

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.

Marquette Couple Is Named June Volunteers of the Month

The t-shirt says it all – *I am man enough to be a Girl Scout Are you?*

Stan Wright is proud of his Girl Scout volunteer work and proudly displays his commitment every chance he gets. Stan and his wife, Carol, are active troop leaders and Service Area volunteers for the Marquette Service Area.

Stan handles much of the PR for the Service Area, using his position as a broadcaster for Public Radio to advance the cause of Girl Scouting throughout the community. Carol uses her ingenuity to create designs for special event patches. Combining her sewing and computer skills, she has designed a variety of program patches for troop and Service Area events.

The Wrights have worked endless hours to bring well-rounded programs not only to their daughter's Cadette Girl Scout troop but to the Marquette Service Area as well. In addition, they have been active volunteers for the annual Cookie Rally, Thinking Day, and the Holiday Party programs.

Dances have become a tradition in Marquette Service Area, and Stan and Carol have coordinated these events as well.

"I think Carol and Stan deserve to be recognized for all their time, energy and talent they dedicate to Girl Scouting," stated Mary Vertanen, Marquette Service Area Manager. "The ... Girl Scouts are truly blessed to have them as part of our team."

Congratulations to Carol and Stan Wright for their tireless service to Girl Scouting in Marquette.

Bronze Award Reminder

If you have girls earning the Bronze Award and would like a certificate from the VFW Women's Auxiliary please contact Ann at the Service Center.

Silver Awards Earned

Congratulations to Crystal Tilford from Sawyer for completing the requirements for her Silver Award. This is the highest award a girl 11-14 can receive in Girl Scouting and requires several months of work earning Interest Project Patches or Focus Charms as well as learning about herself, her values and her leadership qualities. For her Silver Award project Crystal chose to help at the Sawyer library and to encourage teens to not smoke around the building. Good job, Crystal!

Girl Scouts March in Mackinac Island Lilac Parade

A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of the 13 girls and 3 Leaders from GSPW's St. Ignace Service Area who marched in the Mackinac Island Lilac Parade on Sunday, June 18th, 2006. For the 57th Annual Grand Parade the theme was taken from the historical fiction novel "The Loon Feather" by late Island Resident Iola Fuller McCoy. Participants donned a purple shirt of their choice along with their Girl Scout sash, vest or pins to represent the local service area which covers St. Ignace, Mackinac Island and Moran, and proudly carried the beautiful parade banner made by Leader Julie Worden and her mother. Girl Scout Honor Troop #327 from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, also marched in the parade, as they are the honor troop in residence on the Island at the Mackinac State Historic Parks this week.

Membership & Recruitment

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

We have received membership cards at last. Since they have arrived at the end of the school year, staff and volunteers are using a variety of means to distribute them. Your troop may receive them at Summer Fun Days or along with cookie incentives, or in your troop registration packet for 2007 membership. I am sorry the quality of the cards is not consistent. It looks like a mechanical roller wiped ink off the cards down the middle of the page. Please distribute them to girls and adults as they are, as I do not expect we will be able to replace those that are defective before we move in to the next membership year on October 1st. There are still plenty of activities for girls throughout the summer. If your troop is planning a camp out, a fun day or a community service day please consider inviting and registering their non-Girl Scout friends to allow them to participate. Ten dollars is still an

amazing value and membership helps to assure Girl Scouting will be available for many more years. Sending out the membership cards would be a good excuse to write each girl from your troop a letter. What an opportunity to reinforce the great things your troop did this past year!

There is so much activity in the service center these days it's a challenge to keep on top of it all. We are working with Hiawathaland Boy Scouts council to plan a huge anniversary event for May of 2007 celebrating the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts world wide and the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouting in the USA. We'll be asking for your help to make this great event happen at the UP State Fairgrounds in Escanaba. We are working with Superiorland Library Cooperative to bring a program to girls at Summer Thing where they will learn the technology of digitization. They'll have the opportunity to use GSPW archival documents, uniforms and books to become History Sleuths. Speaking of Summer Thing – plans are ongoing to make this another memorable event. We don't slow down one bit, as the council calendar needs to go to the printer in July complete with a roster of upcoming events, and before you know it we'll be entering our big recruitment season. It's never too early to let us know about troop changes and to introduce us to new volunteers for fall. We have to plan trainings for you, plan events for your girls, supply your service area with everything you need to kick off the new Girl Scout membership year and have the items you want and need in the council shop. We're here for you through the year. Visit us this summer when you come to Marquette!

