

# Girl Scouts of Connecticut Alumnae News

Once a Girl Scout at heart, always a Girl Scout!

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## All things Alumnae

If you have any questions relating to this newsletter, want to submit your e-mail, or want more information on the Alumnae Association

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## Girl Scout registration

If you would like to be an "officially registered" current adult Girl Scout, contact Deirdre for the registration form.

The Girl Scout membership year is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Go Green with us!

Help us help our environment. Share your e-mail address so we can send future newsletters via e-mail to keep you in the loop!

You can also sign up your friends online at [www.gsofct.org/alumnae](http://www.gsofct.org/alumnae)

**Girl Scout Alumnae all** – Summer is finally upon us. It is a time for us to reminisce as Girl Scout troops wind down for the school year and look forward to summer camping adventures around the state. It gives us an opportunity to think about how we may reach out and support a girl along her life path. We should always remember what the Girl Scout Promise means in our own lives. Since 1912, nearly 45 million women of all socioeconomic, racial/ethnic, and religious backgrounds have been Girl Scouts in the United States. Girl Scouts continues the traditions, resourcefulness, and mission to provide what girls need to succeed, just as it did when we were in the girl program.

Please encourage others – family members and friends – to reconnect with the premier organization for girls, the one that helped you become the women you are today, by joining Girl Scouts of Connecticut's Alumnae Association. We have already grown to over 5,000 members in Connecticut, yet we have much greater potential! Imagine that by our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2012, we could be the largest organization of women in the state with the strongest voice advocating for girls and their issues. We represent multi-generations of women supporting each other and the Girl Scout program in Connecticut.

Help to recruit by suggesting our website [www.gsofct.org](http://www.gsofct.org); by being an Alumnae Association registration card carrier (available at our Service Centers throughout the state) at all times; or by contacting Deirdre Houlihan DiCara, Director of Alumnae Relations.

Yours in Girl Scouting,

*Deirdre*



## Creating the Girl Scouts of Connecticut Alumnae Association organization

Uniting as Girl Scouts of Connecticut gives us the opportunity to create a statewide Alumnae Association that supports girls and women, recognizing that in Girl Scouting, one always has a friend. Members of Girl Scouts of Connecticut's Alumnae Association include former girl and adult members, as well as current adult Girl Scouts who choose to join.

This spring we held five social gatherings around the state. Each event gave the group an opportunity to visit and share, swap stories and plan future activities. We also have the Juliette Low Society in the Stratford area that has been meeting for decades – a super model for us!

In the near future we will be organizing an infrastructure for the Alumnae Association, with a state steering committee and regional chapters that will encourage membership and participation. We are delighted that long time Girl Scout and current Board member, Anne Hayes, has volunteered to give leadership to the steering committee. Anyone interested in assisting in the formation of state or regional chapters please contact Deirdre.

### Potential Opportunities

Chances are you still savor your own Girl Scout experience – the friendships, the skills, and the adventures, and NOW it's time to reconnect. Current and former Girl Scout leaders, members (and yes a member does include being a Daisy and Brownie), trainers, board, committee, and staff members are welcome. You are a vital part of our future. As a Girl Scout Alumnae, you belong to one of the largest, and potentially most powerful, networks of women nationally and worldwide. Invite others to join us.

We also need your input in planning our future! Some ideas may include:

- Regional social gatherings
- Networking with alumnae of all ages as we strive to map out our career and life paths
- Affinity groups – hobbies, camps, like- interests, travel, etc...
- Community service alumnae groups
- Book groups

If you are interested in hosting an alumnae salon (an informal gathering with a specific topic) for socializing and inspiration, and/or would be willing to be a presenter, please contact Deirdre.

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*It only takes a little time to do a lot of good...*

**What else can you do?**

### Here's how you can help Girl Scouts Of Connecticut

Whether it's a few hours every month or one day one time only, any time you spend as a Girl Scout volunteer can lead to lifetime skills, confidence, and leadership abilities for girls in your community. Whatever you can give is more than welcome – it's needed. There are many ways you can be active in your community. An array of help is needed across the state at our camps, Service Centers, and event locations.

- Share a hobby or skill with a troop or at summer camp
- Help at a special event or during the cookie sale
- Serve on a committee – camp, program, campership, volunteer development, etc.
- Translate - bilingual volunteers are needed
- Recruit girls and leaders, be a troop organizer
- Volunteer with a troop or a service unit
- Plan for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2012
- Photograph camps, events, and activities
- Be an alumnae ambassador to promote Girl Scouting to civic groups
- Identify and connect with potential donors to financially support Girl Scouting
- Strategic planning – working with data, consolidating information, etc.
- Help with administrative assistance, data entry, etc.
- Share your idea as to how you could get involved!

*Get  
involved  
today!*



### Take action now!

Use your voice to help Girl Scouts celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Girl Scouts needs your support today to advocate for legislation introduced in Congress that will authorize the U.S. Mint to issue an official Girl Scout Commemorative Coin. Please join the Girl Scouts Advocacy Network by logging onto [www.GirlScouts4girls.org](http://www.GirlScouts4girls.org).