

**MEETING RECAP** – Eagan Service Unit Leader/Volunteer Meeting, November 12, 2009

[www.eagangirlscouts.org](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org) (Eagan Service Unit - ESU)

[www.girlscoutsv.org](http://www.girlscoutsv.org) (River Valleys Council - RV)

### **JUNIOR TROOPS BRONZE AWARD PROJECTS**

52547 – Collecting paper products and new socks for Dakota Woodlands. Drop off items with troop leaders or bring to Jan 14 Leader/Volunteer meeting. Flyer on ESU website at

[www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/bronze%20award%2052547.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bronze%20award%2052547.pdf).

53810 – Collecting new and gently used blankets for delivery to nursing and foster homes. Drop off items at the Jan 14 or Feb 11 Leader/Volunteer meetings. Flyer on ESU website at

[www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/bronze%20award%2053810.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bronze%20award%2053810.pdf).

**BRING A FRIEND** to Girl Scouting. When she registers as a new member before Nov 30, you both receive a patch. Flyer is on the ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/bring%20a%20friend%20patch.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bring%20a%20friend%20patch.pdf).

**REGISTRATION** forms can be turned into Cathy Mohs at 4275 Eagle Crest Dr, Eagan, or Lisa Rogers at 4321 Sequoia Dr, Eagan. Blank girl and adult registration and dues summary forms can be obtained from Cathy or Lisa or in the green box on Doreen Gloede's front step (870 Ventnor Ave, Eagan). Leaders keep all yellow copies. Send the white and green (girl) or pink (adult) copies to Cathy or Lisa along with the \$12 membership fee and a completed dues summary form. Please remember to fill in the troop number on the forms.

**FINANCE REPORTS** for the 2008-2009 year (and prior if you haven't submitted previous years) should be submitted ASAP if you haven't yet done so to our treasurer, Jo Roiland, by mail or email at 874 Govern Circle, Eagan, or [jo.roiland@juno.com](mailto:jo.roiland@juno.com). Reports (2 copies) are REQUIRED EACH YEAR from ALL troops. You must provide a copy of your latest bank statement with the finance report. Form is available on the RV website at [www.girlscoutsv.org/Forms/RV%20Forms/Troop\\_Finance\\_Report.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/Forms/RV%20Forms/Troop_Finance_Report.pdf).

**DELEGATE ELECTIONS** Be the voice of our ESU Girl Scouts to council and the messenger of council discussions and decisions back to our local members. ESU is allowed 10 delegates consisting of adults and girls age 12 by Jan 30, 2010. Minimal time commitment – 4 meetings per year via onsite attendance, conference call or webcast. Opportunity to participate in forum discussions. **Delegate names must be submitted by Dec 1.** Consider volunteering for this important role. **Contact Doreen at [dgloede@comcast.net](mailto:dgloede@comcast.net) with questions and/or to volunteer.** Position description is available on the RV website at [www.girlscoutsv.org/Forms/Position\\_descriptions/2009/Delegate%20alternate%20delegate%20vol%20pos%20des.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/Forms/Position_descriptions/2009/Delegate%20alternate%20delegate%20vol%20pos%20des.pdf).

**SUGAR AND SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE AUCTION** Mon, Dec 7, 6 pm, Falcon Ridge Middle School Fun for the whole family. Flyer available on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/auction.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/auction.pdf).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Vannas (girls of all ages to display auction items as people bid), older girls and adults to check in items and assign bidding paddles and check out winning bidders with their items, and adults to record winning bids. **Contact Doreen [dgloede@comcast.net](mailto:dgloede@comcast.net) ASAP** with questions and/or to volunteer.

**WINTER WEAR AND DESSERT COLLECTION** Tues, Dec 8, 6:30-7:30 pm, Saints Martha & Mary Church

Drop off new hats, mittens, scarves, etc. and/or desserts (cookies/bars on paper plates) to be given to homeless youth at a holiday party held by Face to Face. Visit their website at [www.face2face.org](http://www.face2face.org).

**MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE PROJECT** Wed, Dec 30, 2-6 pm, Saints Martha & Mary Church We're making tray favors, placements and cards to brighten someone's day. Come when you can, stay as long as you can. Flyer available on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/meals%20on%20wheels.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/meals%20on%20wheels.pdf).

**COOKIE RALLY, TBD Jan 2, 3, 9, 10 TROOP(S) NEEDED ASAP TO COORDINATE THIS EVENT**

Plan activities to motivate girls to excel at cookie sales. Visit this site for a step-by-step rally planning guide <http://s3.amazonaws.com/www.littlebrownie.com/downloads/RalliesToGo.pdf>.

