

May 17, 2006

Girl Scouts Inland Empire Council E-Messages

Take Note

Put Together YOUR Summer of Fun at Camp Four Echoes—Sign up today, www.gsiec.org. Remember Cookie Dollars are coming this month and can be used towards Camp Four Echoes registration.

Free camp physicals from the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile at the GSIEC office, June 2 from 10am to 4pm.

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.

Green It and Clean It: If you did or are going to do a Green It and Clean It project please email Sally Hewey, shewey@gsiec.org or call ext. 216 with the project and how many girls participated or will be participating.

MISSING: Family Giving Change Box. If you find one in your home, please return to Council Office by May 31, and change a girl's life this summer!

Beginning June 19, GSIEC summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8am to 6pm and Friday, 8am to noon.

The Spokane Central Lions Club has a newspaper recycling shed on the Northeast corner of our building, near the 7-11. If you would like to help the Lions Club by donating your newspapers, please put them in a paper grocery bag first. Do not use plastic bags. Thanks!

The Cinco de Mayo Girl Scout Garage Sale raised over \$2,000 for the new Program Center! Thanks to all who donated items, volunteered their time, and stopped by to purchase items.

Attn: Albertsons Shoppers

You can 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 ext 206 or srobertson@gsiec.org to receive your Albertsons Community Partner card today.

Girl Scout Activites

Thank you to all who voted in the READ for TREES program. This is your last chance to get those paper votes in! The winning trees will be revealed at the tree planting at AM Cannon Park on Thursday May 25th at 4pm. Please join us to honor Susie Stephens and the Girl Scouts Inland Empire Council! Contact Stacie at ext. 217 or email sdavis@gsiec.org for more information.

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.

CDA Day Camp

When: June 19-22

Where: NIC

Register by: June 1

Cost: \$40

Contact: Susan Clayton (208)772-6443, clayton84@adelphia.net

Post Falls Day Camp

When: July 17-21

Where: Q'emlin Park

Register by: July 1

Cost: \$50

Contact: Denis Eastlick (208)777-9197, cdeastlick@aol.com

Wildlife EcoAction Camp

When: Aug 5

Where: Mullan

Cost: \$7

Contact: Emma Hicks (208)556-2581, ejhicks@usamedia.tv

Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes Bike Rides:

June 4 Enaville

July 9 Cataldo

Aug 6 Heyburn Park

Contact: Sheryl Mink (208)765-0786, idminkster@verizon.net

Are you interested in Stamp Collecting? Spend some time with the Scouts on Stamps Society International on Saturday May 20th, at 2:00pm. This gathering will take place at the Spokane Convention Center and is FREE! Contact Chuck Fisk at 509-327-8328 for more information.

Volunteer News

PA's and/or Event Staff needed for Family Camp, Dad and I, and/or Mom and Me. Will help with crafts, kitchen, and campfires during these camps. Please contact Sally Hewey at ext. 216 or email shewey@gsiec.org if you would like to help. All meals and sleeping arrangements provided.

Looking for volunteers – HER Day June 3rd at Glover Middle School. Many positions are available. Please contact Jaime Fair at ext. 230 or email jfair@gsiec.org more information.

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)

Mark your calendars now for S'mores Leader Weekend Teddy Bear Picnic, September 22nd - 24th. Bring a new or very gently used teddy bear to be donated to an organization in YOUR area!

A Shout Out To Our Girls! "Special Olympics doesn't normally get a great deal of coverage in the media or newspapers, so many of our special athletes and volunteers are not fully recognized for their efforts. Thank you to Karen and Lela Bryant, Ashley Tuite, and Shawna Hedquist of Troop 576 and Renee Shull of Troop 303 for volunteering at Special Olympics. Having the Girl Scouts present made our special athletes feel important. You did a wonderful job." ~ Emanuele Portolese, Special Olympics

Product Sales

This year's cookie sale program has come to an end. Your Service Unit Cookie Coordinators will be handing out the cookie awards, patches and Cookie \$ to your troops by the end of May. The Council does not have a stock pile of items to trade sizes. Decisions on ordering packages had to be made at the end of pre-orders in February. The awards packages are not carried in the Council store. If an item is broken upon receipt we can send it back to the bakery for a replacement so please let us know right away if this is needed.

