

# Service Unit Meeting Agenda

Service Unit # 701 | September 1, 2016

6 p.m. Networking      6:30 -7:30 p.m. Meeting      7:30 – 7:50 p.m. hang out –exit by 8 p.m. please

- **Welcome & Introduction of Service Unit Team**
  - Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at Crestview United Methodist (no meeting in Dec.)
- **Training:** Sarah Jepson/Communications Committee  
Overview on Rallyhood & Eventbrite for troop use and event registration (15 minutes)
- **Discussion Topic:** Parent Involvement (15 min.)
  - What makes for a great parent meeting?
  - What are your troop leaders' suggestions for getting parents involved?
  - How do you ask for help?
- **General Announcements** (info for all age-levels)
- **Break-Out Session by Age-Level w/topics: (20 minutes)**
  - Daisy – How our Service Unit and experienced volunteers can help you
  - Brownie – Brownie Fun Day Info
  - Junior – Committee for Junior Fun Day/Junior Overnight?
  - Cadette – Program Aide Training/Committee for Cadette Level Fun Day/Event?
  - Senior/Ambassadors – Ideas for combining high school girls together for event/activity?

**Topeka Only: Facebook:** Girl Scouts SU 701

**Topeka SU 701 Website:** [topekagirlscouts.org](http://topekagirlscouts.org)

**Council Facebook:** Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri

**Council Website:** [girlscoutsksmo.org](http://girlscoutsksmo.org)

*At the end of breakout, please place chair back in their original area – Girl Scouts Leave A Place Better Than They Found It: ☺*

## Topeka Area Announcements

**The NEW Topeka office is in the Hyvee Shopping Center – 29<sup>th</sup> & Wanamaker (far west strip mall – south end)**

- On-time registration by Sept 28th. Paper forms are available at the office. T-Shirts available!  
Open from 9 - 4:30pm M-Thurs and by appointment on Fridays.
- September 10th - Get registered for Adult Recognition Event at Capitol Plaza – 11 a.m. We have awesome community partners coming to this. A few amazing prizes and we need to celebrate our volunteers. It's the first time we are having them in the regions and we want to show our support. Register at: [www.girlscoutsksmo.org](http://www.girlscoutsksmo.org)
- Camp Daisy Open Houses – October 16<sup>th</sup> & October 23 (see info below)
- Training update - We are in need of local trainers. Training needs flyer attached
- Seclusion to Inclusion - Working with Girls with Special Needs - Sept 21st @ 6pm @ Office.  
Register on Interactive Calendar.

Camp Daisy Open Houses - email [donaratliff@gsksmo.org](mailto:donaratliff@gsksmo.org) if your troop is willing to help with some part. (Hikes, Camp Fire Cooking, Geocaching, Letterboxing)

There are two dates to choose from for coming to a Camp Daisy open house. October 16th or October 23rd. The events run from 11-3pm.

This is a family event, so parents get a bit more familiar with Camp Daisy.

There is no online registration as of now, but we are working on it. Please just RSVP to me for now.

Things to remember:

- 1) Parking is at the top of a hill. Camp is walking only, for visitors.
- 2) We are Girl Scouts, so we leave a place better than how we found it. So if you choose to bring a picnic lunch, please be considerate and clean up after yourselves.
- 3) This is Camp. You will hike, there are bugs. Be prepared with sunscreen, bug spray, water bottles, and dress accordingly.

## **Council Announcements**

### **Trip Approvals, Money Earning and Insurance:**

As a new year begins, here are a few reminders about Trip Approvals, Money Earning and Insurance.

- Council approval is required for all overnights (not on council property), trips outside council boundaries and certain high risk activities. Minimum approval time is 6 weeks. Some trips require more notice. Check out the website for timelines and the application.
- Money Earning activities outside of council sponsored product sales require council approval using an application online. Please submit activities at least 4 weeks in advance.
- Supplemental insurance should be purchased for non-members participating in Girl Scout activities. You can purchase insurance for one event or multiple events using the forms online. Please remember that insurance should be purchased at least 2 weeks in advance.

### **GREAT SAVE FUND:**

Funds are available to offset the cost of First Aid and CPR training. We will reimburse leaders and teen Girl Scouts for 50% (up to \$55) of the cost of a class through the Great Save Fund. Visit our website for more information as well as some available training dates.

### **OPPORTUNITY FUND:**

This is our new system to request financial assistance. Any follow up questions from last month?

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERS:**

There are TONS of new exciting Community Partners for Girl Scouts this fall. Here are a few highlights, but check them all out at the Community Partners page on our website.

Don't forget to have your Cadette and older girls register for **Cookie Construction**. Only a couple weeks left to do so!

Girls in Aviation Day/2016 Fly Kansas Air Tour: 10/1/2016 in Topeka Kansas.

