

Upcoming Girl Scout Programs

SUMMER 2009

We hope you're enjoying your summer vacation and have experienced a session at Camp Holloway or Camp Sycamore Hills! At the Council, the summer is a busy time for older girl activities like Camp Music City, Campus Tours and Girl University. We know our teens are so busy and involved during the school year that the summer is their best chance to let loose with Girl Scouts and have some fun. And boy, are we having a blast!

Simultaneously, we are planning for a new year of Girl Scout programs, which begins October 1 with the new membership year. Our next edition of this publication will feature Patch Prep schedules (now includes Daisies) for the Fall and Winter, along with all of the other great programs we have planned for our girls. Stay tuned and thanks for your support!

— Megan Davis, Girl Scout Programs

Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies

(Ages 5-8) Some programs have specific age requirements. At this point in the Girl Scout year, Girl Scout Daisies are looking for events to attend with Brownies to complete their bridging requirements. We can accommodate Daisies at the following Patch Prep events.

September 13

Ladybug Picnic

Attend a Ladybug Picnic from 10:45 a.m.- 4 p.m. at Camp Sycamore Hills to celebrate Fall's arrival. Ladybugs of all shapes and sizes are invited to feast and learn. Come dressed in black & red, make a ladybug craft, take a hike, learn ladybug facts, meet and groom Camp Sycamore Hills horses and enjoy a nature project.

Ongoing — Penny Project

The Penny Project is a financial literacy program for Girl Scout Brownies, scheduled at your troop's convenience. First Tennessee Foundation sponsors this program in Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson counties. Please contact Megan Davis at mdavis@gsmidtn.org to schedule a session.

Girl Scout Juniors (Ages 8-11)

Some programs have specific age requirements.

August 8

Outdoor Adventures Day at Camp Nee Kah Nah

Meet new friends, travel in groups of 10 to experience archery, canoeing, games and a nature hike. Enjoy a cookout lunch. The day will run from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open to Girl Scout Juniors and older, with a limit of 40 girls. Troops larger than 10 will be split up. The cost is \$20 per girl and \$4 per adult. Canoe, archery and games are for girls; adults will join in the nature hike. Lunch is provided for all. Register through [E Council](#).

August 8

Girl Scouting Around the World

Are you working toward your Bronze Award? Already thinking about Thinking Day? Girl Scout Juniors are invited to attend this three-hour workshop to learn about Girl Scouts and Girl Guides across the globe, as well as the four World Centers. At the successful completion of the workshop, participants will receive their *Girl Scouting Around the World* badge (included in the \$5 program fee).

August 9

So You Wanna Buy a Horse?!

Thinking of getting your first horse but not sure what is involved? This new NON-riding program will help you find out answers to questions like, "What do I need to buy? How much will it cost to care for a horse? How do I know what kind of horse to look for?" Most of this workshop, from 1-4 p.m., will be spent indoors at Camp Sycamore Hill's Red Barn (not the horse barn) learning about equipment, feed, foot and health care, and safety.

September 7

Patch Prep: Being My Best

A new school year means making a great first impression on a new teacher! Leaders are invited to bring their troop, or parents bring their daughters for a Monday night of fun with activities designed to help girls earn badges. The program is led by a facilitator and assisted by older Girl Scouts. Patch Prep will be held in locations throughout the region from 6 - 8 p.m. All supplies and a badge will be provided for each registered participant.

September locations: Davidson, Maury, Montgomery, Putnam, Rutherford, Sumner and Williamson counties



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September 8

Girl Scout Fit Club

In partnership with Baptist Hospital and the Rotary Club, participating Girl Scout Juniors will enjoy a multi-week physical fitness training and badge earning program at the Grace M. Eaton Center in Nashville. After the series of training sessions, girls' physical health and well-being will be measurably improved. We're sure to have a lot of fun and build lasting friendships too.