Programs

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Help Wanted:

Summer Thing is a fun and popular as ever, and we need help! We depend on volunteers to provide a quality program for girls in our council. We are still seeking a head cook, assistant cooks, counselors for all age levels, and those with experience lifeguarding. Camp is July 16-22, and July 23-29. You don't have to have previous Girl Scout experience to apply. Stipends are available that can go directly towards the cost of camp for a girl. Please contact Emily Koren at ekoren@gspw.org for more information.

Save now for Savannah 2007!

It is official; Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters will be heading to Savannah, Georgia in 2007. What better way to celebrate the 95th anniversary of Girl Scouting, than with a visit to the birthplace of Girl Scouts? The trip will cost \$600 per person. Girls 9 -10 may attend with a parent or their troop leader. Girls 11 and up may register independently. Parents and adults are welcome to go as well! A registration form and further details will be made available in the 2007 Program and Training Calendar this fall.

A Century of Scouting Celebration

2007 marks the 95th year of Girl Scouting. It is also the 100th year of scouting worldwide. In honor of the occasion, Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters and Boy Scouts of Hiawathaland Council will join in celebration at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in May, 2007. We would like to personally invite troops, parents, and area volunteers from across the council to participate in this monumental event. Each service area will be invited to participate in this event, through planning, or helping at the event.

Committees are being formed for the following areas: Food/vendors, Registration, Security, Health and First Aide, Program activities, Performances/Entertainment, Ceremonies, Marketing, Booths and displays. Please contact the service center for more information on how you can be a part of the centennial. If you would like to help, please contact Emily Koren. Registration forms will be available in the fall.

Weekend Adventure is "Wild Ride" Plus More!

Did you go to Wild Ride in the Forest last year? If you did, you had the opportunity to go canoeing, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, and to meet new friends. This Year Wild Ride has a twist, and has turned into Weekend Adventure. Come out Friday night for a campfire, hiking, songs, snacks, and a last hurrah of summer camping. Parents and families may attend as well. On Saturday, while adults and families help with winterizing camp, girls will experience various outdoor adventure activities. Girls will also have the opportunity to give back by helping with a service project during the day. While girls are developing their courage, confidence and character, helping with camp takedown is another way they learn to make the world a better place. For more information on this exciting twist, contact Emily Koren at the service center.

Adult Education

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

Congratulations to the following adults for earning train parts for attending training sessions.

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| Stacy Morgan | Delta | Engine, 1st car, 2nd car, 3rd car |
| Sue Bunch | Delta | Engine, 1st car, 2nd car, 3rd car |
| Missy Shafer | Trillium | Engine |
| Amie Lawson | Chippewa | Engine |

Outdoor Workshop a Success

Adults from Sagola to St. Ignace spent time in the outdoors learning skills for their own use or to use with their troops. The event was the Outdoor Workshop. The location was Camp Pow-Low near Gwinn. The weather was great (at least in the morning before the shower came) and those in attendance enjoyed learning about taking groups outdoors, how to use a GPS, how to survive in the wilderness, backpacking skills, canoeing and kayaking on Mehl Lake, outdoor cooking and tent care. This is the first year Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters has opened this event to outside groups and individuals and 20% of our participants were not Girl Scouts. Our participants ranged from high school students, to a mother looking for information to take her family camping to troop leaders taking required training to take their girls to Summer Fun Days. Those not affiliated with Girl Scouts were impressed that we would open this training to them and allow them to learn skills that Girl Scout leaders learn. This is just one example of how Girl Scouts can meet community needs and we are already planning next year's event.

Camp Challenge Coming

Even though the girls are just out of school and we are looking forward to the lazy days of summer we need to also think about fall and what needs to be done. So put August 26th on your calendar and plan to bring the family to help get Camp Pow-Low ready for the winter. You can join a team to accomplish a challenge such as taking down tents, cleaning, cooking, raking or cutting wood. Prizes will be awarded and food will be provided. The event will be from 9:- 3:30. Weekend Adventure for Junior Girl Scouts will be happening the same weekend so plan to join in the fun! The more the merrier! For more information about the camp challenge contact Ann at the service center. For information about Weekend Adventure contact Emily at the service center.

