to Work Day)
- Girl Scout Sunday #58133 (iron-on) \$1.50
- Girl Scout Sunday #18578 (sew-on) \$1.25
- Girl Scout Week #58189 (iron-on) \$1.95

Four designs of ***Italian Charms*** for the link bracelets are in stock—a solid green trefoil, the logo “faces”, the words: “Girl Scouts”, and “ I (heart) Girl Scouts”. They make great gifts for both girls and adults.

Give your volunteers a thank you gift. The shop carries various mugs, pins, Green Angel Pins, tokens, patches, clothing items, and various appreciation gifts. The shop has a few plaques which can be personalized by engraving. Parents...please remember to thank your leader and co-leader for all they do throughout the year.

***Happy Birthday!*** Pick up a birthday card and patch for your daughter or girls in the troop to celebrate the special day. Several birthday patches are available.

Gold and Silver awards—many items in stock. Special orders or larger quantity orders should be placed early—allowing for 7-10 business days for delivery into the shop.

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## Places to Go

Is something interesting happening in your area? Send your information to [kdelong@gspw.org](mailto:kdelong@gspw.org) to be added in upcoming newsletters.

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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 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.

### **American Association of University Women**

#### [Financial Independence for Girls Program](#)

This popular modular program provides basic financial education to teenage girls. Go to this site and scroll down to the heading above. Click on it to download a great module on finances...great for teens. <http://www.aauw.org/education/financialLit/index.cfm>

This month, Learning to Give has made available new resources that will help teachers, youth workers, and practitioners teach the concepts of philanthropy and financial literacy, leadership, and nonprofit careers. The free teaching materials can be accessed at <http://www.learningtogive.org/teachers/financialliteracy/> or by visiting the Teachers Room at the Learning to Give website.

### **Money Smart Children (Grades 2-5)**

Learning to Give has developed two new teaching units and a parents guide on financial literacy and philanthropy. These new resources have proven to increase children's awareness of financial concepts and how philanthropy is an important decision to consider within their financial choices.

### **Money Smart Choices (Grades 6-12)**

Money Smart Choices is a financial literacy and philanthropy interactive website for 6-12 grade students and their families. Students learn about financial concepts, nonprofits, philanthropy, and family giving. The website is interactive featuring budget exercises, philanthropy resources, and family worksheets.

### **Philanthropy, Leadership, and Nonprofit Careers (Grades 6-8)**

In partnership with the Third Millennium Initiative of the Center on Philanthropy, Learning to Give has made available on its website new teaching units, briefing papers, and other classroom materials on the topics of Philanthropy, Leadership, and Careers. These resources, coded to every states core academic standards, provide the needed resources to effectively encourage students to consider a career within the nonprofit sector.

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](mailto:kdelong@gspw.org)