September 12

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October 16

Yehaw Day

At Camp Sycamore Hills you'll have the opportunity to shoot arrows at archery, go on a wagon ride around camp, participate in a trail ride, and go on a nature hike. YEHAW Day is for Girl Scout Juniors and older, and is limited to 40 girls. Come and meet new friends while you experience all of the YEHAW Day activities. Troops larger than 10 will be split up. All programs aside from the nature hike are intended for girl participation, adults will be able to participate in the nature hike. Lunch is on your own, so please bring a sack lunch! It's \$30 per girl and free for adults. Contact Meredith Dennis at 615-460-0213 or email mdennis@gsmidtn.org for more information.

October 19

Outdoor Skills Day

Come to the Nashville City Center from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. to learn basic camp skills such as fire building and safety, knife use, knots, compass use, trail signs and more. We'll put your fire building skills to the test and enjoy a lunch cooked by you

over a fire. All food will be provided. Girls may be split into groups randomly for programming, so be prepared to make new friends. This program is recommended for Girl Scout Juniors with minimal to some camping experience. Activities will complete all of the requirements for the *Outdoor Skills* patch.

Ongoing

Bronze Award

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Girl Scout Junior may earn. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership and community service. Information on earning this award may be found in the Bronze Award packet on our website. The deadline to turn in paperwork is upon completion of the Bronze Award project, and prior to bridging to Cadettes. Each girl earning this award will receive a pin and certificate to be presented during a ceremony at your convenience following the guidelines found in the Junior Leader Guidebook.

Centsability

Centsability is a financial literacy program for Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors, scheduled at your troop's convenience. First Tennessee Foundation sponsors this program in Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson counties. Please call the program team at (615) 460-0217 to schedule a session or attend **August 15** at the Nashville City Center.

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors (Ages 11-17)

Some programs have specific age requirements.

August 4

Visit Dell

There are not many opportunities to "peek" inside the workings of a major distribution plant or a company's operations. On August 4 from 1—4 p.m. girls are invited to visit the Dell plant in Nashville for an inside view. Find out what happens once an order is placed, how a call center works and what careers are available at a company like Dell. This event is FREE. Due to safety requirements, girls must be 16 years of age or older to participate. Registered Girl Scouts can go online to [E Council](#) to reserve a spot. Contact Sue Perkins at (615) 460-0227 or email sperkins@gsmidtn.org for more information.

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August 29

Vaqueras Training

The Vaqueras program provides girls (ages 12 and older) and adults opportunities not only to learn and improve horsemanship skills, but to develop leadership and teaching skills while serving other Girl Scouts. On training day, participants are introduced to safety and barn procedures. They learn to groom and tack horses and practice helping riders. They also participate in a ride themselves. This program runs from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Camp Sycamore and costs \$15 per person. View gsmidtn.org/files/horse_vaqueras_smallest.pdf or contact Meredith Dennis at (615) 460-0213 or email mdennis@gsmidtn.org for more information.

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September 26

Car Care Clinic

Girls in 7th-12th grades are invited to the TN Technology Centers in Dickson, Clarksville, Crossville, Hartsville, Hohenwald, Livingston, Nashville, McMinnville, Murfreesboro and Shelbyville for a day of hands-on learning about what's under the hood of the car, how the fluids, fuses and battery work, tire care and gas saving strategies, and safe driving techniques. This program runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Girls will enjoy lunch and doorprizes and walk away with a commemorative t-shirt and patch, and a lot of practical skills.

October 19

Horse Try-its Day

Come earn a try-it or two during Horse Try-it Day. Programs include Lovin' & Groomin', Pony Ready, and Ring Ride. All three programs earn a try-it! For full descriptions and prices of these programs please visit our website at http://gsmidtn.org/content/resources/pdf/Horse_program_descriptions.pdf. You may register individually or as a troop to participate in one or more of our try-it programs. Contact Meredith Dennis at (615) 460-0213 or mdennis@gsmidtn.org

to register or for more information.

Patch Prep

Older Girl Scouts are needed to help lead activities designed to help Girl Scout Brownies and Juniors earn try-its and badges. Older girls can earn leadership and community service hours toward the Program Aide pin/patch by assisting. Helpers should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the Patch Prep start time. Patch Prep runs from 6 - 8 p.m. See dates and locations on the first page of this publication. Contact Megan Davis at (615) 383-0490 or mdavis@gsmidtn.org to volunteer or for more information.

