

# Girl Scouts of Connecticut

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# E-BLAST

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## COUNCIL SHOPS

### Trick or Treat with Girl Scouts!

"Pick a Pumpkin" and receive as much as 20% off any single item. Girls who come to the Hartford, North Haven, or Wilton shops in costume on October 31 will receive a goodie bag of great items! Join us and have a fun, safe time on Juliette's birthday!

### Windbreaker Sale

Check out our exclusive GSOFCCT windbreaker jacket on sale for \$19. The jackets are durable, easy to care for, and a great place to display your Girl Scout pride with patches. All sizes are available while supplies last. Offer ends on October 31, 2009.

### New Extended Shop Hours

The Bridgeport, Hartford, and Wilton Shops are now open until 6:30 p.m. every Thursday. Also, during the month of October, the Hartford and Wilton Shops are open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For a complete listing of all shop hours and locations, please visit <http://shop.gsofct.org/store/go/contact-us/>.

## PRODUCT SALES

### The QSP Program Is Going Strong!

Now is the time to order your QSP nuts, candy, and magazines! Girls across the state are contacting customers and offering them the opportunity to support Girl Scouts through the QSP Program. The [online QSP Program](#) allows girls to invite family and friends to purchase magazines on our website. If your Girl Scout has not been given QSP materials or if you have questions, please contact Product Sales at [productsales@gsofct.org](mailto:productsales@gsofct.org).

### Webster Online Payment Webinar

October 20 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., is the last instructional webinar for the Webster Online Payment system. Learn about the system used by Troops to pay their QSP, Election Day Booth Sale, and Cookie Program bills to Council. Please contact [jcarraro@gsofct.org](mailto:jcarraro@gsofct.org) to register for the webinar and obtain login information.

## MEMBERSHIP

### Money Earning Activity Black Out Dates

During QSP order taking from October 1 through October 23, additional Money Earning Activities (MEAs) will not be approved. Please plan your Troop/Group/Service Unit's activities accordingly. As a reminder, Troops/Groups who wish to hold an additional MEA must participate in QSP this fall, plan to participate in the 2010 Cookie Program, and submit this past membership year's financial statements.

### Registration

Have you registered your Troop/Group yet? The 2009 – 2010 Membership Year began on October 1. Please get those registrations in now. All girls and adults participating in Girl Scout activities must be registered members.

### Looking for Something to Celebrate?

Remember Juliette Gordon Low's birthday is October 31!

## PROGRAM

### Program Event Etiquette

Please remember to call the Registration Department to inquire about openings for program events. Please do not call the program facilitators listed in the Program Book for this information. You may call the facilitator if you have questions about special needs, attire, and other event details. Also, when at an event, please ask if the facilitator would like your help and ask your girls to remember the Girl Scout Law and be respectful to other Troops and the facilitators. Thank you!

**Things to Know****Senior and Ambassador – Leadership Institute Meeting**

Help make this group strong through your participation! We'll be meeting Sunday, October 25 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the North Haven Service Center. Get involved with program, communications, advocacy, and more. Add your own ideas and make the group your own. If you can attend or are interested in being a part of the group but cannot attend, please contact Nan Bussmann at [nbussmann@gsofct.org](mailto:nbussmann@gsofct.org).

**100 Years – What Will Our Girl Program Celebrations Look Like?**

Join us on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the North Haven Service Center as we begin planning for the 100th anniversary in 2012! Adults and interested Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors are welcome. Come discuss statewide service opportunities, patch programs, Camporees, and more. How do you envision this major anniversary? Let's make it happen! RSVP preferred to Nan Bussmann at [nbussmann@gsofct.org](mailto:nbussmann@gsofct.org).

**Program Events*****destinations***

Learn about *destinations* trips for Girl Scouts ages 11 – 18 which are sponsored by Girl Scout councils and other organizations. Check <http://www.studio2b.org/escape/> to see what destinations await you. Our meetings will cover funding, timelines, and application forms.

