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NEWSLETTER FOR  
OUR GIRL SCOUT FAMILIES

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## GSUSA & MICROSOFT LAUNCH ONLINE SAFETY PROJECT

With the escalating popularity, increasing access to the internet and online technologies, it is important for teens and parents to be aware of the dangers that exist in cyberspace. **LMK**, text-speak for “Let me know,” is an online safety campaign created in partnership with Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA) and Microsoft Corporation. Each month, the all-girl “tech-perts” will explore a different Internet safety topic through the fun, interactive Web site. Designed to build girls as leaders in promoting online safety, the program features forums, video features, articles, quizzes, polls, games and a Q & A column from Internet safety expert Parry Aftab.

In addition, parents have access to a site specifically geared to their needs, equipping them with the tools necessary to

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*With detailed advice and information about online safety issues written by teen girls, this collaboration between Girl Scouts of the USA and Microsoft provides resources for both teens and parents.*

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understand and act on the rapidly changing world of online safety. A monthly e-newsletter written by the girls is available on the adult site—both the newsletter and adult site are designed to provide parents with timely guidance and also serve as a tool to help families have open and honest conversations about the dangers that lurk in cyberspace.

***“Being online is a part of every teenage girl’s life,” says Shannon, a member of the LMK editorial team. “Now we have a chance to teach our parents a thing or two about the real issues we face every day.”***

Subjects like cyberbullying, Internet predators and social networking will be among the many explored by the girls. While many young people are aware of these issues, not many know how to keep themselves safe. In the U.S. alone, nearly one in six children grades six to 10 are victims of online bullying each year, according to the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges. Bullying is not “just a phase” or behavior in which “kids will be kids.” The repercussions of cyberbullying can be so grave that at least 13 states have passed or are proposing laws to make it a crime.

The LMK campaign shows teens how to stay safe online by:

- Surprising girls with what they can learn about online safety.
- Inspiring girls to pass their learning on to their friends.
- Including their parents in a dialogue about online safety.
- Empowering girls to become leaders who advocate safe and responsible use of technology.

**Check out both the teen & adult sites—**

**Girls: <http://lmk.girlscouts.org>**

**Adults: <http://letmeknow.girlscouts.org>**

Girl Scouts all across Sybaquay Council worked hard to “Make the World a Better Place” during Girl Scout Month!

# MAKING

# THE

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**Emmy, Bridget, Allison, Breanne, Kendall, Haley, Maddy, Madelyn**



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 151 collected hats and also purchased material to make fleece hats for cancer patients for the *It's All About the Kids* organization's *Hats Off for Thomas* project—the girls donated nearly 350 hats. The girls also made brownies to auction off at the *It's All About the Kids* special event.**



**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 429 donated 80 boxes of Girl Scout cookies collected from their sale to the VA Hospital in North Chicago. Pictured: Kyra, Allison, Marissa, Natalie, Mason, Taylor, Breanna, Colette & Mikayla. Not pictured: Peyton, Abby, Bailee & Hannah.**



**Girl Scout Junior Troop 1128 participated in the *Feed My Starving Children* project. The girls donated money they earned doing odd jobs around their homes. Additionally, they prepared over 300 meal packets. Pictured: Raquel, Kelly, Rachel, Jesse, Nicole, Devin, Averie, Val, McKenna, Kristin & Sabrynn.**

## MORE:

*Thank you to all of the Girl Scout leaders who sent e-mails with photos and stories of their troops' service projects!*

**Girl Scout Junior Troops 353 & 530 collected food & grocery items for the Cuba Township Food Pantry.**

**Girl Scout Junior Troop 135 made blankets and put together dog treat bags for their local animal shelter.**

**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 177 read books to preschoolers in Elgin's *Two Rivers Headstart Facility*.**

**Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1014 purchased supplies and made school kits to send to Iraq and other countries for *Operation Iraqi Children*.**

**Girl Scout Junior Troop 198 played bingo and socialized with residents from the *Victory Center Senior Living Facility*.**

