

May 1, 2006

Girl Scouts Inland Empire Council E-Messages

Take Note

Scholarship Opportunity: The Presidential Freedom Scholarships promote student service and civic engagement, and honor outstanding service to the community. All high school juniors and seniors with 100 hours of public service are eligible for the maximum award of \$1,000. Application deadline is May 12. Visit www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/pfs.asp to learn more.

Looking for summer employment? **HIRING NOW FOR CAMP FOUR ECHOES RESIDENT SUMMER CAMP** Please check our website under Camp Four Echoes for available positions and applications. Questions? Contact the GSIEC office at 509-747-8091 ext 225, e-mail campdirector@gsiec.org or sbetts@gsiec.org

Read, Read, Read! If you haven't started voting for your favorite tree, please remember to do so. Read for Trees is in full swing. This is your chance to make a lasting impression of our council. Votes may be submitted on-line at <http://www.gsiec.org/trees.htm> or by paper. Please contact Stacie Davis for more information.

Attn: Albertsons Shoppers

You can help support GSIEC by linking a GSIEC Community Partners card to your Preferred Savings card. Approximately 2-4% of your sales will go to GSIEC. The next time you're at the check-out stand in Albertsons, hand the cashier a copy of our Community Partners card along with your Preferred Savings card. Your Preferred Savings card will then become linked. Call or email Sharon Robertson at (509) 747-8091 ext 206 or srobertson@gsiec.org to receive your Albertsons Community Partner card today.

Girl Scout Activites

Girls - do you have a Program Event idea? We are in the planning stages for next year. Please submit your ideas to Stacie Davis at sdavis@gsiec.org with Program Idea in the subject line.

Green It and Clean It – Make sure your event is registered! Unsure? Contact Sally Hewey to confirm. Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge and Spokane Audubon Society will host a community work party on Saturday, May 13, 2006. Please call in advance to register
Sandra Rancourt

Supervisory Park Ranger (509) 235-4723 ext. 28.

When: May, 13 2006.Planting

Time: 9 am to 12 p.m.

Lunch: Potluck 12 p.m.

Where: Turnbull NWR Headquarters, 5 miles south of Cheney on Cheney-Plaza Road: turn left on Smith Road and drive 2 miles on gravel road to headquarters.

EXPERIENCE THE OLYMPIC MAGIC!! Click here for a printable registration form. Questions, call 509-279-7328.

Volunteer News

The Gold Award Committee is looking for 2 new members. Meetings are held monthly. If interested please contact Stacie Davis at sdavis@gsiec.org or x 217

Recognition Celebration Dinner! Join us on Friday, May 19th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at The Woman's Club (1428 W. 9th Avenue, Spokane, WA) to celebrate and recognize the efforts of our adult volunteers! All nominees will be acknowledged ~ Cost is \$15.00 per person for dinner. Visit our website to make your reservation or RSVP to Michelle Rambo (mrambo@gsiec.org)

Make This Mother's Day Extra-Special

She may be your mother, your grandmother, your sister, your daughter, your best friend, or just a special woman whose spirit and wisdom has stirred you to be a better person. This Mother's Day, give her a gift that will touch not only her heart, but the heart and hopes of a girl. For each \$25 tax-deductible gift you make to Girl Scouts, we will celebrate a special woman in your life by sending her a full-color, hand addressed Mother's Day card. Visit www.gsiec.org/supportgs.htm and choose your card today.

Product Sales

Congratulations on another successful sale this year. We did not quite reach our total of last year's sale; however, our grand total was 27,799 cases or 333,588 boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

This was our second year of the OPERATION: Troop-to-Troop Gift of Caring project with Fairchild Air Force Base. Last year we sent 80 cases to our soldiers in Iraq and this year we are sending 250 CASES. Fairchild has picked them up and they will be going on a transport plane next week. This is such a huge pouring of community spirit and I am sure that your customers are just as excited as we are to be able to participate.

The Super Seller Salebration invitations will be going out mid-May. The event will be held at the Palouse Discovery Science Center in Pullman on June 11th from 1-4pm. Congratulations to all of those who sold 450 or more boxes of cookies this year and we hope to see you there.

Council Store

Girl Scout Leaders - The council store has the items you will need for your upcoming ceremonies. Come into the store now for the best selection of Badges, Patches, Bridging Certificates and Gift Items. Visit us at 1404 N Ash in Spokane, Mon – Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm and Sat 10am – 2pm. We also accept phone orders at 509-747-8091 ext 201, fax orders at 509-624-0466 or email orders at store@gsiec.org. Remember...orders from the council store can be shipped directly to you from our store in Spokane.

Just a reminder, blue cookie dollars have an expiration date of 4/28/06. Girls can bring their cookie dollars into the council store to purchase a wide variety of camp items, uniforms, books, stuffed animals, stickers or other items for their own use.

Resource and Fun Ideas

Helping Our Four-Legged Friends

The Spokane Humane Society's 3rd Annual Parade of Paws is June 17th. Girl Scouts are invited to participate in this event by forming a team, getting pledges, and taking a 2 or 4 mile walk with either their dogs, or shelter dogs. There will be a blessing of the animals for those walking the 4 mile walk. There will be giveaways and prizes; the team bringing in the most pledges will be treated to a pizza party at Rocky Rococo's. Call Bev at 467-5235 ext 22 or email BevLinde@comcast.net for team packets, pledge forms or more information. Or, go online to our website at www.spokanehumanesociety.org.

Hoopfest Scholarship: Do you know young people who would like to play in Hoopfest but don't have the means to pay the registration? The Chase Youth Commission may be able to help. Through the generosity of Spokane Hoopfest, we have twenty-one complimentary youth team registrations, and we're searching for caring adults who will coordinate a team and connect kids from low-income families with this funding opportunity. Each team registration is worth a total of \$84 in entry fees. Click here for more information and/or an application.

Washington Drug-Free Youth Training Day

WDFY students are invited to come out and join a county-wide student training day Friday, May 5 from 9:30am to 2pm at ESD 101, 4202 S Regal. Social Marketing will be the main focus of the day. As drug-free youth, you have a valuable message to share – Social Marketing will teach you how to sell those ideas. Drama skits and puppet shows with drug-free messages will also be taught. This training is FREE to students and will include lunch! Talk to your WDFY Advisor today about signing up – space is limited.

Upcoming Events

May	June
Cinco de Mayo, Friday, May 5	Junior Troop Camping--Session 2, Friday, June 2-4
Adventuring Out, Friday, May 5-7	Dad and I Friday, June 9-11
On Target Archery, Saturday, May 6	On the Level--11-17 Year Olds: Spokane, Wednesday, June 14
Brownie Overnighter 1, Friday, May 12-13	Girl Scout Day at Silverwood, Saturday, June 17

Horse Lover's Day, Saturday, May 13	Child Care 101, Monday, June 19
Junior Lilac Prade, Saturday, May 13	
Stepping Out, Tuesday, May 16	
Recognitions Dinner, Friday, May 19	
Brownie Overnighter 2, Saturday, May 20-21	
Girl Scout Family Camp, Saturday, May 27-29	