



Leadership Line

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Volume 1, Issue 2

Discover ↔ Connect ↔ Take Action

In partnership with Girl Scouts of the USA, this fall Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands is launching enhanced leadership experiences for girls. Three keys will be the foundation of girl activities: Discover, Connect, Take Action. Girls discover their interests and how they can serve their communities. They learn how to connect with people and resources around them to develop new skills. When girls use their skills and resources to take action, they fulfill our mission to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

Girls will be encouraged to plan and lead their activities. Through hands-on, cooperative learning experiences, girls grow while having fun. GSUSA is providing goals, guidelines and examples to help girls in partnership with caring volunteers. Girls will measure their progress as they lead in school, church and community.

“In Girl Scouts, leadership isn’t just about building future leaders— it’s about building girl leaders of today.”

- Kathy Cloninger, CEO, Girl Scouts of the USA

New activity books have been created to help girls define and practice leadership at each level. These resources offer girls the chance to explore leadership by having fun, challenging themselves, and evaluating what they have

learned in order to plan their next adventures. The first resource series, available this fall, helps girls make a positive difference in the world around them through community service. New resources will be issued continuously through 2010 to add even more opportunities to the wide variety of activities already available to Girl Scouts.

GSUSA and Mountains to Midlands are working to develop quality, relevant programming for girls. Our deliberate focus on leadership experiences will help girls meet today’s challenges and tomorrow’s opportunities. For more information on girl leadership, or to change a girl’s life by volunteering or supporting Girl Scouts, call Mountains to Midlands toll free at 800.849.GIRL.



Girl Scouts®

“Our troop has learned that just because people seem different doesn’t mean they are weird, to be a little more patient, and to respect each other more.”

- Jessica L'Ecuyer, Girl Scout Senior, Columbia, SC



SUMMER



FUN

and
LEARNING



2008 Ten-Year Pin Girl Scouts

Renee Anderson, Mauldin
Ahlam Armaly, Mauldin
Alicia Bargar, Spartanburg
Rosemary Elizabeth Barr-Smith, Columbia
Olivia Carlay Bayne, Greenwood
Sarah Becker, Clemson
Lakeisha Bell, Chester
Bianca Berchtold, Spartanburg
Ch’Kera Boone, Columbia
Griffyn Emily Brown, West Columbia
Lauren Brown, West Columbia
Amanda Butler, Newberry
Anna Butrym, West Columbia
Hannah Leigh Byers, Columbia
Brittany Campbell, Clinton
Jalesa Danielle Campbell, Chester
Hailey Carroll, Gaffney
Lyndsey Carroll, Greenwood
Raven Lanae Carroway, Irmo
Stefany M. Clark, Greer
Christine Counts-Davis, West Columbia
Danielle Davis, Spartanburg
Kimberly Sharneice Davis, Chester
Querida Caitlin Dinkins, Columbia
Holly Ellis, Heath Springs
Lori Flick, Greenwood
Britney Dianne Frazier, Lexington
Haylei August Fuller, Anderson
Ashley Hope Hamlin, Columbia
Lara Anne Hammond, Greenwood
Courtney N. Harrell, Clemson

Amanda Dawn Haselden, Irmo
Lakin Hynes, Sumter
Danielle Marie Herring, Easley
Kathryn Hicks, Lexington
Katrina Holloway, Greenwood
Shanikwa Holmes, Sumter
Candice Johnson, Columbia
Grace Annette Keating, Lancaster
Aleshia Keisler, Columbia
Katie Key, Inman
Jessica Kirus, Taylors
Emily Krell, Spartanburg
Ryann A. Kroske, Greer
Vatana Lakee Leaphart, Batesburg
Jessica L’Ecuyer, Columbia
Casey Lee, Roebuck
Emily Scott Martin, Clemson
Courtney Alicia McBride, Sumter
Kaitlin Marie McClendon, Iva
Samantha McCormick, Anderson
Heather Leigh McGowan, Columbia
Katherine Meadors, Clinton
Amanda L. Metcalf, Anderson
Rachel Middleton, Lexington
Susan Monts, Columbia
Brenay Laschelle Myers, Blythewood
Elizabeth Nelson, Clemson
Kayla Newman, West Columbia
Branita Rebecca Nichols, Columbia
Christine O’Reilly, Simpsonville
Katie O’Shields, Clinton