Girl Scout Arrowhead Takeover: 10/7/2016

Tour of Gymnastics Champions at Sprint: 10/7/2016

UMKC Volleyball: 10/8/2016

K-State Volleyball: 10/29/2016

AMC, The Last Lions: 11/5/2016

**PRODUCT SALES:** Fall Products: (Topeka Fall Product Training is Sept. 8 6 - 8 p.m. Crestview Church)

Experienced troops that have sold and do not need training, packets are available from Barbara and Suzan prior to Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> training or you can pick up your packet at the Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> training. Please make sure they have your troop's contract information.

Product Sales Banking: Troops need to request Product Sales Banking materials as soon as possible.

- Troops in the Bank of America service area - Topeka: Go to our website ([www.gsksmo.org](http://www.gsksmo.org)) and click Cookies and More and choose either Candy or Cookies. At the bottom left you'll see a link for Product Sales Banking. This will take you to a page where you can 'Request Materials.'
- New troops will need to know their troop number first.
- New troops should request both the Deposit Card and Paper Slips
- Existing troops can request either or both
- We suggest using a Sharpie and writing PSA in big letters on the front of the card when received to save time and minimize errors!

## **OUTDOOR PROGRAMS:**

### **Adventure Programs**

New this Fall - Advanced climbing and slingshot range at Camp Prairie Schooner starting in October. Tomahawks and archery programming will be expanded to Camp Tongawood and Daisy Hindman.

Check out our website [gsksmo.org](http://gsksmo.org) to see all scheduled adventure programs and register to participate.

## You & Me Fall Campout –

Camp Daisy Hindman on Saturday October 1st-2nd .

Moms or female caregivers are welcomed to join their Girl Scout for a day at Camp Daisy with an overnight stay. Staff will be on site to provide great camp programming. Meals will be provided to all registrants. Check out our website [gsksmo.org](http://gsksmo.org) for more information and to register.

**Camping 102 Trainings** – Our full list of Fall camping 102 training dates are now up on our website calendar. Some trainings include an optional overnight stay to get the true feel of camping outdoors. Troops wishing to camp in accommodations other than a cabin (permatents, A-Frames & primitive), on GS property or off, must have at least 1 person who has completed Camping 102 training.

*BRAND NEW* this year-

**Camping 102 For Teens** October 15<sup>th</sup> Camp Tongawood.

Seniors and Ambassadors who have a passion for the outdoors can now take this training and help provide camping support for younger troops and their leaders. Teens who attend this training MAY NOT be considered the “qualified” Camping 102 adult required for troops that go camping. They may merely serve as an experienced outdoor Girl Scout support to that leader during the campout. Check out our website [gsksmo.org](http://gsksmo.org) for all training dates, details and to register to attend.

### TEENS:

Senior/Ambassador Journey Weekend Girltopia

Camp Prairie Schooner 10/29 – 30

Please go to [gsksmo.org](http://gsksmo.org) “Interactive Calendar” to register.

### SHOP:

**SPEND \$75.00 OR MORE NOW AND GET THIS COUPON FOR LATER.**

Later means you get \$10.00 off with a \$25.00 purchase during a specific time frame. It's all on the coupon. If you have any questions, let me know.

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Congratulations!  
By spending \$75 or more on a single transaction during the period of August 17 to October 15, 2016, you've earned this \$10 coupon. Your coupon is valid on one in-store purchase of \$25 or more from November 1 through November 18, 2016. Not valid with any other promotion. Limit one coupon per customer.

Girls Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri  
8383 Blue Parkway Dr | KC, MO 64133  
Visit [gsksmo.org/shop](http://gsksmo.org/shop) for more info.

**This is our 2016 Fall In-Store Promotion.**  
Your \$10 coupon is valid in brick and mortar locations only.  
Coupon cannot be used online.

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2016 Fall Catalog Promotion  
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Expires November 18, 2016

## **TRAINING NOTES:**

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

The parents who want the best Girl Scout experience for their daughters will step up.

At your parent meeting, explain clear expectations. When, where and how you will need help? Give them plenty of notice. ALSO, ask your parents about themselves; ask about professions or hobbies. After the meeting, go up to the police officer, for example, and ask if they would help the troop earn the “Respect Authority” petal. Ask the Dr/EMT/Nurse if they will help with First Aid.

After you decide the activities for each meeting, ask each parent to sign up to co-lead a meeting, or assign two of the parents to be in charge of a whole meeting. This gives you plenty of help, no one gets burnt out, you can grow as a troop and things will be fun again for you.

Maybe one co-leader isn't what you need. You may need a team. One mom who only organizes product sales, a dad who can be in charge of attendance, dues, and snacks, a grandma who helps with crafts and a local college sorority who comes up with activities around the journey. Scaling back isn't necessary if you think big picture and secure the help you need. When you are doing cookies, have the local bank run three meetings about budgets, money etc.

Girls really do enjoy their parent's involvement. At the beginning of the year, decide on something special for your parent volunteers. After an event or meeting, make a big deal about the child presenting a gift to her Mom (or Dad!). (or make cards, give patches or perform a cheer). Girls know exactly what their parents have volunteered to do and look forward to making the presentation. Most parents will follow through so they don't disappoint their daughters.