

December 23, 2014

Leaders and Advisers,

Wow we are almost to 2015!! Where does time go? I will see you all on Monday, January 5th for our next leader meeting, but until then here are a few notes to keep you in the Girl Scout loop.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION - GSHNJ is so excited to announce the kick-off of this year's "Volunteer Recognition Award" program and website!! This is the place where we come together as a council to celebrate and recognize the extraordinary volunteers who under their leadership are changing the world for girls! Why not take the time to nominate an outstanding volunteer? Simply said, our volunteers make Girl Scouting possible! February 17, 2015 is the last day to submit nominations to GSHNJ.

Who can nominate or be nominated:

- * Any registered member can submit nomination
- * Any registered member can be nominated
- * A team or committee can self-nominate themselves for the President's Award

For information on how to nominate a Girl Scout Heart of New Jersey volunteer, please visit the GSHNJ 2015 Volunteer Recognition Website<<http://www.gshnj.org/?p=volunteer-recognition-2014>>.

COOKIES – Supplies will be available during the Monday, January 5th Cranford Service Unit Meeting. Please see instructions about logging into your cookie account in the attached files from Patricia Brady (ibia6968@gmail.com) and Nancy Aschmies (nancyaschmies@gmail.com).

DELEGATES – The Cranford Service Unit is looking for 2 adults to represent our town at the upcoming delegate meetings: Training Webinar (Wednesday, Jan 28 at 7 p.m.) and at the annual meeting in Piscataway on Saturday, March 7th (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) Please let me know by December 30th if you are willing to take on this role for the Girl Scouts of Cranford.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES (most flyers found under www.CranfordGirlScouts.com):
Girl Scouts of Cranford trip to the NJ FoodBank. Last call for sign-ups for adults and older girls to volunteer. Please check with Lisa Durant (lisa.durant@comcast.net) ASAP!
Deadline was extended to December 31st!

- Monday, December 29th at 7 p.m. – Race Car Derby Informational Session (Cranford Community Center) Contact Erin Esteves (gensicke@hotmail.com)
- Saturday, January 3rd - Girl Scouts of Cranford Ice Skating Event (EVENT FULL)

- Sunday, January 4th - The Catholic Religious Award meetings with Fr. Wilson (Contact Lisa Durant -lisa.durant@comcast.net)
- Saturday, January 10th – GSHNJ Cookie Rally from 11 a.m to 1 p.m.
- Saturday, January 10th - Girl Scouts of Cranford Community Food Bank Visit (Contact Lisa Durant -lisa.durant@comcast.net)
- Saturday, January 17th - Race Car Derby Event. Contact Erin Esteves (gensicke@hotmail.com)
- Friday, January 23rd – ZUMBA
- Saturday, February 21st – Thinking Day (Countries Reserved: Brazil, Ireland, Germany, Italy, Morocco)
- Saturday, February 28th - Brownie Father Dance

And finally, as we close out the 2014 year I would like to thank you for already making this GS season a wonderful one. So many Girl Scout troops are doing so many wonderful take action projects which make our community and our world a better place to be. Thank you for your guidance and inspiration and for listening to the ideas of your girls.

To close out this email I leave you with a thank you from Lauren Ramsey to all the troops that donated cards. She sent along a thank you which is specific to a batch of pre-schooler cards, but felt the sentiment is the same all around:

"I received the Christmas cards that your wonderful preschoolers sent, thank you soooo much. They were so cute and thoughtful to write them, it made my day. I shared them with our Airman in our squadron here and put smiles on many faces. Please let your little elves know how much it meant to us. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Seasons Greetings to your family!

Your Sister in Scouting,

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