Patricia Padgett, Batesburg
Lindsay Painter, Greenville
Kallie Pierce, Simpsonville
Nina D. Raheja, Greer
Elizabeth Ray, Irmo
Marissa D. Rechtman, Greenville
Blair Rickle, Clinton
Madison Theresa Roth, Greenville
Amelia Anna Ruple, Lexington
Brenna K. Schneider, Greenville
Megan Scott, Elgin
Samantha Sessler, Columbia
Megan Shew, Greer
Raven Siroky, Lexington
Danielle Janaye’ Span, Columbia
Stephanie Strasser, Easley
Christine Streck, Fountain Inn
Tanya Tabor, Spartanburg
Bryanna Toole, Leeksville
Kirby Trevillo, Easley
Nichole Upton, Greenwood
Natalie Claire Urbates, West Columbia
Kristin Marie Vail, Greenville
Sarah Kathleen Watkins, Greenwood
Megan Elizabeth Weaver, Central
Jennifer Lauren Wham, Sumter
Kelsey Wilson, Irmo
C. Lark Widener, Columbia
Emily Kate Wyant, Greer
Michelle Yarborough, Irmo

2007-08 Junior Girl Scout Bronze Awardees

Mary Elizabeth Anderson, Spartanburg
Elizabeth Ayers, Pendleton
Waverly Baker, Moore
Kira Brabazon, Belton
Brandie Bramlett, Anderson
Brittany Brown, Anderson
MacKenzie Browning, Anderson
Mary Carol Butterfield, Greer
Cassidy Carter, Joanna
Brooke Clifton, Irmo
Tyesah Clinkscales, Anderson
Rhien Couch, Anderson
Callie Danielle Cox, Columbia
Eliza Cox, Spartanburg
Jessica Davenport, Clinton
Nina Davis, Columbia
Alex Dawson, Columbia
Anna DeAngelis, Spartanburg
Sarah Dingus, Columbia
Caitlyn Nicole Duffy, Moore
Susan Durden, Columbia
Virginia Ellis, Clemson
Allison Fowler, Spartanburg
Madeline Fric, Greer
Raven Furber, Inman
Jacklyn Fountain, Anderson
Alyson Green, Clemson
Grace Adele Hartford, Spartanburg
Hannah Harvey, Columbia

Dori Herring, Columbia
Cassie Hewitt, Spartanburg
Taylor Holiday, Irmo
Kelly Holliday, Pendleton
Adrianna Holliday, Pendleton
Jane Kathryn Hucks, Spartanburg
Sara Ann Hutto, Clemson
Emoni Johnson, Chester
Zhane Johnson, Anderson
Lauren Kesler, Anderson
Mary King, Columbia
Tina Klauber, Anderson
Kathleen Langbehn, Anderson
Victoria Ledford, Spartanburg
Rachel Leslie, Simpsonville
Courtney Lukitsch, Chapin
Jennifer Malmquist, Anderson
Deborah Maness, Anderson
Joannah Martin, Clemson
Alice Marcondes, Clemson
Grace McCartha, Chapin
Sydney McCollough, Anderson
Catherine McDowell, Clemson
Leticia Morales, Anderson
Ariana Moulai-Birgani, Mauldin
Elise Moulai-Birgani, Mauldin
Punman Mulji, Spartanburg
Emeline Nguyenduy, Spartanburg
Amy Palumbo, Spartanburg

