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Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska

Winter/Spring 2012
**Learning
Schedule**

Volunteer Learning Opportunities

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska has a strong commitment to provide you - the adult volunteer - with essential tools for successful leadership. Our learning opportunities encourage our volunteers to discover, connect, and take action – the key ingredients to Girl Scout success and leadership, for you and your girls.

Adult Learning Opportunities

Discovering Girl Scouts

Required for new leaders and co-leaders.

Highly recommended for group and program volunteers.

This volunteer learning session offers an introduction to Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska and the many resources available to leaders. Discovering Girl Scouts offers the foundation of Girl Scouts, introduces the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience and provides a refreshing look at why Girl Scouting is so important.

Connecting to Your Grade Level

Required for leaders and co-leaders before meeting with a troop, and before meeting with a new grade-level.

Highly recommended for program or event volunteers.

This volunteer learning session prepares leaders for the specific grade level of their girls and the program resources that are available. Resources and tools are offered in conjunction with a detailed look at the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Session information is tailored for each grade level: Daisy, Brownie, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador. Please identify which grade level session you will be attending when you register.

Person-to-Person Learning or Online Learning?

Discovering Girl Scouts and Connecting to your Grade Level is available in two learning formats: person-to-person and online. Please consider your preferred learning style so that the learning session that you choose best meets your needs.

Person-to-person is the preferred learning environment for volunteers who learn best from a group experience and want questions answered on the spot. See page 7 for the schedule of person-to-person learning opportunities.

Online learning is a good option for those who simply cannot make it to a person-to-person opportunity and is appropriate for those who prefer to learn without on-site instruction and at their own pace. Registration instructions for online learning sessions can be found at <http://girlscoutsnebraska.org/for-adults/volunteering-training/online-training/>.

Outdoor Learning

Explore Out

Want to take your girls on an outdoor adventure that involves traveling away from the typical troop meeting location? You must complete Explore Out.

Completing Explore Out will allow you to learn essential information to safely take girls outside of their typical troop meeting place by learning the value and progression of outdoor adventures, signs and indicators for girl readiness, how to use Safety Activity Checkpoints, and appropriate forms and paperwork.

There is no cost, but does require you to download and print the Explore Out Guide from www.girlscoutsnebraska.org and complete Explore Out Online Quizzes found at <http://girlscoutsnebraska.adobeconnect.com/exploreout/>. It will take you approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete.

Sleep Out Camp Out

Want to take girls on an outdoor adventure that involves building a fire, sleeping outdoors, or cooking outdoors? You must complete Explore Out and attend a Sleep Out Camp Out learning session.

Sleep Out Camp Out learning sessions prepare you with essential skills to safely take girls into a variety of outdoor settings and learn night-time outdoor skills through an overnight camping experience. Skills covered include tenting, dressing/packing, leave no trace principles, outdoor fire-building, outdoor cooking methods, dishwashing, emergency preparedness, girl-led experiences, knot tying, hiking, and outdoor evening activities. Be sure to check out our website for a list of what to bring to Sleep Out Camp Out.

Outdoor Learning...continued

Lodge Out Cabin Out

Want to take girls on an outdoor adventure that ONLY involves staying in a lodge or cabin and building a fire? You must complete Explore Out and attend a Lodge Out Cabin Out learning session.

Lodge Out Cabin Out learning sessions prepare you with essential skills to safely take girls to a lodge or cabin setting. Skills covered include leave no trace principles, girl-led experiences, dressing/packing, hiking, and outdoor fire-building.

First Aid/CPR

Safety-Wise requires one certified First Aid/CPR volunteer be present when supervising girls during physically demanding activities and other activities involving a potential for injury.

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska highly recommends that each troop has a certified "first aider" on site at all troop meetings and activities.

This is offered by experts through your local Red Cross or National Safety Council office. To find your local Red Cross chapter, go to www.redcross.org/en/where. For the National Safety Council in Nebraska, go to www.nesafetycouncil.org/workplace-safety-training/nebraska-training-courses/117. If you need any additional assistance in locating a First Aid/CPR class in your area, please call your Volunteer Development Specialist at your local Girl Scout service center.

Girl Learning Opportunities

For Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors

Program Aide

Girls will have the opportunity to put their new leadership skills to work at day camps, council events or with a troop. Program Aides (PA) will be prepared to lead songs, games, ceremonies with younger Girl Scouts. For certification, girls need to be a registered Cadette, Senior or Ambassador Girl Scout, attend PA training and complete 25 hours of service as a PA. At training, girls receive a PA pin. After 25 hours of service, girls earn a PA patch.

Program Aide Specialty

For girls that have completed Program Aide training, Program Aides will expand their skills, either learning more songs, games, crafts and ceremonies, or branching off into a new specialty, such as photography, science, or nature. This is a great opportunity to bring PA's together to learn, share and network!

Camp Aide

Seniors and Ambassadors! Please see page 88 of the Spirit of Nebraska's 2011 – 2012 Annual Program Book for information on becoming a Camp Aide and Camp Aide Camp on June 7 – 9, 2012.

