

MEETING RECAP – Eagan Service Unit Leader/Volunteer Meeting, February 11, 2010

www.eagangirlscouts.org (Eagan Service Unit - ESU)

www.girlscoutsv.org (River Valleys Council - RV)

JUNIOR TROOPS BRONZE AWARD PROJECTS

52547 - Paper products and new socks for Dakota Woodlands. Contact the troop via email if you'd still like to donate - abgrannes@comcast.net or jlutter4889@comcast.net.

Flyer on ESU website at www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bronze%20award%2052547.pdf.

53810 – New and gently used blankets for nursing and foster homes. Contact the troop via email if you'd still like to donate - ksegorbrown@msn.com.

Flyer on ESU website at www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bronze%20award%2053810.pdf.

WORLD TREFOIL THINKING DAY CEREMONY is available on the ESU website on the Ceremonies page.

Celebrate our GS sisters all over the world during World Thinking Day on February 22. Lots of great ceremony ideas for this special day and many more are available at www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/index.htm.

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

- RV is looking at camp and building utilization and ways to use our resources wisely during this economic time and into the future. Some camp properties will be decommissioned and sold and various other camp properties have been selected for limited use. The best way to keep our camps and facilities available is to keep them utilized – consider troop and family camps, council sponsored summer camps, etc. Check into the trainings you need to take girls to camp at www.girlscoutsv.org/training/training.htm, click on Beyond the Troop (Outdoor and Travel).
- RV has 45,000 girls and 18,000 adults registered, serving 1 out of every 7 girls in our council jurisdiction, indicating a strong GS presence and belief in the organization. Let's keep it going and growing.
- ESU delegates needed - be the voice of our ESU Girl Scouts to RV and the messenger of RV discussions and decisions back to our local members. ESU is allowed 10 delegates consisting of adults and girls age 12 by Jan 30, 2010 – we currently have 2 delegates. Minimal time commitment – 4 meetings per year via onsite attendance, conference call or webcast, opportunities to participate in forum discussions. Contact Doreen at dgloede@comcast.net for info. Position description is available at www.girlscoutsv.org/Forms/Position_descriptions/2009/Delegate%20alternate%20delegate%20vol%20pos%20des.pdf.

COOKIE SALES ESU Girl Scouts have sold 85,764 boxes of cookies!!! This means roughly \$47,000 in proceeds for the troops. And this is before booth and walkabout sales. WAY TO GO GIRLS!!! CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK IN YOUR CONTINUING SALES! Our ESU goal is around 93,000 boxes – we know you can do it.

FAIRY TALE FUN DAYCAMP Gold Award Project of Morgan Cronin is being offered the week of August 9-13 at Spring Lake Park Retreat Center in Hastings/Rosemount. Flyers will be posted to the ESU website very soon. Morgan will be at the March 11 Leader/Volunteer meeting to present her daycamp and begin taking reservations. Caddies and adult volunteers needed – contact Morgan at fairytalesuncamp@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE Very, Very Special Thanks to Geri Dodge for coordinating incredibly successful projects!!

- Meals on Wheels - Great turnout making 200 tray favors, 100 handmade Thank You cards, 100 placements and 10 potholders. Items will be given to the St. Paul West 7th Chapter. THANK YOU!
- Bundles of Love – Fantastic attendance providing 147 families with handmade toys, gowns, booties, mittens, wash mitts, etc. and lots of donations of baby products. THANK YOU!
- Feed My Starving Children – WOW!!!! Roughly 400 volunteers packaged 17,928 bags of food, which provides 107,568 meals and feeds 295 kids for an entire year, along with many donations of supplies. THANK YOU!
- Caps Off for Girl Scouts will be in place again. Start collecting plastic caps of all kinds for collection in March/April.
- Possible park cleanup day in May.
- Rebuilding Together – for girls age 14-18 will be held June 12. Info will be emailed to troops in this age range.

FRIENDSHIP AROUND THE WORLD 2010 A THINKING DAY EVENT attendance is closed with nearly 200 people hosting and visiting booths. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Red Cross for Haiti Earthquake Relief. BIG thanks to Darlene Patyk for establishing a new, and hopefully annual, tradition for ESU and to Caroline Pross and the hardworking purse-making crew. Contact Darlene with questions at darlenepatyk@prodigy.net or 651-688-3050.

PINEWOOD DERBY car kits can be purchased from Doreen by emailing dqloede@comcast.net – kits are \$4 each. We're in need of LOTS of girl and adult volunteers for various duties - immediate need for troop to pick out trophies and design awards. Custom patch design drawings must be submitted to Doreen by 7 pm on Thursday, Feb 18. A revised flyer with the design categories has been posted to the ESU website on the Programs and Events page, scroll down to the Feb 27 workshop info.

ME AND MY GUY DANCE will be held Friday, April 16 from 7-9 pm at Eastview High School Cafeteria. Tickets will be sold for \$10 per couple and \$5 for each additional girl at the March 11 Leader/Volunteer meeting. Committees are assigned by school as follows. Email your committee's primary contact person and their contact info to Doreen ASAP.

