



# Trainer Updates

March 2008



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## Our Next Meetings

Thursday, April 17 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Council Headquarters  
Thursday, June 5 6:30-8:30 p.m. Trainer Celebration

## Other Important Dates

Volunteer Recognition Dinner, Wednesday, April 16 (Ann Arbor)  
Spring Training Fair, Saturday, April 19 (Ypsilanti)  
Fashionistas! Thursday, May 1 (Ann Arbor)  
Trainer Celebration, Thursday, June 5  
GSHVC Golden Anniversary Celebration, Saturday, June 21 (Camp Linden)

## Sink or Swim Update

Judy and her sisters, the cooks you all RAVED about in 2007 are back. They couldn't swing the first weekend in October, so I changed the dates to October 10-12. At first, I was concerned the dates would interfere with Yom Kippur. (The holiday begins at sundown October 9). Observing a later start time of Friday evening minimizes the risk. Think about it – training in the “pods” (in the new building), meeting new friends from our new councils. (By the way, I don't care if you're going to the heart, the southeast, the liver or kidney - I want to see you at Camp Linden next October!)



## Winter Training Fair

Saturday February 2 close to 100 volunteers had a howlin' good time training in Howell. Many thanks to **Jodie Park** and crew, for pulling the hospitality chores off with limited support. Jodie, be sure to tell **Jessica** that Rex enjoyed the day. Me? I met many delightful volunteers who would make great trainers...

## Spring Training Fair

Slated Saturday, April 19 at Eastern Michigan University, registrations are trickling in. The same can be said of confirmed trainers. Please consider training at the event. The facility comes complete with a Starbuck's on site. Once again, we are collaborating with other departments to create a value packed event for girls and adults. We know there is work to be done on the realignment; we plan to utilize the large audience of the fair to gather some informal feedback, take surveys, etc. Help us spread the word.

**Signing Bonus:** Those of you training at the fair can have the first peak at GSUSA's Leadership Essentials and incorporate it into your presentations, if you wish. The course outline is 18 pages, and very do-able. I'd prefer not to kill trees without reason and am unable to send them electronically at this time. So, copies are available on request.



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## American Red Cross/GSHVC Training Fair



Partnering with the Washtenaw County Chapter, we've set the date of Sunday, June 1 as our first ever, first aid training fair. Courses to offer include First Aid/CPR, CPR Reviews, Babysitting (for the girls) and more. Thanks to those who've already indicated availability and interest: **Linda Gartner** (if no conflicts with her Area Chair role), **Dana Gomez**, **Jackie Jeffery**, **Rene Kasa**, and **Carol Middel**. I'd love it if we could provide training for all who needed it, without having to establish a "waitlist". So, there's still time to add an instructor or two. Contact me for more information.

## Recognitions

I've seen the list of those of you slated to receive recognition at the dinner April 16. As it should be, trainers will be well represented. Congratulations to all and thanks to those who nominated and endorsed their fellow Girl Scouts.

## Michigan Girl Scout Trainers' Conference (MGSTC)

The following trainers attended the event: **Dawn Beavers**, **Betty Bishop**, **Peggy Fisher**, **Peg Huffaker**, **Natalie Jeffries**, **Julie Lyons**, **Joanne Paddock** and **Jan Radak**. Joining them were three new members of the training team: **Kris Honig**, **Cheryl Morris** and **Jennifer Paul**. Welcome aboard, ladies. Evaluations were positive and the committee evaluation meeting is scheduled Wednesday, June 4. As for 2009, all agreed we could not deliver a conference as in year's past. We anticipate each of the three councils providing some sort of conference, perhaps a one-day event to deliver the tools necessary to trainers in their new roles as "learning facilitators".

## GSUSA Program Updates

Attached to this newsletter is information I received in preparation of my role at the Spring Conferences. It is a series of answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. This is literally hot off the press. I am not even sure of the distribution procedures, other than my now giving it to you. I recommend you review it as people look to trainers as having the most up to date information on this material.

Note: I will be out of the office March 31 – April 4, returning Monday, April 7. Please contact Grace Muck (X-210) or Tammi Kanaley (X-231) to sign up to train at the Spring Training Fair, or other courses listed on the next page.

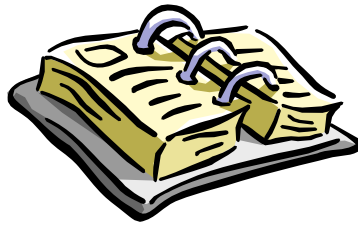


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## DAISY

Saturday, April 19  
Spring Training Fair

## BROWNIE

Saturday, April 19  
Spring Training Fair

## JUNIOR

Saturday, April 19  
Spring Training Fair

## CADETTE/SENIOR

Saturday, April 19  
Spring Training Fair

## TSD TRAINING

Saturday, April 19  
Spring Training Fair

## TROOP CAMPER PART 1

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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