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Keeping girls of courage, confidence and character connected!

Girl Scout Alumnae and Celebrity Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of the USA has impacted the lives of more than 43 million women since its start in 1912. GSUSA has contributed to success among girls and women by offering opportunities for personal and leadership development, exposure to role models, and community involvement.

Girl Scout alumnae hold strong positive memories of important experiences in Girl Scouting, such as trying new things, working with a group to accomplish common goals, goal setting and doing good things for the community. Most Girl Scout alumnae believe that their Girl Scout experiences had positive effects on their adult lives.

Many Girl Scout alumnae have become famous and made an important impact on the world—American women who have achieved success in their careers. Known names in Girl Scouting include those in business, in education, elected officials and government, first family members, in the fields of health, science and technology, media, performing arts and sports. How many of the following do you recognize?

In government, current Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, and former Madeleine Albright; and former US Attorney General, Janet Reno are names that can be added to the list. Members of the first family, Laura Bush, Chelsea Clinton, Tipper Gore, and Nancy Reagan were or are Girl Scouts. Christa McAuliffe and Judy Resnick are famous Girl Scouts, who became astronauts. Celebrity Girl Scouts in the media include Barbra Walters, TV anchor; Dr. Joyce Brothers, Radio Personality; Katie Couric, Star Jones and Martha Stewart, TV personalities.

Adrienne Bailon, Candance Bergen, Lynda Carter, Cindy Crawford, Sheryl Crow, Dakota Fanning, Carrie Fisher. Susan Lucci, Cheryl Tiegs, Kathleen Turner, Mary Tyler Moore and Dionne Warwick were Girl Scouts who became famous in the entertainment industry.

Some celebrity Girl Scouts in sports are Peggy Flemming, Dorothy Hamill, Jackie Joyner Kersee and Nancy Lopez.

Teen Links is a quarterly publication for Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

E-mail us with ideas of what you'd like to see in future issues!

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Celebrity Alumnae serve as role models and inspiration for girls everywhere to become anything they set their minds to.

"I think the most enduring lesson I was taught through my experiences of being a Girl Scout was that I was a member of a larger community. I out-grew my uniforms and badges years ago, but the memories of visiting nursing homes or organizing Earth Day tree plantings or my summers camping with girls from all different backgrounds will stay with me always." **Natalie Merchant, Musician**

"Girl Scouts offered a wonderful group of girls [a place] where common concerns and interests could come together. We could learn, be challenged, and support one another. It was a very positive aspect of my life and played an important role in shaping who I am today." **Judy Woodruff, CNN Anchor**

"The thing I received from Girl Scouts more than anything else was a sense of real teamwork and working for the community, helping others, and it was not competitive. I remember working as a group to achieve a goal or to help the community. There was a great sense of accomplishment in that." **Cathy Rigby, Olympic Gymnast and TV Commentator**

"I feel successful for achieving the career I set out as a goal to achieve. It's very satisfying from a personal, professional, and social standpoint. Flying in space makes it so satisfying. It says it all." **Jan Davis, Astronaut**

New Online Safety Site Just For Girls!



<http://lmk.girlscouts.org>

Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Microsoft Corporation have joined forces to create a fun, new interactive Web site regarding online safety just for you! It's called **LMK** (text-speak for "let me know") and it's a program run by girls like you who will share their concerns about online safety. These "tech-perts" will touch on subjects like cyberbullying, predators and social networking. You can watch videos of the girls talking about themselves and about online safety. You can even earn a special Girl Scouts of the USA digital patch!

In addition to the girl site, your parents have a site specifically geared to their needs, equipping them with the tools necessary to understand and act on the rapidly changing world of online safety. There's a link to the parent site on the girls' site.

Online fun for Sybaquay Girl Scouts

Juliette Page

If you're an individually-registered Girl Scout Juliette, don't forget to check the Web site for service unit events and monthly badgework. *OneGirl* is also a great way to stay connected to other Sybaquay Girl Scouts. Look through the program booklet for council-sponsored activities where you may meet other girls in the council. And don't forget KIT stands for Keep In Touch—it's a program just for Juliettes. The link to the KIT Program will give you more information and an e-mail address where you can send any questions you might have.

Girl2Girl

We have a section of Sybaquay's Web site that is just for girls. It's still "under construction" in most areas, and we need your help in determining what girls want to see on Girl2Girl! Be a part of the Girl2Girl Advisory Board—contact Cindy at the Girl Scout Center if you're interested by e-mail at cindy@gs-sybaquay.org or by phone at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139. If you e-mail us, please be sure to put Girl2Girl and/or Girl Scouts in the subject line. Once we have a panel of girls, we'll work on setting up a meeting date on a Saturday at the Girl Scout Center in Elgin.

Ask a Girl Scout

Did you know that you can go on the Girl2Girl section of our Web site and ask one of our Girl Scout Emissaries any questions you might have about Girl Scouting? Just go to the **Girl2Girl** page and click on the GS Emissary's photo—you'll then be able to e-mail a question to *Ask a Girl Scout*. Then check back later—your question and the GS Emissary's answer will be posted on the Ask a Girl Scout page on the Web site.

Indoor photo shoot

Would you like to represent Girl Scouts and your community in photos for our publications and on our Web site? There is still time to sign up to participate in an indoor photo shoot at the Girl Scout Center, in Elgin, on March 28 from 1-3 P.M. Girl Scouts are asked to wear their vests, sash or tunic. We are lucky to have a professional photographer providing her services for this event, and would like to invite Girl Scouts of all ages to pose for individual and group photos we can use in future printed materials. Register online, or contact Vanessa at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115, or send an E-mail to vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org.

Expanding Program Opportunities

Sybaquay Council will be expanding its borders, joining with our neighboring councils—Green Hills Council, Rock River Council, and Fox Valley Council—as of October. The GSUSA realignment will create one high-capacity council that will bring more resources and open doors to program opportunities to Girl Scouts in Sybaquay and our neighboring councils. Make plans to participate in some exciting opportunities that have recently been offered.

Girl Scouts - Fox Valley Council invites you to Chicago

The Mystery Trip is a mystery no more! Come experience a Girl Scouting world traveler experience. Have fun learning how to be an internal traveler and explore Chicago!

Take a train from Geneva to Union Station and walk to the hostel in a safe neighborhood centrally located in the Chicago Loop. Stay in clean dorm rooms with bunk beds, showers and lockers. Your linens and towels are provided. (Bring your own lock and pocket money for extra snacks and souvenirs.) Girl Scouts has our own dorm room and an opportunity to interact with International travelers. Earn your Leadership Interest IP and Travel IP. Included—hotel patch, 3 meals, transportation, housing, fun activities to include lunching in Chinatown, bike tour, and service project. Adult supervision is provided by experienced leaders (one's an RN)

When: June 11-13, 2009

Cost: \$100 per person

Min. Participants: 10 (Juliettes, individual Girl Scouts and adults, 8th grade and up are welcome)

Max. Participants: 30

RSVP by April 1, 2009 (payment must be received at Fox Valley Council by April 15, 2009.) Any questions, please contact 630-897-1565.

Discover the World Essay Contest for Girl Scouts

Hostelling International USA wants to hear about girls' experiences in travel! When girls share their story, they could win airfare on American Airlines and 3 nights at a participating hostel for themselves and three others, a Flip Video camera, or an HI-USA goodie bag! Visit them online to learn more at www.hiusa.org/programs/gs_essay.shtml

Be sure to check the Web site for just added council-sponsored program events and other opportunities like these, available to Sybaquay Girl Scouts.

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