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Happy Holidays

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

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or more, not $50.
It is $50, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Cookie Sale!

It's Cookie Time!

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The Girl Scout Cookie sale started December 20. Girl Scouts throughout the area are taking orders through January 31. Cookies will arrive the first of March!

FAMILIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE COOKIE SALE

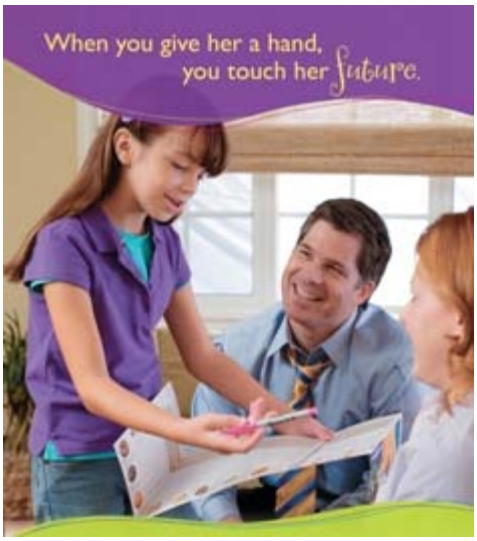
With your Girl Scout's first cookie experience, she may be shy and hesitant to even speak to a new person for the first time. But people love Girl Scout Cookies and want to support girls, and she will experience many successes. The vast majority of people say "yes" when asked to buy and these early positive business experiences are powerful. Through the years, she will grow into a confident young woman who feels empowered to achieve her dreams.

Along the way she won't want to miss the fun. And you won't want her to miss the learning.

Essential leadership skills that are the core of the Girl Scout Experience Early business skills, such as goal-setting, planning, money management and teamwork Self-confidence and social skills through interactions with customers and other girls

Help your Girl Scout become a person of courage, confidence and character, who makes the world a better place.

Help her set person goals, such as earning official Girl Scout Cookie awards (include link to cookie awards sheet on our website 8.2 and to Cookie Club at LBB http://www.littlebrownie.com/girls/cc_main.html) Ask her to describe how her Girl Scout troop plans to use the Cookie Sale proceeds Support her with Operation: Sweet Appreciation (link to this info on our website 8.1)



REQUIRED COOKIE SALE TRAINING

If your Troop Cookie Chairperson has not attended one of the REQUIRED Council-sponsored or local Service Unit Cookies Trainings and received materials to start selling cookies, IT IS NOT TOO LATE! Please contact us to make arrangements now! cookies@gsneo.org New troops forming through March 1 are eligible to sell!

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Follow us on Facebook! Tell us how your cookie sale is going ...
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (private group)

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Shop Talk

Holiday Savings

STILL TIME TO SHOP...

Correction! Last week's E-news said free shipping for orders of $5, not $50. It is $50, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Macedonia shop hours:

December 23 to January 3 - CLOSED

Lorain Unique Boutique hours:

December 23 to January 3 - CLOSED

Niles Unique Boutique hours:

December 23 to January 3 - CLOSED

North Canton Unique Boutique hours:

December 23 to January 3 - CLOSED

ORDER PROCESSING

Orders received after December 18 will be processed when we reopen on January 4, 2010.

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SAVE THE DATE!

What: Membership Meetings & Delegate Elections

Who: All Registered Girl (over 14) and Adult Members

When: February 22nd - 27th, 2010

Where: See Membership Meeting Calendar for full list of locations - please attend the meeting designated for the county you live in.

RSVP: Call (800) 852-4474 or email RSVP@GSNEO.org

The Membership Meetings & Delegate Elections will take place at the regularly scheduled A.V. Meetings for the month of February. All members, 14 and older, are eligible to vote in the election and are encouraged to attend. Each meeting will offer an expanded informational presentation, staff on hand to answer questions and the elections. Please review the letter and 2010 Delegate Nomination & Election Packet for full details. Questions can be directed to Susanne Ryder at (800) 852-4474 ext. 0397 or sryder@gsneo.org. Thank you!

Nominations for Membership Delegates - deadline February 15th! (click here)

Attention Girl and Adult Members (14 and older) - the time has come once again to elect your delegates.

Do you know a girl (over 14) or adult member who is:

· A great listener with the ability to be open to and understand another's point of view.

· A strong communicator, not afraid to speak in front of a group, and always willing to ask and answer questions or even lead a discussion.

· Able to convey information accurately and without personal bias.

· Able to weigh all factors and make decisions based on the welfare of the council as a whole.