**Girl Scout Cadette Troop 488 displayed "*Chairs on Parade*" at their local library during Girl Scout Week. The girls decorated the chairs and then held a storytime session with a Girl Scout Daisy troop—the project included a collection of food items for a newly formed local food pantry.**

**Girl Scout Cadette Troop 1275 made no-sew blankets and delivered them to Woodstock's *Turning Point* shelter.**

# SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING MATH

**(STEM)** For the past few years Girl Scouts has been giving girls opportunities to explore careers in science, engineering and computers through the *STEM* program. *STEM* activities have girls pushing boundaries, testing limits and taking a good look at the world around them with the ever-inquisitive eyes of youth. To find out more, visit the national Web site [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org). There are Try-Its, Badges and IPs that girls can work on in the fields of science and technology. Check out some of them below.

## Try-its For Girl Scout Brownies

Science In Action  
Science Wonders  
Computer Smarts  
Water Everywhere  
Space Explorers



## Badges For Girl Scout Juniors

Aerospace      Science Sleuth  
Computer Fun      Skysearch  
Science Discovery      Water Wonders  
Science in Action      Weatherwatch



## IPs For Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors & Ambassadors

Computers in Everyday Life  
Space Exploration  
Why in the World



# GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE FUN!



**Streamwood Mayor Billie Roth, Sybaquay's Honorary Cookie Chair with Girl Scout Seniors Andrea & Angela.**



**Girl Scout Cadettes Sam, & Alexandra at the WRMN on-air cookie sale.**



**Girl Scout Juniors Lydia, Signe & Alayna brave the elements at a cookie shop on the Square in Woodstock.**



**Girl Scout Brownies Hailey, Alanna & Carlie offer tasty treats to Wal-Mart shoppers in McHenry.**

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**Girl Scout Brownies Samantha, Faith, Julia & Brooke at Jewel in Algonquin.**



**Girl Scouts Rebecca, Paige, Amy, Mallory & Sarah at Choctaw Service Unit's Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-off event.**



**Girl Scout Cadettes Devan & Irene have "Cookies & Milk" with Harvard Radio show host Dave Gardner.**



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# SUMMER PROGRAM

DISCOVER

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TAKE ACTION



## FAMILY/TROOP SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP POKONOKAH HILLS!

Pencil your family in for some fun and adventure and Camp Pokie this summer. July 24 through August 3, 2009, will be our Family/Troop Summer Camp. Choose how long you and your family want to stay—a long weekend, a couple of days, a week, or stay the entire time at this beautiful 475-acre camp in northern Wisconsin. About 45 minutes north of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the camp is situated on 475 acres of deep woods, gently rolling hills and secluded lakes. There will be camp staff to help with activities and meals will be provided. You and your family can participate in planned activities or have fun on your own in camp or take a side trip outside of camp!

## TROOP TREK & TROOP TREK YOU & ME

Troop Trek is a council-sponsored troop camping experience designed for Girl Scout Junior troops embarking on their first camping adventure. Troop Trek You & Me is for Girl Scouts entering grades 4 - 6 with an adult female.

## SERVICE UNIT DAY/TWILIGHT CAMP

Each of the 21 service units in Sybaquay Council has the opportunity to hold a day or twilight camp for their area. Day/twilight camps offer themed activities and day/evening field trips, some with an optional overnight for older girls.

## CAMP CO-OP PARTICIPATION

Sybaquay Council has once again joined the camp co-op which provides access not only to Sybaquay's Camp Pokonokah Hills, but to Camp Dean, Camp Far Horizons and Camp McCormick.

*For more information on any of the above camping opportunities, visit the Camp page of Sybaquay's Web site. Also, watch for exciting new council-sponsored summer program opportunities coming to our Web site May 1.*

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# FROM THE GIRL SCOUT CENTER (GSC)

## **IMPORTANT DATES!**

<i>Adult Recognition Dinner</i>	<i>April 22, '09</i>
<i>GS Silver Award Ceremony</i>	<i>May 9, '09</i>
<i>GS Gold Award Banquet</i>	<i>June 10, '09</i>

*Don't forget to check our Web site throughout the year! We will post information and dates about upcoming Sybaquay-sponsored events, Council Shop & Girl Scout Express sales, and special GSC closings.*

