

June 9, 2008

Dear Girl Scout(s),

You have expressed interest in attending this fall's Girl Scout National Leadership Institute in Indianapolis as a participant or adult chaperone, or someone thought you might like information about attending, because it is closer to home this time around!

This year, the Girl Scout Leadership Institute is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from Wednesday, October 29 through Thursday, October 30, 2008 prior to the start of our national convention. Each Girl Scout council can bring a team(s) of 8-10 girls in grades six thru 12 and 2 adults, meaning our council can have more than one team represented. The *Safety-Wise* adult-to-girl ratio must be maintained throughout the event.

Participants, whether girl or adult, will pay a \$125.00 registration fee which includes all materials, dinner on October 29 and lunch on October 30. Transportation, lodging, and other meals are not included. Each team is responsible for arranging their transportation and lodging for this program.

The theme of the 2008 Leadership Institute is *Girl Scouts Can Lead Anywhere: Live Healthy, Lead Healthy*. The program will offer Girl Scouts an opportunity to discuss health, engage in fun physical fitness activities, attend a concert by Radio Disney star Keke Palmer, identify health-related areas of interest, and take action to positively impact community health. The two days promise to be a special time for Girl Scouts to connect with girls from around the world and partner in a way that builds strong advocacy and leadership skills.

Enclosed are the following:

- Top 10 Reasons to attend the Girl Scout Leadership Institute
- GSLI Information sheet
- Registration form(s) to be included with a \$125 event fee payable to Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails

Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails must receive your form(s) and payments by **Friday, July 11, 2008** to allow time to process payments and arrange teams, if needed. Please contact me at 1-800-442-1401 x 123 or email ljoswick@gsmi.org with questions or concerns. More information can also be found at www.girlscoutsindiana.org/gsl

Yours in Girl Scouting,

Lucy S.D. Joswick
Program Director – Education & Leadership

2008 Girl Scout Leadership Institute Information

- What: A two-day learning and leadership experience for girls in grades 6 thru 12 and their adult advisors. The theme is *Live Healthy, Lead Healthy*
- When: Wednesday, October 29 through Thursday, October 30, 2008
- FEE: \$125 per person which includes materials, 10/29 dinner and 10/30 lunch. Transportation, lodging and other meals ARE NOT included.
- The Girl Scout Leadership Institute (GSLI) is open to teams of registered Girl Scouts who will be in grades 6-12 in October 2008. Each team must have 8 to 10 girls and two adults. Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails can send more than one team.
- You are encouraged to sign up as a team, but it is not required. Team registrations will be processed immediately. Individual registrations will be compiled into teams once all registrations have been received on Friday, July 11, 2008.
- Each council sending teams to the GSLI must have a council contact person. Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails contact person is Lucy Joswick, Program Director.
- GSUSA is accepting registrations through July 31, 2008 or until capacity is reached. Girl Scouts of Michigan Trails must receive your registration form(s) and \$125 check by **Friday, July 11, 2008** to register you for this event.
- In mid to late August, a form will be sent to all participants asking them to complete a workshop interest indicator. The deadline for that submission is September 19. On September 22, a lottery drawing will be held at 8 a.m. EST for participant placement in workshops. Schedules will be mailed to participants on October 8, 2008.

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