**Who:** Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors, and adults

**Fee:** \$1

**Contact:** Debbie Braun at [dbraun@gsofct.org](mailto:dbraun@gsofct.org)

**PE10039;** Waterbury Service Center; Sunday, October 25, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

**PE10037;** North Windham Service Center; Monday, October 26, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

**PE10032;** Darien United Methodist Church; Sunday, November 1, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

**PE10035;** New London Service Center; Monday, November 2, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

**Nuestra Voz Latina: Bridgeport, PI10030A**

A self-esteem event for girls and adult females. The event is a collaboration between GSOFACT and the Latina A.R.M.Y. (Accomplished Role Models Motivating Young Latinas). The registration form may be found under "Nuestra Voz Latina" in the Resource and Form Library at <http://www.gsofct.org/membership/form-library.php>.

**Who:** Girls in grades 6 – 12 and their moms or female caregivers

**When:** Saturday, November 7; 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Central High School, Bridgeport

**Fee:** \$5

**Registration deadline:** October 21

**Contact:** Cathy Monckton at [cmonckton@gsofct.org](mailto:cmonckton@gsofct.org) or Deb Sabia at [dsabia@gsofct.org](mailto:dsabia@gsofct.org)

**Girl Scouts Against Smoking: Stratford, PI10014 and North Windham, PI10013**

Learn about health concerns associated with smoking by exploring myths, facts, interactive activities, and conducting an experiment.

**Who:** Girl Scout Juniors

**When:** 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Monday, November 16 (Stratford) or Tuesday, November 17 (North Windham)

**Where:** United Methodist Church, Stratford, or the North Windham Service Center

**Fee:** \$6 per girl, \$2 per adult

**Registration deadline:** November 9

**Contact:** Cathy Monckton at [cmonckton@gsofct.org](mailto:cmonckton@gsofct.org)

**Outdoor Program****Did you Know?**

Did you know that if you want to use a camp property for less than three hours, Monday through Thursday, that there is no fee? That's right! All Girl Scout members can use camp property for activities such as Troop meetings, nature hikes, and exploration. The three-hour reservation includes set-up and clean-up time. Make sure to obtain appropriate adult training requirements when participating in activities at Program Center (camp) properties. Please use form #5340, Site Reservation Application for GSOFACT Users, to reserve a Program Center property.

## Camper Council

It is your camp, we need your input! Join the Camper Council and help make decisions that impact summer camp programs. Help us plan all camp events, make suggestions for camp crafts and games, plan the theme days for camp, and pick out items for the trading post. Meetings will be held monthly – October, November, January, February, March, and April. All girls and parents who attend at least three meetings will earn a Camper Council pin. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Lee at 203-239-2922, x3429, or [lee@gsofct.org](mailto:lee@gsofct.org).

## Haunted Hike: Milford

Things are getting spooky at the Katoya Program Center in Milford! Tour guides will escort groups through the trail of scary creatures and lead hikers past the pond creatures and through the graveyard to assorted buildings of fun and scare – all in good Halloween fun! Limited numbers of “I Survived the Haunted Hike” patches will be available at the hike for \$2 each. Please pre-register as it helps us plan for tricks and treats, but additional tickets may be purchased at the gate. The Haunted Hike’s registration deadline has been extended until October 21.

**Who:** All registered Girl Scouts and adults  
**When:** Friday, October 23, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, October 24, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Katoya Program Center  
**Fee:** \$6 per participant  
**Contact:** Linda Bresky at 203-239-2922, x3010, or [lbresky@gsofct.org](mailto:lbresky@gsofct.org)

## Fireside Chats

Do you have questions about summer camp? Did you want to make a reservation early and save a few dollars? Sit by the fireside and have your questions answered. Mulled cider and snacks provided. Come with your Troop or with your family. The cost is \$2 per girl. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Lee at 203-239-2922, x3429, or [lee@gsofct.org](mailto:lee@gsofct.org).