Trainers Needed

Do you like to help people? Are you organized? Do you have a love for Girl Scouting? Are you looking for a way to contribute to the Girl Scout Movement without the commitment of having a troop? We have just the thing for you! Consider sharing your expertise with adult Girl Scout volunteers by becoming a council trainer. We are looking for people who can teach a variety of courses.

Trainers are needed from all parts of the council to help spread the word about Girl Scouting and all we do for the girls of the Upper Peninsula. An overnight training event is planned for August 11-12 at camp Pow-Low in Gwinn. To learn more about becoming a member of Girl Scouts of Peninsula Waters training team, contact Ann at the service center.

Council Calendar Coming

Keep an eye out for the new, updated council calendar to be available by August. Be sure to check out new events for girls and many training sessions available for adults.

Training a Plus for Everyone

Girl Scouting provides training for every job we ask volunteers to undertake. This training helps the volunteers know what to expect and be prepared to do a quality job. The training offered in our council is not aimed at troop leaders specifically. It is open to ALL volunteers whether they are leaders, co-leaders, assistant leaders, troop committee members, board members, camp staff or other registered volunteers. Everyone will benefit from learning about our Girl Scout program and how to help girls become capable and confident citizens. The council calendar will have information on upcoming training events. Check it out! Take an active role in working with girls by signing up for a training event. See you at training!

Fund Development & Product Sales

Liz Carr, Director email: lcarr@gspw.org

Congratulations to Liz and Kevin Carr on the birth of their son, Connor.

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

Tidbits from *The Goodie Box...*

The summer is a great time to travel! Take time to visit the new council office in Marquette and have a tour. **The Goodie Box** will be open during the summer with some great specials. New catalog items are coming in weekly—be “the first on the block” to wear the new fashions. New thank you and/or recognition gifts have arrived. Any registered Girl Scout in levels Daisy through Girls 11-17 shopping in **The Goodie Box** may enter for the summer drawing starting July 3rd. Drawing to be held August 31st.

Check out the following displays: camping gear, Studio 2B, Fourth of July and related holiday items, community service patches, age level uniforms and gifts. Pick up your camping gear for camping events. Check out the great specials on selected uniform pieces. Watch your mail for the new GSUSA 2006-2007 Catalog.

The Goodie Box can always use new display racks or mannequins in good condition. Please call Mary to discuss further.

Needed: One troop a month to help decorate The Goodie Box windows. Call Mary for the theme of the month. Either a holiday or related sale theme would be appropriate. The windows are all indoors. Other interior decorations could be possible. Decorations could be sent through a field director for those out-of-town troops. Plan on the troop coming in to put up the decorations if you are close by.

Places to Go

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

Seney Wildlife Refuge Events

Wildlife Wednesdays: June, July, August, 7-9:30pm. Evening guided tours of the refuge backcountry.

Children's Fishing Day: June 10, 9am-2pm. No license required. Fish for free, participate in games & Activities, enjoy a fish dinner

Federal & Junior Duck Stamp Art Display: August 4-13. You won't want to miss this one!

Scout Activity Day: September 30, 10am-4pm. This one fills up fast. Call 906-586-9851 for details or email jennifer_mcdonough@fws.gov

Sally Ride Science Festival

Calling all 5th-8th grade girls—parents and teachers too!

Reach for the Stars at the Ann Arbor Science Festival at the University of Michigan on Saturday, September 30, 2006, from 11:00 am to 4:15 pm.

The festival features:

A featured talk by an inspiring scientist

Discovery Workshops for girls, given by local scientists and engineers (examples include chemists, veterinarians, microbiologists, and others)

Workshops for parents and teachers on ways to support girls' interests in science and math

A Street Fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music

Advance registration is required and is \$18. The registration fee includes the featured talk, workshops, lunch, and the Street Fair.

Register today! Space is limited. If you have questions, please call us at 1-800-561-5161

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.

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