

**Just for Seniors Getaway 2002**  
**First National Senior Girl Scout Conference**  
**June 20-23, 2002 in Kansas City, MO**  
***Executive Summary***

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2099 of Girl Scouts of Mid-Continent Council hosted the First National Senior Girl Scout Conference. This troop of 11 girls spent 10 months developing and planning this event.

On June 20-23, 129 Senior Girl Scouts and chaperones from 20 states and 28 Girl Scout Councils resided on the campus of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri for the First National Senior Girl Scout Conference - Just for Seniors Getaway 2002. One-third of the participants were attracted to the Conference because it sounded like fun. Girl participants ranged in age from 13-18. Fifty-three percent of the girls attending were working on their Gold Award and five percent had completed it.

The event was filled with funshops, excursions, speakers, socializing, lots of food, and many fun activities. The participants were very satisfied overall with the event. Participants said they most enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends at this event.

The facilities at Rockhurst University couldn't have been better. Facilities included dormitory rooms, cafeteria, general purpose room (Rock Room), outdoor areas, and classrooms. Having the event on a college campus served a variety of purposes, including exposing the girls to a college campus and the opportunity to explore college life, as well as hosting all activities in one area.

While the event was not advertised as a "troop event", many troops used this as an end-of-year troop trip. Almost 80% of the attendees traveled with members of their troop to the Conference.

Advertisement of the event was done through the hosting troop's web site and through posts to Girl Scout Internet email groups. This helped to keep the cost of the event lower. Ninety percent of conference attendees had email accounts and Internet access. Communication to the participants after registering was done through email. Participants learned of the Conference primarily in two ways. The adults learned about it through the Internet (47%) and the girls through leaders (46%).

Prior to their arrival, participants selected their choice of three funshops (workshops). The funshops were designed to be fun, explore the featured career, explore the education required and sources of education, and be interactive. The funshop topics ranged from careers, which required no education to those that required a college education.

Participants also had the opportunity to select an excursion around Kansas City prior to their arrival. Excursion destinations included a theme park, a water park, the zoo, the Country Club Plaza and Nelson Art Gallery, and Crown Center and Union Station (for shopping). The theme parks were the most popular choices.

It was the unanimous decision of the attendees that they would like to attend another event like this annually. In a meeting with the adults, they mirrored this opinion of the girls, and suggested that Girl Scout Councils develop plans to host this much-needed event annually for Senior Girl Scouts.

Participants said this was a lot of fun and they met a lot of great people. Thanks for coming.

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On June 20-23, 129 Senior Girl Scouts and chaperones from 20 states and 28 Girl Scout Councils resided on the campus of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri for the First National Senior Girl Scout Conference - Just for Seniors Getaway 2002. The attendees consisted of 28 adults and 101 Senior Girl Scouts. The girls enjoyed the accommodations of McGee Hall (dormitory) and cafeteria cuisine. The campus was a haven for these aspiring young ladies. The beautiful fountains by the Bell Tower were the scenes of many photographic moments and playful happenings.

Attendees represented the following Girl Scout Councils and States:

<u>Girl Scout Council</u>	<u>State</u>	<u># Attending</u>
- Cannon Valley Girl Scout Council	MN	6
- Central Maryland Girl Scout Council	MD	2
- Chaparral Girl Scout Council	NM	7
- Chicago Girl Scout Council	IL	3
- Coastal Carolina Girl Scout Council	NC	3
- Columbia River Girl Scout Council	OR	10
- Connecticut Valley Girl Scout Council	CT	2
- Dogwood Trails Girl Scout Council	MO	7
- Dupage County Girl Scout Council	IL	1
- Flint Hills Girl Scout Council	KS	5
- Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capitol	MD	2
- Great Plains Girl Scout Council	NE	1
- Greater St. Louis Girl Scout Council	MO	3
- Guiding Star Girl Scout Council	NE	1
- Joshua Tree Girl Scout Council	CA	5
- Kentuckiana Girl Scout Council	KY	8
- Magic Empire Girl Scout Council	OK	4
- Mid-Continent Girl Scout Council	MO	9
- <b>2099 HOSTESSES</b>	MO	13
- Mountain Prairie Girl Scout Council	CO	6
- NW North Dakota Girl Scout Council	ND	5
- Pelican Girl Scout Council	LA	5
- River Bluffs Girl Scout Council	IL	3
- Santa Clara County Council	CA	5
- Shining Trail Girl Scout Council	IA	2
- Sioux Trails Girl Scout Council	IA	4
- Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council	NC	1
- Tejas Girl Scout Council	TX	7

Eleven energetic and dynamic young ladies from Girl Scouts of Mid-Continent Senior Girl Scout Troop 2099 planned and hosted this event. It had been a dream of this enterprising group of young ladies for two and a half years to host a conference exclusively for Senior Girl Scouts. However, the girls didn't begin to plan this event until the end of August 2001. In reviewing the list of options of activities both through their Girl Scout Council and nationally for Senior Girl Scouts, they learned there aren't many opportunities for Senior Girl Scouts to gather or participate. It was in August 2001, members of this troop made a personal commitment to make their dream a reality. In reviewing the evaluations, this was a great event.

The compliments expressed by the girls and adults throughout the event, as well as the compliments and notes of thanks received after the event were overwhelming. It was obvious that the attendees had a great time.

## OVERALL

There were 129 Girl Scouts who attended this event. Thirteen of these participants were from Troop 2099 - the hosting troop. Not including these hostesses, there was a possible 116 who could have submitted evaluations. Ninety-four evaluations were returned: 17 (18%) from adults and 77 (82%) from girls. This is an overall response rate of 81%. Additionally, a separate survey was provided for responses from adults; 18 were returned (65% response rate). These responses are included in Appendix C.

The participants were very satisfied overall with the event. On a scale of 1 to 4, where 4 was the highest, girls rated the event a 3.7 and adults rated it a 3.6.

The facilities at Rockhurst University were rated highly. The staff at Rockhurst were wonderful to work with, responding to requests, and making this event a reality. The Senior Girl Scouts rated the facilities a 3.5, while the adults rated them a 3.6. The rating of the food and snacks received a 3.5 from adults and a 3.6 from the girls. Having the event in hot and humid Kansas City received a 3.4 from the girls and a 3.6 from the adults. Many of the guests from the northern climate found the Kansas City climate difficult to adjust to.

The girls rated the cost of the event a 3.5, while the adults recognized the great value for all they got for the \$109 charged for this 4-day conference and rated it a 3.8. The fee included their dorm room for 3 nights, 6 meals, all snacks, excursion transportation, and conference materials. Great value for the dollar.

Forty percent of all participants fundraised to attend this event.

