

General Information

How To Reach Us

*Have you heard?
OUR NAME IS CHANGING!*

Effective 10/1/09, the **GIRL SCOUTS OF MOCCASIN BEND COUNCIL** will be merged with the Tanasi and Appalachian Councils to become the **GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS**.

We will be called the **“SOUTHERN REGION”** of the new council.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION: From **August 1 to October 31, 2009** **only**, please register for “Southern Region” programs and adult learnings at www.mbgsc.org but after that date please go to the new council website (you will be re-directed from our website).

COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.mbgsc.org



SOUTHERN REGION (CHATTANOOGA)

ADDRESS

Girl Scouts • P.O. Box 15969 (1936 Dayton Blvd.) • Chattanooga, TN 37415
423-877-2688 • 800-446-2472 • Fax 423-877-5587 • www.mbgsc.org • info@mbgsc.org

HOURS

Mon. 10am - 7pm • Tues. through Thurs. 8:30am - 6pm • Fri. 8:30am - 12:30 pm
Saturdays: 8:30am - 12:30 pm on the following dates only:
Aug. 15, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Mar. 27. Call for special summer hours.

HOLIDAYS & CLOSINGS

Winter Holidays: The Service Center closes Dec. 23 at 12:30pm and will reopen on Jan. 4.
Other Holiday Closings: Sept. 7, Jan. 18, Nov. 26 & 27, May 31, July 5.

DIRECTIONS:

From downtown Chattanooga, go north on Hwy 27 and take the Dayton Blvd. exit.
Go approx. three blocks. We are located on the right.
From Hwy. 27 south going toward Chattanooga, take the Signal Mtn. Blvd. exit. Turn left onto Signal Mtn. Blvd. At traffic light, turn left onto Dayton Blvd. and go approx. two blocks (.9 miles).
We are located on the right.

COUNTIES

Tennessee
Bledsoe
Bradley
Grundy
Hamilton
McMinn
Marion
Meigs
Polk
Rhea
Sequatchie
Van Buren

Georgia
Catoosa
Chattooga
Dade
Walker

NORTHERN REGION (JOHNSON CITY)

(The Appalachian Council in Johnson City will be known as the "Northern Region"
of the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians effective 10/1/09)

Girl Scouts • P.O. Box 3100 CRS (1100 Woodland Avenue) • Johnson City, TN 37602
423-929-8185 • Fax 423-929-8117 • www.girlscoutsappalachian.org
Hours: Mon. 9am-7pm • Tues. through Fri. 9am-5pm • Sat. as needed. Call for special summer hours.

COUNTIES

Tennessee - Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi, Washington
Virginia - Dickenson, Lee, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Washington, Wise

COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS (Also referred to as the CENTRAL REGION) (KNOXVILLE)

(The Tanasi Council in Knoxville will be known as the "Council Headquarters"
of the Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians effective 10/1/09)

GIRL SCOUT COUNCIL OF THE SOUTHERN APPALACHIANS

Girl Scouts • 1567 Downtown West Blvd. • Knoxville, TN 37919
865-688-9440 • Fax 865-689-9835 • www.tanasi.org
Hours: Mon. 9am-7pm • Tues. through Fri. 9am-5pm • Sat. as needed • Call for special summer hours.

DIRECTIONS:

From Chattanooga, take I-75 N toward Knoxville.
Take the Bridgewater Road exit, EXIT 379, toward Walker Springs Rd/Gallaher View Rd. Turn right onto Bridgewater Rd NW. Turn left onto Kingston Pike/US-70/TN-1. Turn right onto Downtown West Blvd SW. Enter the Downtown West Village at the Girl Scout building.
Estimated time from Southern Region office in Chattanooga to Knoxville: 1 hour 46 min. (107 miles).

TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR COUNCIL: 800-474-1912

COUNCIL WEB ADDRESS: www.tanasi.org

COUNTIES

Tennessee - Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen,
Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, Union

Geographic Area (Service Units) (Southern Region)

HAMILTON COUNTY SERVICE UNITS

Report Code	Service Unit	Area Description
401	Awahila	East Brainerd, Ooltewah, Tyner, Apison, Collegedale
403	Seneca	Brainerd, East Ridge
407	Lake Village	Birchwood, Harrison, Hwy. 58
409	Seminole	Alton Park, St. Elmo (<i>S. Chattanooga</i>), Avondale, Clifton Hills, East Lake, Highland Park (<i>E. Chattanooga</i>), Downtown Chattanooga (<i>W. Chattanooga</i>), Rossville
411	Chataugua	Lupton City, North Chattanooga, Red Bank, Rivermont
418	O-Ten-Talla	Signal Mountain
419	Vallihi	Hixson, Soddy Daisy, Bakewell

OTHER TENNESSEE SERVICE UNITS

Report Code	Service Unit	Area Description
408	Cherokee	Athens, Calhoun, Englewood, Etowah, Riceville, Niota (<i>McMinn County</i>) Decatur, Ten Mile (<i>Meigs County</i>)
414	Betsy Pack	Altamont, Beersheba Springs, Coalmont, Gruetli Laager, Monteagle, Palmer, Pelham, Tracy City (<i>Grundy County</i>), Guild, Jasper, Sequatchie, South Pittsburg, Whiteside, Whitwell (<i>Marion County</i>)
416	Hiwassee	Dayton, Evensville, Grandview, Graysville (<i>TN</i>), Spring City (<i>Rhea County</i>), Sale Creek (<i>Hamilton County</i>)
417	Tejas	Dunlap (<i>Sequatchie County</i>), Spencer (<i>Van Buren County</i>)
421	Mtn. Laurel	Pikeville (<i>Bledsoe County</i>)
422	Echota	Charleston, Cleveland, Georgetown, McDonald (<i>Bradley County</i>) Benton, Ocoee, Old Fort, Reliance (<i>W. Polk County</i>)

