



Introducing the Girl Scouts of Western New York's *Council Courier* newsletter.

The Council Courier is designed to provide volunteers with the latest information about Girl Scouting in Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties.

A Message from the CEO



Welcome to the first volunteer newsletter, the Council Courier. The newsletter is designed to provide you with pertinent information.

In this first issue we have identified the Girl Scouts of Western New York's (GSWNY) Board Members, leadership team and a "go to" list of staff members ready to answer your questions.

As the Girl Scouts of Western New York, we are eager to make sure that every girl who wants to be a Girl Scout can be one. We also want to take Girl Scout programming to the next level in making sure that our mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character is realized by the girls.

We are working towards one council with one voice and I'm looking forward to extraordinary things as the Girl Scouts of Western New York.

Cindy L. Odom

Media Coverage

The Girl Scouts of Western New York have been getting plenty of media coverage about the merger.

The new council and Cindy Odom's appointment to CEO have been featured in Business First, The Rochester Business Journal, The Buffalo News, The Lockport Union-Sun & Journal and the Jamestown Post-Journal.

The Observer ran an article highlighting the recent Girl Scout Open House in Jamestown.

A story about the new Hearthstone Lodge at Camp Windy Meadows was featured in the Buffalo News and the Lockport Union-Sun & Journal.

The Girl Scouts of Western New York also received media attention in the Buffalo News where a photo of local Girl Scouts at Camp Seven Hills was included on the "Picture Page."



It's all about the girls.

Service Center Locations and Contact Information

Batavia Service Center
50 Batavia City Centre
Batavia, NY 14020
(585) 344-7050
1-800-398-3855
Fax (585) 344-0765

Buffalo Service Center
70 Jewett Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14214
(716) 837-6400
1-888-837-6410
Fax (716) 837-6407

Jamestown Service Center
2661 Horton Road
Jamestown, NY 14701
(716) 665-2225
1-800-373-3295
Fax (716) 488-9501

Lockport Service Center
5000 Cambria Road
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 434-6212
1-866-694-7969
Fax (716) 434-9983

Rochester Service Center
1020 John Street
West Henrietta, NY 14586
(585) 292-5160
1-800-333-0692
Fax (585) 292-1086

Who Do I Contact?

With all the recent changes to how Girl Scouting is delivered in our area, you may be wondering what is the best way to get your questions answered! Below is the contact information for Girl Scouts of Western New York staff members handling some of your most-asked about topics.

Outdoor programming:

- Director of Outdoor Program, Janet DePetrillo at Janet.DePetrillo@gswny.org

Girl Scout shops:

- Batavia—Call ahead ordering at 1-800-398-3855.
- Buffalo—Shop Manager, Lanette McGovern at Lanette.McGovern@gswny.org
- Jamestown—Shop Manager, Gwenda Gatewood at Gwen.Gatewood@gswny.org
- Lockport—Shop Manager/Receptionist, Terri Tiebor at Terri.Tiebor@gswny.org
- Rochester—Shop Manager, Bonnie Brown at Bonnie.Brown@gswny.org

Program registrations:

- Buffalo—Program Data Technician, Lerin Amos at Lerin.Amos@gswny.org
- Jamestown—Gwen Gatewood at Gwen.Gatewood@gswny.org
- Lockport—Terri Tiebor at Terri.Tiebor@gswny.org
- Rochester—Program Data Technician, Gale Juntunen at Gale.Juntunen@gswny.org

Membership registrations:

- Buffalo—Membership Data Technician PT, Lisa Shoop at Lisa.Shoop@gswny.org and Membership Data Technician PT, Patti Cieluszk at Patti.Cieluszk@gswny.org
- Jamestown—Gwen Gatewood at Gwen.Gatewood@gswny.org
- Lockport—Terri Tiebor at Terri.Tiebor@gswny.org
- Rochester—Membership Data Technician, April Boynton at April.Boynton@gswny.org

Product Sales:

