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Monthly Newsletter for GSHPA Volunteers

Dear Volunteers,

It was wonderful to see delegates and members at the Fifth Annual Meeting of Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania on Saturday, April 28. It is hard to believe we are already five years old as a council.



Green and white balloons showered the delegates and volunteers in attendance at the Fifth GSHPA Annual Meeting as Board Chair Kate Crowley gave her opening remarks.

Girls from troops 11065 and 11060, Middletown, PA, led off the annual meeting with the flag ceremony. In a video-taped greeting from the CEO of Girl Scouts of the USA, Anna Maria Chavez called on us to support GSUSA's campaign for gender equality in the leadership.

We spoke about the Board's leadership giving to our \$5 million Inspiring Generations campaign, and noted

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continuing progress in recruiting a diverse group of skilled Board members. We also addressed the role of national delegates and shared the Board's initiative to assure council compliance with child protection laws.

Treasurer, Paul Lewis, reported fiscal progress since the merger. For example, in 2008, the council had 3.0 months of reserves. By 2011 this had grown to 7.1 months. Public support for our council has increased while our reliance on a line of credit as decreased. And this year our cookie program was at an all-time high since the merger.

The Chair of the Board Development Committee, Karen Snider, presented a slate of six new at-large Board members who represent greater geographic, ethnic, age and gender diversity than ever.

We also used the meeting as an opportunity to call on adult members of GSHPA to focus on the second century of Girl Scouting and challenged everyone to promote the next generation of women into council leadership positions in order to "bridge" to the new century.

Finally, we both enjoyed the second half of the annual meeting, and not just because we were glad to be through with the business meeting! But because it was a pleasure to recognize volunteers with awards for their hard work and commitment to today's girls—tomorrow's leaders.

Sincerely,

Kate Crowley Jane Ransom
Board Chair President & CEO

**Registration is now open for the 100th
Anniversary Camporee August 10-12 at the
York Expo Center**

Girls from throughout our council should start making plans now to join GSHPA for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at the 100th Anniversary Camporee including a live concert from Kicking Daisies!

Click the photo below to get a sneak peek at the video for their newest single, Bows and Arrows.

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important upcoming dates!



The event will be held from Friday, August 10 through Sunday, August 12. The weekend will be packed with fun 100th Anniversary and Forever Green themed activities, crafts, games and much more! [Click here](#) to visit our Camporee Web page and see a complete listing of activities slated for the weekend.*

What better way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts than to spend a weekend camping out under the stars, enjoying nature and rocking out at a live concert with hundreds of other girls and volunteers from all across our council?

Cost

The cost to attend is \$10/person for Friday, \$25/person for Saturday/Sunday or \$35/person for the whole weekend (includes Friday, Saturday & Sunday). Every girl who attends any part of the weekend will receive a special GSHPA 100th Anniversary Commemorative Patch. Overnight accommodations will be limited to those who bring their own tents and tent space will be available for \$20/tent/night.**

Food

Food will be available for an additional fee or attendees are welcome to bring their own (no open flames, please).***

[Click here to download a PDF version of the individual girl registration form.](#)

[Click here to download a PDF version of the troop registration form.](#)

**Activity list may change between now and August, 2012. A full schedule will be included within your registration confirmation packet.*

***Each tent will be assigned a 12' x 12' space. Limit one tent per space regardless of tent's per person capacity.*

****Food is not included in the registration or tent fee, but attendees are encouraged to bring their own food and/or plan to purchase food from the concession stands located at the York Expo Center.*

Congratulations to Our Top Sellers!



Troop #20442 (pictured above) sold 4,170 packages to reach their troop incentive!

As we mentioned in last month's edition of the Volunteer Newsletter, this year's Cookie Program was an overwhelming success. With your help and guidance, our girls reached and surpassed all the council's goals for this year's sale.

Listed below are the top sellers from our council who reached the highest level of incentives. The list includes individual girls who sold a total of 1,000 boxes or more and troops who sold a total of 4,000 boxes or more.

Top Selling Individual Girls

Bonnie Smith*

3,460 packages

Mia Peifer*

2,053 packages



Mia Peifer, who sold 2,053 boxes, is pictured above with her troop.

Maritza Cherry*	2,034 packages
Anna Vinson*	2,016 packages
Breanna Middleton*	2,016 packages
Marisa Aldridge*	2,016 packages
Taylor Grochowski*	2,015 packages
Makayla Taft*	2,014 packages
Jessica Zajac*	2,013 packages



Pictured above are Jessica Zajac (Thin Mint Costume), Gina Dolheimer (Tagalong Costume), and Neeva Skellen (Samoas Costume).