**PO10021:** Carlson; Monday, November 2, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10023:** Katoya; Tuesday, November 3, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10028:** Laurel; Sunday, November 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
**PO10029:** Merrie-Wood; Monday, November 9, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10030:** Pattagansett; Tuesday, November 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10031:** Candlewood; Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10033:** An-Se-Ox; Thursday, November 12, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**PO10038:** Aspetuck; Monday, November 23, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** \$2.00 per girl  
**Contact:** Elizabeth Lee at 203-239-2922 x3429 or [lee@gsofct.org](mailto:lee@gsofct.org)

## Still Time to Register for the Following Programs!

Please refer to the Program and Training Registration Area, <http://gsofct.org/eseries/scriptcontent/>, or the *Program Book*, <http://www.gsofct.org/pages/2009-2010ProgramBookandTrainingBook.php>, for more information.

**Solving the Science Puzzle: Litchfield, PE10133;** B; Saturday, November 7, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Wamogo High School; \$3 for adults, \$13 for girls; register by October 24; contact Gay Roland at 860-567-5340 or [program@gsofct.org](mailto:program@gsofct.org).

**Science at Saint Joseph College: West Hartford, PE10103 and PE10104;** B,J; Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (PE10103, Brownies) and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (PE10104, Juniors); Saint Joseph College; \$8 per girl, \$3 per adult; register by October 29; contact Erica Mitchell at [emitchell@gsofct.org](mailto:emitchell@gsofct.org)

**Celebrate the Season: East Lyme, PO10096;** C,S,A and adults; Friday, December 4, 5:00 p.m. – Saturday, December 5, 9:00 a.m.; Pattagansett Program Center; \$15 per participant; register by November 20; contact Candice Olson at 203-239-2922, x3344, or [colson@gsofct.org](mailto:colson@gsofct.org)

## Program in the Community

### Catholic Religious Awards

On Saturday, November 14, the Archdiocese of Hartford is hosting a Training Day for Catholic Girl Scout and Camp Fire adults as well as a Spiritual Retreat Day for girls working on their religious emblems. For more information and registration forms, please contact Shannon Perzan at 860-243-9465, x18, or [sperzan@adh-ore.org](mailto:sperzan@adh-ore.org).

**Looking for Museum Overnights?**

Look on page 74 of the Program Book for information on the Mystic Aquarium and Maritime Aquarium overnights. Contact Becky Hirsh at 860-572-5955, x158, for Mystic Aquarium and Lisa Slinsky at 203-852-0700, x2225, for Maritime Aquarium.

**VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Explore the Journeys**

Learn how to utilize the new Journeys to make the program an exciting experience for the girls. This course will be using the *It's Your World – Change It!* Journey series. Work with your own level of Journey in this course.

**Who:** All Leaders  
**Fee:** \$5  
**Contact:** Kathy Straka at [kstraka@gsofct.org](mailto:kstraka@gsofct.org) or 203-239-2922, x3358

Course #	Day of Week	Date	Time	Location	Deadline
10755A	Thursday	11/5	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Waterbury Service Center	10/30
10756A	Thursday	11/12	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	North Haven Service Center	11/5
10754A	Tuesday	11/17	9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Torrington Service Center	11/17
10753A	Thursday	11/19	6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Fair Oaks School, Oakdale	11/12

**Trail III**

This Challenge Course is designed for adults who have extensive camping experience but have not yet completed Camping Adventures. This advanced course applies to highly experienced adults who have training from another council or agency in camping (please provide an outline of that training), environmental education, or other extensive outdoor training experience, and who are looking to take their Troops camping. Trail III has a cost of \$20 per course for food and supplies. Please contact Jane Bielefield at 800-922-2770, x3616, or at [jbielefield@gsofct.org](mailto:jbielefield@gsofct.org) if you have any questions.

**TR10521:** Pattagansett, East Lyme; Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**TR10522:** Carlson, Bristol; Saturday, November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**First Aid and CPR courses:** Just a reminder that Girl Scouts of Connecticut does not accept any courses taken over the internet. Participants must demonstrate their skills to an instructor in order for the course to be accepted by Girl Scouts of Connecticut.