	Yes	No
Overall	40%	60%
Girls	37%	63%
Adults	53%	47%

Almost eight out of ten girls came to this Conference with member(s) of their troop. While the event was not promoted to be a "troop" event, it was an opportunity for troops traveling from any of the participating 20 states to take a troop trip.

	#	%
With member(s) of your troop	70	78%
By Yourself	10	11%
With an adult	5	6%
With an adult and girls from your Girl Scout Council	5	6%
TOTAL	90	100%

For the troops or individuals that flew into Kansas City International Airport, transportation was provided at no cost to them to transport them to the campus of Rockhurst University. A private donor provided this benefit to these participants.

While the girls rated the Web site information a 3.2 ([http://www.geocities.com/brennan\\_51/JustForSeniors.html](http://www.geocities.com/brennan_51/JustForSeniors.html)), adults rated it a 3.8. The web site was frequently overrun with traffic. This was a problem since the server allowed a limited number of "hits" per hour. While pre-conference information received a 3.2 from the girls and a 3.3 from the adults, the cost of the Conference was minimized by not incurring postage expenses but instead sending notifications through email. Ninety percent of all participants had email accounts. The remaining

participants were mailed communications, or arrangements were made with troop leaders to convey information to the participant who did not have email.

Participants learned of the Conference primarily in two ways. The adults learned about it through the Internet (47%) and the girls through leaders (46%).

How learned of Conference	Girls	Adults
Leader	46%	6%
Girl Scout Council	17%	18%
Internet	11%	47%
Mom	11%	0%
Friend	7%	18%
Email	7%	12%
Another Event	3%	0%

### **CONFERENCE MECHANICS**

Participants were asked to rate elements of the Conference using a unique teen-friendly scale: Awesome (4), Cool (3), Okay (2), or Really Bad (1). The overall conference evaluation used the following scale: exceeded my expectations (4), met my expectations (3), did not meet my expectations (2), or was a waste of time (1). The ratings in the table below are an average of those participants who responded.

	Overall Conference Evaluation	Hospitality	Staff Politeness/Courtesy	Souvenirs Offered	Staff Assistance/Knowledge	Food: Snacks	Food: Meals	Facilities-Rockhurst University	Conference Length	First Aid Care	Cost	Registration Packet	Conference Schedule	Location-KCMO	Registration Process	Web site information	Pre-conference information	Signs-knowing where to go
OVERALL	3.7	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1
Girl Evals	3.7	3.8	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.0
Adult Evals	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.8	3.3	3.3

Senior Girl Scouts rated the registration process a 3.3 (adults rated it a 3.5) and the registration packet a 3.4 (adults rated it a 3.2). They rated the schedule of the conference a 3.5 (adults rating was a 3.4). There were comments provided that the schedule was too tight, not allowing for enough free time, or not getting all the funshops they had hoped for due to one presenter not showing. The hosting troop wanted to offer many fun opportunities for girls to participate. The net result of this decision was a tight schedule, incorporating all of the activities into the four-day event. Girls had the opportunity to choose not to participate in events.

Senior Girl Scout Troop 2099 spent 10 months working on this event. Regardless of how involved any of them were, it was critical that they were cordial and hospitable to their guests, making it a successful experience for them. All of the guests rated the hosting troop a 3.8 on hospitality. Troop 2099 received a 3.6 from the girls on staff politeness/courtesy, while received a 3.8 from the adults. On staff assistance and knowledge, the hostesses received a 3.6 from the girls and a 3.7 from the adults.

Attendees went away from the Conference wanting more. Overall, the participants rated the length of the Conference a 3.5, with many comments asking that it be lengthened to include an additional day to a few days to several weeks. Adults rated the length of the Conference a 3.8.

At the adult meeting on Saturday afternoon, which the adults had requested, they talked about the next Senior Girl Scout Getaway. An adult from the Chicago Girl Scout Council stated they were going to see if they could host this event in 2003. Another Girl Scout Council (perhaps it was Santa Clara County) indicated their interest in trying to put on an event similar to this one in two years. There is a need and an audience. The girls agreed with this suggestion. Let's keep it going.

Throughout the Conference, many items were given to the participants from the many sponsors of this event. Girls rated the receipt of souvenir items a 3.7, while adults rated them a 3.8. In addition, a T-shirt (\$9), patch (\$1.50), and tote bag (\$8) were available for purchase with the Conference logo.

Starting the first night, the First Aid Station was a busy place. First Aid received a rating of 3.5 from the girls and a 3.7 from the adults. Thanks to the wonderful first-aiders, Nora Barringer and Lynn Williams, for treating the guests' medical needs. One of the guests had to be taken to the emergency room the first night. Nora accompanied this guest to the ER and stayed to bring her back to the dorm.

Signage at the event received a rating of 3.0 from the girls and a 3.3 from the adults. This was one of those tasks that didn't get as much attention during the planning process. For the next Conference, this would be a suggestion for improvement.

## **FUNSHOPS**

The idea of the funshops arose out of a discussion within the troop of not making them "workshops", as it sounded like it was going to involve "work". Thus, the girls decided to call them "funshops" because they wanted to have fun.

The girls identified four components that funshops needed to include:

1. First and foremost, they had to be fun!!
2. They needed to include exploration of the featured career.
3. Explore the education required and sources of education for this career. The funshops selected included careers, which spanned education from no additional education initially required to Master's degree programs.
4. Be interactive - not all lecture; hands-on segment.

Three sessions of funshops were available on Saturday, June 22, 2002. Participants identified their top three choices for each session when they registered. In order for a funshop to be offered, a total of 9 had to be registered. This made it worthwhile for the presenter to develop their class and enough attendees to have discussions within the framework of the funshop. In the beginning, a total of 37 funshops were offered. Nineteen funshops met the minimum criteria for scheduling. There was one presenter that did not show, which was a disappointment to the girls and showed up in the evaluations. This funshop was College Survival.

Participants rated the workshops on a scale of one to four, four being highest. Participants were asked to rate the funshops using a unique teen-adapted scale: Awesome (4), Cool (3), Okay (2), or Really Bad (1). The following table includes averaged results for girls and adults, as well as individual scores for adults and also girls.

