

**MIDLANDS MAGIC 2011**  
**“Acting Now – Embracing the Future”**  
**April 30 – May 1, 2011**  
**White Oak Conference Center**

*Register As Soon As Possible: Deadline April 15<sup>th</sup>*

**This leader weekend has a different location, a different format, and lots of new and exciting information. The White Oak Conference Center is an 840 acre conference center and retreat in a wooded setting with hiking trails, a lake, hotel accommodations, a dining hall, and classroom accommodations. We have switched to a two-day format – all day Saturday, overnight Saturday only, and all day Sunday, with large sessions for all participants and small breakouts. We will be bringing you the latest information on journeys and the upcoming girl guides, in addition to providing lots of “hands on” sessions and time to share with others. We’ll look at ways to incorporate the Leadership Experience into everything we do – from travel to awards to outdoor experiences to swaps. And, of course, we’ll have lots of fun and fellowship including a Saturday night campfire and song fest.**

**For questions, call any Volunteer Development Staffer:**

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**Tentative Schedule**

**Saturday, April 30, 2011**

8:30 -9:30      Check In/Registration  
10:00 – 11:15    “What’s New, What’s Exciting!”  
11:15 – 11:45    Outdoor Extravaganza  
Success”  
12:00 pm        Lunch  
1:00 – 3:00      Session A “Journey Series –  
It’s Your Story – Tell It”  
Bronze Awards  
3:15 – 5:15      Session B “New Girls Guides  
the street  
to Girl Scouts”  
5:30 – 6:15      Dinner  
Service Projects  
7:00 – 8:00      Breakout Sessions 1-4

**Sunday, May 1, 2011**

7:30 – 8:15    Breakfast  
8:30 – 9:30    Scout’s Own  
9:45 – 11:45   Session C “Sharing  
12:00 pm        Lunch  
1:00 – 2:00    Breakout Sessions 5-8  
1. Gold, Silver,  
2. Travel from down  
to Destinations  
3. Take Action  
4. Games Around the

World	1. Outdoor Adventures Roundtable	2:30 – 3:30	Session D –Putting it
all Together	2. Swaps with a Purpose		Journeys + Guides
Ideas for D-J	3. Ceremonies	2:30 – 3:30	Session E –Putting it
all Together	4. Girl Scout Ways		Journeys + Guides
Ideas for C-A	Campfire/Songs/S'mores	4:00	Closing – Making it
8:30 – Until Yours – Home			Taking it

## Workshop Descriptions

**What's New, What's Exciting!** This opening session provides info and insight into GSUSA's "Act Now," "It's Your Story – Tell It" Journey Series, New Girls Guides to Girl Scouting (available Fall 2011), Top Girl Awards, Summer Events & Programs, and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Plan. We'll use this session to create and put on our thinking caps for the rest of the weekend.

**Outdoor Extravaganza** A display of various outdoor opportunities around our council.

**Journey Series – It's Your Story – Tell It!** This session will discuss the focus of this series, provide time to look at the series, and will offer hands-on grade level activities (D,B,J,C, S-A) for leader's to complete (2 per grade level).

**New Girls' Guides to Girl Scouts** This session will introduce the content of the guides, including information about badges. Hands on experience with sample badge activities (D,B,J,C,S-A) will be offered for leaders to complete (1 per grade level)

**Outdoor Adventures Roundtable** This breakout will feature a panel of experienced outdoor leaders who will share their best secrets about locations, activities, and how to enjoy and succeed in the great outdoors.

**Swaps with a Purpose** Do you hate swaps? Love swaps? Don't know what in the world a swap is? This session will offer ideas for swaps that will have them tied to the Leadership Experience and giving a meaningful representation of your troop or area.

**Ceremonies** This breakout focuses on the why, how, what, when, and where of planning ceremonies with your girls.

**Girl Scout Ways** New to Girl Scouting? Still haven't figured out all the secret signs, handshakes, mottos, and traditions of Girl Scouting? This session will help you learn the traditions and Girl Scout Ways that will make you truly green!

**Scouts' Own** Work with your fellow leaders to plan a meaningful ceremony that captures the true meaning of GS to you.

**Roundtable – Sharing Success** This session will feature a panel of leaders who have had success in using the journeys. They will share their tried and true grade level activities and help you to develop ideas you may have.

**Gold, Silver, Bronze Awards** This session will help summarize the changes in the Girl Awards and provide packets for use with your girls.

**Travel – From Down the Street through Destinations** This session will help you include travel, from short field trips to longer trips, into your journey experience. Information about Destinations, which can provide the ultimate leadership experience will also be provided.

**Take Action Projects** What's the difference between a Take Action project and a Service Project? This session will help you understand the differences and help you to plan the type of project your girls are interested in.

**Games Around the World** Girl Scouts are a member of an international organization that includes 150+ countries around the world. Help your girls gain a knowledge and appreciation of our global connection by learning games that girls play around the world.

**Putting it All Together – Ideas for Daisies, Brownies, and Juniors** Let's get a jump start on making a roadmap for combining Journeys and Girl Guides. Using our thinking caps let's find ways to make a plan for including any or all the types of activities we've worked on this weekend. We'll share ideas and develop an individual plan.

**Putting it All Together – Ideas for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors** Let's get a jump start on making a roadmap for combining Journeys and Girl Guides. Using our thinking caps let's find ways to make a plan for including any or all the types of activities we've worked on this weekend. We'll share ideas and develop an individual plan.

**Making it Yours – Taking it Home!** So we've heard all the ideas, we've tried new activities, we've even made a plan for putting this to use. Let's charge up together and go out with enthusiasm for the coming year!

# Midlands Magic Registration Form

Registration Deadline – April 15<sup>th</sup> (Please complete a separate form for each individual registering)

Complete the Registration form  
Mail the completed registration form and payment to:  
Maxine Higgins • Volunteer Development Manager  
Columbia Service Center • 130 Pinnacle Point Court, Suite 100 • Columbia, SC 29223

1.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Program Level: D B J C S A Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Service Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would \_\_\_\_\_ would not like my name, address, e-mail & phone number listed on the participants' roster.

**Conference fees include lodging, meals and training materials.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Weekend (Saturday through Sunday, 1 overnight) \$40

## Payment Method

- Check (**Made payable to: GSSC-MM**) Number \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Credit Card (*circle one*) MasterCard Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*please print clearly*

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Participants will be sleeping in motel style rooms (4 people per room)

Roommate Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Other pair choice: \_\_\_\_\_  
One Name Only Two names \_\_\_\_\_

The majority of sessions will include all participants; please indicate the breakout sessions you prefer (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> choices):

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4:00	Making it Yours – Taking it Home	All participants

