



WELCOME TO YOUR NOVEMBER LEADER MEETING!

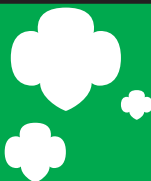
Girl Scouts' fall recruitment was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without all of our wonderful volunteers and dedicated staff! Once again, staff and volunteers recruited girls at hundreds of school open house and back-to-school nights, community recruitment events and through our website. It really is amazing when you consider all that goes into fall recruitment. Thank you very much for your support of Girl Scouts.

As we start to plan for the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scout organization, take time to think about all the girls and women who have been impacted through their involvement. Did you know that of today's female leaders 64% were Girl Scouts? We hope all troops will find a way to celebrate the 100th Anniversary, either through a council sponsored event or a special celebration planned by troops.

Have a great year and remember that the work you do today will be the building blocks for girls to become the leaders of tomorrow.



Yours in Girl Scouting,
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2012 DIRECT SALE COOKIE PROGRAM!

The NEW 2012 Direct Sale Cookie Program allows troops and girls to customize participation to fit their goals. With the new direct sale, troops will have cookies in hand before sales even begin! Through this important program girls develop five essential life skills; Goal Setting, Decision Making, Money Management, People Skills and Business Ethics all while earning funds for their troop & earning recognitions for themselves. Troops will earn \$.50 per box troop profit or \$.55 for those troops who have chosen to opt-out of recognitions. PLUS! Girls will earn recognitions on BOTH door to door and booth sales packages sold.

DECEMBER 9 – Booth Scheduler opens in Snap for initial cookie booth scheduling (up to 10 shifts- one shift per location per day at MAJOR OMAHA RETAILERS)

BY DECEMBER 16– Troops Initial Cookie Order entered in Snap

JANUARY 6 – 13 – Cookies are distributed statewide

JANUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 26 – Direct Sale dates

JANUARY 13 – Cookie Cupboards open

JANUARY 30 – Initial ACH withdrawal for 50% of initial order

FEBRUARY 27– Second ACH withdrawal for remaining 50% of initial order

MARCH 5 – Recognition orders entered in Snap

MARCH 16 – Final ACH withdrawal for Goal Getter patches and all cookie orders from a cupboard or service center office

MARCH 30 – Recognition distribution begins statewide

For additional information, please email cookie@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 1-877-NEMINT4U to reach a member of the Product Program Team.

REMEMBER: Girls must be registered for Girl Scouts BEFORE participating in Cookie Program.*

*Check your roster online in Troop Management.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS

Send us your photos and stories. We are always looking for good pictures and Girl Scout stories. You never know where your pictures will appear and our newsletters are a great place to feature your events, field trips and community service projects.

Also, we have an online photo gallery at girlscoutsnebraska.org. Send as many photos as you want and we will post what we can. To give your photos a greater chance of being used, make sure that your camera is set at a high photo quality level and if you have questions, we are happy to help.

Photo submissions may be sent to cjohnson@girlscoutsnebraska.org.



SUGGESTIONS AND GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING TROOP MONEY

Get the girls involved!

Troop income earned through troop dues collection, product program, and money earning activities should be helping your girls and all the families to have a Girl Scout experience. Part of that experience is financial literacy.

Let girls estimate costs for short and long trips. If you are going to the fire station, let them budget the cost of the snack and any other expenses they think they might have. It's OK if girls want to budget \$200 or \$.50 for snacks. Give them the opportunity to create a budget even if you know it's unrealistic. Even Daisies can guess what they think things cost. At your next meeting show the girls what the actual cost was and compare it to the budget. Did they guess too high or too low or just right? Do they have ideas for the next trip on how to budget more accurately?

The new Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting offers Financial Literacy badges girls can earn in each grade, so a badge every year.