Autumn Taff*	2,012 packages
Kathryn Keiss*	1,518 packages
Neeva Skellen*	1,503 packages
Kayla Krishak*	1,501 packages
Gina Dolheimer*	1,500 packages
Peighton Smith*	1,500 packages
McKenna Rode*	1,500 packages
Victoria Demuyser*	1,500 packages
Raleigh Worthington*	1,500 packages
Rachael Swanhart*	1,500 packages

Audrey Cottell	1,267 packages
Kaitlyn Tokash	1,244 packages
Tiffany Roman	1,239 packages
Grace Hartenstein	1,103 packages
Doria Onstott	1,062 packages
Erin Duncan	1,056 packages
Katy Schon	1,028 packages
Dalene Bitner	1,009 packages
Ashley Marshall	1,006 packages
Jessalynn Meyers	1,002 packages
Molly LaMotte	1,000 packages
Clarissa McConaughey	1,000 packages
Cheyenne Davis	1,000 packages
Julia Kinley	1,000 packages
Elizabeth Fishel	1,000 packages
Madalyn Marshall	1,000 packages
Breanna Peris	1,000 packages
Nevaeh Covington	1,000 packages

* Every girl who sold 1,500 boxes or more automatically became members of the 1,500 Club and received the following prizes:

- 1,500 in 100th commemorative patch
- 1,500 in 100th GSHPA t-shirt
- Family 4-pack of Hershey Park tickets
- Name and troop number on our 1,500 Club Web site page.
- And an opportunity to share their cookie selling tactics at the 2013 Cookie College!

Top Selling Troops

Troop # 48123 6,784 packages

Troop # 40436 6,193 packages

Troop # 80972 5,855 packages

Troop # 50934 5,533 packages

Troop # 61312 5,064 packages



Pictured above are two members of Troop #61312.

Troop # 60118 4,902 packages

Troop # 10067 4,728 packages

Troop # 50124 4,703 packages

Troop # 40024 4,549 packages

Troop # 40395 4,536 packages

Troop # 70358 4,452 packages



Pictured here are Kaylynn Clark and her mom Tina, from Troop # 70358. Kaylynn sold 578 packages of her troop's total of 4,452.

Troop # 11065	4,443 packages
Troop # 70072	4,432 packages
Troop # 34726	4,304 packages
Troop # 50273	4,279 packages
Troop # 30861	4,216 packages
Troop # 10643	4,212 packages



Troop 10643 (pictured above) sold 4,212 packages including 100 boxes which were donated to The Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors through the Project Cookie Jar Program. The girls are shown here posing with the Jeep door they received in recognition from the Wounded Warriors for their donation.

Troop # 20442	4,170 packages
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Troop # 70035	4,148 packages
Troop # 20648	4,133 packages
Troop # 50006	4,121 packages
Troop # 50321	4,106 packages
Troop # 60323	4,064 packages
Troop # 40396	4,042 packages
Troop # 32900	4,032 packages
Troop # 50471	4,032 packages
Troop # 31026	4,024 packages
Troop # 30212	4,020 packages



Pictured above are girls and volunteers from Troop # 30212 who sold 4,020 packages.

Troop # 50204	4,020 packages
Troop # 31043	4,012 packages
Troop # 61116	4,008 packages
Troop # 60015	4,008 packages
Troop # 40028	4,000 packages

Each girl from troops that sold 4,000 packages or more received their choice of a free admission for one day to

either Camel Beach Water Park, Mt. Gretna Lake & Beach or Lake Tobias Wildlife Park.

Thank you again to all our volunteers who helped these girls to reach their goals and make this year's Cookie Program a success!

Become a part of GSHPA's Social Network!

Have you "liked" us yet? Since we formally introduced our Facebook page to our members, GSHPA has nearly 2,000 likes from 18 countries! We even received 100 new likes on the day of Girl Scouts' 100th Birthday! Our members and volunteers have had such a positive reaction to our Facebook page, that it has sparked additional GSHPA pages.

We now offer Facebook pages for each of our council's five regions. We have also launched a Facebook page for Product Sales to help you stay connected with fellow volunteers, friends and council staff throughout important proceedings such as the Cookie Program and Fall Product Program. Most recently, we added a Development page to help get information out about all of our great fund raising events and campaigns.

Our Facebook network is a great way for you to stay connected with fellow volunteers. Like our main page, your specific region's page, or visit and like them all to see what's going on all across our council. Liking us and sharing on our Facebook pages is also a fantastic way for you get the word out about the great things you and your girls are doing! If you haven't checked us out yet, links to each of our pages are below:

[GSHPA](#)

[Development](#)

[North Region](#)

[Northeast Region](#)

[South Region](#)

[South Central Region](#)

[Product Sales](#)

[West Region](#)

Join GSHPA for Two Volunteer-Led Training Opportunities This July and August!

Outdoor Odyssey

The 2012 Outdoor Odyssey Adult Enrichment Weekend will be held at Camp Small Valley in Halifax from July 13-

15.

The purpose of this weekend is to help adult volunteers gain fresh ideas through enrichment workshops and to share these new ideas with your girls and also to make new friends and maybe even reconnect with some old friends too!

[Click here for more information and to download a registration form for this training opportunity.](#)

Adult Volunteer Weekend 2012 at Camp Furnace Hills

Pine Mountain Service Unit 703 will host its annual Adult Volunteer Weekend at Camp Furnace Hills in Denver, PA from September 21-23. The theme of this year's weekend will be Girl Scout Traditions: 100 Years of Inspiring Girls and Young Women.