- Director of Product Sales, Nancy Alspaugh at Nancy.Alspaugh@gswny.org
- Product Sales Manager, Lonna Cosmano at Lonna.Cosmano@gswny.org
- Product Sales Manager, Michele Smith at Michele.Smith@gswny.org

Membership and program:

- Membership Director, Team 1 (Monroe and Livingston counties) Debbie Kenyon at Debbie.Kenyon@gswny.org
- Membership Director, Team 2 (Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming counties) Valerie Gross at Valerie.Gross@gswny.org
- Membership Director, Team 3 (Erie, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties) Alicia Brantley at Alicia.Brantley@gswny.org

GSWNY Leadership Team:

The GSWNY leadership team is comprised of the following members:

- Karen Kosciolk, Chief Operating Officer at (585) 239-7999 or Karen.Kosciolk@gswny.org
- Debra Whais, Chief Financial Officer at (716) 837-6400 x 241 or Debra.Whais@gswny.org
- Claudia Gill, Vice President of Program & Membership at (585) 239-7928 or Claudia.Gill@gswny.org
- Laurie Mahoney, Vice President of Development at (716) 837-6400 x 247 or Laurie.Mahoney@gswny.org
- Robert Mann, Vice President of Asset Management at (716) 537-9583 or Bob.Mann@gswny.org
- Tracey Houston, Vice President of Brand at (716) 837-6400 x 230 or Tracey.Houston@gswny.org
- Jo-Ann Formoso, Director of Human Resources at (716) 837-6400 x 275 or Jo-Ann.Formoso@gswny.org

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One Council, One Voice.
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The New Girl Program Guide

We are pleased to announce that information for the upcoming program year will be found in one comprehensive program guide. Troops from all over the Western New York region will be able to view our council-wide programs. We are excited to be able to offer these varied and new program experiences to our members so we encourage you to participate in programs both close to home and in other areas of our larger council. Downloadable copies of the girl program guide will be available on our website at www.gswny.org on **August 13, 2008**.

Girl Scouts of Western New York Kick-off Events

Service Unit Managers (with two members from their service team), Trainers and Delegates are invited to attend one of our council kick-offs. The events will be held at the following dates and locations from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Buffalo/Lockport—Monday, August 11 at the State University of New York at Buffalo, North Campus Student Union Building in the Theater

Jamestown—Tuesday, August 12 at the Jamestown Service Center located at 2661 Horton Road, Jamestown, NY 14701 (*The kick-off event on August 16 has been cancelled.)

Batavia—Wednesday, August 13 at the Batavia City Center located at 50 Batavia City Centre, Batavia, NY 14020

Rochester—Monday, August 18 at the Rochester Service Center located at 1020 John Street, West Henrietta, NY 14586

Please RSVP by August 11 to: Gale.Juntunen@gswny.org or (585) 239-7908

The evening includes light refreshments at 6 p.m., and a presentation on the new girl program model at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet your Senior Leadership Team from Girl Scouts of Western New York. Service Unit troop materials will be available for pick up. We look forward to seeing you there.

CEO Think Tank

I would like to invite you to be a part of the CEO Think Tank Group which will be comprised of 12 leaders from various geographic areas.

This will be an opportunity to share your thoughts, insights and suggestions in a constructive way with me. We will meet no more than 6 times a year and no less than 4. Meetings will be in the evenings and light refreshments will be served.

If interested in being considered for the CEO Think Tank, please call Jane Warfield, Executive Assistant at 1-888-837-6410, ext. 276.

This will be a selection process.
Cindy L. Odom

Youth Grants Available

Youth Service America and Disney are launching a second round of Disney Minnie Grants to engage children and youth, ages 5-14 as community volunteers. The selected applications will receive \$500 to support their youth-led service projects. The deadline is August 30 and projects must take place October 15-November 15, 2008. Visit www.YSA.org/awards for more information and application materials. This is an international opportunity!

Meet the New Board of Directors

Please join us in welcoming the board members of the Girl Scouts of Western New York.