Nominate them to be your next Membership Delegate. Over the past two years, your Delegates have been a vital asset in many areas of the council. They assisted in the revision process for the Operational Volunteer Policies, Finance Policies, and Code of Regulations, they worked on improving the volunteer application and background screening, financial aid and other procedures through the Process Improvement Teams, and they voted on your behalf to elect new members to the Board of Directors and Board Development Committee as well as our National Delegates.

Nominations will be accepted January 4th through February 15th. Please review the 2010 Delegate Nomination & Election Packet for full details and the nomination form. Questions may be directed to Susanne Ryder at (800) 852-4474 ext. 0397 or sryder@gsneo.org. Thank You!

In Case of Emergency

Council Closing

All GSNEO Council offices and camp properties will be closed from Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 5:00 PM until Monday, January 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM.

If you have an EMERGENCY (Girl Scout accident or injury requiring hospitalization, missing child or theft/severe damage to GSNEO property etc.) please follow the instructions on GSNEO Emergency Procedures Card or as appropriate:

- Provide care for the injured
- Call 911
- Notify parents of action
- Cooperate fully with law enforcement officials and emergency responders
- Notify GSNEO at 330-472-2389 (Tuesday, December 22, 2009 after5:00PM to Monday, January 4, 2010 at 8:30 AM ONLY)

The emergency number will be checked at least twice a day for messages. All other inquiries will be responded to beginning on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Please Participate in the Property Survey

Property Evaluation Update

As part of the strategic planning process, the Board has charged the organization with evaluating and prioritizing property needs.

To further this goal, the Property Visioning Planning Retreat was held at the GSNEO Corporate Office on Saturday December 5 and facilitated by Barbara Greene.

There was a wonderful turnout of volunteer, board and staff representatives from all corners of the council.

The group came together to evaluate how our properties can best support girl program and to make recommendations on how to maximize property usage potential given the financial constraints we face.

Three task groups were assigned - Market Research-Chaired by Board Member Beth Frank, Program Research-Chaired by Board Treasurer Lynda Rossiter and Property Research-Co-chaired by Board Members Roberta Uhrich and Brent Gardner.

The committees will be busy during the next four months conducting research, evaluating property survey results, reviewing financial data, and other property related information.

The Groups are also charged with developing a decision making matrix that is bias free.

The Vision 2012 Committee reports to the Integrated Task Group of the Board of Directors.

By May 2010, it is hoped that there will be recommendations forwarded for GSNEO Board decision making. In a report from Glen Chin, GSUSA Consultant, "The wonderful sites of Northeast Ohio's inventory makes it difficult to sort and prioritize, and if resources were infinite, the Council would not have to make these difficult decisions.

In order for the Council to be a good steward of its resources, it will be important to focus upon the core programmatic areas of the council and to optimize the operating costs now and into a more sustainable future".

-Beth Frank, Board Member and Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee

URGENT: Please take a few moments and complete the property survey

Just for Girls Property Survey

Welcome to the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio Camp survey. We need your help to plan for Better Camps and Activities in the future.
This is a short survey (only 22 questions!) Be honest with your answers. Please fill out the survey only ONE TIME PER PERSON (Scout's Honor!) Tell all your friends (even former Girl Scouts) to complete the survey too! Look for the results on the GSNEO website. Thank you very much!
Girls only! Please get your PARENT's PERMISSION before answering the questions. Click on the link below.

GSNEO Girl Property Survey
Click on the link to take the survey now!

GSNEO Adult Property Survey
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GSNEO Adult Property Survey

Welcome to the Girl Scouts of North East Ohio (GSNEO) property survey representing the 18 counties in Northeast Ohio. Our goal is to create a sustainable property plan for GSNEO that balances the rich and unmatched tradition of Girl Scout outdoor education with the realities of the council's financial situation and the changing needs and wants of the girl membership.
We need your help determining how to best meet the needs and interests of girls for outdoor programming and property use. Please complete the survey only once (Scout's Honor!) Feel free to let your friends (even former Girl Scouts) know about the survey too! It is a short survey, only 23 questions, and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Results of the survey will be posted on the GSNEO website. Thank you very much!
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Program and Training

Join the Fun!

Click here to enlarge

Click here for flyer

Watch the Kent State Women's basketball team take on Bowling Green at the MAC Center at 2:00 PM on the 16th of January.

After the game stick around for a special Girl Scout program (please wear tennis shoes) and a chance to meet the team and get autographs.

