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GSRBC talks live with astronaut Dr. Sandra Magnus on International Space Station

The Girl Scouts of River Bluffs made a long distance call in January...all the way to the International Space Station (ISS) to talk with Dr. Sandra Magnus. More than 120 girls from GSRBC got to see, talk with, and ask Dr. Magnus questions during a live satellite downlink to the ISS from the James S. McDonnell Prologue Room at Boeing Integrated Defense Systems in St. Louis. Dr. Magnus is a former Girl Scout from Belleville, who from a very early age, dreamed of going into space. She credits the Girl Scouts with helping reach her dream of becoming an astronaut and exploring space. “I think the Girl Scouts is a great organization for



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how to love learning and new challenges,” said Mag- the process of doing this, fidence in themselves and is nothing that they cannot their mind to it.” Dr. Mag- aboard the ISS for approxi- months. On her journey to carried with her a Girl Bluffs Council flag and

patch. In addition to speaking with Dr. Magnus and asking her questions about her work on the ISS, girls participated in four space-related program activities which were: built a water filtration model, a day in the life of an astronaut, design a space mission patch, and explore Boeing.

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Girl Scout Gold & Silver Recipients

Congratulations to the following girl who has received her Girl Scout Gold Award:

- Samantha Hoefener-O'Fallon, IL

Congratulations to the following girls who have earned their Girl Scout Silver Awards:

- Emily Bishop—O'Fallon, IL
- Rebecca Boehning—O'Fallon, IL
- Kelly Buch—O'Fallon, IL
- Marissa Carter—O'Fallon, IL
- Ann Doerfler—O'Fallon, IL
- Katie Ehlers—O'Fallon, IL
- Elaine Etheridge—O'Fallon, IL
- Saylor Gilbert-Scott AFB, IL
- Laura Anne Gentry-O'Fallon, IL
- Meredith Layfield—O'Fallon, IL
- Haley Linquist—O'Fallon, IL

2009 Outstanding Graduating Senior

If you are a Graduating Senior this year, you are eligible to apply for the GSRBC 2009 Outstanding Graduating Senior scholarship.

Two winners are picked every year. To apply fill out the application and reference forms on our website at www.riverbluffs.org. All application **MUST** be in by **March 23, 2009**, No exceptions. Questions, contact Tracy Barnes at (618) 692-0692 x112.



PA Trainings at Day Camp

We will be hosting 3 PA (Program Aide) Trainings at 3 different Day Camps this summer. They will be at Columbia Day Camp, Bethalto Day Camp, and Collinsville Day Camp. Girls must have completed 6th grade to register. For more information, check out the "Summer Day Camp 2009" booklet or our website.


S.O.A.R. 2009

We will once again be having our S.O.A.R. (Summer of Adventures in Reading) program this summer. All you do is read books between May 12-Aug. 4th and write a very short report on each book to get fabulous prizes. For more information, check out our website in April!



Help Needed!

Older girl help is needed at the following programs:

- * **Daisy Splish and Splash**—looking for girls to help with this new special event for GS Daisies. Girls will be doing water games, relays, balloon tosses and environmental fish activities, and canoe rides. This event will be at Camp Wasatoga in Effingham on May 30, 2009. 
- * **Junior Waterfront Adventures**— Help GS Juniors earn their Small Craft Safety Badge, while working on YOUR Paddle, Poll, and Roll. This is a working campout, which means you will be part of an activity station on the beach or at the commissary. This will be at Camp Butterfly in Farmington, MO

Helping at these events are a great way to earn your PA (Program Aide) Hours or Community Service Bar hours. To help, contact Emily Stanley at (618) 692-0692 x111.

Shop Online!

We now offer all the essential uniform components, patches, camping supplies and books that will provide you with the tools you need on your girl Scout adventures!

www.shopriverbluffs.org

Proceeds from the Girl Scout shop help support programs for more than 10,000 girls between the ages of 5 and 17 throughout the council.