GEORGIA SERVICE UNITS

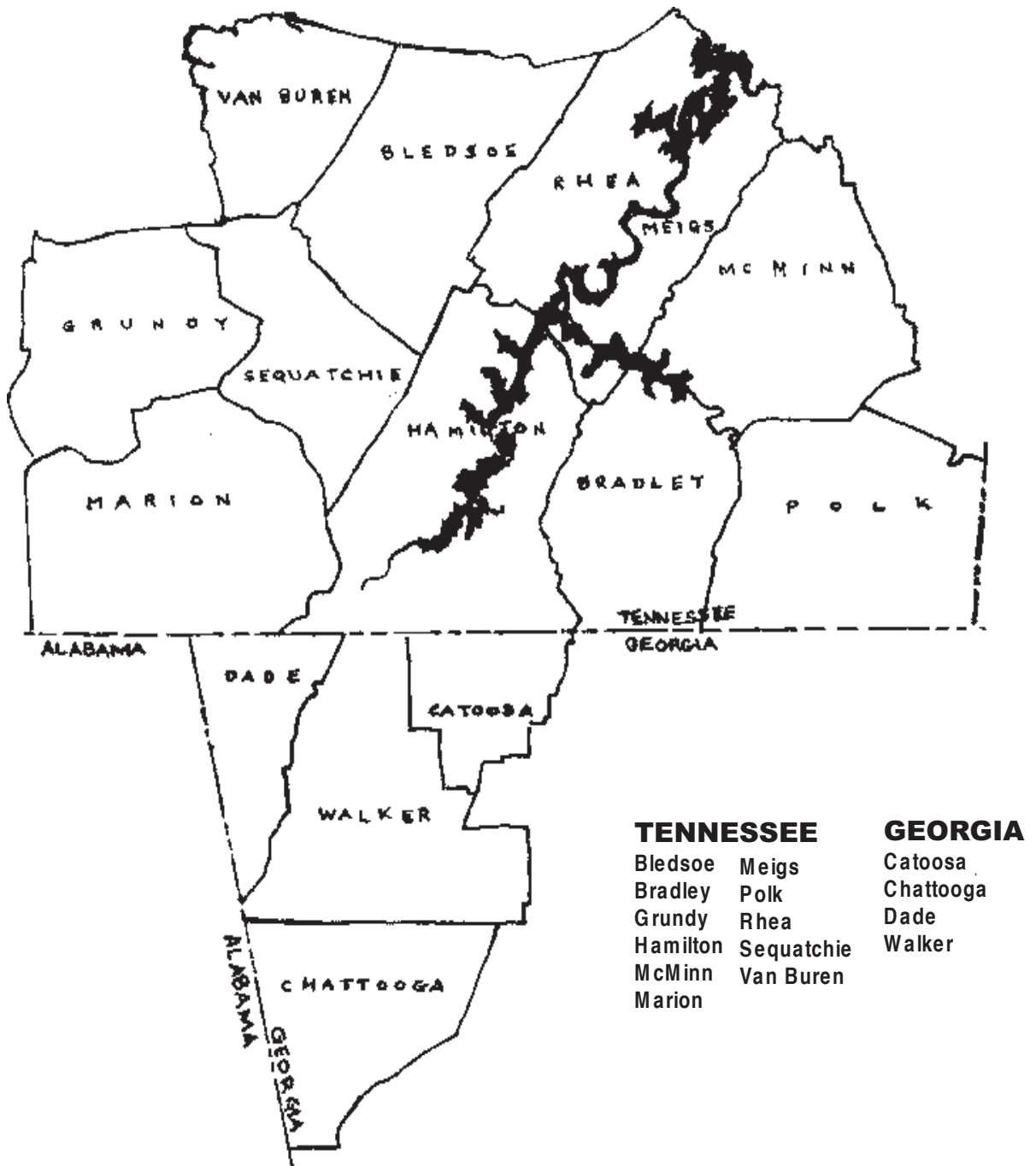
Report Code	Service Unit	Area Description
404	Lakoah	Graysville (GA) , Ringgold and Ft. Oglethorpe (<i>Catoosa County</i>)
405	Ayyoka	Lyerly, Menlo, Summerville, Trion (<i>Chattooga County</i>)
406	Sequoyah	Rising Fawn, Trenton, Wildwood (<i>Dade County</i>), Lookout Valley (<i>Walker County</i>), Tiftonia (<i>Hamilton County</i>)
410	Mtn. Shadows ...	Flintstone, Chickamauga, LaFayette, Rock Springs, Lookout Mtn., GA (<i>Walker County</i>), Lookout Mtn., TN (<i>Hamilton County</i>)

Geographic Area (Counties) (Southern Region)

The present council jurisdiction was chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA in 1957. Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council is a not-for-profit agency 501(C)(3) incorporated in the state of Tennessee and licensed to do business in Georgia. The council jurisdiction includes 11 counties in Tennessee and 4 counties in Georgia.

The Board of Directors is elected by the delegate body. Delegates are elected by service units to represent them at the meetings of the council.

To carry out the daily operations of the council, the council is divided into 17 service units. Working in conjunction with council staff under the direction of the CEO or Regional V. President, teams of volunteers provide service to support other volunteers in the units as they carry out the Girl Scout program.



Council Authority and Responsibility

Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council (Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians beginning 10/1/09) shall have the authority and responsibility to: provide and safeguard the Girl Scout program; build an organization to serve its membership; secure and direct personnel; extend membership opportunities to all girls within its jurisdiction; finance its work; and develop its community and public relationships. However, a council shall not have the authority to establish any form of council membership dues. The council shall be accountable to the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts of the United States of America for the proper exercise of this authority. All Girl Scout troops in all the communities within the territory of Girl Scouts of Moccasin Bend Council (Girl Scout Council of the Southern Appalachians beginning 10/1/09) shall be under its jurisdiction, and the Girl Scouts of the United States of America shall act through the council in its relations with these troops and communities.

