

September 2, 2014

Dear Leaders and Advisor,

I hope you had an amazing summer and that the start to the new school year is more than successful! Our first leader meeting is scheduled for this Monday, September 8th at 7:45 p.m. at the Cranford Community Center.

There are so many opportunities for your troop to participate in Girl Scouting this year. I truly hope that your troop takes time to partake in Service Unit activities, find fulfilling volunteer opportunities in Cranford, and set aside a meeting or two for your girls to build leadership muscles by assisting younger girls. To help you with this, the www.CranfordGirlScouts.com has been refreshed with 2014-2015 programs and dates.

The mission of Girl Scouts is about building girls of confidence, courage, and character who will make the world a better place. To accomplish this mission we as leaders must let the girls set goals, help them to identify a path to reach their goals, support them as they take those steps, and then allow them to assess their successes and failures. I understand that it is not as easy as it sounds, but when planning this year take the first step of asking the girls in your troop "What are your goals for the year?"

If there is anything I can do to help you or your troop start the year, please let me know by emailing SU48@CranfordGirlScouts.com.

Kristin Santos, Volunteer Service Unit Manager, Girl Scouts of Cranford (48)

Below are a few updates to start the year off!

HELP!! HELP!! We need a troop (or just a few girls from different troops) to participate in the flag ceremony at Township Hall on Tuesday, September 9. Email me if your troop or your daughter is willing to help. **HELP!! HELP!!**

FIRST LEADER MEETING: SAVE THE DATE!! The first Girl Scouts of Cranford Adviser/ Leader Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2014 at the Cranford Community Center. The meeting will begin at 7:45 p.m. Please ensure that a member from your troop attends to provide representation. If your troop is hosting an event this year, please let the Service Unit Manager know in advance if you will need time at the meeting to announce details of the event. Troop parents and girls are always welcome!

REGISTRATION: The DEADLINE for 2014-2015 Registration is September 30, 2014. If you need help registering or any of your parents need help, a council representative will be at the Cranford Community Center on Monday, September 8th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. to help you and your parents.

If any of your members registered early, Early Bird Registration patches may be picked up at the council shop. No paperwork is required to purchase the needed patches for your members. Remember there was no fee this year for these patches.

TROOP ACCOUNTS: If your troop has not completed its 2013-2014 End of the Year Troop Finance Report, please complete this request immediately. You can send this to the Treasurer electronically at this point to Treasurer@CranfordGirlScouts.com.

QSP NUT and MAGAZINE SALE: Fall Sales begin October 3 and end October 25. The Nut/Magazine packets were delivered last week and will be handing out during the leader meeting. Olivia Haub has volunteered to be the 2014 Nut chair. THANK YOU !! She will provide more information on the sale and parent permission slips will be provided at the Leader Meeting on Monday, September 8th. Her contact information is omhaub@haubi.us

ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AWARD: The Catholic Committee on Scouting at St. Michael's Church in Cranford invites Girl Scouts ages 6 and older to earn their Catholic religious awards. Deadline for Participation is September 24. See Flyer for more information or contact CatholicAwards@CranfordGirlScouts.com

FLAG CEREMONY AT TOWNSHIP HALL: It has been a long standing tradition that the Girl Scouts of Cranford provide the flag ceremony at the beginning of every official Township Meeting. The meetings are held at 8 p.m. and the troop should be there by 7:45 p.m. We have many openings for 2014 -2015. We need a troop to take the Tuesday, September 9th and 23rd.

SUPER TROOP: Is your troop planning to be a 2014-2015 SUPER TROOP? Strive for success and check out the requirements attached. Awards for the 2013-2014 Super Troops will be presented in an upcoming leader meeting!!!

COUNCIL SUPPORT: Please visit the GSHNJ Training Resource Library for tons of great information <http://www.gshnj.org/?p=resource-library>