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A New Year!

Welcome to the first issue of *Connect*, Girl Scouts of Hawai`i's quarterly newsletter. October marks the start of our new membership year—so what better time to step out and do something new!

We've created this newsletter with **YOU** in mind. We trust and rely on supportive adults like you to keep the Girl Scouts' mission alive in Hawai`i. Our girl members depend on volunteers to mentor and guide them, on generous donors to support the Girl Scouts' vision, and on parents for nurturing and development. You make the Girl Scout Leadership Experience a fun, enriching and meaningful one. We hope that you feel gifted in return by

the many moments of discovery, connection and taking action that Girl Scouts have under your caring guidance.

Keep in touch with us, and let us know about the amazing things you are doing with your girls. Make sure that you also follow us on Facebook and Twitter; we strive to keep you informed and to send important information your way with every issue!

Thank you, again, for your promise to girls!
—*The Girl Scouts of Hawai`i*

Cookie Entrepreneurial Training

If you're a Troop Leader, Co-Leader, Troop Cookie Manager, Service Unit Cookie Manager, or Girl Scout Parent, sign up for Cookie Entrepreneurial Training. Building upon last year's training, this practical, hands-on session will highlight the life and business skills of the Girl Scout Cookie Program—goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills and business ethics. Learn how to develop these skills in your girls. With the proper preparation and planning, your 2013 Cookie season will be a success! You'll also get the scoop on the new cookie design packaging!

Upcoming Training

O`ahu:

Tuesday, October 16, 2012
6–8 p.m.

Central Union Church
(Parish Hall)
1660 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96826

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
9–11 a.m.

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Ke`ehi Lagoon Memorial Park
Los Banos Hall
2685 North Nimitz Hwy
Honolulu, HI 96819

Maui:

Wednesday, October 17, 2012
6–8 p.m.

J.W. Cameron Center (below the
Maui Memorial Medical Center)
95 Mahalani Street
Wailuku, HI 96793

Kaua`i:

Thursday, October 18, 2012
6–8 p.m.

Līhu`e Christian Church Hall
2943 Kress Street
Līhu`e, HI 96766

Hawai`i:

Hilo:
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
5:30–7 p.m.

Girl Scouts Service Center
16-105 Opukaha`ia Street
Kea`au, HI 96749

Kona:

Thursday, October 18, 2012
6 p.m.

Kealakehe High School
74-5000 Puohulihuli Street
Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Please register
here!



Deadline is October 10

Cookie Program Timeline

January 7, 2013	Cookie pre-sale begins
January 14, 2013	Booth site lottery begins (location sign-up)
January 22, 2013	Cookie pre-sale ends
January 25, 2013	Troop cookie orders due into eBudde
February 20-21, 2013	Cookie pick-up by troops
March 1, 2013	Booth site selling begins
March 24, 2013	Booth site selling ends
April 1, 2013	All cookie money must be deposited into GSH Council bank account
April 15, 2012	Troop proceeds paid to troops who deposited all money by deadline

Cookie Resources

Click on the links below for some
helpful cookie resources online:



Sign-up for the
COOKIE BITES e-newsletter



Upcoming Programs

There are lots of great GSH programs
coming up for the new membership year.
Check out the calendar on our website.
New programs and events are added all
the time, so be sure to visit often!

Find **PROGRAMS**
and **EVENTS**



Help Get Her There!

TOGETHERTHERE.ORG



Of the 18,000 police chiefs in America, only about 300 are women. If each of us gives a girl our time and support today, she can find the courage, confidence, and character she'll need to be a leader in her community tomorrow.

In its 100th Anniversary Year, Girl Scouts of the USA declared 2012 Year of the Girl, and launched the largest, boldest advocacy campaign dedicated to girls' leadership issues. It's called [ToGetHerThere](#). This multiyear effort is designed to help break down societal barriers that hinder girls from leading and achieving success and to create balanced leadership in one generation.

The Girl Scout Research Institute recently reported that 61 percent of girls are either deeply ambivalent about leadership or say it's not important to them at all. While 39 percent of girls do say leadership is important to them, only 2 percent—just one in five girls—believe they have what it takes to lead.

But we can do better for girls—and that's where you come in!

As a leadership development organization, Girl Scouts of Hawai'i offers many flexible ways for adults to volunteer. Whatever your background, interests or schedule, Girl Scouts needs your experience and energy! We have many wonderful opportunities for adult women and men to work with girls and other adults, in large and small groups, near your home, at our offices or at our outdoor program properties.

Whether you have a lot of time to give or just a little; whether you have a specific skill or just want to help out, you can make a difference in the lives of girls. Sign up to teach a Journeys series, become a guest speaker, facilitate a financial literacy presentation for our Cookie Program—the choices are endless!

Girls in our community are waiting for you to become involved! We all have a role to play in helping girls achieve their full leadership potential, because when girls succeed, so does society. Explore [volunteering opportunities](#) with GSH—and help get her there!



Click here to find out about volunteer opportunities with GSH!



