



The Source for Ohio's Heartland Council Realignment Updates

# Girl Scout **Connect**

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## Welcome to Issue 3!

Summer is in full tilt boogie as is the 3rd issue of the Realignment eNewsletter, a communication tool of the Council Realignment Committee to keep you up to date. This issue is loaded with information from several subcommittees whose members are working hard to move the process forward. So without further ado, here we go:

### Communications Subcommittee

#### Ohio's Heartland Website

The website, though still under construction, is up and running, looks terrific and will be a convenient place for people to receive information about realignment activity. Take a look for yourself at [www.gsohiosheartland.org](http://www.gsohiosheartland.org). The webmaster is still in the process of adding more bells and whistles; however, at this time all three councils should have a link established to navigate back and forth between websites. Soon to be added will be a brief history of each council, and a FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) page. Copies of past eNewsletter issues will also be posted to the website and there will be a page where anyone can post a question, not

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already answered on the FAQ page, and have it answered by Girl Scout staff within 24 hours.

## Council Patch Contest

We will be announcing a contest for girls to design a new Ohio's Heartland council patch. Details will be distributed to all three councils so it can be placed in the program guides. All patch designs must be received by Juliette Low's Birthday in late October with selection to follow shortly thereafter. So check out the upcoming program guide for all the details as the contest promises to be a wildly creative activity followed by an extraordinary, and fun, event as the winning design is announced!!!

## Other Communications News

In an effort to let campers, parents and leaders know about the upcoming realignment, two huge display boards were generously donated by AEP. We added fabulous images of girls from our own councils having fun the Girl Scout way. Both are standing proudly at Camp Wakatomika and Camp Molly Lauman, the two resident camps. Camps within all three councils also have a stack of postcards to share with parents and scouts as they attend day and resident camp. Camp staff received training at all three councils about realignment in order to talk to campers about it and help girls from different councils get to know each other.

A 3-council day-long staff retreat was held on June 13th which allowed faces and voices to finally be matched. For many, it was the first opportunity to get to know each other and discuss issues relating to change and transition. Later in the day staff members were able to meet with like-groups and found there were lots of ideas (and email addresses!) to exchange.

## Fund Development & Service Delivery Subcommittees

Both of these committees are meeting on a regular basis and hope to have a number of recommendations to take to the Council Realignment Committee in July for approval. Items for consideration include how to designate troop numbers, volunteer job descriptions, donor database, and gift acceptance policies along with a number of additional items.

## Technology Subcommittee

The technology subcommittee is in the process of forming and has identified its membership. It is reviewing the systems and practices of each council.

## Transitional Nominating Subcommittee

The transitional nominating committee has completed the girl application form to serve on Ohio's Heartland board of directors for one (1) year. If you have interest in this position, please notify Chrystal Rardin at 740.397.6366 or [mcrardin@ecr.net](mailto:mcrardin@ecr.net). You can also make a written request to Mrs. Chrystal Rardin at 322 Mount Vernon Dr., Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050. In the packet that will be sent to interested girls are the application forms, the girl member title description, and the reference form. The deadline for applications and reference forms is August 11, 2008. The transitional nominating committee is also in the process of inviting prospective board members to apply for positions on Ohio's Heartland board of directors and board development committee.