Flyers/Tickets – Middle/High School; Food – Deerwood/Glacier Hills/Woodland; DJ/Clean Up Crew – Oakridge;

Decorations – Pinewood/Rahn/Tesseract; Photographer – FSCS; Coat Racks-Northview/Thomas Lake

OLDER GIRL LOCK-IN for grades 5 and up. Planning is beginning with a possible weekend trip in May to Lanesboro for Eagle Bluff Ropes Course, bicycle riding, horseback riding, etc. Suggestions and offers of help would be greatly appreciated – email Doreen.

OTHER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION are posted on our website at www.eagangirlscouts.org. Check it out to see what's happening.

*Remember to celebrate Girl Scout World Thinking Day
on February 22, 2010*

NEXT MEETING – March 11, 2010, 7:00 pm, Saints Martha & Mary Episcopal Church

Meeting theme is Happy Birthday Girl Scouts!

WHAT'S GOING ON... Follow Safety-Wise guidelines.

- **Dance Clinic with MN Timberwolves Dancers**, Sun, Feb 21 and Sat, Feb 27 (this session added due to high demand), Target Center. Learn a dance routine and perform it on the court before the game. Package cost of \$30 includes dance instruction, performance, game ticket, patch, bag & poms, group picture, meal deal. Addl game tickets available for \$20, addl meal deals for \$5. Contact Ronda Moren at moren@timberwolves.com or 612-673-1282 or Andrea Olson at olson@lynxbasketball.com or 612-673-8418 for info.
- **Youth Service America (YSA) Get Ur Good On Grants** Miley Cyrus and YSA have partnered to create Get Ur Good On, a social network to bring together youth to support each other in their mission to do "good" in their communities. Get Ur Good On offers grants to support youth-led service initiatives on Global Youth Service Day, Apr 23-25. Get Ur Good On will award one hundred \$500 grants to projects addressing important community needs such as poverty, education and environmental sustainability. Grant applications are due Feb 22. Info available at www.GetUrGoodOn.org.
- **The Caring Institute** is accepting nominations for individuals (age 9 to 99) who have a long-term commitment to social improvement in the community, nation, or world. Tell The Caring Institute in 500 words or more why your nominee would be a worthy role model for others. Visit www.caring-institute.org/caringawards.html to download a nomination form. Nominations deadline is March 1.
- **Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes** honors outstanding young leaders (age 8 to 18) who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Nominees must have been the prime mover of a service activity and demonstrated positive spirit and high moral purpose in accomplishing their goals. Winners of the Barron Prize receive \$2,500 to be applied to their higher education or to their service project, in addition to other benefits. Nominations are made by adults who have solid knowledge of the nominee and his or her work, but who are not related to the nominee. Visit www.barronprize.org/nominate/NominationPacket10.pdf. Nomination packets must be received by April 30.
- **Give a Day. Get a Disney Day** Starting Jan 1, Disney and HandsOn Network, have volunteer opportunities to which you can lend your much-needed services. As a way of thanking you for your good work, Disney will give you a ticket good for one day admission to Disneyland or Walt Disney World. Visit http://disneyparks.disney.go.com/disneyparks/en_US/WhatWillYouCelebrate/index?name=Give-A-Day-Get-A-Disney-Day.
- **Girl Scouts Forever Green Service Projects** From Jan 25-April 30 Girl Scouts across the country will be engaging in a nationwide, annual Community Action Project called Girl Scouts Forever Green. Using their leadership skills, girls plan and implement a Take Action project in one of five environmental focus areas (air, waste management, water, energy, green space). Girls track their environmental impact on a national website and truly become part of a national movement. Visit www.girlscoutsv.org/programs/forever_green.html for patch requirements, focus area info, and project ideas.
- **Eagan is Celebrating its Sesquicentennial** – Its 150th birthday! Visit www.eagan150.com for more information about Eagan's Sesquicentennial celebrations and activities. At the bottom of the Web page, click on the Facebook and Twitter links to become fans and followers of Eagan's 150th celebration. Watch for details on ways the Girl Scouts will be involved in celebrating Eagan's 150th birthday.
- **Be a YEA (Youth Event Assistant)** Girls who have completed Program Aide Training can sign up to be a Y.E.A.—an older girl that assists at council-sponsored program events. The roles of a Y.E.A. include helping lead activities, working check-in, assisting council staff or collaborators leading the event, and helping girls complete activities. Y.E.A.s must attend events with an adult chaperone, but they attend for free. Visit www.girlscoutsv.org/events/index.php and type YEA Opportunity in the keyword field for a list of opportunities.
- **Differing Abilities Advisory Committee** is being formed by River Valleys to determine how to better include girls of differing abilities in Girl Scouts. The committee will be comprised of council staff, adult volunteers, and community experts. To learn more or get involved, contact Pam Wurster at pamela.wurster@girlscoutsv.org or 763-971-4049.
- **Help Plan Camp Closing Ceremonies** River Valleys is looking for girl and adult volunteers to help with planning closing ceremonies to be held at Camp Rolling Ridges and Camp Greenwood, October 10, 2010. The properties are slated for decommission and sale. If you're interested in planning or helping at the event(s), please send your contact information to camps@girlscoutsv.org.