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IT'S NOT YOUR MOTHER'S



Cookies, camping and crafts? Although today's Girl Scouts do indeed sell cookies, plan camping trips and make an occasional craft, the 3 Cs of Girl Scouts today are more about building **Courage, Confidence and Character** - the courage to try new things, the confidence to lead and the character to do what's right.

Girl Scout Council of Southeastern Massachusetts serves 16,000 girl and adult members throughout southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the islands and welcomes all girls in Kindergarten through grade 12 regardless of race, religion, socioeconomic status or lifestyle.

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New Bedford Legacy

In the 2007, Girl Scout of the USA will celebrate its 95th anniversary continuing its legacy as the largest organization for girls and women in the world. New Bedford proudly holds the distinction of being the home of the third troop to have been formed in the United States by Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low: Red Rose Troop 1, a troop which exists to this day.

Myth Busters

Girl Scouts is expensive

False. At \$10/year for membership, it's one of the best bargains in town. All troop activities are funded by troop treasuries that grow from weekly dues and cookie sale proceeds. No additional money comes from home so girls learn the valuable life lesson of living within their means.

Each troop has “a” troop leader.

False. Adults today are busy with personal and professional obligations so troops are now lead by large teams of volunteers who share the responsibilities for troop management, each determining their own level of commitment based on personal availability and interests.

All troop volunteer are mothers.

False. Volunteers come from all facets of the community and, in addition to mothers and dads, include college women, young professionals and even senior citizens In compliance with state law and to assure the safety of girl members, all adult volunteers are required to pass a CORI check.

Troops meet in private homes.

False. To further safeguard the health and safety of girl members, all Girl Scout troops meet in community buildings.

Girl Scout uniforms are required for membership.

False. A girl can be a Girl Scout for all 13 years and never purchase a uniform. Although most girls proudly choose to wear badges, patches and Girl Scout insignia on a Girl Scout sash or vest, owning a full uniform or any component thereof has never been a requirement for membership. The Girl Scout program about what's on the inside, not what she wears on the outside.

Today's Girl Scout program builds tomorrow's leaders. Whether camping in the woods, white-water rafting, providing community service, working with computers or exploring the arts, today's Girl Scout program helps girls develop values, make good choices, learn to respect themselves and others, help those in need and become the woman each girl strives to be.

For information regarding troop membership or volunteer opportunities, contact Marcia Picard, Membership and Community Manager, mpicard@gscsm.org or call 800-242-0925 x41.



Did You Know That...?



A Day Away III: A Day at the Zoo strategic plan report is now available online at www.geocities.com/gnbhsc/DayAwayIIIReport.doc.

7th Annual Legislative Breakfast is accepting Community Awards Nominations for individuals or groups who work to make the Greater New Bedford community healthier. The short and simple form is available at <http://www.geocities.com/gnbhsc/FRNB2006CommunityAwardNomination.doc> The event is scheduled for **10/27/06**.

New Bedford Tire Recycling Day will be held **9/16**, 9:00-Noon, at the Shawmut Ave. Transfer Station, 1103 Shawmut Ave. Rain or shine, cash or check. Proof of New Bedford residency required. Further questions can be directed to Marissa at **508-979-1493**, or Marissa.Perez-Dormitzer@ci.new-bedford.ma.us

New Home Buyers' Seminar hosted by the Office of Housing and Community Development will be held **9/18/06 & 9/20/06**, 5:00-9:15pm, \$20 per person, \$25 per couple. Locations: Greater New Bedford Association of Realtors Member Service Center, Howland Place -

Suite 101, 651 Orchard St., New Bedford. Reservations required. Call George at **508-979-1500**.

Smiles Mentoring Program is looking for volunteers. For information, please contact Lynn, Director of Operations, at **508-999-5231**, or LMP.SM106@yahoo.com

Streetlights, Street Signs and Potholes - Please contact Linda Morad, **508-995-8009**, about malfunctioning street lights, missing street signs or potholes in need of repair.

FAST Stroke Education Awareness Kit - If you have used the FAST Stroke education awareness kit, your input and feedback are greatly appreciated through filling out and submitting their survey form. Please contact Maria Evora-Rosa, **781-774-6601** or maria.evora-rosa@state.ma.us

Job Opportunity - Project Assistant, Training and capacity building, Youth Action Initiative. Temporary full-time or part time (September 2006-June 2007). Resumes and letters of interest are due Monday, September 11, 2006. Direct questions, resumes, and cover letters may be sent to Joanna Matwiejczuk, Administrative Assistant—The Medical

Foundation, 95 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116, or email to: jmatwiejczuk@tmfnet.org with "YAI Project Assistant" in the subject line.

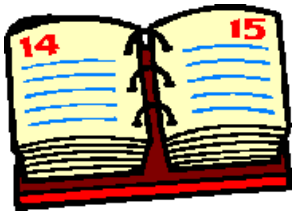
Strengthening Families Facilitator Training - In this scientifically proven, SAMHSA approved program, facilitators are trained to offer the program to families of children ages 6-17. Topics covered include substance abuse, depression, violence and aggression, and school failure, and will be held September 7 & 8, 9:00-5:00, at the First Congregational Church, 76 Pierce St., Stoughton. For more information or register, call Caitlin at **781-341-2252, x482**.

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The Vision: A healthy environment where everyone experiences community, opportunity, access, safety and trust (COAST)*

The Mission of the GNBHHSC is to channel our community into action to achieve a better quality of life for everyone. We

1. Provide information about resources and services in order to promote coordination and to encourage their use by the public
2. Address needs and build on community assets
3. Celebrate and reward community successes



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September-October 2006

Calendar of Events

Sept. 7, 9:00	GNBHHC General Meeting. An abbreviated Steering Committee meeting follows.	Coastline Elderly Services 1646 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA
Sept. 8, 12:30-2:00	GNBHHC Domestic Violence Committee. RSVP to Cafricano@ncla.net	South Coastal Counties Legal Services, 21 South Sixth St., New Bedford, MA
Sept. 11, 9:15	GNB COAST Health Access Committee.	NB Family Planning, Howland Place
Sept 12, 3:00	Bristol County Domestic Violence Round Table.	Department of Social Services (DSS) 67 Mechanic St., Attleboro, MA
Sept. 12, 6:30 pm	The Far North Neighborhood Association Meeting.	Pulaski School, 1097 Braley Rd., New Bedford
Sept. 15, 2:00* Note time change	GNBHHC Steering Committee Meeting	New Bedford Family Planning, Howland Place
Sept. 21, Noon-4:00. Registration 11:00	NB Rehabilitation Hospital Health Expo 2006.	New Bedford Rehabilitation Hospital, New Bedford. Vendors and interested persons all Alice Melo at 508-995-6900, x1083 before 9/8/06, or email amelo@newbedfordrehab.com .
Oct. 6, 5:00	Deadline to submit <u>Community Awards Nomination Form</u> for recognition at the 7th Annual Legislative Breakfast.	Nominations accepted beginning August 2006. Click link to the left to download.
Oct. 25, 4:00-5:00	Kennedy-Donovan Center Open House. Register by Oct. 18 to Karen Croteau at Karen_Croteau@KDC.org or call 508-997-1570	Kennedy-Donovan Center, 19 Hawthorn St., New Bedford
Oct. 27, 8:00	7th Annual Legislative Breakfast. Details coming soon.	Whites of Westport

To submit an article, announcement or other information to C.O.A.S.T. Connections, please email Lorraine Rosa at mcaprosa@yahoo.com by 9/22/06. You may also access copies of this newsletter at www.geocities.com/gnbhsc.



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