TROOP BANK ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

- Keep your receipts – you should have back up for all expenses from the troop account.
- Troop Treasury Report is due each year on June 30
- Troop money is troop money, not for individuals - Troop money, including money earned from the cookie program, belongs to the whole troop. This means that no matter how much or how little individual girls contribute through product program and troop dues over time, the troop treats them all the same when paying for supplies, activities, camps, etc.
- Council Tax ID and Signers – All accounts should have the council tax ID, and a minimum of 2 non-related signers on the account and your membership specialist
- Questionable expenses - If you are unsure if an expense should be paid with your troop account, just ask your membership specialist.
- Additional Money-Earning - It is possible for girls to earn extra money in addition to product programs. The troop leader needs to submit a Money-Earning Request Form, found on our website at girlscoutsnebraska.org, under Forms & Resources, Forms, Troop Forms, to their membership specialist and review chapter 5 of the Volunteer Guide "Managing Group Finances"

A GOOD RULE OF THUMB FOR YOUR TROOP MONEY IS:

- 1/3 membership registrations, badges, uniform pieces
- 1/3 Girl Scout programs, field trips, supplies, ceremonies
- 1/3 savings – unexpected and big expenses

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE

WHY SHOULD YOU CHECK OUT SPIRIT OF NEBRASKA'S JOURNEYS WEBINARS?

Because 72% of those who have said the webinar provided information that was useful and helpful, and 82% of those who have would recommend the webinar to other Girl Scout leaders.

Eight tips to starting your Journey are offered in the "Welcome to Journeys" webinar. Four of the eight tips are noted below. Which tip do you think our volunteers say is the most beneficial tip to a successful Journeys experience?

1. Preview Journey options for your grade level.
2. Purchase the adult "how to guide" book and consider girl books.
3. Use the adult guide and sample sessions to plan Journeys sessions.
4. Modify sessions to meet the needs of girls.

Answer on back.

Spirit of Nebraska's Journeys webinars are available to you 24/7 at <http://girlscoutsnebraska.org/for-adults/volunteer-learning/journeys-webinars/>.

WELCOME TO JOURNEYS - a webinar that gets you started in the right direction with Journeys. It provides a general introduction to Journeys, and specific tips on how to get the most from your Journeys experience.

JUMPING INTO JOURNEYS - a webinar for each grade level that addresses each Journey for the grade level with specific ideas on how to experience it with your girls.



Follow Us!



Want to share the cool things your troop is doing? Join us on facebook, twitter and NING to share your troops' happenings, advice for other leaders and pictures for us to use in our Girl Scout publications. Also, watch for the latest council news and events, tips, tricks, pictures and videos.

GIRL SCOUT TRADITIONS

Girl Scout Holidays

- February 22 - World Thinking Day, an event that celebrates the sisterhood of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world
- March 12 - the birthday of Girl Scouting in the USA – 2012 – Girl Scout 100th Anniversary!!
- Third week in April - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- October 31 - Juliette Gordon Low's Birthday, also known as Founder's Day

SONGS

Whether singing around a campfire or to close a troop meeting, Girl Scouts have always enjoyed the fun and fellowship that music creates. How many of you have been serenaded constantly for days after your daughter comes home from Girl Scout camp?

Here are two examples of camp songs that girls really enjoy!



THE MILK SONG

Don't give me no pop, no pop (pop gesture)
Don't give me no tea, no tea ("T" gesture)
Just give me that milk (milking gesture with partner holding thumb utters)
Moo moo moo moo
Nebraska milk! (milking gesture)
Moo moo moo moo

Now give me a big M (M!!!)
Give me a little M (m)
But don't give me no pop, no pop...

Now give me a big I (I!!!)
Now give me lots of little iiiiii's (iiiiii)
But don't give me no pop, no pop...

Now give me a big L (L!!!)
Now give me a long l (l.....l)
But don't give me no pop, no pop...

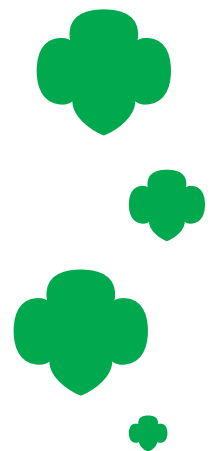
Now give me a big K (K!!!)
Now give me a little k (k)
But don't give me no pop, no pop...