How To Register For Learning Sessions

Registration

Go to girlscoutsnebraska.org. Click the "Online Registration" button and follow the instructions for activating your account. You will be asked for payment with online registration. Be prepared to pay by credit or debit card. You cannot use the online registration system if you are requesting or have been granted financial assistance.

Activating your Account: In order to use the online registration system, we need your current email address on file! Without this information, you cannot create user logins or passwords for online registration.

If you want to make certain that we have your current, accurate email address, please call our help desk at 877.811.0866 or send us your email address (with your name and address, for matching purposes) to helpdesk@girlscoutsnebraska.org. Include the words My Email Address in the subject line. Once we have confirmed that we have your email address, you are free to begin the online registration system to register for learning opportunities and much more.

Registering Online: Once you've activated your account, proceed to the Adult Trainings & Events page, or for Girl Learning Opportunities, to the Program Activities & Events page. Choose the learning opportunity you want, Add To Cart, and Check Out.

You may also mail a paper registration form (found on page 11) with full payment to Program/Training Registrar, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, 2121 So. 44th St., Omaha, NE 68105. Or, you may register in person at your local service center.

Registration Deadline

Leaders must register at least one week prior to the training date.

Registration deadlines are noted for each learning session. The deadlines ensure that we are best prepared for the learning session. Once formally registered, you will receive a confirmation via postcard, email or telephone message. If you do not receive confirmation by four days prior to learning session, please contact the training registrar, 877.447.5558 x 221 or training@girlscoutsnebraska.org to verify that we have received your registration.

Most learning opportunities require a minimum of five participants.

Because person-to-person sessions are designed to be engaging and interactive for a group of leaders, a session is subject to cancellation if the minimum is not met. Leaders who are registered for a session that has been cancelled will receive a telephone call and/or email message notifying them, as well as a refund, or transfer if requested, of their registration fee. Cancellations are also noted on our website training calendar.

Cancellation Policy

There is a nominal fee for our learning opportunities. You may transfer your fee to another person-to-person learning session or receive a refund if you notify the training registrar at least 48 hours in advance of the session. Contact the training registrar at training@girlscoutsnebraska.org, or by calling 1.877.447.5558 x221 and indicate the alternative learning session you prefer.

Please contact us with volunteer learning questions.

Contact your Volunteer Development Specialist at your local Girl Scout service center for further learning opportunity details.

Guiding Star

Tanya Storer, 1.800.458.4467,
tstorer@girlscoutsnebraska.org

Goldenrod

Pat Larson, 800.879.6123,
plarson@girlscoutsnebraska.org

Prairie Hills

Vicki Hanus, 800.695.6690,
vhanus@girlscoutsnebraska.org

Great Plains and Homestead

Marla Thompson, 800.487.2578x246,
mthompson@girlscoutsnebraska.org

Schedule of Adult Person-To-Person Learning Opportunities

Connecting to Your Grade Level

Daisy, Brownie, Junior

Saturday, March 3, 2012

9 am - 12 Noon
Lincoln - Homestead Service Center
- 8230 Beechwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 24, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, April 10, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Omaha - Great Plains Service Center - 2121 S 44th Street
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Cost: \$5

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Elkhorn - Peace Presbyterian Church - 333 South 204th St
Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Cost: \$5

Monday, April 30, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Lincoln - Homestead Service Center
- 8230 Beechwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Monday, April 23, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 10, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
McCook - McCook Christian Church
- 507 West B Street
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, July 3, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
Kearney - First Presbyterian Church
- 4511 6th Avenue
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Cost: \$5

Saturday, July 21, 2012

9 am MST - 12 pm MST
Scottsbluff - First Church of God
- 2122 Avenue F
Registration Deadline:
Friday, July 13, 2012
Cost: \$5

Saturday, July 21, 2012

9 am - 12 pm
Columbus - Central Community College - 4500 63rd Street
Registration Deadline:
Friday, July 13, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Grand Island - Good Samaritan Village - 4075 Timberline Street
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
North Platte - Episcopal Church of Our Savior - 203 West 4th St.
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, July 24, 2012
Cost: \$5

Connecting to Your Grade Level Cadette, Senior Ambassador

Saturday, March 3, 2012

1 pm - 4:00 pm
Lincoln - Homestead Service Center
- 8230 Beechwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 24, 2012
Cost: \$5

Thursday, April 12, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Omaha - Great Plains Service
Center - 2121 S 44th Street
Registration Deadline:
Thursday, April 5, 2012
Cost: \$5

Tuesday, July 24, 2012

6 pm - 9 pm
Grand Island - Good Samaritan
Village - 4075 Timberline Street
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Cost: \$5

Lodge Out Cabin Out

Saturday, March 24, 2012

2 pm - 5 pm
Wayne - Girl Scout Troop House -
4th between Walnut & Dearmont
Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, March 16, 2011
Cost: \$15