Program Planning Board

Speak out, be a Girl Scout! Want to make your voice heard when it comes to planning Council-sponsored programs? Serve on our teen planning committee that will meet in person, online and by conference call to plan the 2009-2010 program year. Contact Megan Davis at (615) 460-0216 or mdavis@gsmidtn.org for more information or to volunteer. Bonus: Your participation can count toward leadership hours for your Gold Award prerequisites!

Ongoing

Gold Award

The Gold Award is the highest award earned in Girl Scouting. It symbolizes outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. Only Girl Scout Seniors and Ambassadors may earn the Gold Award. It takes approximately two years to complete the requirements and corresponding project. The Bronze and Silver awards are not prerequisites for this award. Information on how to earn the Gold Award may be found in the Gold Award packet available on our website. Girls must receive pre-approval from the program department and be interviewed by members of the Gold Award committee, before beginning their Gold Award project. Final paperwork is due to Girl Scouts on February 15.

Silver Award

The Silver Award is the second highest award earned in Girl Scouting. Earned while a Girl Scout Cadette, it symbolizes a girl's outstanding accomplishments in leadership, community service, career planning and personal development. It takes about 18 months to complete the requirements and corresponding project. Information about the Silver Award may be found in the Silver Award packet available on our website or from the program department. Final paperwork is due February 15.

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On Your Own Programs

The following programs are available to troops as a resource to schedule on your own. Many are facilitator-run; a troop registers through the specific host organization. These are excellent opportunities to supplement your troop's program year. Feel free to attend and schedule as many as your girls would like. For the complete list of On Your Own programs, including price and registration information, please refer to the website.

August 1

Nashville Superspeedway

Toyota Tundra 200 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Girl Scout package includes race, and hot dog and Pepsi voucher. Start time will be 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 ages twelve and under. Contact Jud Pyatt ipyatt@dovermotorsports.com (615) 547-7217 for more information.

September 19

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary

Butterfly Day

Your troop will step into the world of these delicate beauties from 10 a.m.—noon, learning to identify common local butterflies, studying the life cycle, learning how to attract them to their own yards and how to raise caterpillars for release. Perfect for Girl Scouts working on wildlife, animal, ecology or other nature badges and patches. The cost is \$7 per person in advance or \$10 at the gate.

September 26

Tennessee Central Railway Museum

Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale Excursion Train

Make sure you don't miss any bargains, take the Tennessee Central Railway Museum's excursion train to Watertown's Fall Mile-Long Yard Sale. You will enjoy the Middle Tennessee spring season while riding in restored classic traditional American streamlined stainless steel passenger cars built in the 1950s and pulled by passenger diesel locomotives. Contact:(615) 244-9001 www.tcry.org

October 2-3

Girl Scout Nights at Disney On Ice

Disney On Ice presents Celebrations! Enjoy a winter wonderland with Disney characters. Special Girl Scout group tickets (minimum group order of 10 tickets) will be available at \$13 each for the 7 p.m. October 2 and 6:30 p.m. October 3 performances. Each girl will also receive a free patch. Refer to flyer for more information. Deadline to order is September 23, 2009. View order form at http://gsmidtn.org/content/resources/pdf/disney_on_ice.pdf. Contact group Ttickets plus at (888) 305-9550.

October 3

Tennessee Central Railway Museum

Robbery Excursion Train

The Wilson and Mackly Gangs appear to be on the loose again. Rumors are they will attempt to hold up the Excursion Train en route to Watertown and then maybe even raid the town itself. Here is your chance to ride along and see how true these rumors are. You will ride a traditional passenger train of cars from the last Golden Age of the passenger train in America. The trip and the action in and near Watertown will be a memorable experience for the entire troop. There might even be a shootout in Watertown between the Mackle and Wilson Gangs. Contact:(615) 244-9001 www.tcry.org

October 18

Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary

Hoots and Hayrides: A GREAT Pumpkin Fair!