Name of Funshop	# Surveys			Workshop Content			Overall Presentation			Instruction Presentation/ Delivery			Usefulness of Information		
	Total	Adult	Girl	Total	Adult	Girl	Total	Adult	Girl	Total	Adult	Girl	Total	Adult	Girl
<b>SESSION 1</b>															
Collapsible Scrapbook	9	4	5	3.9	4.0	3.8	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Do-re-me-fa-so-la-te-do	13	3	10	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.9	3.3	2.8	3.0	3.6	2.8	2.7	3.0	2.6
Enhancing Our Beauty	13	-	13	3.1	-	3.1	3.0	-	3.0	3.2	-	3.2	3.1	-	3.1
In the Limelight	4	-	4	3.3	-	3.3	3.3	-	3.3	3.0	-	3.0	2.8	-	2.8
Keys, Seats & Tires	12	-	12	3.4	-	3.4	3.5	-	3.5	3.4	-	3.4	3.8	-	3.8
Military Service	7	-	7	4.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	4.0
Multi-Tasking	4	3	1	3.8	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.6	4.0
My Home Is My Castle *	25	4	21	3.2	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.3	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	2.9	3.2
You are a Character	5	1	4	3.4	4.0	3.3	3.0	4.0	2.8	3.2	4.0	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.8
<b>SESSION 2</b>															
Annie's Cakes	19	8	11	3.6	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.6	3.4	3.3	3.5
Creatures Great & Small	11	-	11	3.8	-	3.8	3.6	-	3.6	3.6	-	3.6	3.7	-	3.7
Krav Maga	24	-	24	4.0	-	4.0	4.0	-	3.8	4.0	-	3.8	4.0	-	3.8
Lights, Camera, Action	22	4	18	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.8	3.1	2.8	2.5	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2
Struttin' Your Stuff	13	1	12	3.4	4.0	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.5	3.7	4.0	3.6	3.3	4.0	3.2
<b>SESSION 3**</b>															
Dance the Night Away *	22	-	22	3.3	-	3.3	3.1	-	3.1	3.3	-	3.3	2.9	-	2.7
From the Kitchen	10	-	10	3.8	-	3.8	3.7	-	3.7	3.9	-	3.9	3.5	-	3.5
Music, Magic, & the Computer	8	1	7	3.4	4.0	3.3	3.4	4.0	3.3	3.0	4.0	2.9	3.5	4.0	3.4
Noodling Around	6	-	6	3.3	-	3.3	2.8	-	2.3	3.2	-	2.7	2.6	-	2.2
Yoga	26	-	26	3.7	-	3.7	3.6	-	3.6	3.6	-	3.6	3.6	-	3.6

\* Class had two sessions by two different instructors. Data could not be separated to identify which attendees were with what instructor.

For Session 1, the three funshops that girls enjoyed the most were: Collapsible Scrapbook, Military Service, and Multi-Tasking. During Session 2, Annie's Cakes, Creatures Great & Small, and Krav Maga were the favorites of the girls. Meanwhile, From the Kitchen and Yoga were the top rated funshops in Session 3.

Please see Appendix A for the individual participant comments about the funshops.

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Excursions** - On Friday, June 21, 2002, the attendees went on their choice of one of five excursions around Kansas City. School buses met the guests in the parking lot in front of the dormitory for loading. Buses deployed for:

- ❖ Worlds of Fun - a theme park
- ❖ Oceans of Fun - a water park
- ❖ Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art/Country Club Plaza
- ❖ Crown Center/Union Station
- ❖ Kansas City Zoo

As the buses embarked upon their destination, Troop 2099 hostesses read a script that highlighted different areas of Kansas City. In this way, even though participants would not be visiting that part of the City, they would obtain a general knowledge of the whole City.

All attendees were required to wear neon colored wristbands identifying them as a Conference guest. The wristband included the name of the conference and the phone number of the two adults in charge.

of the event. Girls were required to be with other girls during the excursion as a safety precaution. If a girl was found without a buddy while on their excursion, the girl would be incorporated into the on-coming group. Girls were also educated about the need to wear sunscreen and given packets of sunscreen for their use during the day.

There was a Troop 2099 hostess on each of the excursions with the exception of Crown Center/Union Station. The Crown Center excursion received the lowest rating; 3.0 from the adults and 2.6 from the girls. The Worlds of Fun was the most populated excursion (60), and it also received a rating of 3.9. There were 23 attendees who went to Oceans of Fun; receiving a rating of 3.5 from the adults and 3.6 from the girls. The Country Club Plaza/Nelson Art Gallery was lightly attended, but received a rating of 3.7. Seven participants enjoyed their day at the zoo; the adults rated their experience a 4.0 compared to the 3.4 from the girls.

	Excursions					Special Events					
	Worlds of Fun	Country Club Plaza & Nelson Art Gallery	Oceans of Fun	Kansas City Zoo	Crown Center & Union Station	90th Anniversary	Make'n Takes	Pajama Party	Keynote Speaker: Cynthia Newsome	Games and Icebreakers	Operation: Kokie
Overall	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7
Girls	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.4	2.6	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.0	2.7
Adults	3.9	NONE	3.5	4.0	3.0	4.0	3.7	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.6

**Special Events** - Throughout the event, special events were featured.

Pajama Party - Thursday night kicked off with a Pajama Party complete with food, music, movies, cotton candy, kettlecorn, gifts, and make'n takes (circle loom bracelet). The evening received a score of 3.3 overall, as well as a 3.3 from the girls and a 3.2 from the adults. Many people were tired from their day(s) of travel.

Cynthia Newsome - This well-known TV anchor in Kansas City for 38 News Now each weekday on Channel 38, as well as the Health Track Reporter on NBC 41 News. She joined the Conference for a brief stop between newscasts on Friday evening. Cynthia is founder and director of the NBC 41 News community service program Awesome Ambitions. It's a life-skills and professional development program. The goal is to educate, inspire and empower the girls to make positive choices about their health, education and future careers. Cynthia talked about the "keys" (those things that would support each of us in developing the life we want to achieve) we would want on our "keychain" for life. She suggested we might consider:

1. A faith key.
2. An education key.
3. A key for selecting good friends.
4. A family key.

She encouraged us to think about what other "keys" we would want to have on our personal keychain. Her interactive discussion spurred questions. The girls rated her talk a 3.2, while adults rated her a 3.0.

Make'n Takes - There were a variety of make'n takes scattered throughout the conference: circle loom bracelet, mini-collapsible scrapbook, stress adventure kit, GS logo count cross stitch, and embroidery kits. The girls rated these overall a 3.3, while the adults rated them a 3.7.

Operation: Kukie - This wide game of a variety of 10 games was rated a 2.6 by the adults and a 2.7 by the girls. Some of the suggestions for improvement are included in the comments. These suggestions include being set up ahead of time and more organized. The girls favorite games were: Whose Line Is It Anyway?; Beachballs & Bubbles; Pass the Monkey; and Elbow Tag. The evening continued in the Rock Room with a bubblegum pie eating contest.

Games and Icebreakers - Many icebreakers were planned throughout the event in order to help girls mix and make new friends. The girls rated them a 3.0 and the adults a 2.9.

