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Dear Troop Leadership Teams,

We have completed our first nine months of our new council, Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains. I want to personally thank you for your time, dedication and patience during this time of transition. Girl Scouting is alive and doing well throughout our 81 county jurisdiction. We are all working together to build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place.

Throughout the last nine months one of the many challenges for us has been the development of new communication tools to assist each volunteer to deliver services to our girls. I want to give you an explanation and update on the tools.

- 1.) **The Website** - is scheduled to be launched in October. The website will have a new look. It will have general information that will pertain to the general public as well as a Members Only area that will contain information for adult volunteers. Program and Adult Learning opportunities for all grade levels as well as all regions will be on the website. Eventually girls and adults will be able to register online for activities. In the near future forms will be available to be downloaded to assist volunteers in their positions. The website is a work in progress. Once the site is launched you will see changes each time you visit.
- 2.) **The Odyssey East and West** - This publication will contain all the girl program opportunities for each region for this membership year as well as the adult learning opportunities for each region. This publication will be delivered to each troop during the month of October.
- 3.) **The Runner** - replaces the Leader e-news. It will be sent via email to all volunteers working with girls. If you do not have email or if you cannot access the document via the email or off the website, the Membership Specialist for your Service Unit will have extra copies for you at your monthly Service Unit Meeting. The purpose is to provide new or revised girl program opportunities and adult learning opportunities that are not listed in The Odyssey as well as other important information that needs to be communicated to you.
- 4.) **Spirit of The Plains** - is the Council-wide newsletter that will be sent to Donors and Friends of Girl Scouting that will update people about the exciting successes throughout the Council. This publication is currently in the planning and development stage.
- 5.) **Newsletter for Girls** - This publication will be a newsletter for our older girls. It is also in the planning and development stage. You will be seeing it in the near future.

Thank you so much for your patience throughout these last months. I hope these communication tools will be helpful to you as you work with the young women throughout our jurisdiction. We continue to work to provide you the tools you need to do your important work. Thank you for giving of yourself to provide Girl Scouting for our girls.

Yours in Girl Scouting,  
Becky Burton  
CEO