The 2012 Woman of Distinction Dinner

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Hilton Hawaiian Village

Coral Ballroom

5:30 p.m. – Reception and Silent Auction

6:30–9:00 p.m. – Dinner and Program

The Girl Scouts of Hawai`i's Woman of Distinction Dinner is not your typical awards event. As we celebrate the contributions of women in our community, the event also helps to raise needed funds to keep great programming going while providing hundreds of girls the chance to see role models in action. And when you support GSH, 100 percent of your gift stays in Hawai`i.

The theme of the **2012 Woman of Distinction Dinner** is **ToGetHerThere**. As we participate in this nationwide Girl Scouts campaign aimed at advancing female leadership, we will honor three extraordinary Girl Scout alumnae who have made positive advancements, locally and globally, with generous leadership and entrepreneurial spirit. Please join us as we recognize:

Carolyn A. Berry Wilson

Philanthropist

Faye Kurren

President & CEO
Hawaii Dental Service

Shelley Wilson

Founder, President & CEO
Wilson Home Care

JOIN US!

In celebration of the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary Year, we are offering a special rate—just \$100 per ticket—for **Girl Scout alumnae** and current registered Girl Scout members.

To purchase tickets:

- Click [here](#) if you are a Girl Scout alumna.
- Click [here](#) to sponsor a table, purchase individual tickets, make a donation or sponsor Girl Scouts (to be seated at your table).

Get Social

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest updates and information, read our blog for news and stories from around the council, and see great Girl Scout-related videos on YouTube and Vimeo.



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Journey Training: Take it to the Next Level



Ever since the Journeys series first launched, we've heard adult volunteers asking: *How do we use Journeys? How do I tie our*

Troop activities to leadership skills? How can I make it meaningful for my girls? Can Journeys really be fun?

Well, GSH wants to help you make Journeys everything it's meant to be: fun, challenging and purposeful experiences for girls that lead to outcomes tied to one or more of the three leadership keys: **Discover**, **Connect** and **Take Action**.

GSH will host two Grade-Level Journeys Training. Join us for one!

October 24, 2012 (for Daisies & Brownies)

October 25, 2012 (for Juniors and up)

**Check our [website](#) for locations & times

Make a Difference, Take Action!

Take Action projects encourage girls to think bigger and to address problems in such a way that they do not reoccur. And, perhaps, most importantly, a girl's Take Action project changes the world in a meaningful way. Silver, Bronze or Gold Award projects are great examples of Take Action!

Are you planning a Take Action activity this year? If you are—snap a photo, send it in with a short description, and your Troop could end up in *Connect* or on our Facebook page! Send submissions to metorres-laing@girlscouts-hawaii.org.

In this Training, you'll –

Discover...

age-appropriate concepts to engage girls and bring the Girl Scout Leadership Experience to life;

Connect...

with other Troop Leaders in your grade-level who share your interests and concerns;

Take Action...

by creating girl-led, learning-by-doing and cooperative learning moments for girls!

You'll also walk away with a better understanding of Leadership Journeys, ready-made program ideas and activities, and tips to customize Journeys. Whether you're a Troop Leader, parent or adult volunteer, you can make this year a success with grade-level Journeys training!

Take Action Tip!

Below are seven steps to a successful Take Action Project:

- **Map It:** Investigate community needs and problem causes
- **Plan It:** Prepare a Take Action plan
- **Do It:** Act "with" the community
- **Think About It:** Reflect on the project's impact
- **Advocate It:** Demonstrate the importance of the issue to others
- **Be Proud of It:** Celebrate the accomplishments
- **Keep It Going:** Think about how the project could be sustained

Bridging the STEM Gap

What is STEM?

The STEM initiative began as a national effort to improve student achievement and increase opportunities in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math.

The Girl Scouts of the USA took this initiative one step further. Noticing a big difference between boy and girl participation in STEM fields of study, The Girl Scout Research Institute conducted a national research report, *Generation STEM: What Girls Say about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math*, released in February 2012, investigating girls' perceptions of and attitudes toward STEM. Their research was staggering!

Did you know?

- In the fourth grade, interest in math and science is equal for girls and boys, but by the eighth grade, boys are twice as interested in those same fields.
- Nearly 75 percent of tomorrow's jobs will require use of computers, but fewer than 33 percent of students in computer courses and related activities are girls.
- Eighty-one percent of STEM-interested girls are interested in pursuing a STEM career, but only 13 percent say a STEM career is their first choice.
- Only one-fifth of American scientists and engineers are women.