For those girls with a lot of Cookie \$ there is always the option to apply them to purchase a Girl Scout Lifetime Membership which currently costs \$151. As it implies, it lasts forever and will always be there while the girl is in school and as an adult volunteer.

We have a volunteer committee that meets monthly to plan out the entire year's cookie activities. Our Senior Girl Scout is graduating and we have openings for two Senior Girl Scouts on the Product Sales Team. Learn all of the many facets to the sale and be a part of the decision making. If you are interested, please email cookies@gsiec.org or call 747-8091 ext. 211 and I will send you an application.

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.

GIRLS SAVE 10% on purchases made with their new orange cookie dollars in the council store June 1 st – 15th, 2006. Sale prices will also be honored on phone and mail in orders. Sale does not include badges, patches, pins or clearance items. Cookie dollars must be signed and redeemed by the girl who earned them.

New Summer Hours...The council store will be changing to summer hours soon... From June 19th through Sept 1st the store will be open:

Mon – Thurs 8:30am – 5:30pm

Fri 8:00am – 12:00pm.

We will remain open on Saturdays through June 10th and will resume Saturday hours in September.

The Pocket Stew cookbook is back in stock. This is the book used in our outdoor training; it's a wonderful source for easy outdoor cooking. Come into the Council Store or call 509-747-8091 ext 201 to order yours today!

Resource and Fun Ideas

Youth Leadership Spokane annually accepts 30-35 students from Spokane County high schools for leadership training. This is a great opportunity for students from different high schools to meet one another, work together, and form new friendships in a non-competitive manner. Youth Leadership Spokane does not target just the traditional high school leader, but also recruits those who may be taking a different path through their teen years, who may not be recognized as leaders by their peers but who have courage, conviction and a love for their community.

The program has three aspects: leadership training, skill development and exploring issues. YLS graduates get involved in the community, serve on boards and commissions and volunteer on projects. They are welcomed by agencies because of their YLS training.

Tuition for this 10-month program is only \$75. Details can be found at www.LeadershipSpokane.org or an application can be requested from rsrobertson@gsiec.org.

“Bee” The Change: Youth Service America’s Community Service Grant for Literacy will award a \$1,000 grant to one young person between the ages of 5 and 25 to implement a sustainable community service project that increases literacy in their community and uses the movie, *AKEELAH AND THE BEE*, as inspiration. Projects should be youth-led and created, and must have a portion of their project take place on National and Global Youth

Service Day (April 20-22, 2007). Deadline for applications is June 9, 2006. Apply at www.ysa.org/awards.

Host a National Trails Day® Event on June 3 as part of your Girl Scout Linking to the Land activities. Just for registering your event, American Hiking will provide free National Trail Days posters, a National Trails Day event banner, and promotion of your event on the American Hiking Website. Visit the National Trails Day website at www.americanhiking.org/events/ntd/index.html.

Girl Scouts Show True Beauty – Elizabeth, 10, of the Seal of Ohio Council and Kennedy, 9, of the Penn Laurel Council are honored in May/June issue of New Moon Magazine, their 7th Annual "25 Beautiful Girls" issue.

New Moon sets a new standard of beauty with our “25 Beautiful Girls” issue—an entire magazine issue devoted to how girls are beautiful for who they are on the INSIDE. When asked what makes a person beautiful, this is what they had to say:

"Being beautiful means being helpful, encouraging, kind, honest and trustworthy." -- Elizabeth

"Helping other people and sharing with friends makes someone beautiful." --Kennedy
 Congratulations to these two girls for being strong, confident, and courageous!

Upcoming Events

May	June
Recognitions Dinner, Friday, May 19	Junior Troop Camping--Session 2, Friday, June 2-4
Brownie Overnighter 2, Saturday, May 20-21	HER Day Saturday, June 3
Girl Scout Family Camp, Saturday, May 27-29	Dad and I Friday, June 9-11
	On the Level--11-17 Year Olds: Spokane, Wednesday, June 14
	Girl Scout Day at Silverwood, Saturday, June 17
	Child Care 101, Monday, June 19