

## Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council

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# Notes to Leaders



The final edition of GSRBC's *Notes to Leaders* has been kept short and sweet as we look forward to our future as Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.

Keep an eye out for the brand new Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois website, which will be located at [www.gsofsi.org](http://www.gsofsi.org) and will offer all GSSI information and resources in a fun, yet easily-accessible manner.

Also, the names of the GSSI's publications have been determined. The leaders' newsletter (currently known to GSRBC as *Notes to Leaders*, will be named *Leaders Current News* (LCN). The Girl Scout magazine (currently known as *The Girl Scout Perspective*) will be named *Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois Chronicle*.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the outstanding legacy of Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council. We hope that you are as excited as we are about Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois and the next era of Girl Scouting! We would be honored if you would join us at a very special ceremony on October 1 to commemorate the uniting of the Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council and the Girl Scouts of Shagbark Council. Please see the back page of this newsletter for more information about this historic milestone.

GSRBC CEO  
Mary Griggs  
Retirement  
Celebration



2009  
Jump Rope  
&  
Cheer



2009  
Alumni  
Picnic



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**Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois invites you to join us for a historic milestone October 1, 2009.**



**Looking forward to an exciting future as Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois**

• Courage, Confidence, Character • Courage, Confidence, Character • Courage, Confidence, Character

## Membership

### Council I.D. strips

All registering girls will receive a Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois I.D. strip. They will be distributed at your October Service Unit meeting.

### New forms

All Membership forms have been updated to reflect the transition to Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois. The new forms are available through your Service Unit Director or Membership Development Manager. After October 1, they will also be available on the GSSI website, [www.gssofsi.org](http://www.gssofsi.org)

### Attention! Name Change.

The Service Unit Manager position will now be named Service Unit Director.

### Transitional Trainings

With the transition of Girl Scouts of River Bluffs to Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois, several changes have been made to the policies, standards, forms and more.

These changes will ensure that Girl Scouts will continue to be compelling, contemporary and relevant to today's girls and be in the best position to serve the largest number of girls and volunteers for decades to come.

The Volunteer Development department will offer Transitional Trainings throughout the fall to provide you with the latest information on new forms, programs, and policies. You will receive more information regarding these trainings through your Service Units.

Girls and volunteers will have full access to programs, services and resources at each of the service centers and can expect expanded programs, greater access to camps and other program facilities, more opportunities for girls, and increased visibility for Girl Scouts as the council continues its transition.

Check out our interim website, [www.girlscoutsofsouthernillinois.org](http://www.girlscoutsofsouthernillinois.org) for more information. Keep an eye out on October 1 for a brand new website, located at [www.gssofsi.org](http://www.gssofsi.org)!

## Volunteer Development

### New Background Checks Online Fast and easy!

You may complete your Volunteer Application and Background Checks online.

Go to [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org), under Volunteer Information.

### New Leader Orientation -- Date Added!

One additional New Leader Orientation training is scheduled for Wednesday, September 30, 2009.

The session begins at 6 pm at the Corporate Service Center in Glen Carbon, IL.

Please contact Sharon Miller to register:  
1-800-345-6850, ext. 138

# Program

Check your mailboxes.....The 2009-2010 Year Long Program Book, along with the Perspective, has been mailed. We are really excited about all the wonderful, exciting and new program opportunities that are available this year!! If you need a sneak peek of the Year Long Program Book, visit the GSRBC website.



## 2009-2010 TAKE ACTION SERVICE PROJECT HAPPY FEET “warm feet, warm heart” October 1, 2009 - November 5, 2009

Inspired by the story of Hannah Turner, who offered to give her socks to a homeless man, we challenge every troop in Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois to purchase at least a one pair of new socks for every girl in the troop and donate them to a food pantry, shelter or place of worship that has this type of ministry.

To read more about Hannah and her organization Hannah's Socks®, Inc, visit the website <http://www.hannahssocks.org/hannahs-story>. Her goal is to collect over 60,000 pairs of socks in 2009 in Ohio. With GSSI working together, we could make the same impact right here in Illinois.

A special patch will be offered for this Take ACTION project. Please forward photos of your troop completing this project for the council website to ensure that efforts of the girls are acknowledged. Deadline to submit participation and patch form is November 5, 2009. **The deadline is firm.** The participation and patch order form is available at our website – [www.gsosfi.org](http://www.gsosfi.org). All patches will be delivered through the service unit meetings. All troops will be recognized in the leader's monthly newsletter.

### Fly Girlz Deadline Change!

The deadline for the Fly Girlz program has been moved to September 28 by 5 pm.

This exciting event will be held at the St. Louis Air and Space Museum at St. Louis Downtown Airport (formerly Parks Airfield) on October 10th.

For more information, contact Emily Stanley:  
[estanley@riverbluffs.org](mailto:estanley@riverbluffs.org)  
692-0692 ext 111.

### Daisy & Junior Leaders Date Change for February Gymnastic Workshops at YMCA!

The Saturday, February 20, 2010 Gymnastic Workshops that were printed in the 2009/10 Program Book have been changed due to a scheduling conflict at the YMCA. The new dates and deadlines are listed below. Please update this information in your Program Book.