Saturday, March 31, 2012

2 pm - 5 pm
Grand Island - Camp Cosmo -
2400 E Wildwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, March 23, 2012
Cost: \$15

Saturday, May 12, 2012

9 am - 12 Noon
Nebraska City - Camp Catron and
Retreat Center - 609 North 60 Road
Registration Deadline:
Friday, May 4, 2012
Cost: \$15

Saturday, May 19, 2012

9 am - 12 Noon
Papillion - Camp Maha -
17114 South 63rd St
Registration Deadline:
Friday, May 11, 2012
Cost: \$15

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
North Platte - Lakeview Cabin -
101 S Lake Maloney Drive
Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, June 19, 2012
Cost: \$15

Sleep Out Camp Out

Friday, April 20, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Nebraska City - Camp Catron and
Retreat Center - 609 North 60 Road
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 13, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, April 27, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Papillion - Camp Maha -
17114 South 63rd St
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 20, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, April 27, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Kearney - Cottonmill Park -
2795 Cottonmill Avenue
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 20, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, May 04, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Nickerson - Camp Crossed Arrows -
12997 County Road P1
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 27, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, May 04, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Papillion - Camp Maha -
17114 South 63rd St
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 27, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, June 1, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1:30 pm Saturday
Grand Island - Camp Cosmo -
2400 E Wildwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, May 25, 2012
Cost: \$25

Friday, June 15, 2012

7 pm MST Friday -
1:30 pm MST Saturday
Chadron - Camp Norwesca -
79 Camp Norwesca Road
Registration Deadline:
Friday, June 8, 2012
Cost: \$25

Schedule of Girl Person-To-Person Learning Opportunities

Program Aide

Friday, February 10, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1 pm Saturday
Omaha - Great Plains Service Center
- 2121 S 44th Street
Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 03, 2012
Cost: \$30

Friday, February 17, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1 pm Saturday
Grand Island - Camp Cosmo -
2400 E Wildwood Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, February 10, 2012
Cost: \$30

Friday, March 23, 2012

7 pm MST Friday - 1 pm MST Saturday
Ogallala - New Hope Worship
Center - 319 East O Street
Registration Deadline:
Friday, March 16, 2012
Cost: \$30

Friday, March 23, 2012

7 pm Friday - 1 pm Saturday
Lincoln - Eastridge Church -
1135 Eastridge Drive
Registration Deadline:
Friday, March 16, 2012
Cost: \$30

Saturday, April 14, 2012

9 am - 4 pm
Columbus - Central Community
College - 4500 63rd Street
Registration Deadline:
Friday, April 06, 2012
Cost: \$30

Program Aide Specialty

Saturday, January 21, 2012

1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Grand Island - Good Samaritan
 Village - 4075 Timberline Street
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, January 13, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, January 21, 2012

1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Norfolk - Congregational United
 Church - 1102 W Norfolk Avenue
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, January 13, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, March 3, 2012

1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Lincoln - Eastridge Church -
 1135 Eastridge Drive
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, February 24, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, April 28, 2012

1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Omaha - Great Plains Service
 Center - 2121 S 44th Street
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, April 20, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, June 9, 2012

1 pm MST - 4:30 pm MST
 Ogallala - Guiding Star Service
 Center - 302 West "D" Street
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, June 1, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, June 16, 2012

1 pm - 4:30 pm
 Lincoln - Eastridge Church -
 1135 Eastridge Drive
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, June 8, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, July 14, 2012

9 am - 12:30 pm
 Kearney - First Presbyterian
 Church - 4511 6th Avenue
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, July 6, 2012
 Cost: \$5

Saturday, July 21, 2012

9 am - 12:30 pm
 Columbus - Central Community
 College - 4500 63rd Street
 Registration Deadline:
 Friday, July 13, 2012
 Cost: \$5



Girl and Adult Learning Opportunities Registration

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone: Day _____ Evening _____ Cell _____

Please check all learning opportunities for which you are registering.

GIRL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: (For Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors)

Program Aide \$30 Date: _____ Location: _____

For PA Training, please circle adult T-shirt size: S M L XL

Program Aide Specialty \$5 Date: _____ Location: _____

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES: (Check all that apply)

Discovering Girl Scouts \$5 Date: _____ Location: _____

Connecting to Your Grade Level \$5 Date: _____ Location: _____

Which grade level?

Grades K-1 (Daisy) Grades 2-3 (Brownie) Grades 4-5 (Junior)

Grades 6-8 (Cadette) Grades 9-10 (Senior) Grades 11-12 (Ambassador)

Sleep Out Camp Out \$25 Date: _____ Location: _____

Lodge Out Cabin Out \$15 Date: _____ Location: _____

Total cost for all learning opportunities: _____

Payment Method: Check Visa MasterCard Discover Am. Ex.

Name on Card: _____

Card Number _____

Expiration Date: _____ Payment Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Mail to: Program/Training Registrar, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska,

2121 So. 44 St., Omaha, NE 68105

Or register online at girlscoutsnebraska.org



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