Troop Activities and Trips

All forms required are located in the Forms section.

Safety-Wise reference: Checklist for Travel Readiness, pp. 49-51; Chapter 5, Camping Activities, pp. 84-93.

1. CHANGES IN TROOP MEETINGS

Contact your council representative for requirements and forms.

- 2. TROOP ACTIVITIES** requiring notification to council. Call your regional office and request the Troop Tripping Packet for trips/activities outside of the normal meeting place. Allow three weeks for processing, however, extended trips such as a trip to the Juliette Low Birthplace or international travel requires additional time.

3. FIRST AID

Contact your council representative for requirements and forms.

4. MOTOR VEHICLE REPORTS

Contact your council representative for requirements and forms.

5. SAFETY SEATS (CHILD RESTRAINT LAWS)

In TN, see: www.tennessee.gov/safety/newCRD.htm

In GA, see: www.goahs.state.ga.us/safetyseatlaw.html

In VA, see: www.vahealth.org/injury/safetyseat/laws.htm

Reminder: When you travel across state lines, you must abide by laws in that state.



HELP GIRLS GROW STRONG IN GIRL SCOUTING

Make a contribution!

There are many opportunities to help support Girl Scouts. Make a contribution to scholarship funds in memory or honor of someone who has made a difference in your life.

Show your commitment!

Have you made a donation lately? If you are an employee, did you know that the following companies will match your contribution to Girl Scouts?

American Express	Coca-Cola
Regions Bank	Olin Chemical Corp.
Bank of America	PepsiCo., Inc.
AT&T	UNUM
Bowater	Sears Roebuck & Co.
CIGNA & Sub.	SunBelt Coatings (Cleve.)
Duracell	The Home Depot
First TN Bank	Winn Dixie Stores, Inc.
Whirlpool	WRGrace

Also, if you are a Wal-Mart employee, this company will make a donation for your volunteer time with Girl Scouts. If you would like more information about any of

Activity Accident Insurance for Members

What is the purpose of the plan?

To assure that every registered Girl Scout is automatically covered by *accident* insurance during normal program activities, except those events which last more than two consecutive nights (three nights when one of the nights is a federal holiday, such as Memorial or Labor Day). Coverage is automatic for all girls upon registration in GSUSA and payment of dues.

On a troop level, what is meant by an approved, supervised Girl Scout activity?

It is an activity carried out by girls who are members of GSUSA under the overall supervision of adults, in keeping with Girl Scout Program Standards. (See the following publications: Blue Book, Safety-Wise and the Handbooks. If more information is needed, ask your council.)

Are activities engaged in independently, that is, on their own, by one or more members of the troop, covered?

No. Personal activities engaged in by girls, individually or in groups, on their own are not included within the meaning of "approved, supervised Girl Scout activity."

If a member is injured while individually practicing skills for a badge or learning a sport, such as individual roller skating or horseback riding, is she covered?

No. These are individual activities conducted outside of the troop and not under the direct supervision of troop leadership.

Are fund-raising drives and money-earning events covered?

Yes, if they are council approved and supervised.

Is traveling to and from a troop meeting covered?

Yes. The insurance includes travel directly to and from troop meetings.

Is a new member automatically covered when she joins a troop?

New members are covered when they pay membership dues and their registration is put in process. For the purposes of this

insurance plan, a new registrant who has met the requirements of membership, including payment of membership dues, becomes covered when the troop leader has received the dues, accepted the registrant as a member and has forwarded the registration and dues to the council office. *If the leader delays sending the registration and membership dues to the council office until the troop is due to reregister, the new member is not covered in the meantime.* Up to 13 months of insurance coverage is provided for new members registered in the month of September. New members and late reregistrants joining the troop after the troop registration has been sent are *not eligible for coverage until the leader forwards the registration and membership dues to the council office.*

Are program events, including camping, of two consecutive nights or less covered by the Basic Plan regardless of the number of participants?