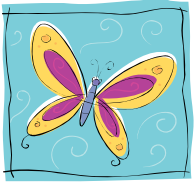
New February dates:

Daisy Gymnastic Workshop  
Saturday, February 6, 2010 • 7-8 pm  
Deadline to register: Thursday, 1/14/10

Junior Gymnastic Workshop  
Saturday, February 27, 2010 • 7-8 pm  
Deadline to register: Thursday, 2/4/10

# Check Out These Upcoming Programs!

## Daisies – “Bugs, Butterflies & Beyond”



It's a day at the St. Louis Zoo on November 7th for Girl Scout Daisies and their families. Daisies will enjoy a 2 hour session on the wonderful world of insects and then explore the zoo. Cost is \$12 for Daisies which includes the insect session, Children's Zoo admission, unlimited train rides, and Carousel ride. Adult and tag fee is \$5 each. Deadline to register is 10/15/09. Check out Daisy Program Opportunities for more information on this and other events on our website [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org).

## Brownies – “Haunted Camp Torqua”



Ghosts, bats and spiders have taken over Camp Torqua on October 17th! This event is sure to be a spine tingling good time for Brownies and their brave leaders. Brownies will enjoy a 2 hour session with Halloween themed craft, song, snack, game, trail, and haunted house stations led by our brave older Girl Scout troops all for just \$8 per girl, \$2 per adult. Deadline to register is 9/24/09. Check out Brownies Program Opportunities for more information on this and other events on our website [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org).

## Juniors – “Mad Science”



Get out your lab coat and glasses and get set to turn Camp Wassatoga into a science lab on November 7th from 9-noon! We will be mixing up stuff, making things foam and change colors. This morning session includes a patch and costs \$8 per girl. When you're done with this session you can go into town for lunch at Neimerg's or you could bring a sack lunch and do the “Let's Get Cooking” session in the afternoon. Deadline to register is 10/22/09. Check out Junior Program Opportunities for more information on this and other events on our website [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org).

## Juniors – “Let's Get Cooking”



Come to beautiful Camp Wassatoga on November 7th from 1-4 pm for an afternoon of mixing, cooking and best of all eating!! Besides whipping up your own tasty treats, you will receive your “Let's Get Cooking Badge”, all for \$7.00! Before heading out to camp, check out the Sculpture in the Park in the morning and have lunch at Niemerg's, one of the best restaurants in Effingham. If you want to do Girl Scouting all day, come to the Mad Science session in the morning. Deadline to register is 10/22/09. Check out Junior Program Opportunities for more information on this and other events on our website [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org).

## Daisies/Brownies/Juniors – Haunted Camp Wassatoga



The haunting continues at Camp Wassatoga on October 24th. Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies will enjoy a session during the daylight hours while Juniors are invited to experience the haunting in the evening for \$8 per girl, \$2 per adult. Crafts, songs, games, snack, trails and other Halloween themed stations will be run by our older Girl Scout troops. Deadline to register is 10/1/09. Check out Program Opportunities for more information on this and other events on our website [www.riverbluffs.org](http://www.riverbluffs.org).

# **PAINT ILLINOIS PINK**

## **A Breast Cancer Awareness Initiative**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22nd, 2009 WEAR PINK and RAISE AWARENESS**

Paint Illinois PINK for a day and raise awareness of a disease that impacts a life every 3 minutes.

**ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS WEAR PINK!**

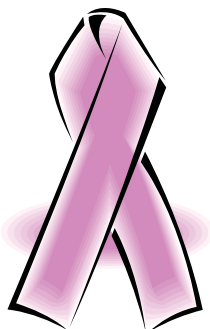
A pink ribbon, a pink bracelet, a pink headband, a pink hat, a pink shirt, a pink outfit...just make it pink!

### **WHY WEAR PINK?**

To raise awareness. To show that you support finding a cure. To honor all who have been touched by or have lost their battle with breast cancer. To show that you care.

Help increase the awareness on October 22nd by wearing pink...  
and spread the word to everyone you know.

Send an email...send a Tweet...send a Facebook or MySpace message...send an Evite...  
**SEND THE MESSAGE THAT YOU WANT TO HELP RAISE AWARENESS.**



The task is simple...and the rewards are endless.  
**JUST WEAR PINK!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, 2009**  
**PAINT ILLINOIS PINK DAY**

For more information or to ask a question, email [paintillinoispink@gmail.com](mailto:paintillinoispink@gmail.com)

### **October is national Breast cancer awareness month**

2009 marks the 25 year anniversary of The National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (NBCAM). The NBCAM organization is a partnership of national public service organizations, professional medical associations, and government agencies working together to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, and provide greater access to screening services.

For more information about NBCAM,  
please visit [www.nbcam.org](http://www.nbcam.org).

For additional information, please call one of  
the following toll-free numbers:  
American Cancer Society:(800) 227-2345

National Cancer Institute:  
(800) 4-CANCER, Y-ME

National Breast Cancer Organization:  
(800) 221-2141.



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**S**couts  
of  
Southern Illinois

**Sunrise**  
and  
**Sunset**  
Ceremony  
**October 1, 2009**

To commemorate the uniting of the  
**Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council & Girl Scouts of Shagbark Council**  
into the

## **Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois**

we'll conduct a Sunrise Ceremony at the Glen Carbon Office at 6:56 a.m.  
and a Sunset Ceremony at the Mt. Vernon Office at 6:38 p.m.

Girls and volunteers from River Bluffs and Shagbark will perform a  
special Flag and Candle Ceremony at their respective locations. These  
ceremonies will symbolize the start and end of the first official day  
of the Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois.

### **Please Join Us for this Historic Milestone**

**In attendance at the ceremony will be:**

Rebecca Clark, GSSI Board Chair  
Legacy Council Representatives  
and local Mayors and other dignitaries

**Following the ceremonies, everyone is invited to enjoy  
refreshments and share their Girl Scout memories**

# **Everyone is Invited to Attend**