



Trainer Updates

December 2007



Meeting Schedule

(Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Council Headquarters)

January 17

February 21*

April 17

June 5 - our annual Trainer Celebration

(*For those attending the Michigan Girl Scout Trainers' Conference. That's my Wedding Anniversary, what was I thinking? Fortunately, my husband understands. Oh well, guess I can't complain if he leaves the toilet seat up!)

Other Important Dates

Winter Training Fair, Saturday, February 2 (Howell)

Michigan Girl Scout Trainers' Conference, March 7-9 (Troy)

Annual Meeting, Saturday, March 15 (Ypsilanti)

Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Wednesday, April 16 (Ann Arbor)

Spring Training Fair, Saturday, April 19 (Ypsilanti)

Fashionistas! Thursday, May 1 (Ann Arbor)

GSHVC Golden Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, June 21 (Camp Linden)

Manual and Workbook Updates

We have updated the participant workbooks and training manuals for Daisy, Brownie and Junior Basic Leadership training. The training manual updates were minimal, so you can easily slip the updated pages into your current modules. Nothing major, just updates to the mission statement, confirming that any texts and/or patch programs referenced were still current and available at the S'More Stuff Council Store, etc. While we did not make changes to the training module, the Troop Camper workbook is updated (deleting references to Hilltop, etc.) Plan on us visiting the Cadette/Senior materials in January.



Sink or Swim Update

Hot enough for ya'? With temperatures flirting with the low 90's, I wondered whether or not we were at summer camp, not Sink or Swim. Trainers dressed in shorts? We don't see that too often! Great weekend, positive evaluations, and, yes thoughts for improvement in 2008. Save the weekend, October 3-5, 2008. Details to follow.

Fall Training Fair Update

Holy Cow! Unbelievable numbers, over 120 volunteers completed training (a 62% increase from last year). An unusually low no-show rate of 9% was refreshing. The change in location to Saline's Liberty School was a welcome surprise. While a bit "last minute", it was better fit for our event. With close to 40 girls completing Program Aide Core training, many moms stayed (and trained) the entire day. What a boost to the afternoon enrichments.

Let's not forget those "Saline Queens". Those ladies *know* how to run a hospitality area. **Kathy Van Buren**, **Judy Collins**, and **Maryann Bowen** made sure the coffee was hot and the munchies fresh. Go Team! Of course, my report would not be complete without mentioning **Natalie Jeffries'** fashionable footwear. Be sure to ask her about it at our next meeting.



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By the way, I took advantage of the large crowd and went “trolling for trainers”. We distributed *Trainer Want Ads* to all who attended. Yes, I did get a few nibbles. More on that later...

Winter Training Fair

Saturday February 2 we'll be having a howlin' good time training in Howell. I'm in the market for hospitality volunteers, trainers and the like. What do you say to some good, friendly rivalry between the folks on Lakes & Trails and Livingston? Hmm, I wonder who brews the better cup of java? Come to the fair and find out! Maybe we'll hold a taste test with the winning subdivision featured in the View of the Valley? (I have a better idea - it's time for me to switch to decaf!)



Leading the Parade...

Jenny Lowhorn is the trainer to beat in the Most Volunteer Trained (MVT) competition. In the fall alone, she's trained 114 volunteers. Add that to the 11 trained over the summer, and **J-Lo's** leading the pack with 125 volunteers trained! There's still time to catch her. Attached is the listing of courses in need of trainers from now until May.

Recognitions

It's that time of year. Time to take aim on the “hit list” to secure nominations and endorsements for several trainers deserving of GSUSA recognitions. In recent years, **Joyce Smith** and **Connie George** provided tremendous support to me in this endeavor. We all saw the results, 15 trainers recognized in the last two years. I am looking for assistance again this year. Why? Many of you are not affiliated with a troop or Service Unit. The folks you impact (training participants) don't think to nominate you for an award. As a result, trainers are often overlooked. Attached is the spreadsheet from which we will work. Please let me know of any updates/corrections. I thank you in advance for your support in this effort.

Michigan Girl Scout Trainers' Conference (MGSTC)

The applications are available in our Trainers' Corner section of the GSHVC website. We will cover \$50 of your registration fee. Financial assistance is available for trainers to attend the weekend. Do not hesitate to ask me about it. The workshop line up is top rate and I know we will be the best co-hosts that ever were! **Peg Huffaker** and **Shirley Marchand** will have more information to share at our January meeting. We do need to select a basket theme (or two), so get out that thinking cap and place it you-know-where!

Trainers' Training

Again, we will offer the course at the MGSTC. Good news, we have many volunteers interested in participating. Seriously, I'm working on a list at least ten names deep! I'll be sure to invite them to our meeting in January so you can meet them, tell them how much you enjoy being a trainer, make some comment on how you remember them from other GS events (even if your memory is the pits), compliment their hair/shoes/outfit, twist their arm (gently, and only if needed, of course), etc.



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My Trip to the Edith Macy Conference Center

In November, I participated in the collaboration between GSUSA and the Ashland Institute, *Coming Into your Own (CIYO)*. Our next steps include returning to Macy in February, where the group will begin plans for the Spring Conferences. The retreat was not focused on learning new Girl Scout program. That information will come in February. Visit the www.Ashlandinstitute.org for a better idea of what the retreat was all about. I did bring back some neat ideas to share at our January meeting. Stay tuned.

Their Skills and Talents have not gone unnoticed....