**Contact Doreen [dgloede@comcast.net](mailto:dgloede@comcast.net) ASAP** to volunteer.

**TROOP COOKIE MANAGER TRAINING** tentatively scheduled for **Mon, Jan 4, 6:30-7:30 pm** for existing managers and **6:30-8:30 pm** for new managers at **Easter Lutheran Church** on Cliff Rd & Pilot Knob Rd. Info will be emailed to troop cookie managers. The cookie manager and one troop leader should attend. **Contact one of the following ASAP if you haven't submitted troop cookie manager info**, Jo Roiland [jo.roiland@juno.com](mailto:jo.roiland@juno.com) or Doreen Lardy [doreen.l@msn.com](mailto:doreen.l@msn.com) or Gretchen Peterson [hh088@live.com](mailto:hh088@live.com).

**BUNCO BLAST Sun, Jan 10, 1:30-4:30 pm, Blackhawk Middle School** Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and prizes. Flyer on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/bunco.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bunco.pdf).

**BUNDLES OF LOVE SERVICE PROJECT Sat, Jan 23, 2-hr timeslots 10-5 pm, Shepherd of the Valley Church.** We're helping to make baby quilts, booties, bibs, wash cloths and other items for babies in need. Flyer on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/bundles%20of%20love.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/bundles%20of%20love.pdf).

**U OF M WOMEN'S HOCKEY GAME Sat, Jan 23, 4 pm, U of M Ridder Arena** Flyer on ESU website at [http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/UofM%20hockey.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/UofM%20hockey.pdf). We've reserved the club room for a pre-game pizza party for the first 65 attendees. We'll get a bus to transport people if we have 60-65 bus riders. A second bus will be ordered if we have another 60-65 riders. Event will open to neighboring Girl Scouts after Dec 19.

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN SERVICE PROJECT Sat, Feb 13, 2-hr timeslots 9 am-9 pm, Eagan** Girl Scouts (grade 3+) and families will pack food for the world's hungry. Flyer on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/feed%20my%20starving%20children.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/feed%20my%20starving%20children.pdf).

**FRIENDSHIP AROUND THE WORLD 2010 A THINKING DAY EVENT Mon, Feb 22, 7:00-8:30 pm, Dakota Hills Middle School Cafeteria.** An opportunity for Girl Scouts and their families to learn about our Girl Scout Sisters all over the world by visiting booths hosted by ESU troops. Flyer on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/thinking%20day%202010.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/thinking%20day%202010.pdf).

**NEEDED** by coordinator, Darlene Patyk [darlenepatyk@prodigy.net](mailto:darlenepatyk@prodigy.net) 651-688-3050:

- **Additional troops** to host booths – 18 troops have signed up, there's room for more
- **Submit patch design drawings by Jan 23** for a custom made event patch (use 8½ x 11 white paper, draw the picture as big as the paper, depict Girl Scout Friendship Around the World)
- **RSVP by Jan 23 with number of girls planning to attend** as visitors so we have supplies (passports and purses) for all attendees (include # of girls, troop #, contact name, phone # and email address)
- **Volunteers** to help make passports and purses and to help with setup/cleanup and organizing at event
- **Donations** of "worldly/global looking" material for the purses

**WINTER EXTRAVAGANZA Older Girl Event Fri-Sun, Mar 19-21, Camp Rolling Ridges** for Seniors and Ambassadors and **opening to Cadettes on Dec 1.** Enjoy outdoor adventures and indoor activities. Flyer on ESU website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs\\_pdfs/thinking%20day%202010.pdf](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org/docs_pdfs/thinking%20day%202010.pdf).

**ME AND MY GUY DANCE(S)** will be discussed at the Jan 14 Leader/Volunteer meeting. Come with thoughts about one dance or two - we currently have about 700 girls registered in the ESU, dates, locations, themes, how to organize/coordinate the event(s) - by school, by age level, etc.

**OTHER EVENTS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION** are posted on our website at [www.eagangirlscouts.org](http://www.eagangirlscouts.org). Check it out to see what's happening.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

**NEXT MEETING – January 14, 2010, 7:00 pm, Saints Martha & Mary Episcopal Church**  
Meeting theme is Cookie Doughs and Doughnuts

