# Shore Essentials: November



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**Every Dress Has a Story!** is a first-ever "fashion-forward" dress drive initiative developed by Girls Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore and Goodwill. Gather any dress from your closet that you'd like to donate to Goodwill on behalf of the **Every Dress Has a Story!** initiative. Drop off your dresses at any Girl Scouts Service Center -- OR -- you can bring your donations to select Goodwill on November 9, our official dress drive day! More info on our website.

Hope we can count on your Best Dressed support!

### DO YOU HAVE A COMPLIMENT, COMMENT, OR CONCERN?

We have a new form for you to provide input to us.

- If you would like to compliment a volunteer, staff member, or program
- If you'd like to make a comment and give input
- If you have a concern

The <u>Compliments</u>, <u>Comments</u>, <u>and Concerns Form</u> is your tool to have your voice heard, to have questions answered, or to make comments. You'll find the form on our website on our Forms page, under Miscellaneous:

http://www.gsmists.org/Get-Involved/resources; or on our Governance Page, at the

bottom: <a href="http://www.gsmists.org/AboutUs/governance">http://www.gsmists.org/AboutUs/governance</a>. Paper



Our Mission

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.



Contact Us

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copies will also be available at our Service Centers and through our staff members. Please email your form to our newly formed email address, <u>boardchairandceo@gsmists.org</u> or mail to the CEO at the Grand Rapids Service Center. All emails and mailed-in forms will be received by the board chair and CEO and will be answered promptly.

Thank you for your feedback!

#### **REGIONAL DATES FOR DELEGATES**

Please <u>click here</u> for important information on our meeting dates.

# **Membership**

Girl Scouts of Michigan Shore to Shore is off to a great start. We have begun our new 2014 Membership year with over 50% of our membership goal already achieved. We have even seen some of our Service Units reach their annual goal already!

We are very excited about our new recruitment campaign--"I can't wait to...!" Remember the feeling you get when you're with your friends and you're talking about all the fun things that could happen? We love that feeling! So let's do all the cool stuff you imagined with new friends-like exploring the outdoors, creating your own artistic masterpiece, or helping the community. Be sure to pass the word to family and friends that Girl Scouts are doing amazing things.

Friendly reminder to troop leaders—please continue to log transactions to your troop's Detailed Cash Report every time you have income or expenses. When it is time to turn in the report all you will have to do is send it. The finance report and detailed cash reports are due to Council June 1. Please keep in mind that Cookie Dough can be used to pay for Membership Registration. Deadline to use Cookie Dough is December 20, 2013.

#### Contracts:

If you need a contract/agreement signed without a fee or free of charge those go to Samara McIntosh for the VP of MVP to sign. Contracts/agreements with a fee need to be sent to Jenny Furner for the CEO to sign.

Samara McIntosh Administrative Assistant to MVP smcintosh@gsmists.org (231)744-4774 (fax)

Jenny Furner
Executive Assistant to the CEO

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Girl Scout Promise
On my honor I will try: to serve God\* and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law.

jfurner@gsmists.org (616) 784-8187 (fax)

# **Product Sales**

Mark your Calendars!
Bank sweeps for the Fall Sale are
November 5<sup>th</sup>.



Cookie Sale begins January 13<sup>th.</sup>

Contact Taryn DeBlaay for details at 616-784-3341 ext. 142 or

tdeblaay@gsmists.org.

# Volunteer Learning Opportunities

Attention: Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassador Troop Leaders, Our Adult Learning Facilitators (ALFs) would like to provide the following trainings for your troops: Bronze Award, Silver Award, Gold Award, Cadette Leadership Course, and



Volunteer-in-Training. You can select the best date, time, and location, and we can work with you to make this happen. Use the Adult-Teen Learning Session Request Form on our <u>website</u> found on the Forms page and return to your nearest Service Center.

Our website is now updated with the new Volunteer Essentials 2013-14 and Safety Activity Checkpoints 2013-14. It is located under the "Education" heading, click here to view!

# **Programming News**

"Every Dress Tells A Story" Dress Drive

The "Every Dress Tells A Story" Dress Drive is a great opportunity for girls of all ages to clean out their closets and give back to their community. This council-wide partnership with Goodwill Industries encourages girls to share their memories about a favorite dress that they want to



donate. By donating these favorite dresses to Goodwill, other girls are given the chance to wear them and make their own

special memories. This opportunity will go until November 9, 2013. Girls will be able to volunteer at a collection table at select Goodwill locations around the council. For more information please connect with Katherine Key, Pathways Manager, at (616) 784-3341 x 171 or visit <a href="http://www.gsmists.org/Get-Involved/Dress-Drive">http://www.gsmists.org/Get-Involved/Dress-Drive</a>.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Nov. 9: Vet School, 10:00-12:00pm Camp Sakakawea, Traverse City Registration closes Nov. 1, 2013

Nov. 9: Bird House Bonanza, 9:00-11:00am Betsy Cutler House, Muskegon Registration closes Nov. 1, 2013

Nov. 23: So You Want To Be...A Writer, 10:00-4:00pm Muskegon Service Center Registration closes Nov. 15, 2013

# Shop



- Girl's Guide for Girl Scouting and Adult
  Guide Journey Book Set.

   Shop Saturday Hours: 10:00 am-1:00 pm, November 9
- and December 14, 2013.Watch for special offers during the Saturday Shop Hours.
- Cookie Dough: Expires December 20, 2013. Cookie Dough can no longer be used online. Cookie Dough can be used for Shop Merchandise by phone, fax or email to any of our three location.

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