You must buy a ticket to participate in the days activities. Tickets are $3.00 for Girl Scouts and their family and friends and can be purchased at the door on game day. Girls and adults must wear uniforms or print the flyer off our Web Site for discount ticket price.

For additional information check out the flyer located on our web site @ GSNEO.org.

For questions call Donna DeFiore @ 1-800-852-4474 or email ddefiore@gsneo.org.

ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME + MUSEUM

click here for Rock and Roll HOF

Girls Rock! 2nd Annual Girl Scouts Day at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

$18 per person

Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 10am - 3pm

Bring your Girl Scouts to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum to experience how girls rock! Learn about the Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, the Marvelletes, Janis Joplin, Ma Rainey, Grace Slick, Aretha Franklin and Patti Smith just to name a few.

The day will include self-guided and guided tours of the Rock Hall, a DJ keeping the girls dancing and singing throughout the day, educational programs that focus on women in rock, a scavenger hunt, craft stations and more.

Girl Scouts will receive a special patch as well.

Lunch is included in the price with a choice of a hot dog or pizza along with a drink and chips.

Call 216-515-1228 for more information or to make your reservation today or visit http://www.rockhall.com/visit/group-tours/. All reservations and payments must be received by January 13th. Reserve as soon as possible. Space is limited.

Programs coming in January - Not too late to sign up!!

Cent$Ability

Location: Macedonia Service Center
When: January 23, 2010
Time: 9:30pm-12:00pm

Live like a 25-year-old for a day! You can choose a career and earn a salary. You will learn how to budget your money, so you can SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP! You will learn how to find an apartment and what's needed to buy your very own car.

Register through January 19, 2010

**To register please fill out the council-sponsored registration form and send it in to the registration department*

**Questions, please contact Fallon Pulley at fpulley@gsneo.org or 800-852-4474 ext. 0372*

Energized Bunny

Location: Camp Lejnar
When: Saturday, January 9, 2010
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

There are many kinds of energy to explore with your friends. Junior Girl Scouts will learn how to re-energize themselves and the planet. Find out how big your carbon footprint is, and what you can do to "shrink" it. You will perform some energizing science experiments and make bio-degradable paper to take home. You will also "energize" yourself with some new techniques.

**To register please fill out the council-sponsored registration form and send it in to the registration department*

**Questions, please contact Linda Harvey at lharvey@gsneo.org or 800-852-4474 ext. 6237*

Growing up in Cleveland

Location: Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Beachwood
When: Saturday, January 16, 2010
Time: 12:30pm -1:30pm

Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts travel through time to explore the stories of those who came to Cleveland as immigrants during the 19th and early 20th century. Learn why Jewish immigrants came to America, what they found when they arrived and the challenges they faced. History comes alive through story telling, investigating objects in the immigrants trunk and experiencing exciting re-creations of historical settings.

**To register please fill out the council-sponsored registration form and send it in to the registration department*

**Questions, please contact B.J. at bbelanger@gsneo.org or 800-852-4474 ext. 0409.*

Snowflake Picnic for Daisies and Brownies

Location: Camp Lejnar
Date: Saturday January 9, 2010
Time: 10:30am - 3:30pm
Fee: $8.00 per girl.

Got the winter blues? Think it's too cold to go outside? Come enjoy some winter fun activities at camp, while learning important wintertime safety information. Have fun learning how to use snow shoes, how animals survive in the cold weather and experience a live dog sled presentation.

Winter Core Camp for Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

Location: Camp Lejnar
Date: Friday, January 22 - Sunday, January 24, 2010
Time: 7:00pm Friday - 1:00pm Sunday
Fee : $40.00 per person.

Camp Lejnar is located in the heart of the Snowbelt. Take advantage of this great opportunity to experience winter fun activities like winter stargazing, snowshoeing, sledding, a lantern hike and a live dog sled presentation at camp. We supply most materials and trained program staff to facilitate programs. Troops will be housed according to program level.

The Cadette and Senior/Ambassador Summit Leadership Teams are meeting now

Location: Camp Ledgewood
Cadettes in Low Lodge
Senior/Ambassadors in Cotter Cabin

Date: January 10

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Fee: None. Just come to the January meeting to register as a Leadership team member.

Summit Leadership Teams are council wide groups of girls getting together to plan their council wide Summit events.