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

- **Make your Dollar Go 150% Farther - donation matching for River Valleys**, Tues, Nov 17 beginning at 8 AM at [www.GiveMN.org](http://www.GiveMN.org). This is a new website for Minnesota nonprofits and donors to connect. To celebrate the launch of the website, GiveMN will match 50¢ on the dollar for all donations made through their website on Nov 17, up to \$500,000. Donations will be matched beginning at 8 AM Nov 17 through 8 AM Nov 18. From the main page, type River Valleys into the donate box and click the magnifying glass, click on the Girl Scouts symbol, enter your donation amount and click donate, then click Add a designation and enter EAGAN SERVICE UNIT, so all donations from Eagan Service Unit Girl Scouts will go toward our Service Unit Family Partnership/Annual Giving goal. Make your dollar go even farther to support our girls!! Take the opportunity to say, "I value Girl Scouting for my girl and all girls!"
- **Leadership Essentials** classroom training on Thurs, Nov 19 from 6–9 pm at Christ Lutheran Church on Diffley Road in Eagan. If a facilitated training session is not for you, complete the Leadership Essentials self study available at [www.girlscoutsv.org/training/documents/Leadership\\_Essentials\\_self\\_study\\_Final.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/training/documents/Leadership_Essentials_self_study_Final.pdf). Leadership Essentials training is required for all new leaders within four months of appointment.
- **Beyond the Troop Training** A troop must have at least one Beyond-the-Troop-trained adult to participate in overnights as a troop or camping. If you already possess the necessary skills and experience working with girls in the Girl Scout program, you may apply for Beyond the Troop equivalent qualification. The application asks about skills, knowledge, and level of comfort in several outdoor camping areas, as well as experiences working with girls. The equivalent qualification application is available at [www.girlscoutsv.org/training/documents/BeyondTheTroopEquivQual.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/training/documents/BeyondTheTroopEquivQual.pdf).
- **Honoring Women Worldwide** ([www.honoringwomenworldwide.org/content/view/37/67](http://www.honoringwomenworldwide.org/content/view/37/67)) supports Girl Scouts' mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. As a Girl Scout member, you may attend all events at a reduced member rate. The next event is Thriving vs. Surviving on Sat, Nov 21. The event focuses on leveraging women's untapped leadership capabilities, building community across cultures, and creating a unique global education. Register online (indicate that you are a member) or at the door. For more questions, please contact Jackie Means at [jackie.means@girlscoutsv.org](mailto:jackie.means@girlscoutsv.org) or 763-971-4025.
- **Register for River Valleys 2010 summer camp** before Dec 18 and receive \$40 off your resident camp fee (not available for troop, Adult & Me, day, or family programs or as part of the deposit). Explore Camps Elk River, Lakamaga, Northwoods, Sanderson, and Singing Hills. Search camp sessions at [www.girlscoutsv.org/camp/session\\_search.php](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/camp/session_search.php). Camp brochures mailed to GS homes or access at [www.girlscoutsv.org/camp/documents/GS\\_CampBrochure\\_2010.pdf](http://www.girlscoutsv.org/camp/documents/GS_CampBrochure_2010.pdf).
- **Enter the *Justine* R.E.A.L. Girl Contest** (open to Girl Scouts ages of 13-19) Girl Scouts everywhere are encouraged to tell the world how they are Remarkable, Energetic, Aspirational Leaders. The winner will be featured in an article in *Justine* magazine telling all about her activities as the R.E.A.L. Girl, and win a trip to the *Justine* offices in Memphis, TN for a professional photo shoot, a swag bag and *Justine* subscriptions for herself, her troop and her school library. Entry deadline is January 20, 2010, and the finalists and winner will be selected in February. Contest rules at [www.justinemagazine.com/girl\\_scouts\\_real\\_girl.htm](http://www.justinemagazine.com/girl_scouts_real_girl.htm).
- **Mid-Winter Warm Up**, Sat, Feb 6, Osseo Junior High School. Learn new skills and warm up with new ideas that can be applied to your troop and service unit. Cost is \$25 before Jan 22 and \$30 thereafter. Watch for registration information on River Valleys' website in mid-December.
- **Connections Adult Girl Scout Retreat**, Mar 26-28, Camp Elk River (between Elk River & Zimmerman), check in 6:30 pm Friday, stay till 11:30 am Sunday. A weekend of fun, pampering, networking, learning, exploring, awakening and relaxing. Cost of \$30 for Saturday (8:30 am-8:00 pm) or \$45 for full weekend includes lodging, classes, and meals. Sample classes – aromatherapy, kick boxing, camp cookery, monkey fist, card making, time management, website development, geocaching, etc. Get on the mailing list for registration and updates at [retreat2010@gmail.com](mailto:retreat2010@gmail.com) with subject line Connections 2010.
- **Girl Scouts are on TV!** River Valleys partnered with our sister council to the north, Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines, to run a 30 second TV commercial and a special interview with Girl Scouts that aired on Comcast and Charter cable networks and CNN ([www.blip.tv/file/2629273](http://www.blip.tv/file/2629273)). It is also available on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsvRV?ref=ts](http://www.facebook.com/GirlScoutsvRV?ref=ts)). In total, the commercial aired more than 2,600 times throughout September on a variety of network stations, including TBS, CNN, Animal Planet, Nickelodeon, ABC Family, A&E, TLC, Lifetime, VH1, Spike, and Discovery Channel. Please feel free to share the video commercial with others.