

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.

Defy The Ordinary: Rock out with Girl Scouts Contest for girls 11-17

Defy the Ordinary: Rock Out With Girl Scouts Direct-mail Postcard Launches MP3 Player Sweepstakes for Girl Scouts 11-17 As the new Leadership Development Program is being produced for its 2008 debut, GSUSA's programming and marketing groups have partnered to provide a series of communications directly targeting the Girl Scout girl audience ages 11-17 to support the valuable evolution of our Leadership Development Program opportunities. These communications will start in July 2006 and continue quarterly until the Leadership Development Program rolls out in 2008.

The first communication in our series being sent to Girl Scouts ages 11-17 is the Defy the Ordinary direct-mail postcard that communicates how girls can stay updated and connected with changes at Girl Scouts, and how together we can help them leave the ordinary behind to become great leaders.

The postcard features a special bonus: The Defy the Ordinary - Rock Out With Girl Scouts MP3 Player Sweepstakes, where Girl Scouts ages 11-17 can enter, with a parent and/or legal guardian, at <http://www.studio2b.org> for their chance to win an MP3 player courtesy of GSUSA.

More on the Leadership Development Program The Leadership Development Program follows a girl-centric approach and organizes girls' achievements into three broad categories - Girls Discover, Girls Lead, and Girls Take Action. Leadership will be the objective where discovery and taking action intersect - it's the bridge between what girls "get" in Girl Scouting through discovery, and what girls "give" back by taking action. Above all, the new Leadership Development Program will focus on girls gaining leadership skills through activities that match what girls say they want: to belong and to have fun.

Membership & Recruitment

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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

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.

Fund Development & Product Sales

Liz Carr, Director email: lcarr@gspw.org

Girl Scout Shop News, contact store manager, Mary Beals at goodiebox@gspw.org with any questions.

Tidbits from the Girl Scout Shop...

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.

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

Web Wanderings

Kim DeLong, webmaster email: kdelong@gspw.org

Have you visited our council website? Check us out online at <http://www.gspw.org>. We need your input to improve the current site. Send a note to Kim at the email above with your ideas to make our website go from good to great!

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.

New Patch Program from P.R.A.Y. to promote religious awards for Girl Scouts. Available for girls and adults of all faiths. For more information, go to: http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm

Scouting File Cabinet: <http://gsleaders.org/files/index.htm> Looking for a new ceremony? Words to a song? Just need new ideas? Check out this great online resource.

Try-It help online: <http://jenefer.speedyweb.com/tryithelps.shtml> Lots of great ideas to help your troop complete try-its.

For Kids Naturely: <http://www.naturely.com/> This site is an excellent resource for outdoor activities with one child or a group. Activities change each week and the archive section is great!



Your troop can earn the **Water Drop Patch** from the EPA. <http://www.epa.gov/adopt/patch/html/>

PowerPoint Viewer 2003 lets you view full-featured presentations created in PowerPoint 97 and later versions, even if you do not have power point loaded on your computer. This viewer also supports opening password-protected Microsoft PowerPoint presentations. You can view and print presentations, but you cannot edit them in the PowerPoint Viewer 2003. This is a free download from Microsoft, it is less than 2MB in size and will take approximately 5 minutes with a dial-up connection. <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/officeupdate/CD010798701033.aspx>

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