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## **TECH NOTES . . .**

**Weekly E-Mail Blasts**—More than ever, Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council communicates with its members via e-mail blasts and automated phone messages. In the past couple of months, we've begun sending weekly e-mail blasts regarding programming and general Sybaquay updates. In these e-mails we include new program opportunities for girls, as well as important information for leaders and parents. Program Update blasts and Sybaquay Council Update blasts alternate every other week. The Program Update goes to all e-mails we have and the Sybaquay Council Updates go to all registered adults. There is some cross-over in content. You can find links to the current program e-mail blasts with additional girl programming on the Girl Program and Leader pages of our Web site.

We are still receiving some of our e-mails back as undeliverable. ***Please be sure to update the Girl Scout Center of any changes in your phone number and e-mail address.*** To update your records in our system, contact Tina at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7117 or by e-mail at [tina@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:tina@gs-sybaquay.org). ***Also, don't forget to add Girl Scouts - Sybaquay Council in your computer address book*** to ensure that these important messages don't go to your junk mail!

### **Online Publications—**

*Leader Links* (monthly)  
*Program Booklet* (fall)  
*Sybaquay Reporter* (quarterly)  
*Teen Links* (quarterly)  
*Sybaquay Annual Report* (January)  
*Family Welcome Guide* (fall)

If we have your e-mail on file at the Girl Scout Center, you will receive notification in your weekly update when these publications are posted online. Hard copies of any of these publications can be mailed upon request. Please contact Cindy at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7139 or [cindy@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:cindy@gs-sybaquay.org).

## GOING CAMPING? WE HAVE WHAT YOU NEED!

Both of our Girl Scout shops carry a wide range of camping supplies, including mosquito netting, mess kits, compasses and more! Get your favorite Girl Scout camper a new back pack, flashlight or bandana! And for those Girl Scouts who want to stay connected to home—stationery and note cards. Then, scrapbook the whole experience using one of our special Girl Scout scrapbooking kits.

If it's more convenient, shop in the comfort of your "jammies" in our online shop!

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## OUR GIRL SCOUT SHOPS

### GIRL SCOUT CENTER AND COUNCIL SHOP HOURS

Monday	12 Noon – 5 P.M. (Shop only 12 Noon – 7 P.M.)
Tuesday	9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Wednesday	9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Thursday	9 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Friday	9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

The Girl Scout Shop is also open the first Saturday of each month from 10 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Should the first Saturday fall on a holiday, the shop will be closed and will then be open the following Saturday.

### Contacting the Girl Scout Center Shop:

Phone: 847-741-5521  
Fax: 847-741-5667  
E-mail: [info@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:info@gs-sybaquay.org)  
Web site: [www.gs-sybaquay.org](http://www.gs-sybaquay.org)

**Did you know?—When you shop at the Council Shop or the Girl Scout Express, revenues are used to further the Girl Scout program for girls in Sybaquay Council!**

### GIRL SCOUT EXPRESS HOURS

Monday	9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday	9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday	9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Thursday	9:30 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Friday	9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Saturday	9:30 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday	Noon – 4 P.M.

### Contacting the Girl Scout Express:

Phone: 847-620-5043  
Fax: 847-620-5044

*The Girl Scout Express is located in the Ice House Mall at 200 Applebee Street, in Barrington. The Ice House Mall is north of Main Street, next to the Jewel Food Store. Hough (Route 59) and Main Street is the major intersection nearest the mall location. Call the Girl Scout Express for more specific directions.*



## JOIN OUR GIRL SCOUT EMISSARY NETWORK!

A Girl Scout Emissary is a Girl Scout who represents Sybaquay Council in the media, in council publications and on our Web site. She will share her Girl Scout experiences, enthusiasm and dedication with others. She may also be called upon to participate in community or program activities for photos.

*For more information or to become a Girl Scout Emissary, call us at 847-741-5521, Ext. 7115 or e-mail <[vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org](mailto:vanessa@gs-sybaquay.org)>.*



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Council Realignment Update  
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