Carissa Palumbo, Spartanburg
Nicole Maire Pares, Spartanburg
Baileigh Perkins, Clemson
Shanna Puckett, Clinton
Sarah McKenzie Quinn-Barnett, Sumter
Megan Russell, Chapin
Chloe Schockling, Simpsonville
Courtney Shorkey, Simpsonville
Victoria Shuler, Chapin
Katelyn Stansbury, Columbia
Samantha Stonehill, Columbia
Mary Colvin Temple, Columbia
Sarah LaBruce Temple, Columbia
Katie Thomas, Columbia
Brooke Troxell, Boiling Springs
Abby Truitt, Columbia
Emily VanOstenbridge, Greer
Lexie Vick, Clemson
Paige Watt, Columbia
Maddy Webber, Greer
Star White, Anderson
Emily Williams, Spartanburg
Britny Williford, Anderson
Kendall Wismer, Greer
Brooke Worthington, Greer
Alyssa Yarborough, Clinton
Carsen Yates, Simpsonville
Karley Young, Kinards
Rachel Young, Kinards

“My troop has done so many community service projects. I really like to help other people. We have fun working together!”

- Ansley Dover, Girl Scout Junior, Cowpens, SC

Being a Leader Has No Age Limit

by Janet Lawrence, Midlands Public Relations Manager

A vibrant, active leader at 73 young years of age, Alice Benton is a Girl Scout pillar. Fondly known as “Miss Alice,” Benton leads a group of 27 girls ranging from kindergarten through grade 11. The troop is sponsored by Hopewell Baptist Church in Dalzell, SC.



Having been active in Girl Scouts for so many years, she’s witnessed many graduations and achievements. Miss Alice has contributed to the successes of her girls through her continuous dedication to helping them become the best they can be. Her sincere encouragement helps motivate girls to work hard and achieve their dreams.

Through it all, Miss Alice remains modest and humble. “She’s a down-home, loving, caring, tell-you-what-is-on-her-mind, young-at-heart lady,” said a fellow leader. “She’s the most helpful person you could ask for.”

Miss Alice’s commitment to the Girl Scout Promise, “to help people at all times,” is an example that her girls model by serving the community. Most recently the troop has made cards of friendship to people under hospice care, served food at a homeless shelter and cleaned King Highway Park, which they adopted a few years back.

Miss Alice was introduced to Girl Scouts by her daughter, Audry Samuels, who was a Girl Scout leader at the time. Miss Alice began volunteering occasionally with the girls. When Audry had to move, the troop would have folded because there were no other adults available to take the leadership role. Because she believes in the benefits that Girl Scouting offers to girls, and because she was willing to share her time, experience and genuine concern for others, Miss Alice stepped in as the troop leader. She has been leading Girl Scouts ever since: this year marks her 18th anniversary as a Girl Scout volunteer.

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- Miss Alice Benton, Girl Scout Leader

“If there is one thing the community should know about Girl Scouts,” says Benton, “it’s that girls can and want to serve the community more than they are utilized. All you have to do is ask.”

Without the support of generous volunteers like Miss Alice, Girl Scouts of South Carolina – Mountains to Midlands would not be able to provide a quality Girl Scout experience to so many young ladies.

If you’re inspired by Miss Alice’s story to make a positive difference in the lives of girls, call 800.849.GIRL to volunteer or support Girl Scouting.

The Voice of Leadership

by Danielle Eva Regoni

“I have been an active Girl Scout member for 12 years. In 2007, I was honored to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. Over the years on my journey to Gold, I personally sought to make a difference in the Spartanburg County community by volunteering at The Haven, The Soup Kitchen, Red Cross, St. Luke’s Free Medical Center, in nursing home facilities, assisting in a Junior Girl Scout troop, and

are given the forum to explore, question and seek new possibilities, new avenues for learning. We are given guideposts for success and asked to evaluate our experiences and learning, regardless of how small the step of growth. We are expected to lead, not only in our own personal actions, but also within the community at large. We are required to remain socially aware and continue to

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- Danielle Regoni, 2007 Girl Scout Gold Awardee

look upon the needs and the voices of our fellow humankind.