Choose and paint a pumpkin, ride the hay wagon taxi to nature and live animal programs, take a nature walk, participate in games and races; get your face painted with autumn nature designs from 1-5 p.m. at Owl's Hill Nature Sanctuary. Refreshments will be available for purchase at Mother Nature's Café. Applies to wildlife, animal and ecology badges and patches. The cost is \$12 per person in advance and \$15 at the gate. Visit owlshill.org or call (615)370-4672 to register or for more information.

Ongoing

Nashville Predators

Get ready, Girls! Nashville Predators Scout Nights and Scout Night Sleepover are back!! Enjoy *discounted tickets* to the hottest action on ice and a *Limited Edition Girl Scout Gift*. The Preds 2009-2010 schedule will be released late July, but you can contact Dan Schaefer at (615) 770-2115 or dschaefer@nashvillepredators.com to receive details ahead of the pack.

Nashville Symphony

Attend the symphony with your troop. Concerts include world-class live performances of classical jazz and contemporary music. They also offer a children's series with concerts geared toward children less than 18 years of age. View group offers for the 2009 – 2010 Season at <http://www.nashvillesymphony.org/main.taf?p=0>. Don't forget to check out the Pied Piper concerts. View more information at <http://www.nashvillesymphony.org/main.taf?p=1,16,6,2,6>. Contact Matthew D. Donatelli at (615) 687-6495 or email mDONATELLI@NASHVILLESYMPHONY.ORG for more information. Visit [nashvillesymphony.org](http://www.nashvillesymphony.org).

Noah's Ark Workshop

Let Noah's Ark "Stuff-n-Fluff" Animal Workshop lead your troop meeting or service unit event. Adults and children will have the opportunity to select their animal then hand stuff, name and personalize their new friend with a birth certificate, outfits and animal sounds (some items available for an extra fee). Take home your new friend for a special Girl Scout price of \$10 per girl (not including extra accessories). These workshops are available year-round and recommended for all ages. Contact Diana Hollis at (615)585-1381 or visit www.dianahollis.com, for more information.

Tennessee Performing Arts Center (TPAC)

The TPAC Group Sales Office can help you coordinate a fun and exciting excursion to TPAC. Girl Scout groups can reserve their seats months in advance of the general public. TPAC Group Sales does not require a deposit to reserve your tickets, final payments are due 60 days prior to the show's opening performance. Girl Scout groups of 20 or more now can receive a specially designed Tennessee Performing Arts Center patch just by attending a performance and. For a complete listing of TPAC Group Sales benefits, log on to www.tpac.org/groups today!

Important Program Information

Summer Hours at Girl Scout offices

Every Friday between June 1 and July 31, the main and regional Girl Scout offices will be closed. Our summer hours are from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. This does not apply to resident

camp, or programs scheduled on Fridays.

Inclement Weather/Emergency Information

Concerned that inclement weather will cancel or postpone your weekend program? Need to contact the program facilitator in an emergency? Call our after-hours program hotline for an updated recording about the program status and facilitator contact information: (615) 383-0490 x 292.

Registration

Most program registrations use [E Council](#), accessed through our website (www.gsmdtn.org) or by contacting the Nashville Service Center at (615) 383-0490 or (800) 395-5318.

Payment

All program fees are due in full after you receive written or emailed confirmation. Please make checks payable to Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee and write the name of the program on the memo line of the check. Payment will not be accepted at the program. Mail to payments to:

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee
4522 Granny White Pike
Nashville, TN 37204

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available for our programs by completing a financial aid application available on our website. ***Mail all financial assistance forms and refund requests to:***

Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee
Attn: Program Department
4522 Granny White Pike
Nashville, TN 37204

Your request will be reviewed by a Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee committee. All information is confidential. All efforts will be made to notify the applicant of the amount of financial assistance and/or refund within 14 days after your request.

Refund Policy (does not pertain to Outdoor Programming)

Troops or individual Girl Scouts may cancel a program reservation and request a partial refund in writing no later than **seven business days** before an event. There will be a 10% processing fee for all refunds.

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