Yes. All registered members participating in approved, supervised program/camping events lasting two nights or less are covered. A third consecutive night is covered when one of the nights is a federal holiday, such as Memorial or Labor Day.

What are examples of events that could last more than two nights and would be excluded under the Basic Plan?

Resident camping, Destinations and all sorts of trips and travel.

If an event lasts four or five nights, will the first two overnights be covered under the Basic Plan?

No. The entire event is excluded from the Basic Plan, including travel to and from. An Optional Plan of activity insurance would need to be arranged through your council to cover the entire period of the event. Contact your council, describe the event, indicate inclusive dates, and number of girls and adults participating.

If an event begins Friday after school and ends Sunday afternoon, does this meet the definition of a two-night event?

Yes, it is covered under the Basic Plan.

Would coverage be provided for a member who became ill during an activity?

No. Sickness is not covered. Only medical expense arising out of an accident during an approved, supervised activity is covered. Accident and sickness insurance may be arranged by your council for approved trips and other events which last three days or longer.

Are nonregistered mothers, troop consultants or other persons assisting the leader covered?

No. Only registered girl and adult members are covered.

Are "tagalongs" (brothers, sisters, friends) covered? No.

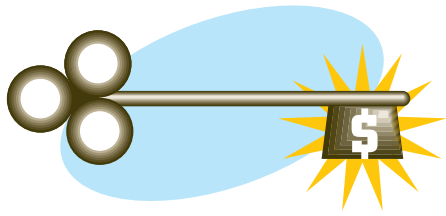
Is it possible to insure groups of unregistered participants in approved, supervised Girl Scout activities?

Yes, optional coverage is available for such approved Girl Scout activities as nursery units at day camp, a special community group invited to join a council sponsored event, boys who are active participants in coed activities. Consult your council for further information about Optional Plans of insurance.

Are covered medical expenses under this plan payable regardless of the existence of other insurance policies?

Yes, up to \$125.00. When \$125.00 in benefits has been paid for covered medical or dental expense, any subsequent benefits for the same accident will be payable only for covered expenses that exceed the limit of benefits available under other forms of insurance or health care programs...up to the specified maximum. (This provision applies only to the medical and dental expense benefits. The benefits for ambulance service, accidental death or dismemberment and paralysis are payable regardless of other insurance.)

Financial Assistance Fund



NEW GUIDELINES

What is the Financial Assistance Fund?

The Financial Assistance Fund, which pays for membership dues and programs for girls who can not afford Girl Scouting, is funded by cookie proceeds. The limited funds can be accessed by leaders or parents. This fund is based on need and financial information supplied from parents. Parent(s) complete the financial information and the troop leader completes the reference portion of the form. **Make sure that requests are based on NEED only.**

Membership Fee Financial Assistance

A parent of a Juliette or the leader of a troop with a girl who cannot afford the \$12 membership fee only needs to attach a note to the registration form requesting Financial Assistance for that girl or talk to your council representative.

Program Financial Assistance

Ask your council representative for a Financial Assistance form that can be used for program event fees for girls who cannot afford an event. This two-sided form must be received prior to the first event deadline (Financial Assistance funds will not pay for late fees). When approved, the form can be used for up to five program events.

Merchandise Financial Assistance

Merchandise will be the following: vest, sash, insignia, troop #'s, flag patch, fun patches, Try-Its, Badges, Interest Project patches, Awards, membership pin, World Association pin, Journeys book, Handbook/IP Book. Note: If the item requested is a vest or sash, the form must include the girl's name, level, troop number and size. Leaders will be notified when merchandise is ready for pickup.

How do I know if the request is approved?

You will receive a phone call or email.

Submit to your regional office:

NORTHERN

GSCSA
P.O. Box 3100 CRS
Johnson City, TN 37602-3100
Fax: 423-929-8117

CENTRAL

GSCSA
1567 Downtown West Blvd.
Knoxville, TN 37919
Fax 865-688-1235

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