“This is the Girl Scouts I know and have come to respect. This is the Girl Scouts that seeks your support as we, together,

contributing to SAFE Homes/Rape Crisis Coalition. It was through my extensive work at Safe Homes that I became aware of the staggering numbers of women and children who were victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in this county. In 2006, Safe Homes provided assistance to 4,159 families and sheltered 335 women and children. This cold realization of the vast numbers of victims inspired me to create my Gold Award project, “Be-Loved Beginnings,” a first step recovery program designed to provide many of the victims with comfort items necessary to instill a sense of renewed security and love. Over 500 work hours were dedicated to planning and implementing my project.

“It was through this extensive project that I truly discovered that the voice of a single individual could be heard. I learned that my voice of compassion and kindness would be met with the immediate responsiveness of businesses and individual partners through their contributions. Equally as important, I learned that my voice was readied only after I first learned to listen and hear the voices of the countless others who also needed to be heard. And I discovered in my mission that my voice could make a difference in this world, one step at a time.

“Girl Scouting has encouraged, nourished and challenged not only my voice, but the voice of hundreds of young girls across cultures, races and over much time. It is here within the Girl Scout organization that we are clearly challenged and encouraged to become our own individual best. We

encourage other girls to use their voices every day. I have not only enjoyed the opportunities provided by the Girl Scout organization, I have also grown strong as a result of those very opportunities.

I encourage you to continue supporting girls’ leadership development throughout Girl Scouts of South Carolina—Mountains to Midlands.”



This is an excerpt from Danielle Regoni’s speech to Girl Scout WINGS supporters. Miss Regoni is the 2008 Valedictorian and Senior Class President of Landrum High School. In addition to the Girl Scout Gold Award, her recognitions include Palmetto Academic Fellow, Upstate SC 2008 Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity, and SAFE Homes Student Volunteer of the Year. She has received scholarships from 15 organizations and foundations to attend Wofford College this fall, where she will major in pre-medicine. Her goal is to become a pediatric oncologist.

“By volunteering my time to help children in the swim program at the YMCA, my hope is that they will develop higher self-esteem, make healthier food choices and increase their daily physical activity levels.”

- Lauren Pruett, Girl Scout Senior, Newberry, SC

The 2008-2009 Healthy Living Service Project was selected by Girl Scouts from across the council. Girls understand that the topic of teen pregnancy is a sensitive issue, and they want to provide opportunities for families to communicate together. In recognition of the need for building self-esteem and strengthening decision-making skills as methods for preventing teen pregnancy, the girl-led Advisory Panel has named their new project “U Matter.”

“U Matter”

A girl’s physical, mental and emotional health are affected by the level of her self-esteem and the quality of her family relationships and peer friendships. The first phase of the Healthy Living “U Matter” project will be a Parent/Child Communication Workshop on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at

Spartanburg Community College. This will be a day where girls can bring their parents or caring adults in their lives to learn from community experts in the fields of adolescent health and communication. Participants will be able to learn important skills necessary to continue conversations on sensitive topics in their home and family environments.

During the year, “U Matter” resources will be available for troop leaders to use when sensitive topics arise within girls’ groups.

The second phase of the project will be held in May 2009 in various locations across our council. Watch for details on our Web site.

Thank You to United Way for Supporting Girl Scouting in Our Council

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 United Way of Union County



Girl Scout National Council Sessions ★ 51st Convention
 October 30 – November 2, 2008
 Indianapolis Convention Center – Indianapolis, IN

Delegates

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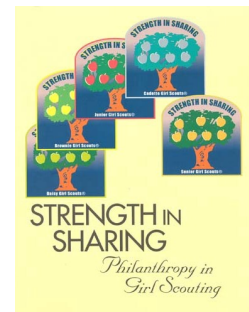
Alternates

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| Ginger Church | Kim Neel | Jean Shew |
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Delegate meetings will be scheduled this fall across the council. For meeting dates, convention proposals and details, visit our Web site, www.gssc-mm.org.

