

## **MISSION**

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

## **CURRENT STATS**

- Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri serves more than 62,000 girls
- Our girl members are supported by 18,000 adult volunteers

## **ABOUT US**

- Our jurisdiction includes St. Louis City and the 28 surrounding Missouri counties of Adair, Audrain (Van-Far School District), Clark, Crawford, Franklin, Iron, Jefferson, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Linn, Macon, Marion, Monroe, Pike, Putnam, Ralls, Reynolds, Schuyler, Scotland, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Sullivan, Warren and Washington
- 39% of the council's membership reflects the area's rich diversity
- More than 1,000 girls with disabilities served
- Service centers in St. Louis and Hannibal
- Three council camps: Camp Cedarledge, Camp Fiddlecreek, and Camp Tuckaho
- G.S. Shop in St. Louis and Hannibal

## **SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS**

- **Project Anti-Violence Education (PAVE)**  
An innovative program developed to help girls grow strong by empowering them to prevent violence in their lives. The program has been delivered to more than 187,000 youth in eastern Missouri since its inception in 2000.
- **Girl Scouts Beyond Bars**  
For girls with incarcerated mothers to maintain the mother/daughter bond and break the cycle of crime while learning how to grow strong in a supportive Girl Scout troop environment.
- **Challenge & Change**  
Encourages girls living in rural communities to become social entrepreneurs who make the world a better place.
- **Making Cents in the City**  
A three-year progressive program focusing on building awareness, knowledge and confidence in the world of finance and money management.
- **STEPS (Science, Technology and Engineering Preview)**  
Exploring math, science, engineering and technology fields, girls team up with St. Louis Community College professors and staff.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **April Showers Personal Care Item Drive**

In 1998, our council launched this extraordinary program. Personal care items, which include soap, shampoo and deodorant, cannot be purchased with food stamps and prior to 1997 accounted for less than one percent of donations to local food pantries and shelters. In April 2009, local Girl Scouts collected more than 1.1 million items for local families and individuals in need. Girl Scouts' collection efforts now represent 99 percent of all personal care items distributed in our region.

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