

Junior Girl Scout Olympics 2004



**New Date:
October 2!**

It's a brand new Girl Scout year! Here is your chance to be part of it all!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS
September 17!!

July, 2004

Dear Junior Girl Scout Leaders,



Enclosed you will find information about one of the most exciting and fun Girl Scout events of all times....**Junior Girl Scout Olympics!** This year's event will be held on Saturday, October 2 at Hutchison School, Memphis. For the third year in a row, Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South will present Junior Girl Scout Olympics, and we hope you will agree that this is a great way to bring girls together to celebrate some of Girl Scouting's greatest strengths:

Sisterhood, self-challenge and of course HAVING FUN!

This will be a wonderful opportunity for troops and/or individual girls to meet and play together with girls from other troops in our ten-county area. Not only will they meet a diverse array of sister Girl Scouts, but they will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities. From relay races to brain teasers, from map reading to basketball tosses, there's bound to be something your girls will love. But, it is important that you begin planning **RIGHT NOW!** Sign-up early to help us plan for t-shirts, food, and medals. The timing of this year's event requires you to have completed the registration of all participants for the 2004-2005 Girl Scout membership year.

Last year's "**PARADE OF FLAGS**" Ceremony was a big hit with everyone and will be included again for 2004. We are encouraging each troop to design a flag for their own troop (this is not mandatory). Or, bring a flag from any country, city or state. The great and wonderful American flag is always welcomed. Be creative and imaginative! Everyone can participate in the opening ceremony. This will let everyone see that **GIRL SCOUT SISTERS** are diverse and united!!!!!!



In addition to the team games and individual activities, we will again have a **Talent Show!!!!** Space is limited in the talent show, so if your troop has entries, register early to ensure they have a spot. Each troop will be allowed **four (4) entries** in the talent show. Categories include Singing, Dancing & Gymnastics, Cheerleading and an "other" category; i.e.: karate, musical instrument, monologues or anything different that is not listed. This seems to be the girls' favorite event, so make sure you get registered early!!!



Parents and family members are welcome to come and cheer on their favorite Girl Scouts. There is no admission fee for spectators; however, lunch and T-shirts will be provided for participants and volunteers only (see general information sheet). If your troop needs extra lunches for those who will be spending the day with us, please indicate on your registration form how many extra lunches are needed for your group.

We are so excited about the 2004 Junior Girl Scout Olympics and we hope you will be too!! We are hoping to have 250 girls participate this year, so get your Girl Scout spirit going and get registered by September 17th.

See you there!



Junior Girl Scout Olympics 2004 Planning Committee





Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South Junior Girl Scout Olympics



General Information:

- What:** A fun filled day of sports, games and challenging activities. Teams and individuals will compete in various categories to win medals.
- Who:** All 2004-2005 registered Junior Girl Scouts
- When:** Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- Where:** Hutchison School, 1740 Ridgeway Rd., Memphis, TN 38119.
- How:** Registration Form (with payment!) is due September 17 and a confirmation packet with further details and sample permission slip will be sent by September 14.
- Why:** Provide a day of sports, games and creative activities that are both fun and challenging for individuals and teams that will:
- Reinforce the developing sisterhood in Girl Scouts.
 - Develop character, values, leadership skills and teamwork while having fun.
 - Strengthen our image – Increase visibility within the community.
 - Build community partnerships
 - Carry out a successful council sponsored program through the partnership of girls and adults working together.
 - Attract and engage a diverse mix of 250 Girl Scout participants.
- Cost:** \$10 per girl (\$20 for non-Girl Scouts)
Limited financial assistance is available. Please contact Julia Sütter.

Leader Information:

- Please plan to adhere to at least the recommended adult to girl ratio (2 adults for the first 16 Junior Girl Scouts) for events as shown in Safety-Wise on page 69.
- Use the name and contact information of the person coordinating this troop activity on the registration form. This is who we will communicate with about event questions.
- There will be a first aide station at the event – so each troop does not need to provide their own first aider.
- Lunch will be provided for up to 4 adult volunteers per troop/group. Additional meal tickets (\$5 each) needed should be indicated on the registration form.