90th Anniversary of Girl Scouting Celebration - This event included:

- ❖ A candlelight dinner in the University cafeteria;
- ❖ Grace and Special song for Troop 2099 and Leaders by the Do-Re-Me-Fa-So-La-Te-Do Funshop'
- ❖ Vintage Senior Girl Scout Uniform Fashion Show;
- ❖ Visit and talk by a Juliette Gordon Low impersonator;
- ❖ Recognition of Girls from Visiting Girl Scout Councils for outstanding achievements;
- ❖ Honoring adults who brought girls to the Conference;
- ❖ Recognizing the Girls who planned this event - Senior Girl Scout Troop 2099;
- ❖ Pass the Spark Candle Lighting Ceremony; and
- ❖ The 90th Anniversary Cake.

The girls rated this celebration a 3.4, while the adults rated it a 4.0.

**WHAT I ENJOYED MOST**

Participants were asked what they enjoyed most about this Conference. Building new relationships and socializing were most important to the respondents. Throughout the event, by design, there were many opportunities for girls to make new friends.

	%		%
Meet new friends	16%	Fun	3%
Excursions	13%	Friends	3%
Funshops	12%	Fountains	3%
Gifts	7%	Dormitory	3%
Socializing	5%	Games	2%
Staff	5%	Food	2%
Make'n Takes	5%	Adults	2%
Band	4%	<b>Other:</b> Event Organization, for Senior Girl Scouts, Campus, KC, free time, activities, swaps, schedule, Girl Planning, door prizes	12%
90th Anniversary Celebration	4%		

**WHAT ATTRACTED THE PARTICIPANTS TO THE CONFERENCE**

One-third of all girls and adults wanted to come to this conference because it sounded like fun. The second reason they wanted to attend was to make new friends.

	Sounded like fun	Meet new friends	Be with friend(s) or troop	Visit KC	Excursions	Funshops	Something to do	Visit a college campus	Badgework
Overall	32%	16%	13%	9%	8%	8%	6%	6%	1%
Girls	33%	16%	12%	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	1%
Adults	25%	20%	20%	15%	5%	10%	0%	5%	0%

The majority of the girls (93%) had never been to an event like Just for Seniors Getaway. Over half (56%) of the adults had attended a similar event. All of the girls and adults would recommend attending a similar event to other Senior Girl Scouts.

	Yes	No
Overall	13%	87%
Girls	7%	93%
Adults	44%	56%

There were occasions throughout the Conference where the Gold Award was referenced. Almost six out of ten girls were either working on their Gold Award or had completed it. As would be expected, girls working on their Gold Award were 16-18 years of age and girls who haven't started working on their Gold Award were 13-15 years of age.

	Age of Girl Responding						
	Total	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b># Girls Responding</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
Completed the Gold Award	5%	0%	0%	4%	5%	10%	50%
Haven't started the Gold Award	42%	100%	82%	61%	9%	10%	0%
Working on the Gold Award	53%	0%	18%	36%	86%	80%	50%

**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE NEXT JUST FOR SENIORS CONFERENCE**

Judging from the enthusiasm at the Conference and the unanimous vote on the evaluations, the girls would like to be able to attend another Just for Seniors Getaway Conference. As with any event, there are always suggestions to improve the next one. This Conference is no different. Appendix B includes comments by the participants for improving the next Just for Seniors Getaway.

Some of the suggestions include:

- Having a longer Conference.
- Have more and better signage.
- Include the arrival night dinner in the cost.
- Keep the cost low.
- Get GSUSA and Girl Scout Councils to support the event and advertise it.
- Have more funshops.
- Have separate funshops for the adults.
- A scheduled time for SWAPPING.
- A scheduled meeting with all adults at beginning of Conference.
- Improve check-in process - speed it up.

A separate survey was provided to the adults, to get their ideas for the next Conference. Their responses are included in Appendix C.

**IN SUMMARY**

Overall, the Conference was a great success. There is so much interest nationally to have opportunities for Senior Girl Scouts to participate and attend. This should be the start with many other events to follow. At the 1999 National Convention in Kansas City, it was passed that more monies and resources should be allocated to keep and attract older girls into Girl Scouting. Events such as this should encourage girls to continue in Girl Scouting, go for the Gold, and build camaraderie needed to foster the relationships girls need when peer pressure is so demanding.

The hope and dream of the hosting troop is that out of all of their efforts of developing and presenting this Conference it will continue and get bigger and better with each year. It is through opportunities girls are allowed to grow and reach beyond themselves and their expectations (whether as a member of a Conference Steering Committee or a participant) that they become stronger and more active citizens of our community and the United States.

## Appendix A

### *Collapsible Scrapbook:*

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was so cute. It will come in handy.</li> <li>2. There should be enough paper to match things.</li> <li>3. What a great idea.</li> <li>4. Those were awesome.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. We will do this with our troop.</li> <li>2. Very very good. Can't wait to share with others (leaders &amp; girls)</li> <li>3. Lynn did an exceptional job on this. Was something fun to take back.</li> </ol>

### *Do-re-me-fa-so-la-te-do*

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instructor was really nice but we need more workshop time.</li> <li>2. We really didn't do anything structured and the instructor didn't offer any new info, career things about music, etc. like I had expected.</li> <li>3. Instructor was very upbeat.</li> <li>4. I enjoyed the patriotic songs and writing the lyrics.</li> <li>5. The facilitator didn't really "lead" songs. We did not have copies of song sheets to sing from. It was cool that one of the adults thought to make up a song.</li> <li>6. That was cool. We got to make up a song.</li> <li>7. We really only sang campfire songs. I'm a singer and wanted to actually "learn" techniques and tips</li> <li>8. Didn't like just singing Girl Scout camp songs. And couldn't get a word in on the song.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Had a lot of fun collaborating on our song.</li> <li>2. Would have liked to share songs more; no words to follow.</li> <li>3. It was great fun.</li> </ol>

### *Enhancing Our Beauty*

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Good class.</li> <li>2. It was cool. I learned a LOT.</li> <li>3. More info about make-up</li> <li>4. She didn't have a good idea of what she was doing, a bit unprepared.</li> <li>5. Fun presenter. Great sense of humor. Good tips.</li> </ol>	

### *In the Limelight*

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This was okay, but she talked a lot about herself mainly.</li> <li>2. Useful and creative.</li> </ol>	

### *Keys, Seats & Tires*

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He had a lot of knowledge about cars.</li> <li>2. Excellent. Really enjoyed it and lots of hands on - GREAT.</li> <li>3. Really useful but HOT.</li> <li>4. Informative</li> </ol>	

### ***Military Service***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was awesome. The discipline you learn will help for the rest of your life.</li> <li>2. Great time.</li> </ol>	

### ***Multi-Tasking***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I learned how to tell people I don't have time without being rude.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excellent facilitator; great resources</li> </ol>