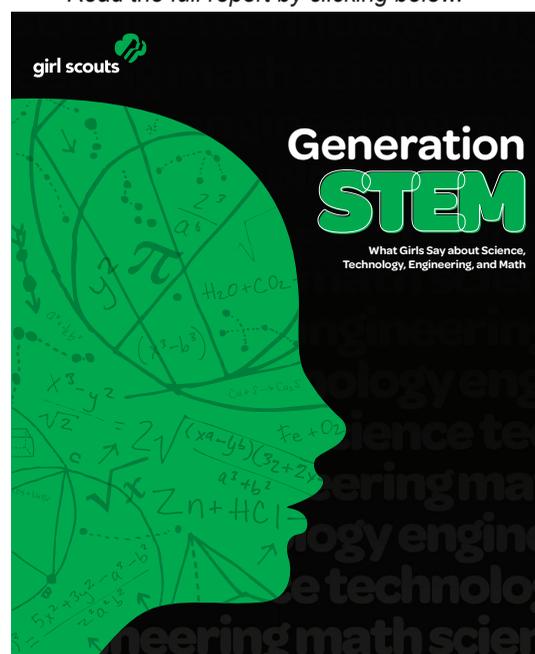
So why STEM and why now?

Girl Scouts can provide opportunities for girls like no other organization can! And we have made it a priority to reverse these trends through a variety of fun and engaging STEM programs.

This year, when deciding which clubs and groups your children will join, consider the diverse programming options GSH offers girls in kindergarten through grade 12. Whether your daughter is interested in astronomy, art, nature or sports, we will introduce her to new experiences and discoveries that will set her on a path to leadership and success, no matter what she chooses to do.

From "Snooze at the Zoo" and "Sleep with the Sharks" to "Severe Weather" and "Climate Change," girls of all ages will be able to get involved in many different STEM programs this coming membership year. In addition, girls will develop skills and qualities that promote STEM through the award-winning "Leadership Journeys" series and "Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting," as they reinforce girls' STEM experiences and offer STEM-related batches, activities and much more!

Read the full report by clicking below.



The Sky's Not the Limit!

In September 2012, we introduced *Design It! Build It! Launch It! The International Space Station Project!*

Valley Christian Schools in San Jose, CA, piloted the International Space Station Project in 2010, and since then, has expanded the program to eight other schools and organizations, with GSH being the only organization providing this opportunity to high-school students in Hawai'i.

The goal is for the girls to create a working computer-controlled space science project. That means they need to plan, design, fabricate and test their MicroLab science experiment all before the March 2013 launch date for delivery to the International Space Station!

The girls were each placed in one of five smaller teams—electrical, mechanical, software, testing and communications. Since their first brainstorming session on Sept. 8, they have finalized the concept of their experiment. With water as their theme, the girls are exploring an experiment involving hydroponics.



The 2012-2013 ISS Team!

As the girls continue to learn new skills and expand on existing ones, including leadership, teamwork and time management, we'll keep you posted on their progress through our facebook page and in future issues of *Connect*. In the meantime, find out all more about the project on our [website!](#)



ASHP is Growing!

Our After School Hours Program is now in its sixth year!

Facilitated by trained Advisors, ASHP serves girls in kindergarten through grade 12 at participating schools in low-resource communities. The program exposes girls to the Girl Scout Leadership Experience, helping them to acquire invaluable life skills, including developing a strong sense of self, promoting cooperation and resolving conflicts.

ASHP uses the award-winning national curriculum Leadership Journeys, where girls come to understand themselves, the world around them and then take action to make the world a better place.

Welcome to all the new Girl Scouts in ASHP, and to the many Advisors helping to guide our leaders of tomorrow!

Read more about the program on our website!

Find ASHP at these participating schools for the 2012-2013 membership year:

O`ahu

Waikele Elementary
Ma`ili Elementary
Leihoku Elementary
Kalei`opu`u Elementary
Kane`ohe Elementary

Kaua`i

EleEle School
Kapa`a Elementary
King Kaumuali`i Elementary
Wilcox Elementary

Maui

Lihikai Elementary

Inside...The Shop



Every Girl Scout deserves a starter kit!

A Starter Kit is the perfect way for a Girl Scout to begin her Girl Scout Adventure! Don't forget to check out the Starter Kits at our retail store—or purchase it [online](#). Each kit includes all the essentials, plus you'll receive a FREE backpack while supplies last!

A Great Deal!

Remember to redeem your \$10 coupon anytime during the entire month of October when you spend \$30 or more – in person or online!



Get a Free Plush in November!

During the month of November, The Shop will be giving away one free plush animal (while supplies last) with a purchase of \$30 or more. *(One per customer please!)*

The Shop will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday in October:

Awards, Badges, Pins & Patches!

GSUSA has created a quick reference guide called "How to Wear Insignia." Just download the [PDF](#)! And make sure to check out the Fall 2012 GSUSA catalog at our [online shop](#).

Meet the Quenchers! Bo, Lolli, Fuse and Splash are on a mission to keep kids happy, healthy and hydrated while giving waste the boot. Vapur's newest bottle line allows kids to do-it-themselves! Each Quencher comes with three sticker sheets so kids can personalize their own bottle! Get yours online and at The Shop for \$12!



The Shop

Ala Moana Hotel
Lobby – Kona Tower
410 Atkinson Drive
Honolulu, HI 96814

M–F: 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

*Sat–Sun: closed

**normal hours of operation*