

GIRL SCOUTS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE 2010-2011 GENERAL INFORMATION

WHO ARE GIRL SCOUTS OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE?

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee comprises more than 14,000 girls and 7,000 adult volunteers in 39 counties. It is a part of Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA), the largest girl-serving organization in the world. Today, as when founded in 1912, GSUSA builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.

WHAT IS A GIRL SCOUT TROOP?

Girl Scout troops provide girls with opportunities for social interaction and new experiences. Under the guidance of trained, adult role models girls work toward individual and group goals and develop positive values. Girls are placed in troops in their communities according to their grade level and troop availability. If a troop is not available, a new troop may be formed or the girl may be placed on a waiting list. Troops meet regularly at schools, community centers and places of worship. Girls may also join as individual members.

WHAT ARE THE GIRL SCOUT GRADE LEVELS?

Girl Scout Daisy (Grades K - 1)

Have fun with new friends and develop social skills, enjoy crafts and games, learn healthy habits and participate in simple service projects.

Girl Scout Brownie (Grades 2 - 3)

Participate in troop planning, learn decision-making skills, discover new interests, take day trips, experience overnight camping and raise money for troop activities by participating in the Girl Scout Cookie Program.

Girl Scout Junior (Grades 4 - 5)

Develop leadership skills, learn budgeting and money management skills through troop activities and programs and plan and carry out community service projects.

Girl Scout Cadette (Grades 6 - 8)

Polish leadership skills and assist younger Girl Scout troops; experience adventure, leadership, community service and national or international travel.

Girl Scout Senior (Grades 9-10) and Girl Scout Ambassador (Grades 11 - 12)

Take leadership roles in Girl Scouting and in the community and focus on leadership, adventure, community service, travel, career options, self image and stress management.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BUY?

It is suggested that each girl purchase her grade level book and a vest or sash but these items are not required. You can purchase these items at the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Shop in Nashville, one of our satellite locations listed below or online at www.gsmidtn.org. For shop hours and addresses call us at (615) 383-0490 or visit our website.

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee Shop:

- 4522 Granny White Pike, Nashville, TN 37204; (615) 460-0222

WHERE WE ARE LOCATED:

- Clarksville: (931) 648-1060
- Columbia: (931) 490-8660
- Cookeville: (931) 526-4925
- Franklin: (615) 599-4708/Dickson: (615) 690-7053
- Hendersonville: (615) 822-5442
- Lebanon: (615) 453-2473
- Manchester: (615) 690-7051/Murfreesboro: (615) 890-2451
- Nashville: (615) 383-0490

WEBSITE GUIDE

The Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee website, www.gsmidtn.org, is our primary means of communication with girls, parents, volunteers, donors and the community. We encourage anyone interested in Girl Scouting to peruse the site. Below are a few areas of special note.

Parents and Volunteers:

Learn about volunteer opportunities, levels, policies and standards. There are also links to training course information and descriptions.

Girls and Teens: An area for girls to view photo galleries and read the Ask Daisy advice column. This page includes a link to the Girls Only section of GSUSA's website, and also includes resources about earning badges and scholarship and leadership opportunities for girls.

Leaders Area: Here you can find links to E Council, Leadership Essentials and training tools.

Donate: An area for prospective donors that reviews our current campaigns and other ways to help.

Calendar: A comprehensive listing of all events, programs and day camps, categorized by age and grade levels, interest categories and location.

News and Events: A list of our current campaigns, hot topics and popular events. Each listing links to a description with more details.

Quick Resources and Popular Documents: A quick list of popular documents for easy access.

Search box: A great tool to use when searching for forms, event listings or how to find the contact you need.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "DONATE", "JOIN NOW", and "CAREERS". Below this is a search bar and a "LEADERS AREA" button. A secondary navigation bar contains links for "WHO WE ARE", "PARENTS & VOLUNTEERS", "GIRLS & TEENS", "CAMP", "PROGRAMS", "RESOURCES", "NEWS & EVENTS", "SHOP", and "CALENDAR". The main content area features three large buttons: "PARENTS VOLUNTEERS", "GIRLS & TEENS", and "DONATE TIME OR MONEY". A prominent green banner reads "how's your summer going? it's not too late to have fun at camp!". Below this is a "NEWS & EVENTS" section with articles like "Construction at Camp Sycamore Hills", "Restore A Girl Scout Experience: Middle Tennessee Flood 2010", and "Upcoming Outdoor Programs". A "FEATURED from THE NEWS" section highlights "Pony Up! for Horses". The bottom of the page includes a "WHERE to FIND US" map, contact information for Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee, a "QUICK RESOURCES" list, and a "POPULAR DOCS" list. A footer contains copyright information and a design credit.