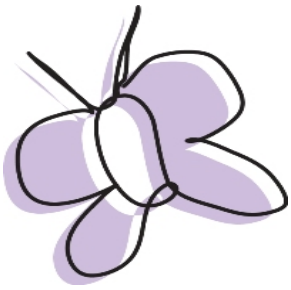
Girls must attend three of the four meetings plus the mandatory meeting to be considered members of the Leadership team. Refer to the Fall 2009 Faces and Place for more information at www.gsneo.org/girl_programs.html

Program Aide Indoor Track for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

Location: Camp Lejnar
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2010
Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Fee: $12.00 per girl

As a Program Aide you work directly with younger girls under the supervision of an adult volunteer or staff member. You have the opportunity to share your experience and knowledge of girl scouting with younger girls. In this training girls take the core program aide training and indoor track only, focusing on it's relation to assisting with girls in the areas of art and sciences. * All Overnight Program Aide trainings address this is as a part of the over all training. ** You receive Indoor Track certification only at this training.



Adult Recognition Nominations due by February 1, 2010

GSNEO owes a tremendous debt of gratitude to the thousands of volunteers within our council. Without the countless hours given by troop leaders and assistants, group advisors, troop committees and parents, service teams, and even community volunteers and organizations, Girl Scouting would not exist. Many of these volunteers give service beyond the expectations of their position, and deserve public recognition for their dedication to the girls and the Girl Scout organization.

The 2010 Adult Recognition Packet is now available
This packet includes the GSNEO Board Approved Awards criteria, nomination materials, and submission deadlines. Deadline to submit nominations and endorsement letters is February 1, 2010.

Please look over the following criteria and nominate a volunteer who gives exemplary work to volunteering:

Appreciation Pin

The Appreciation Pin recognizes an adult who has delivered outstanding service to at least one geographic area, service unit, or program delivery audience.

The Honor Pin

The Honor Pin recognizes an adult who has delivered outstanding service to two or more geographic areas, or program delivery audience.

The Thanks Badge

The Thanks Badge recognizes an adult member whose performance is truly outstanding and benefits the total Council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

The Thanks Badge II

The Thanks Badge II recognizes an adult member who has previously received the Thanks Badge from any council and who has continued to contribute in extraordinary ways that benefit the total Council or the entire Girl Scout Movement.

The President's Award

The President's Award recognizes the efforts of a service unit, geographic area or program delivery team in moving its assigned area or audience toward achievement of Girl Scouts of North East Ohio goals during a fiscal or membership year.

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Family Partners

Growing Together

Don't let your family miss this opportunity!

Last April, GSNEO kicked off our *Family Partners* campaign. We introduced a four-year patch series to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts. Each year through 2012, your $25 or more donation will entitle your Girl Scout family to receive another piece of this segmented patch.

Add to your patch each year!
2009 - flower pot and daisy
2010 - tulip
2011 - daffodil
2012 - 100th anniversary sunburst

Collect them all!
All proceeds received from the Family Partners campaign are used to assist girls with Girl Scout membership, program fees, dues, uniforms and books. In the current economic climate, we are committed to ensuring that every girl has an equal opportunity to participate in Girl Scouting, regardless of her financial situation.

We are asking families like yours to help us reach out to all girls by giving generously. Please designate "Family Partners" on your check, payable to GSNEO and mail to:

GSNEO
Attn: Family Partners
One Girl Scout Way
Macedonia, Ohio 44056

For more information about Family Partners campaign contact Jenny LeBrun at 800-852-4474 or email membership@gsneo.org.

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Girl Scouts Making A Difference

Share Your Stories

Girl Scout Ambassador Christine Hoholski from Troop #50467 collected items herself, organized, put together, and delivered the gift baskets with the Vermilion Service Unit troops listed below:

Brownie Troop #301, 4 girls collected items and Angela & Leader Sharon Fetsic were at the house to present them.

Laundry Basket donated by Brownie Troop 50264, Leader Kris Ulery and Both Troop 264 and 7208 had 3 girls from each troop at the dedication. .
Junior Troop 779, Leader Wendi Cremeans had 8 girls that collected household cleaning items to donate.

Cadette Troop 50737, Leader Susan Adkins had 8 girls that collected household cleaning items to donate.

e-News Readers Share Their Stories...

marketing@gsneo.org

I just wanted to pass along what a great effort our Service Unit (Jackson) did recently. We have a service project called Cookies for Public Servants where troops within our su donate cookies (homemade by the girls) and we take them and divide them into trays and deliver them to different locations all over Jackson. This past December 1st we were able to take 30 heeping full trays to fire stations, police stations, all our schools and bus garage, libraries, our township hall and other locations all over Jackson!! We had so many cookies donated we were overwhelmed!! Jackson is such a great Service Unit!!