Women in Philanthropy

In today’s world of consumer-focused advertising and marketing, Girl Scouts has developed the Strength in Sharing Philanthropy Program for girls of all ages to build solid foundations for giving. Through activities in earning the badge, girls learn how they can enlist their families, faith communities and schools for support in their efforts. Members of our council’s Giving Circles are serving as mentors to the girls as they earn their badges. Thank you for your support of Girl Scouting and helping to pass on to girls the tradition of philanthropy and social conscience. For more information contact a member of the Fund Development team at 800.849.GIRL.



“Girl Scouting has taught me how to be a leader, how to be patient and work with other people, and how to control myself in all types of situations.”

- Chantella Crosby, Girl Scout Cadette, Duncan SC

2008 Girl Scout Scholarship Recipients

Rachel Withington (Central)
Chandler-Burns Scholarship

Sarah Moore (Greer)
Pauline Patterson Memorial Scholarship

2008 *destinations* Participants

Tiffany Bunch (Easley) - Happy Trails at NW Georgia
Taylor Phares (Simpsonville) - Rainforest, River & Reef
at Costa Rica Outward Bound School

Stephanie Swenson (Anderson) and
Jessica Yarbrow (Greer) -
California Dreaming at Konocti Council



Girl Scouts “Go Green”

Join in the fun learning opportunities of the 2008 Fall Product Sale. The program encourages girls to explore their roles in improving their environment! Through enriching leadership activities found in the *Be A Reader Activity Booklet*, they will discover skills to keep our world environmentally healthy.

The Fall Product Sale also increases program opportunities for girls, develops quality training and services for adults, and creates start-up support for new troops. The fall product line includes

Chocolate Covered Pretzels in a Holiday Tin
Chocolate Covered Raisins
Peanut Butter Dreams
Peanut Squares
Malted Milk Balls in Girl Scout Collector Tin (2nd in series)

Chocolate Covered Peanuts
Deluxe Pecan Clusters
Cranberry Nut Mix
Hot Cajun Crunch
Whole Cashews

and two NEW items,

Fruit Slices
Dark Chocolate-Covered Whole Cashews (in a *Go Green* reusable, microwavable, freezer-safe container).

Proceeds from the Fall Product Program are used to support Girl Scout membership through:

- First Aid certification for one adult per troop
- Equipment for Girl Scout facilities
- Start-up support for new troops
- *destinations* scholarships up to \$500



For their girl program activities, troops receive \$1.00 per nut/chocolate item ordered; \$2.00 per magazine ordered; and \$2.00 per *Step II Address Booklet* completed! Remember these important dates:



September 19 – October 13
November 3 – 5
November 6 – 20

Fall Product Sale orders
Delivery of product to service unit
Delivery of product to customers

NEW! Girl Scout Daisies may participate in the 2008-2009 Product Sale Programs!

Don't miss an opportunity to *Go Green!* For more information, visit our Web site at www.gssc-mm.org.



Congratulations to **Jelisa Woods** (Chester) and **Anastasia Patterson** (Sumter), winners of the council newsletter naming contest.



Their entries combined to form the name *Leadership Line* for our quarterly council newsletter.

Congratulations to **Tawnya Wren** (Simpsonville), winner of the training/program calendar naming contest! Copies of **FOCALPOINT** will be available at August Service Unit meetings.



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SHARE YOUR NEWSLETTER: Let others in your community know about Girl Scouting's opportunities for girls and volunteers. When you are finished with *Leadership Line* or if you receive more than one copy, take it to the medical office, school, gym, salon or other places you visit. Thank you!

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Service Center Hours
M-W-F 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
T-Th 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM



**Girlz Gear will be open on Saturday,
August 2
September 6
October 4
November 1**

from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

coupons available at www.gssc-mm.org

**Fall Product Sale
Training**

RSVPs open online
Tuesday, August 5 at
www.gssc-mm.org

**Service Center
Closings**

Monday, September 1
Labor Day Holiday
Wednesday, October 22
All-staff Inservice

Mountain Magic

October 3 – 5
Camp WaBak

**Girl Scout Leadership
Institute**

October 29 – 30
Indianapolis, IN

2008 National Council

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