### ***My Home is my Castle***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cool. We got lots of samples.</li> <li>2. Fun. Learned a lot about designing, but really boring.</li> <li>3. I wasn't really interested, so it was just a bad choice on my part.</li> <li>4. I would love to make this a living.</li> <li>5. It was awesome. I will always remember it. I loved the cloud laundry bag.</li> <li>6. It was really good and the dorm room was awesome.</li> <li>7. It wasn't what I was expecting.</li> <li>8. Kinda boring but not too bad.</li> <li>9. More involvement. Things that could help a little if trying to redo a room. Give ideas on rearranging rooms/furniture.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great. I enjoyed the interaction with other people in the class.</li> </ol>

### ***You are a Character***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Didn't find very learningful</li> <li>2. It was really interesting.</li> <li>3. I wish he'd given more examples of how it could be used in different situations.</li> </ol>	

### ***Annie's Cakes***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All good; wanted more from instructor; specific techniques</li> <li>2. The cake was yummy.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I can do it.</li> <li>2. Not what I expected; thought it would be more in-depth. But understand circumstances.</li> <li>3. Very fun. I'd always wanted to try this...it's hard.</li> </ol>

### ***Creatures Great & Small***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Totally awesome. A lot of stuff to learn...ran a little late - cool.</li> <li>2. This was just what I needed. Thank you for having this session.</li> <li>3. It helped me answer the questions I had.</li> <li>4. Did not attend because I took a nap.</li> <li>5. Very informative and interesting. GREAT. I loved the vet there to speak with us.</li> </ol>	

## ***Krav Maga***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fun, but a little high energy.</li> <li>2. I had a lot of fun.</li> <li>3. It was great. I loved this. This class was very useful.</li> <li>4. It was really hard, but the instructors were fun and awesome. I like it a lot. If there's a class around me I'll take it.</li> <li>5. Lots of work and I am going to continue it when I go back to Chicago.</li> <li>6. Really cool &amp; useful..</li> <li>7. Really fun. I learned a lot.</li> <li>8. Really fun workshop, but kind of hard.</li> <li>9. The funshop rocked. If you do this again, this one is a keeper.</li> <li>10. The Krav Maga was very fun.</li> <li>11. The presenters were awesome. I had so much fun.</li> <li>12. Very cool. Had a lot of fun.</li> <li>13. Very fun.</li> <li>14. Way cool. It gives you self-confidence; prepares yourself against attacks and gets you into shape.</li> <li>15. Very good information</li> </ol>	

## ***Lights, Camera, Action***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A little boring</li> <li>2. I did not understand the point of the workshop when I signed up so it was okay.</li> <li>3. Kind of boring</li> <li>4. Loved the "pro" picture taking.</li> <li>5. Needed to be warned to bring cameras. Most didn't have one.</li> <li>6. Needs to slow down when presenting so people can understand better. Use terms that everyone understands, not so "high-tech".</li> <li>7. Not enough time. Did great.</li> <li>8. This was fun.</li> <li>9. Very knowledgeable and nice. It was fun taking pictures in the fountains.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Not long enough. Waited for late arrivals took up time.</li> <li>2. Could have been longer to be more useful.</li> </ol>

## ***Struttin' Your Stuff***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Instructor was really nice but we need more workshop time.</li> <li>2. I found that the stance and turn was simple.</li> <li>3. GREAT.</li> <li>4. Fun.</li> <li>5. Thanks so much. She is GREAT.</li> <li>6. Maybe a couple of photos taken</li> <li>7. Really fun. Great instructor</li> <li>8. She was SO cool.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Excellent speaker.</li> </ol>

## ***Dance the Night Away***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great.</li> <li>2. I'm very sore if that says anything. :-)</li> <li>3. Instructor was really nice but we need more workshop time.</li> </ol>	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Lady was great and really polite</li> <li>5. No comment.</li> <li>6. Really easy choreography (in my opinion)</li> <li>7. She didn't take the time to make sure we all had it. :-)</li> <li>8. The idea was great, it just wasn't my type of dancing.</li> <li>9. This was tiring, but so much fun.</li> <li>10. Very hard.</li> </ol>	
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### ***From the Kitchen***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Choose foods most people would like. In description for course put that they would be watching it be made, then eating - not cooking or getting recipes.</li> <li>2. He was so nice and fun. It made me try new things as well.</li> <li>3. I was really excited about meeting and learning from such a well known chef and trying his delicious food.</li> <li>4. I was supposed to take "College Survival". But I'm glad I went to "From the Kitchen" and it was interesting and different but yummy food.</li> <li>5. Presentation was good but he should have made something we were familiar with or something we would normally eat.</li> </ol>	

### ***Music, Magic & the Computer***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I learned that I need a beter recording software.</li> <li>2. More interaction</li> <li>3. Never knew before. Great for rainy days when your band can't get together.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fascinating topic. Would have loved to spend more time there.</li> </ol>

### ***Noodling Around***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This class was fun doing the activities but she didn't say much or play or have fun with us.</li> <li>2. Very creative and fun.</li> </ol>	

### ***Yoga***

<b>Girls</b>	<b>Adults</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A little late. It was fun.</li> <li>2. Fun.</li> <li>3. Fun, I would love to do it again.</li> <li>4. I love yoga. It was a wonderful time. I had a great nap.</li> <li>5. I really enjoyed the yoga.</li> <li>6. I've never done yoga before but that was so cool.</li> <li>7. Learned a lot about yoga; great session; GREAT CLASS.</li> <li>8. Really cool &amp; useful.</li> <li>9. Relaxing</li> <li>10. Relaxing</li> <li>11. This was really relaxing and just what I needed after a fun-filled weekend. I'll take this class at home...</li> <li>12. Totally awesome dude.</li> <li>13. Very relaxing.</li> <li>14. Very relaxing. I really enjoyed it and it felt really good.</li> </ol>	

