



2014 All Council Team Volunteer Kick-off

Community Partners

Thank you to the great community partners who participated in our Kick-Off. Details about these and other partners will be in the update to the Program Guide, coming October 17!

Angel Mounds SHS
Angel Worx
Briar Bush Farm Horse Stables
cMOE
Children's Center of Dance
Faith Community Nursing at Memorial Hospital
Family Roots Nursery (gardening)
Fire Horse Yoga
Jim's Express Train
Reitz Home Museum
Snickerdoodle Arts
Susan Fowler (Harmony by Hand storytelling)
Sweet Emotions Soaps
USI for Chemistry Connection
Vertical Escape
Wesselman's Nature Society
YMCA

Honor & Golden Honor Troop Recognition

Congrats to these amazing troops who earned [Honor Troop and Golden Honor Troop](#) distinction in 2013-2014!

Songs

Lyrics are posted on the Web site, under "Resources", "Printables", "[Traditional Girl Scout Songs](#)".

Workshops

SWAPS

Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere (S.W.A.P.S.) are a long standing Girl Scout tradition! There are lots of resources on making them, trading them, and collecting them. Visit GSUSA's Web site, under "Our Program ->Program Basics ->Traditions ->[Swaps](#)" <http://www.girlscouts.org/program/basics/traditions/swaps/> or in the "For Girls" Section, you can read about the "[Sweet Spirit of Swaps](#)" (<http://forgirls.girlscouts.org/the-sweet-spirit-of-swaps/>). You may also want to read about the history, etiquette, and ideas at http://www.makingfriends.com/pro_swaphistory.htm.

Pinterest

Pinterest is a web-based bulletin board site that allows you to search, collect, save, and organize any idea you find on the web. It is the perfect way to look for ideas for your troop and a great way to start is through GSSI's Pinterest boards. Visit <http://www.pinterest.com/GirlScoutsSWIN/> for the council's boards on all things Girl Scouting, including Back to Troop, Cookies, History, Bridging, SWAPS and so much more. Be sure to check the GSSI blog mid-October for more on Pinterest.

Girl Awards

Find out about the many awards girls can earn at their grade-level by reviewing the handbook pages in each Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting and on the [Web site](#). Examples include: Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, Safety Award, Lifesaving Award, Torch Award, Service to Girl Scouting Bar, Community Service Bar, and more. Get inspired by this video about Girl Scout Gold Awardees who have been chosen as [Young Women of Distinction](#).

Troop Awards –

Journey Summit Awards are among the highest awards girls can earn! The Journey Summit Award Pin is earned by girls who have completed all three National Leadership Journeys at their grade level. More information on this national program is available in the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting. Submit this [report](#) to the council to be recognized.

Honor and Golden Honor Troops are troops that achieve the Essential Elements of a Girl Scout Troop, and provide overall excellence in troop management and programming in a given year. To achieve this honor, leaders and girls must work in partnership with each other, other troops, Service Team and council staff. A full description of the requirements is found on the [Web site](#).