Happy Holidays from Troop #624!
We made Christmas cards for the troops over seas, and for nursing homes in our area. We also donated clothes to the Goodwill, and food to several local food banks. We will be serving a meal at a shelter as well. The girls have really learned a lot about the real meaning of Christmas and how good it feels to give. I am very proud of them! - Joanne MacKeigan

Hi, My name is Mindy Park, I'm a Daisy leader for Troop #50003 in Tiffin.
All of the Daisy Girl Scouts donated money and or gifts for our local Toys for Tots program which are distributed by the Tiffin Fire Department.

As you can see in the picture below, our 14 girls were able to donate more than 50 toys for those in need.

Troop #80344 of McDonald has been working with Troop #32531 of Brentwood , CA just outside of San Francisco on a Flat Stacie project this fall.

Flat Stacie has attended the GSNEO Water Drop for Brownies program, our Rededication Ceremony and Court of Awards Ceremony, Service Unit 812's Winterfest and Cookie Rally, our Troop Swim Party, and two service projects (we made cards for the Cleveland Veteran's Hospital and went grocery shopping to buy food for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Mahoning Valley).

Photos above show Flat Stacie's activities that will be written about in the journal which will return with her to CA in January. Our Flat Stacie has been participating with her host troop and will come back to us and let us know what girl scouts do in CA. This is a great way for us to interact with other girl scouts in the USA and learn more about what they do too.

Cadette Troop #70723 helped out Santa by filling in for his elves at the recent Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the Chesterland Rotary. Before the event, the girls wrapped the presents that the Rotary hands out to all the children who come to see Santa. During the event, the girls handed out the presents and entertained the children waiting in line to see Santa. They also helped with some of the games that the Rotarians had set up for the children. All the elves had a great time at this event. -Lisa Malak

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Girl Scouts in the News

Keep an Eye Out for Girl Scouts!

HARTVILLE NEWS
Education Awareness Sessions offered for Lake Elementary 5th Graders. Sarah Beres, Rachel Betz and Lydia Hakola are offering the program as their Girl Scout Gold Award Project. The girls have been involved with Girl Scouts since they were Kindergarten Daisy Scouts. The sessions will be offered in the Lake Elementary cafeteria afterschool from 3:30 to 5:00 and is free. Permission Forms were distributed to all 5th graders and are Due to the Office by Tuesday, November 24. Hartville & Uniontown Police Officers will be presenting along with the girls. High School students and Lake Elementary Staff members will also be volunteering.

Sarah Beres: Drugs Awareness and Gangs/Bullies/Cliques & Peer Pressure
Rachel Betz: Healthy Eating/Cooking and Fun Fitness
Lydia Hakola: Drugs and Internet Safety/Adjusting to the Middle School & Extra-Curricular Activities

In Picture (Left to Right) Sarah Beres, Rachel Betz and Lydia Hakola

Listen for GSNEO radio commercials on Q104, WDOK and the Fish!

See our ad on Christmas day in the Akron Beacon Journal (coupon and ad wrap).

Hooray!!! Our girls have been invited to talk about the Girl Scout Cookie sale
on the Wednesday Dec. 23 morning show
on WKBN-TV and WFMJ-TV in Youngstown!

Our Girl Scouts are on the radio, online, on TV and in the news! Please let us know what you see and hear (send us links and clippings) so we can share them with all of our members!
Thank you, Marketing@gsneo.org

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Stay Connected

Join Us Online

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio - Facebook group (private)

GSNEO - Twitter

www.gsneo.org *- website*

Planning Ahead...

The 'World Thinking' Resource Guide is Now Available at www.gsneo.org

Got a nose for news?

Become a Girl Journalist or an Adult Volunteer Journalist!

Submit Stories and Pictures for the *Shout Out* newsletter to marketing@gsneo.org

Year of Service

What is your troop doing ?

Email us your plans at marketing@gsneo.org

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Membership

Girl Scout Pride!

Show your Girl Scout pride with a Girl Scout window cling!

Free window clings are available at the council shop and GSNEO Unique Boutiques.
Register your window cling by providing us your license plate number. If we spot you - we'll send you a surprise in the mail!

Register your license plate by completing the postcard available with your window cling or send your auto license plate number to: spotmycar@gsneo.org and include SPOT MY CAR in the subject line.

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Spread the Word!

Miss a week ... miss a lot of great GSNEO updates.

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