## Appendix B

1. A great job.. Thanks for all the hard work and effort you put into this. We really enjoyed ourselves. Thanks.
2. A little longer would be nice. I would like to have a few more days with the friends I met and to meet more. Plus I just got settled into my dorm yesterday (Friday) and packing it all up tonight (Sat). But overall it was an excellent conference and trip. :-)
3. A little more free time. More options for funshops. More organized at eating times (shorter lines). Don't try to do so much in one day.
4. All of it was great. But the neighborhood it is in is kind of bad. It has cleaned up a little. The chaperones at the mall shouldn't have made us check in all the time and when the buildings were hooked together. We had to wait to go to the next place. They should have let us explore it for ourselves.
5. All of our freedom was really nice. I would appreciate a later breakfast/staring time. Sleep is good. Also, better directions to funshop locations. Everything else was really great. Keep up the good work and thanks for everything.
6. Allow both troops and individuals to attend, keep the cost low, schedule a "funshop" for chaperone networking.
7. As of now (Sat night) we haven't gotten to do all of the make'n takes and I really liked those. They were awesome.
8. Breakfast later. Conference to be longer like a couple of weeks or something.
9. Buy air fresheners for the dorms and make the funshops closer together; get non-rocking chairs for the dorm rooms.
10. Can't think of anything. It was a well-organized, and a great conference...
11. Clearer sign-ups; registration (we got really confused); maybe have a girl who wants to make a Web site for it. It was really great, but all the games and food was a bit much. Way cool.
12. Conference schedule was busy. Excursion could have been a couple of hours shorter. Keynote speaker was a total waste of time. She could have done a much better job inspiring these girls.
13. Crown Center and Union Station, there was nothing really to do. We had way too much time and not enough things to do. I suggest another site next time or cut the time in half.
14. Crown Center excursion too long.
15. Crown Center was okay. It was fun going to the Hallmark Visitors Center and some shops. Union Station all the shows were expensive. Meeting new people GREAT...
16. Do everything the same, just do another theme. The tropical theme was awesome. Have fun topping it.
17. Do it exactly the same, but take the girls to the Plaza - a night excursion to shop at the Plaza. Awesome T-shirts - Love 'em.
18. Do no grab the hockey pucks of others; conference schedule needs walking time.
19. Don't do Operation Kokie or games.
20. Don't have conflicting statements between the emails and Web site (or it could have been on the Web site ~ I don't remember). One example of this is I found a place which said to register in McGee Hall and another place said to register in Massman Hall. We had to guess which place to register in.
21. During the dinner, you could dismiss by tables so people aren't done before the rest of their table gets food. The signs were a little confusing. Locations kept changing. Otherwise, I had fun and this experience was awesome. Thank you a lot.....
22. Earlier bedtime or later breakfast.
23. Everything was great. You all did a wonderful job. Enjoyed it and am very glad to traveled three days to come to be with everyone..
24. Excellent. Thank you.
25. Funner games and different kind of movies, PG 13 non-cartoon movies.
26. Funshop evaluations to be dropped in a box immediately. A schedule to fit inside the name tag.
27. Games more optional like make'n takes. May be a little longer if possible.
28. Get better speaker. Make sure the workshop instructors show up. GREAT JOB.
29. GREAT JOB.
30. Have more options for the games (or more games). It was SO fun... I had a great time. Thanks..
31. Hold the next conference in a cooler place. It's hot here.
32. I didn't get a friendship bracelet. Next time make it in the middle of the country, rather than almost all the way across - or closer to North Carolina. Know what I mean? Jelly Bean?? But I had fun.
33. I don't have any..

34. I had an awesome time. Thanks for all your time and effort. I really appreciate it. The only thing I didn't like was my leaders being apart of the activities we did (the workshops.). Thanks guys. I had an awesome time. Amy good luck at college. Brittany
35. I think everything went perfect. Only thing I would change was to let Chicago try it and from there passing it on.
36. If possible, have it at least an extra day longer. For speakers try and have a small guideline (they didn't know what to talk about).
37. Keep up the good fun work. Be the same. You did a great job planning and going through with it.
38. Later breakfast because teens like to sleep in.
39. Later time for getting up.
40. Let Kim sleep :-)
41. Make a "special" time for SWAPS so everyone gets one.
42. Make free times little longer and maybe get some new games (these ones were kind of old for me (played them too much at home))
43. Make it longer
44. Make it longer, but maybe go somewhere not so humid. Let more people go to Worlds of Fun (more buses). You guys did AWESOME. It went REALLY smooth and I had so much FUN... Thanks.
45. Maybe a little more free time, and if possible push breakfast back 1/2 an hour. Overall, I was very impressed, you did an exceptional job. This was a great time.
46. More games, longer time to stay, and more badgework
47. More funshops
48. More games.
49. More icebreakers for first night. More available info and maps about Kansas City in general for those of us driving. This would have been great to have ahead of time. Your fluff stuff was wonderful.. We LOVE freebies.
50. More icebreakers/more down time/more badgework
51. More singing at meals; more excursions (night at Plaza). Had lots of fun - Thanks.
52. More workshops just for adults/adult networking time. No free time between afternoon workshops. Girls lost track of time and were late. The 1/2 hour was too short for free time. Longer time for afternoon workshops.
53. My only suggestion would be to include a map of local eating establishments and price ranges for Thursday night. Otherwise, everything else was wonderful.
54. Near the ocean next time.
55. Next time when calling people for dinner, either number the tables and call them or call by groups because a lot of people were sitting as groups. It made some of the people feel weird when half of the group was called and the others didn't get called till later.
56. No humidity. Funner games. More fountains. More music. More fire flies. More food (ha ha just kidding). Boys; turtles; bats; farting contests; eyeliner; bigger Butterfingers; bagels; campfire; water fights; mangos; macaroni; mud wrestling No more of Sobe health drinks; make the conference longer - I had fun hanging with new friends; let us get up later - maybe at 8 a.m. not 7 a.m.; Overall though, it was so much fun and I'd do it again anytime. You guys did an excellent job on this..; fishing; more concerns; no evil leaders
57. No more singing. More free time. Have all activities ready before girls arrive (Operation Kukie). You did an awesome job. I couldn't of pulled this off..
58. No more singing; no more crafts; have activities ready before girls arrive (Operation Kukie). You guys did a really good job planning this. We couldn't have pulled it off.
59. No singing & crafts; more freetime; have activities ready before girls arrive (Operation Kukie). Y'all did a good job.....
60. No suggestions. It was a blast the way it is.
61. Nothing really. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Thanks for doing this.
62. Nothing really. It was a blast. Maybe the lines at the food. But I guess you can't do anything about that. No humidity. Longer Butterfingers; boys; bagels.
63. Nothing. Absolutely GREAT. LOVED IT.
64. Nothing.
65. Nothing. Everything was GREAT. I hope to come to one again or maybe ever host one with my troop.
66. Some icebreakers and/or get to know you games for the PJ party b/c I came alone. It would have been easier to find friends faster because most of the girls were shy at first. Overall this was amazing. I'm so blown away and wish I could express my thanks in a greater way. Your troop is truly something special. I admire all of your hard work. I wish my troop at home could have the unity, dedication, leadership, enthusiasm. Thank you for showing me a new way to appreciate Girl Scouts with all my heart.

67. The dance was really hard. Might have better summarization's of it on sheet. Maybe have the funshops then excursions for some of those people who got really burned.
68. The only thing I can think of is to have shorter excursion times. I really enjoyed being here, I had a lot of fun, and I enjoyed meeting other people from other places.
69. Want conference longer; souvenirs were great.
70. Was fun. But at times host troop seemed crabby-and like they didn't want to be here (some of them, which was understandable considering amount of work, but still I think I could have used more time to talk with others I didn't know - maybe more down time??? GREAT JOB LADIES...
71. Wider variety of workshops, more free time between classes, better food, later lights out time, longer (one week), and more free stuff. Drinks were bad.
72. You all did a fabulous job.
73. You all did an awesome job. All of the hard work that you did through the year really paid off. I thought it would be just learning straight facts, no fun, at all but I had a BLAST. Thank you so much.
74. You may want to have the game organized and when we do things as a group you should make the whole group participate. It would have been a lot funner. THANKS A LOT GIRLS.

