

Thursday, July 9, 2015

Happy summer! Congratulations to all of our GS graduates! And congratulations to our troops and girls who have earned their Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards this year. You can be proud of your achievement and service to our community! I am looking forward to working with you as the new SUM and thank Kristin Santos for all of her efforts and dedication to our Service Unit these past two years. Thank you for your service and commitment to girl scouting and our community!

Now that year end scouting activities have ended, your paperwork is due as soon as possible: End of the Year Status Reports to Kristin Santos (64 Centennial Ave); End of the year Finance Reports to Gretchen Turner (7 Franklin Ct) so we can close out this Girl Scout year.

Please encourage your members (Girls and Adults) to register by using Ebiz at the GSHNJ website. Cost is \$30 for Girls and \$15 for adults. There are incentives for girls and adults who register early. The service unit with the greatest percentage of early registrants will win a free camporee at camp DeWitt or The Oval for one night by June 2016.

Township meetings are still being held. They meet on Tuesday's at 8 p.m. and the troop should be there by 7:45 p.m. We have many openings for 2015: August 11, September 15 and 29, October 27, November 10 and 24, and December 15. Please have your troop consider leading the flag ceremony. Need some guidance? There is a flag ceremony guide on our website <http://www.cranfordgirlscouts.com/Forms/FlagCommands.pdf>. Want an older scout to assist your troop with learning how? Let us know.

Coming Events—

Want something fun to do with your troop or family over the summer? Take your troop to the ballpark! The **Somerset Patriots** are hosting a Girl Scout Night on August 12th at 7:05pm with fireworks after the game! Tickets are \$8.50/person; patches are \$1.50. There will be a pre-game parade for Girl Scouts and they will remain on the field for the National Anthem. If interested in attending, please complete the attached form and mail or drop payment to Lisa Durant (221 Oak Lane) **by July 30**. Troops need to submit a complete troop roster.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way! Yes, it may be Christmas in July soon, but Girl Scouts of Cranford will be celebrating the holidays with a showing of [A Christmas Story: the Musical](#) at the Papermill Playhouse on December 5th at 1:30pm. Bring your troop to celebrate the holidays with this Christmas classic! Ticket prices are \$48.50. We have 112 orchestra seats and 38 mezzanine seats available. Tickets will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the attached form and return with payment by October 15th to Lisa Durant (221 Oak Lane). Don't forget to include your roster.

Save the date--October 7! Leader wine tasting and painting at Fire Me Up! Come meet and exchange ideas with fellow leaders, new and experienced, while enjoying some fun and creativity. More details to follow.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for unit events or activities, please don't hesitate to contact me. Enjoy your summer and I look forward to seeing you at the ballpark!

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