Now give me a big milk (Chocolate!)
Not give me a little milk (SKIM!)
But don't give me no pop, no pop....

BAR-A-CA-TANG-GA

Everyone stands in a circle. During the first "Bar-a-ca-tang" part each participant places first their hand on the head of the person to their right, on the second "bar-a-ca-tang" they put their other hand on the person to the left's head. During the "Bar-a-ca-tang-ga" part you sing and shake your hips back and forth while keeping your hands on the others' heads. This continues with shoulders, waist, knees and toes.

Bar-a-ca-tang
Bar-a-ca-tang
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
YAH
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
Bar-a-ca-tang-ga
YAH



Songs can be used to enhance ceremonies, keep girls who finish an activity early occupied, or just share a special moment with other Girl Scouts. For tips on choosing and leading songs, go to http://www.girlscouts.org/program/gs_central/activity_ideas/songleading.asp. A variety of songbooks are also available for purchase. Check out any Juliette's Boutique for available resources. Program Aides (girls Cadette and above who have taken Program Aide training) may be available in your area to teach your service unit or troop some new songs – and they are trained to lead games and ceremonies, too! Just contact your membership or volunteer development specialist to find out how to be connected with Program Aides in your area.

More information on Girl Scout Traditions may be found in the Spirit of Nebraska Volunteer Guide on page 15.

COUNCIL CONTACTS & INFORMATION

COOKIE PROGRAM – Product Program Team, cookie@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 1-877-NEMINT4U.

HONOR TROOP – Troops can download the application form on our website under the Forms & Resources link. Contact your membership specialist if you have any questions.

PATHWAYS PASSPORT – Information and passport may be found on page 59 of the Annual Program Book. Passports may be redeemed from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012 at any Juliette's Boutique. Rules are printed on the back of the passport.

EARLY BIRD CAMP DISCOUNT – Sign up now for the 2012 Girl Scout camping season and save! Simply register for a program in the Camp Pathway by December 31, 2011 and receive a 10% discount. Discount does not apply to any Horse Camp through Spirit of Nebraska. Register online – go to girlscoutsnebraska.org; choose Online Registration at the bottom of the page.

ARTVENTURE – Sign up for your Girl/Artist Collaboration starting October 1, 2011. Applications are available at girlscoutsnebraska.org or by contacting Lori Williamson, lwilliamson@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 877.447.5558 x239. Additional information may be found on pages 31-32 of the Annual Program Book.

COOKIN' WITH COOKIES – For more information please contact Lori Williamson, lwilliamson@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 877.447.5558 x 239. Additional information may be found on page 29 of your Annual Program Book.

WORLD THINKING DAY (OMAHA) – World Thinking Day will be held on February 11, 2012 at UNO Milo Bail Student Center in Omaha. Contact Lori Williamson, lwilliamson@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 877.447.5558 x239 for more information. See page 45 of the Annual Program Book for details.

WORLD THINKING DAY (KEARNEY) – World Thinking Day is being expanded to include an event in Kearney this year. Contact Jennifer Barker, jbarker@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 800.627.5940 for more information. Also, additional details are available in the Annual Program Book on page 47.

TRAVEL PATHWAY – Contact Lori Williamson, lwilliamson@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 877.447.5558 x239 or Cynthia Gill, cgill@girlscoutsnebraska.org or call 308.254.3809 for more information on travel opportunities. For a complete listing of travel opportunities, please refer to the Travel Pathway found on pages 55-58 of the Annual Program Book.

100TH ANNIVERSARY – More information will be published as it becomes available. If you are interested in participating on a committee to help plan events, please contact Tina Norris, info@girlscoutsnebraska.org or 877.447.5558.

GIRL'S GUIDE TO GIRL SCOUTING – Contact your Membership Specialist regarding questions.




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Which tip do you think our volunteers say
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