Scholarship Opportunities

Did you know that many colleges and universities offer special scholarship to Girl Scouts and Girl Scout Gold Awardees? To see a list of what schools offer these scholarships and more information, visit www.studio2b.org.

Lindenwood University which is a Liberal Arts University in St. Charles, MO (and also has a campus in nearby Belleville, IL), now offers the following scholarships:

- * Girl Scout Youth of the Year Award— recipients receive a one-year \$12,000 scholarship and an additional \$2,400 work and learn award which is renewable for four years for completion of an undergraduate degree.
- * Girl Scout Gold Award—recipients receive a \$6,000 one-year scholarship and an additional \$2,400 work-learn award. The scholarship can be renewed annually for up to four years as long as the student maintains at least a 2.0 Lindenwood GPA and has continued good social standing.
- * Senior Girl Scout Award—recipients receive a \$5,000 one-year scholarship and an additional \$2,400 work and learn award renewable for up to four years.

For more information and scholarship requirements, call the admissions office at (636) 949-4949.

Upcoming Programs to Check Out!

Check out this upcoming programs listed by date. You can find registration information about each of these is the Year-Long Program Book or on our website at www.riverbluffs.org.

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
• March 28, 2009	Canoe & Archery Day	Camp Wassatoga	varies by session
• March 29, 2009	Nursing IP	SIUE	10:30a-4:00p
• April 14, 2009	Creative Cooking IP	Dierberg's	6:30p-8:30p
• April 18, 2009	The Amazing Race	Camp Chanyata	1:00p-4:00p
• April 19, 2009	Spike It!	SIUE	2:00p-5:30p
• April 24-25, 2009	Take Charge	Camp Torqua	6:30p-3:00p
• April 24-25, 2009	PA Weekend	Camp Wassatoga	6:00p-3:00p
• April 25, 2009	College 101 at EIU	Eastern Illinois Campus	10:00a-2:00p
• April 25, 2009	Discovery Garden Sessions	Discovery Garden—Godfrey	9:00a-3:00p
• May 1-2, 2009	GPS Design Weekend	Camp Chanyata	6:00p-11:30a
• May 16, 2009	Women with Wings	St. Louis Air & Space Museum	10:00a-3:00p
• June 5, 2009	Gateway Grizzlies GS Night	GSC Ballpark	7:05p
• June 8, 2009	American Patriotism IP	Old Courthouse-St. Louis	10:00a-1:00p
• June 20, 2009	Canoe & Archery Day	Camp Chanyata	varies by session
• June 26, 2009	Gateway Grizzlie GS Night	GSC Ballpark	7:05p
• June 27, 2009	Mystery Trip	? - It's a "mystery"	8:00a-4:30p
• July 24-26, 2009	Summer Sizzler	Camp Butterfly	
• August 5, 2009	Heritage Hunt IP	Old Courthouse-St. Louis	10:00a-1:00p
• August 21, 2009	Gateway Grizzlie GS Night	GSC Ballpark	7:05p

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following girls who have been accepted and are going on Girl Scout *destinations!*:

- * Kaitlynn Adams from SU 611 who will be attending the "Midwest Madness" in Wisconsin
- * Samantha Lucy from SU 611 who will be attending the "Ultimate Challenge" in Michigan
- * Tesla Faith from SU 111 who will be attending the "Rainforest, River, and Reef" in Costa Rica
- * Elizabeth Blake from SU 644 who will be attending the "Mexico Jungle Adventure" in Mexico



For more information on destinations, contact Tracy Barnes at (618) 692-0692 x112 or at tbarnes@riverbluffs.org

CONTEST

In honor of Earth Day on April 22, we would like to know what kinds of things you will do to help the environment? Please write your answers in 3-5 paragraphs. The first 5 submissions will win a prize! E-mail submissions to tbarnes@riverbluffs.org.