## Appendix C

### Adult Evaluation

Eighteen of the adults attending completed the adult evaluation.

1. What was your overall impression of this Conference?
  - a) WOW. We are amazed. Your troop is awesome. Everything ran smoothly (or was "covered up" well). Problems were small and insignificant. Didn't change the conference. This was SO MUCH FUN. We cannot find enough good words to express how great we think you are.
  - b) SUPER. FABULOUS. WOW. GREAT. :-)
  - c) Lots of planning and hard work went into it.
  - d) It was GREAT. We had a wonderful time. Everything was very well organized. You did a lot of work. We appreciate it.
  - e) Wonderful job. On the surface everything appeared totally organized, well-planned. Any behind the scenes crises were not apparent to the attendees.
  - f) Great facility. Great organization. And a lot of fun.
  - g) Wonderful
  - h) It was great.
  - i) I was totally impressed. It was very well run, the hostess troop girls were mature and a great role model for the visiting girls.
  - j) It was terrific. Very well organized with a variety of activities. Our hostesses made us feel very welcome.
  - k) It was a great, well thought out, fun event. Your hospitality was awesome. Thank you so much.
  - l) This event was outstanding. You girls were very thoughtful. Thank you for all of your time and consideration.
  - m) What a wonderful accomplishment for a group of fabulous young ladies..
  - n) This was awesome. THANK YOU.
  - o) Awesome. What a wonderful conference.
  - p) GREAT.
  - q) I was extremely impressed with how well Troop 2099 worked together to pull this conference off. You could tell that a lot of effort, planning and teamwork.
  - r) The girls did a great job. It was great to see them all working together.
  
2. What did you like about this event?
  - a) Basically everything. But some specifics: 1) low cost/we could pay without a major fundraiser; 2) got to meet girls from across the country; 3) Your troop was very detail-oriented; everything was extremely well thought out and planned; 4) it was cool to experience "dorm life." 5) It helped our troop to see that "all things are possible" and that there are other GS out there who are actually FUN. We liked that the outing was on Friday. The girls got to know each other a bit right away. So had started to develop some bonds before classes on Saturday. Address book was a cool idea/gifts were awesome. Funshop choices were great. You had such a variety and super ideas that appealed to the girls. It was difficult choosing. We liked that the staff went out on the excursions and mixed with the attendees.
  - b) The group photo. What a wonderful idea.. All the great "goodies" that we received. Lots of time for the girls to interact and have fun. The huge variety of workshops was great. Excellent ideas.
  - c) The fact that it was Senior GS focused on fun.
  - d) Oceans of Fun, Activity Sessions. Chance to meet people from other states involved in Girl Scouting. I couldn't believe all the gifts.
  - e) The chance to network, share ideas, and let the girls see it is truly a nationwide organization.
  - f) The amount of time the girls had to interact and socialize.
  - g) Opportunities for older girls; planned for us and them.
  - h) Everything.
  - i) Almost everything - the activities, the freebies, the meals, the take'n go events (activities), the classes, the hostess troop girls and leaders.
  - j) I liked the funshops, the opportunity to talk with other leaders and girls and the chance to see some of Kansas City.

- k) I liked the concept of the funshops to show the girls a wide variety of career opportunities that were available.
  - l) You girls truly thought of the girl and what kind of event and things you as teenagers would enjoy. The speakers were just perfect, as far as length was perfect.
  - m) The fact that Senior Girl Scouts from all over can come and meet others (make new friends - yes, I'm a sap.). PS Love all the free stuff.
  - n) Really enjoyed everything.
  - o) For Senior Girl Scouts Only
  - p) EVERYTHING..
  - q) That Senior Girl Scouts from all over the country came together for this event. The girls bonded well. Brainstorming with other leaders.
  - r) The girl leading everything was the best part.
3. What do you think should be changed or eliminated from an event like this?
- a) Some adult workshops would be nice, although we had fun with the girls ones, too. Have the speakers after dinner/Admissions Director during lunch didn't work very well. I think it's better after when the girls have got their "yakking" out of their system. Microphone (sound) needed to be a little louder. It was hard to hear if you were seated close to the kitchen. Add a mug and flashlight on your packing list (for us dummies, first-timers). Garbage bag upon checking in would be better. We needed one in our room. Campus map for the girls would have been nice. A little more scheduled "down" time would be good. Especially on Friday night when everyone was worn out.
  - b) The excursion could've been a couple of hours shorter. It was really hard to come back from an exhausting day and try to rest and get ready for dinner in less than an hour. The awards were a great idea, but it would have been better if more Councils would have participated.
  - c) Make games optional - some girls were really tired from excursions and would have liked some rest time. Maybe have cards, board games available during social time.
  - d) Add some adult workshops.
  - e) Getting into food line by Council. It discourages new friendships (Maybe by table).
  - f) Maybe make it a cad/senior event since many areas have combined troops at this age level.
  - g) Nothing.
  - h) More time to shower and change after Worlds of Fun before dinner. It was a little rushed then.
  - i) It was all good. People could pick and choose things like the make'n takes, which were good.
  - j) It was great just the way it was. Kudos to all of you for a fabulous event...
  - k) I would like to see the funshops not all on one day. Maybe a few more funshops.
  - l) The emphasis on mandatory participation in the games for the whole group - don't make anyone participate.
  - m) Heard girls say movie was too babyish. Would have rather watched "Save Last Dance", "Princess Diaries" or something along those lines Also wished they could have danced longer. I wished for softer music.
  - n) Change process of letting people eat. Dismiss by tables not councils. Girls and adults are sitting with others. They ate at different times and could not talk because some were in line.
  - o) NOT MUCH.
  - p) More down time. Dinner the first night should have been included.
  - q) Dinner on your own on first night arrival.
4. What suggestions do you have about another event like this for Senior Girl Scouts?
- a) Make Chicago do it next year. Tell Kentuckiana that it is their turn in 2004.
  - b) The excursion could've been a couple of hours shorter. It was really hard to come back from an exhausting day and try to rest and get ready for dinner in less than an hour. The awards were a great idea, but it would have been better if more Councils would have participated.
  - c) Make sure you have it.
  - d) This is a hard act to follow.
  - e) Have afternoon funshops back to back. The breaks in between were not long enough for the girls to really do anything and it resulted in many being late. An all night party room for the last night - while I understand the need for the girls to have fun and celebrate, it was very difficult for the girls and adults

especially those with long travel days on Sunday to get much sleep with girls running up and down the halls until after 3 am.