Volunteers Needed:

We are seeking volunteers and groups of volunteers to staff the various events and activities. If some of your adult volunteers/chaperones would like to take on an additional volunteer assignment during the event (i.e. staffing events), please include their name and a contact number on the back of the registration form. Those who volunteer for 4 or more hours will get a *free T-shirt*. Volunteers will be contacted by September 14 with further information on responsibilities and orientation. Please direct any other willing volunteers to call Julia or Ruth at 767-1440 to learn more about the variety of volunteer options available at this year's Junior Girl Scout Olympics.

Talent Show Rules & Guidelines:

The talent show has always been a hit at Junior Girl Scout Olympics! We want to continue the success again this year. There will be four talent categories for Individual and Group Competition: Singing, Dancing/Gymnastics and other (Ex. Martial Arts), and Cheerleading (Group Competition only). Four (4) entries per troop are allowed, so you may want to hold individual tryouts within your troop if there are many talented and gifted girls.

- All music, costumes, props etc. shall be provided by participants
- All music must be on CD or cassette tape
Tip: soundtracks may be purchased from local music stores, or try www.karaoke.com, www.karokesongs.net, www.karaoke-song.com, www.prosing.com
- Scanty dance costumes and attire will not be permitted
- Inappropriate dance, cheerleading or gymnastics moves will not be tolerated
Ex. Sexually suggestive moves, grinding or other
- Music with inappropriate language or subject matter will not be permitted (please preview the music your girls want to use)
Ex. Foul language or any promotion of violence or degradation of women
- For singing, NO lip syncing
- Each act/performance must be under 3½ minutes or points may be deducted off final score

Requirements:

1. Each participant must be included on the Registration Form for the act in which they will participate.
2. Each participant's signed permission slip must include permission to participate in the Talent Show (leader brings to event).
3. Each participant/group may need to attend preliminaries during the Junior Girl Scout Olympics. More information about preliminaries will be included in your confirmation packets.
4. All finalists must arrive 5 min. before the final show that will start around 2:00 p.m. and must remain seated during other performances.

The talent show this year will be just as entertaining to watch as last year and we are very excited about the competition this year! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Cathey at 309-8937 or e-mail at briancathey@aol.com. Thank you for your cooperation.



Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South
Registration Form - Junior Girl Scout Olympics
 Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Hutchison School, Memphis
Registration Deadline: September 17, 2004

Leader's Name _____ Troop/Group # _____ Service Unit _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

Please include e-mail if you prefer to receive future information electronically _____

Non Girl Scouts are welcome to attend, but must pay a \$20 fee. (Girls who wish to join Girl Scouts now can pay the \$10 event registration fee, but must also include their \$10.00 membership fee and the 2004-2005 registration form with this event registration form.)

Total number of girls joining Girl Scouts today ____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Total number of Girl Scouts participating ____ X \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Extra adult meals _____ X \$5.00
 (up to 4 adult lunches per troop included at no charge) Total Cost = \$ _____

Number of adult volunteers attending with your group: _____ (List names and phone numbers on the back of this form. *Please put an * next to the volunteers who are attending and willing to take on a 4-hour volunteer assignment during a portion of the event.*)

To help better estimate/plan the T-shirt order, the girls in our troop will want (please indicate # of each size needed for your troop): ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ 2X

Special Needs/Accommodations (food allergies, medical conditions, disabilities). Wheelchair accessibility available. If needed, please specify: _____

The troop will be getting a confirmation packet, with a sample permission slip, and further details by September 13.

***Don't miss the talent show registration on
the back of this form!***

Return Registration and Fees by September 7, 2004

Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South

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Credit Card Payments

__ Visa _ MC ____ Exp. Date

 Account Number

 Signature

For Office Use Only: Route to Ruth

Date Received _____ Amount Received _____ Receipt No. _____