This training weekend is open to all registered adult volunteers and will be jam-packed with workshops and activities for those of you who like to keep busy; however, you do not have to participate in all of them! If you want to relax and enjoy Camp Furnace Hills, work on your own crafts, play board games, socialize, etc., you are free to do so!

[Click here for complete details and registration information for this training weekend.](#)

Eco Footprint Challenge Re-test

So, you've taken the GSHPA Eco Footprint Challenge and have worked to reduce your Ecological Footprint.

Now it's time to see how much you and your girls have reduced your impact on the environment! Encourage your girls to take the challenge again by clicking on the link below and see how much you've been able to cut down on the number of planet Earths it would take to support your lifestyle.

[Click here to re-take the Eco Footprint Challenge.](#)

Remember, results of how much our council has been able to reduce our impact on the environment will be released at the GSHPA Camporee in August!

Did you know?

The social unrest of the 1960s was reflected in

organization actions and Girl Scout program change, including the introduction in 1963 of four program age levels for girls: Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts.

Gold Award Spotlight

[Click here](#) to see who's in the spotlight this month.

Girl Scouts Set to Appear on Martha Stewart Show

Tune into the Hallmark Channel on Monday, May 7 at 10 am. The entire show is devoted to Girl Scouting and a celebration of our 100 years. The show, which was taped on March 21, begins with a conversation about Girl Scouting between GSUSA CEO Anna Maria Chávez and Martha Stewart, who was a Girl Scout while growing up in New Jersey. The program will also feature Girl Scouts engaging with Martha Stewart in various cooking and craft segments, and there's even a segment on Girl Scout uniforms through the decades. The show will air again on May 7 at 2 pm and on May 8 at 1 pm. If you miss it, you'll be able to watch clips from the show at www.marthastewart.com beginning on May 8.

Around the Council

Girls

- Clinton County Girl Scouts are working to get their communities serious about recycling. Daisy Troop 40621 attended a city council meeting in Lock Haven on April 16 to discuss their ideas with city council members. The effort is being spearheaded by troop leaders Joni MacIntyre and Lori Jones.
- Daisy Troop 70387 in Service Unit 715-Penn Manor recently had a children's yoga instructor visit one of their troop meetings. The yoga instructor spoke with the girls about the importance of exercising both their bodies and minds. She then spent the next hour teaching the girls basic yoga. During the session, as she demonstrated yoga poses, she would talk about the country where each pose originated. The girls had a wonderful time.
- Ashley and Alisan Dodd of Junior Troop 70174 in SU 713-Friendly Valley (Lancaster), recently

received the Bronze Presidential Volunteer Service Award from President Obama and Girl Scouts in the Heart of Pennsylvania. Last year, the girls each performed 50 hours of volunteer service work at various events. Their community service included helping at a blood drive, making milkshakes for Easter Seals, baking cookies for shut-ins, visiting the elderly in area rest homes, cleaning a hair salon, shoveling snow, and raking leaves for their neighbors.

Volunteers

- In the photo below, Candi Kimble, leader of Junior troop 50204 in Carbondale, Juliette Low Service Unit 509, displays the poster that she uses to encourage the girls in the troop to reach their cookie selling goal. The chart lists each girl's current goal and last year's amount sold, along with notations on the amount needed to obtain incentives. The girls can see at a glance how many more boxes to reach their goal and to reach each incentive level.



- Service Unit 226-Spring Valley (West York) held a

spaghetti dinner to raise money for GSHPA as part of our Family Partnership Campaign. This was the service unit's second annual dinner and it was a huge success. More than 330 meals were served and this year's donation to GSHPA was up almost 45% from last year. Comments from diners were all positive as the service unit tried a sit-down meal served by Girl Scouts restaurant style as compared to last year's cafeteria style service.

- Megan Gregor, a volunteer in Service Unit 415 in State College, has recently been published. Her book SIGNS is currently #46 on the "hot new release" list and can be found on amazon.com and untreedreads.com.

Save the Date!

- **May 5 - 6, 2012** – Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Louise
- **May 5 - 6, 2012** – Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Small Valley
- **June 2 - 3, 2012** – Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Archbald
- **June 1 -2, 2012** – Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Golden Pond
- **June 9, 2012** – Girl Scouts Rock the Mall 100th Anniversary Sing-A-long
- **June 23, 2012** – GSHPA Gold Award Luncheon at the C. Ted Lick Wildwood Conference located on the Harrisburg campus of HACC
- **June 30, 2012** – Deadline to turn in all troop re-registration forms to be eligible for Camporee Drawing
- **July 13 – 15, 2012** – Outdoor Odyssey at Camp Small Valley
- **July 31, 2012** – Troop/Group Finance Reports Due
- **August 10 – 12, 2012** – 100th Anniversary Camporee at the York Expo Center
- **September 7 – 9, 2012** – GSHPA Fall Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Golden Pond
- **September 21 – 23, 2012** – Adult Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Furnace Hills
- **September 27 – 29, 2012** – GSHPA Fall Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Small Valley
- **October 5 – 7, 2012** – GSHPA Fall Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Louise

- **October 13 – 14, 2012** - GSHPA Fall Volunteer Training Weekend at Camp Echo Trail

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