Congratulations are in order for **Kathy Alward** and **Linda Gartner**, two familiar faces to the training team who recently accepted positions as Area Association Chairs for Livingston and Run or the Rivers, respectfully. Is it just me, or are the nominees for Area Association Chairs looking more and more like the rosters of trainers and the Sink or Swim Committee? All kidding aside, we know we can count on folks like **Kathy, Linda, Marjorie McRoberts** (Ann Arbor), **Joyce Blomgren** (Hurisin) and **Maryann Bowen** (Lakes and Trails) to speak from experience about the value of training and training events. **Kathleen Gripman** (Sunrise) may not have been an active trainer when recruited as Area Chair, but she is a great supporter of the department, helping fill our library wish list with bi-lingual training resources. Hats off to our Area Association Chairs as they usher us through this transition to new beginnings in the months to come.

Parting Thoughts

In conclusion, I want to share with you something I learned about the story of Hanukkah. In school, I remember learning some "basics" – it lasts for eight days, you eat potato pancakes and I know what a dreidel is when I see one. In preparing this newsletter, I surfed around a bit for a seasonal story or quote and found this.

About 2200 years ago, Greek kings, who reigned from Damascus, ruled over the land of Judea and the Jews living there.

One Greco-Syrian King, Antiochus Epiphanes, forbade the Jewish people from praying to their God, practicing their customs, and studying their Torah. In response to this persecution, Judah Maccabee and his four brothers organized a group of resistance fighters known as the Maccabees. They fought against paganism and oppression. Against great odds, after three years of fighting, the Maccabees succeeded to drive the Greco-Syrians out of Judea.

Hanukkah proclaims the message of the prophet Zachariah: "Not by might, not by power, but by My spirit."

Think about it as we work to realign ourselves. Those realigning in the central region may seem to have great power and might, compared to the other central partners, but cannot abuse it at the expense of the spirit of Girl Scouting and its service to girls. Those realigning east may feel overshadowed by the size of their new partners, and their perceived power and might, but it is the spirit of Girl Scouting that will bond all of us together as we embark on this new era.

**TRAINING SCHEDULE: January – May 2008
(Trainer Sign-up)**

Winter Training Fair
Saturday, February 2
Kensington Woods High School, Howell

Basic Leadership:

Daisy

Brownie

Junior

Cadet/Senior

First Aid/CPR

Troop Camper (Part 1) – *B. Bishop*

Enrichment Trainings:

GSHVC Patch Programs

Gold Award

Planning Encampments

Summer Camp Programs

Program Aide Core Training

Registration Deadline: January 23

Spring Training Fair

Saturday, April 19

Hurisin Subdivision

Cost: \$5.00

Basics: D/B/J/CAD/SR

Troop Camper Training

TSD Position Training

Program Aid (specialty) Training

Registration Deadline: April 9

DAISY

Saturday, February 2

Winter Training Fair*

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

BROWNIE

Saturday, February 2

Winter Training Fair

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

JUNIOR

Saturday, February 2

Winter Training Fair

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

CADETTE/SENIOR

Saturday, February 2

Winter Training Fair

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

TSD TRAINING

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

TROOP CAMPER 1-DAY FORMAT

Saturday, January 12 ****added course****

9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Camp Crawford

Jenny Lowhorn/Candace Myshock

Saturday, April 26

9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Camp Crawford

Betty Bishop

TROOP CAMPER PART 1

Saturday, February 2

Winter Training Fair

Betty Bishop

Saturday, April 19

Spring Training Fair

TROOP CAMPER PART 2

Saturday, May 17

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Camp Linden

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	TRAINER	BIRTHDAY	APP. PIN	HONOR	THANKS	THANKS II	TORCH	GR.TREE	BAUER
2	ALWARD	9-Dec	1994				2003		
3	BASINGER	22-Feb	2003						
4	BISHOP	18-Nov		2001	2007			1998	
5	BOGGS		2002						
6	BROWN, B								
7	BUEHLER, E								
8	CHRISTENSON			2006					
9	CHURCH	21-Sep							
10	CLARK	7-Apr	1998	2001				2000	
11	DELUKA, M	29-Aug							
12	DORER	19-Sep	2002					2005	
13	FISHER, P.	29-Jul	1995	2005	1997			1993	
14	FISHER, T.		2007						
15	GARTNER,L	19-Oct	1997		2004		2001		
16	GARTNER,R								
17	GEORGE		2006						
18	GERMAIN			2006			2001		
19	HARKAI								
20	HIRSCH	14-Nov	2006	1997					
21	HUFFAKER	9-Sep	1994						
22	JEFFREY			2002	2006				
23	JEFFRIES	15-Apr		2005	2007		2000		
24	KASA								
25	KREMPASKY								
26	LIVERNOIS	15-May							
27	LOWERY	4-Aug							
28	LOWHORN	25-Jun		1999	2002	2007			
29	LYONS	20-Sep	2003	2006					
30	MAINZINGER	19-Sep	2004	1997	2000				
31	MARCHAND	30-Jan		2002	2006				
32	MAZUR	21-Jul	2006						
33	MCROBERTS	29-Nov	1989/1993	2001	2007			1991	
34	MIDDEL		2002						
35	MYSHOCK	22-Dec		2006					
36	PADDOCK	2-Oct							
37	PARK	23-Feb	2005						
38	PETRES	10-Aug	2002						
39	RADAK	26-Feb	1998	2003				2000	

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40	RASHES	18-Sep		2007					
41	RODRIGUEZ	17-Sep	1994	2001	2003				
42	ROMERO	24-Mar							
43	SAGE	15-Apr							
44	SCHLAFF	11-Mar	1990		1998				
45	SCHWAB	25-Apr	1982		1992				
46	SMITH,J	5-Jun		1988	1974				1992
47	WALL								
48	ZEMKE	26-Jun							