- f) Encourage mixing of troops and Councils more.
- g) Make it yearly at different places. Maybe include a checklist with workshops of where it can apply towards Ips (ex. What skills, tech, career, etc. one being covered).
- h) Follow the same guidelines. It was planned very well.
- i) Maps for eating places for Thursday night and a better map than Yahoo's for getting to the campus.
- j) Have the evenings end at 10 so the girls and leaders could get a little more sleep. We were unaccustomed to the heat and humidity and it seemed to make us more tired.
- k) Give time for more sleep. It was hard for the girls to wind down.
- l) Have several more loosely structured activities that girls could participate in at their own time and pace (like the make'n takes). I understand what the group games were trying to accomplish, but maybe having more activities that are "station-based" and in place of group games do more activities like the pie-eating contest where girls can sign up to participate in. Summo wrestling anyone?
- m) They really enjoyed make'n takes. Maybe have more of those in place of games (10 minute ones). Give like open gym or college with pool for more options. Some unstructured time for visiting and goofing.
- n) I like the idea of speakers at dinner. But keep short 10 minutes. (Which you did) Crafts should be a project that takes 10 minutes.
- o) Saturday was too busy. Not enough downtime.
- p) Yes. One should be done. Keep the momentum going. It is great for the girls.
- q) I really think the girl did a great job.

5. What suggestions do you have for attracting girls to an event like this?

- a) Word of mouth/it'll grow by itself. Council support.
- b) You did a great job advertising it. The hard part is getting councils to participate. The only thing I can think of is possibly have one of the Planning Committee (girls) call each of the Councils and "personally" invite them.
- c) Lots more publicity within Councils. I am in Mid-Continent and heard about it through another leader. I think this should have been all over all of our information that comes to us.
- d) Publicize earlier, get information added to council program guides, if possible. I got info from WAGGGS-L, Cad/Sr. list and a friend in the area. There was a small mention in a council handout. Best way would be to get girls who attended to talk it up in their areas.
- e) Publicity - have girls who attended talk up the next one to girls in their areas. Have leaders who attended spread the word.
- f) Post pictures of this year's event on Web site .
- g) New places, adventure courses
- h) Word of mouth from girls and adults that attended this one.
- i) Publicity - I think after this event, word-of-mouth will be a great publicity tool. Of course the internet is great and continue with a flier to each council.
- j) I believe by promoting it on the Web you reached a lot of people, because we never would have heard about it from Council. Have Web subscribers promote it by word-of-mouth.
- k) Just let them know about it and they'll come. I think word of mouth from this event will help tremendously. If it was planned far enough in advance to go in Wider Ops would also help.
- l) Communication development within Girl Scouts would be a plus. I think this event was not attended because of lack of communication. After this wonderful event, I think, via word of mouth, girls will want to come.
- m) Send links to your Web site to councils and ask them to send it on to senior troops in their area.
- n) Fun excursions. Workshops geared towards them and being hands on not necessarily craft ones.
- o) Exciting field trips.
- p) I think after this word of mouth from girls/leader will help.
- q) All the girls talking about it should spark interest. Getting someone to take it on and get the ball rolling - even if it happens in two years, so the rest of the US can plan. More adult only workshops.
- r) Web site /Girl who participated share with others

6. What did you hear the girls say about this event? Good/Bad/Indifferent

- a) Funshops were fun. They were having fun. No complaining about going to events. They didn't want it to end. The staff are really fun/nice.
- b) Good. They loved making so many new friends.
- c) Positive Comments. The girls like it. They could tell that it was planned by the girls and that knew what they thought would be fun and what they liked to eat.
- d) All good. Everyone said they had a great time and the energy level was very high - always a positive indication.
- e) Most all comments were good but as the day went on, the girls got really tired. Maybe less structured activities between funshops would be better.
- f) They loved it.
- g) They had a great time. They want to do one too.
- h) Our girls loved it. It gave them a chance to meet other girls from other councils and gave them an opportunity to see Girl Scouting as a nationwide program.
- i) They really enjoyed it.
- j) They really enjoyed the event. More funshops and more down time maybe.
- k) Awesome. Fabulous. One girl was disappointed her funshops did not happen.
- l) Workshops were great, but group games were not as popular with the girls I chaperoned.
- m) Had a great time and had fun. Disappointed over workshop cancellation. But overall was all positive.
- n) Great. Had fun. The movie was for Brownies. Needed something else.
- o) GREAT TIME.
- p) It was awesome. Too much planned time. Troop 2099 did a great job.
- q) Some of the descriptions were different than what they thought.

7. If you were a chaperone or first aider, do you believe you were given enough information? If not, what would have been helpful?

- a) Info about health concerns/issues for your group especially for the excursion. Maybe just a data sheet that shows this info?
- b) No. I wish we could've had some sort of "chaperone meeting" on the night we checked in. The very informal one we had on Friday morning wasn't enough.
- c) As a chaperone, I'm not sure how much I kept an eye on the girls. Ex. During night time activities on Friday - some girls wanted to come back to the dorm instead of taking part in the games. Was it up to me to make sure they stayed over where the games were? Just some more specific guidelines for chaperones.
- d) As a chaperone, I would have liked a little more guidance as to exactly what I was responsible for. Ex: what to do if a girl didn't sign in for "x" amount of time. Do they stay on the floor after lights out, etc.
- e) A short meeting at beginning to give out information and answer questions would have been helpful.
- f) yes
- g) Yes I was.
- h) A meeting the first night would have been great (and helpful).
- i) Yes, information give was fine.
- j) I was fortunate to have only my girls plus one single from our council so it was really easy for me. I would have felt more concern if I didn't know the girls.
- k) My packet was incomplete, but you know who I am now, huh? I would recommend sending chaperone instructions to everyone in advance, with another copy in their packet. I'm sure that mine was an isolated incident, but - although I had checked on my form I would be a chaperone, I had no idea I was one until I arrived. Because my packet was incomplete, I was able to gather I was a dorm chaperone (I had the sign-in sheets) but did not know I had excursion chaperone duties until we were on the bus and almost there. Oops..
- l) Maybe we should have gotten together and gone over our packets to make sure everyone understood everything and if problems or questions they would have been answered.
- m) Maybe we should have made a copy of health history for field trip.
- n) I was a chaperone - the meeting on first night should have gone over our responsibilities as far as who was in our excursions. I was confused until right before event. Other than that, everything was great.
- o) As a chaperone, it would have been nice to receive info before had.

8. Other

- a) After attending the leader meeting Saturday afternoon, I've decided that Judy is a "procurement goddess."

- b) Basically, everything was great. The suggestions are very small and really rather insignificant. They are pale in comparison to all you did and what a wonderful job you did on it. YOU GUYS ROCK. You are a wonderful role model for other scouts. You should be very proud of all you have done. This was AWESOME. Troop 1528 - Prior Lake, MN
- c) Great job, ladies..