Board Members:

Mary Worboys-Turner, Chair
Kevin Connor, 1st Vice Chair
Bette Stonebraker, 2nd Vice Chair
Michael Osika, Treasurer
Monique Crawford
Don Erb
John Giardino
Lisa Lane-Gniewecki
Judy Maness
Patricia Mertz
Howard Morgan
Laura Mullin
Judy Penzotti
Georgiana Prince
Sharon Randaccio
Olivia Robinson
Patrice Sampson-Bouchard
Paula Snyder
Doug Sosnowski

Board Development Committee

Jan Ferry Axman
Kathleen Conklin
Evelyn Kerney
Karen Langdon
Valerie Pillo
Andrew Goodell
Sylvia Stenander

Older Girl Program

It's Camping, it's Competition, it's Skills & Chills at Zoar Valley! In October 2008, hundreds of older girls will come together for a weekend of camping and outdoor skill competitions. Bring your own team of four or join one on site and get ready to do your best. Registration starts in August. Get the complete 411 at www.gswny.org/girls.html.

2008 Fall Product Sales Info

This year's fall product sales will remain the same with Buffalo and Rochester participating in the cookie sale and Jamestown and Lockport participating in the QSP sale, however we do have some exciting news!

- This year, Daisy Girl Scouts are invited to participate in the product sales programs for the first time.
- The Girl Scouts of Western New York are going GREEN this year for the Fall 2008 Cookie and QSP sales. All of our members are invited to participate in an International Beach Sweep! The event is Saturday, September 20 from 9 a.m. to noon, and takes place at Woodlawn Beach State Park in Blasdell, NY. This event is open to all members. For more information or to register for the program, please visit our web site at www.gswny.org.
- Little Brownie Bakers will introduce a new cookie for the fall 2008 sale: the Dulce de Leche! As fun to say as they are to eat, this cookie is "inspired by the classic confections of Latin America, and these sweet



indulgent cookies are rich with milk caramel chips and stripes.”

- Fall cookie prices are:
Rochester – \$3.50 per box
Buffalo – \$3 per box
- This spring Jamestown and Lockport will hold their cookie sales and Buffalo and Rochester will hold their QSP sales.
- Spring cookie prices are:
Jamestown – \$3 per box
Lockport – \$3 per box

For more details on the product sales programs, visit our web site, contact our Director of Product Sales, Nancy Alspaugh, at Nancy.Alspaugh@gswny.org or contact your local service unit cookie manager!

Council Shop Hours and Locations

Batavia Service Center Shop
50 Batavia City Centre
Batavia, NY 14020
Phone: 585.344.7050 or 1.800.398.3855
Fax: 585.344.0765
Call ahead ordering!

Buffalo Service Center Shop
(L.L. Green)
70 Jewett Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14214
Phone: 716.837.6400 or 1.888.837-6410
Fax: 716.837.6407
Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Jamestown Service Center Shop
2661 Horton Road
Jamestown, NY 14701
Phone: 716.665.2225 or 1.800.373.3295
Fax: 716.488.9501
Tuesday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Lockport Service Center Shop
5000 Cambria Road
Lockport, NY 14094
Phone: 716.434.6212 or 1.866.694.7969
Fax: 716.434.9983
Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Rochester Service Center Shop
1020 John Street
West Henrietta, NY 14586
Phone: 585.239.7901 or
Fax: 585.292.1086
Tuesday–Wednesday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Thursday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m. (9/16–6/13)

You can also visit the Girl Scouts of Western New York council shop online at <http://store.gswny.org/store/>.

New Journeys Available

The new Journey materials have arrived and are now available at the Girl Scouts of Western New York's council shops.

Check out new age level books including the new Ambassador level guide. We also have new apparel, necklaces, bracelets, patches, badges, and Try-Its.

Training for the new Journey materials will be available in September. In October, you can learn how to adapt existing material to the new girl leadership model. Check out our web site for more details.

