

# THE PROMISE NEWSLETTER



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Heartland

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## Twenty-Seven Girls Earn Girl Scout Gold Award

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland was excited and honored to have 27 girls earn the Girl Scout Award this year. The Girl Scout Gold Award is a culmination of a girl's leadership experience in Girl Scouting and is the highest award a girl can achieve while in Girl Scouts. Of the eligible teenage Girl Scouts in the U.S. last year, only 5.4 percent completed a Girl Scout Gold Award project. Award completion requirements include seven steps and at least 65 hours of research, preparation, leadership, service and evaluation activities. Each girl must identify a need in her community and initiate a project that creates positive change and a lasting impact. The project encompasses organizational, leadership and networking skills



that girls will carry with them as they begin their college or career path.

Some of the projects this year included making disaster kits for an entire school district and its classrooms, care packages for local shelters and family services offices, and special events for

younger Girl Scouts, foreign tourists and special services departments.

The Girl Scout Gold Awardees were honored at a Young Women of Distinction event on April 25, 2009 in Columbia, Mo. They were also recognized at a regional All That Glitters event in Cape Girardeau, Jefferson City and Springfield in May.

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### Jurisdiction Map



## True Girl Scout Stories of Courage and Character

Dear Girl Scout Friends,

Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland has brought together five councils, each with its own regional and corporate strengths, but all with a rich legacy of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

We are committed to delivering a high quality Girl Scout Leadership Experience, so girls may find their own voices, speak up for themselves and speak out for others. Building leaders is a challenging responsibility in today's changing world, but it's also an exciting opportunity to face the future with an open mind.



Girl Scouting is the nation's premier leadership experience for

girls. It's a wonderful tradition that has helped more than 50 million women become who they are today. For example:

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- 82% of high-achieving alumnae believe that Girl Scouting influenced their success

- 64% of women listed in Who's Who of American women are former Girl Scouts

-68% of women in our current Congress were Girl Scouts

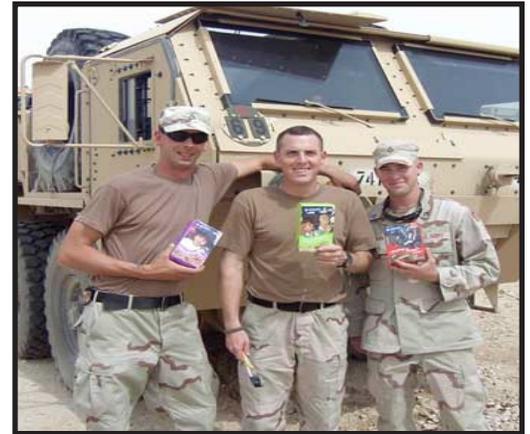
-92% of female astronauts were Girl Scouts

Community friends like you help strengthen the program that has produced some of the most successful women in the world. Your gifts ensure the high level of excellence in resources that Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland offers. You have made an investment in 20,000 girls. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward to help girls follow their dreams for generations to come.

Yours in Girl Scouting,  
Jennifer M. Orban, CEO

### Courage

Daisy, a Girl Scout from Columbia, Mo., saw her father deployed to Iraq this year, and her troop banded together in support. The girls set a goal of sending one box of cookies to each of the soldiers in her father's unit, and exceeded their goal by 110 boxes. The girls helped one of their own remain strong and brave during a scary time, and were able to send a little bit of home to some adults who also had to demonstrate courage this year.



### Character

A girl Scout Ambassador from Cuernavaca, Mexico attended the Girl Scout Leadership Institute in Indianapolis. She said she learned a lot from her trip and is proud of what she has become.

"I will use my experience as a Girl Scout by being a leader in my community and using my leadership skills to share and spread the world to all the girls in my community so they can become leaders just like me someday," she said.

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## The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

It's a great time to be a Girl Scout. In addition to regional changes in name and jurisdiction, Girls Scouts of the Missouri Heartland, Inc. is excited to implement the new program model from Girl Scouts of the USA this year. Leadership development has always been at the heart of Girl Scouting, but the GSLE is a fresh and modern approach to what girls do, how they do it and how they benefit.

What Girls Do	How They Do It	How They Benefit
<p><b>DISCOVER</b> themselves and their values, and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.</p> <p><b>CONNECT</b> with others, locally and globally, in a changing and increasingly diverse world.</p> <p><b>TAKE ACTION</b> to make the world a better place</p>	<p><b>Girl-Led:</b> Girls choose and direct their own activities.</p> <p><b>Learning-By-Doing:</b> Girls engage in hands-on activities.</p> <p><b>Cooperative Learning:</b> Girls work together as a team.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a strong sense of self</li> <li>2. Develop critical thinking skills</li> <li>3. Gain practical life skills</li> <li>4. Develop healthy relationships</li> <li>5. Promote cooperation and team building</li> <li>6. Advance diversity in a multicultural world</li> <li>7. Can identify community needs</li> <li>8. Educate and inspire others to act</li> <li>9. Feel empowered to make a difference in the world</li> </ol> <p>Long-term outcome: Girls will lead with courage, confidence and character.</p>

### Girl Scout Pathways

With so many different activities, commitments and distractions available to girls today, the concept of Girl Scouting has evolved. In addition to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, GSUSA has defined six program pathways for Girl Scouting. Girls may participate in any or all of the pathways, and still have a positive and meaningful experiences.



## By the Facts

- So far, more than 15,000 girls, ages 5-17, in southern and central Missouri, southeast Kansas and northeast Oklahoma have participated in the Girl Scout Leadership Experience this year.
- More than 4,000 adults supported Girl Scout of the Missouri Heartland. This included troop leader, co-leaders, program volunteers, product program chairs and service team members.
- More than 1,600 girls earned the opportunity for a free week at summer camp for meeting a 500 box goal during the 2009 Girl Scout cookie program.
- Sixteen adult volunteers were honored with awards at Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland's Inaugural Leadership Celebration: A Promise to Our Girls for the Future.

### Save the Date

15th Annual Girl Scout  
Golf Invitational

Come network with clients and join your friends in a fun, relaxing day of golf. All proceeds will benefit Girl Scout Troops of the Missouri Heartland.

#### Tournament information:

Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Meadow Lake Acres Country Club in New Bloomfield, Mo. Tee-off is at 1 p.m. for four-person scramble. Cost is \$125 per person and includes a round of golf, cart use, lunch and dinner, beverages, goody bags and prizes.

For more information, contact Laura Hinkebein or Renee Trout at 877-312-4764.



### 2009 Girl Scout Gold Awardees

Brittanie Bescheinen	Troop 30801
Rae Boeckmann	Troop 30801
Mallory Brown	Troop 40023
Elizabeth Brueckner	Troop 50085
Ashley Cochran	Troop 10556
Janelle Cottrell	Troop 10556
Allyson Counts	Troop 10065
Michele Dobbelare	Troop 50120
Gretchen Elliott	Troop 10556
Allison Ernst	Troop 50085
Mercedes Frazier	Troop 20327
Rebecca Fryer	Troop 10556
Georgia Graham	Troop 10556
Samantha Green	Troop 40167
Kayla Gunter	Troop 10227
Julie Hankinson	Troop 10227
Calli Haslag	Troop 30801
Brittany Hastings	Troop 50148
Alyssa Holland	Troop 10761
LeAnna Jansen	Troop 30801
Sara Jones	Troop 10065
Holly Jones	Troop 40023
Amber Julian	Troop 50148
Leah King	Troop 40023
Evan Martin	Troop 50120
Candice McIntyre	Troop 40556
Catherine Meyer	Troop 30542