



## Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois

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## News Release

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### Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois to hold annual *All That Glitters Awards Ceremony April 25, 2010*

**Glen Carbon, Illinois** – The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois (GSSI) will hold their annual *All That Glitters* awards ceremony on Sunday, April 25, 2010 to honor Girl Scouts who have earned their Girl Scout Gold Award or Girl Scout Silver Award as well as graduating Girl Scout Seniors. The event will be held at 2:00pm at Seasons at Rend Lake Golf Course in Whittington, Illinois.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award for girls in Girl Scouting. Only about 5 percent of eligible girls, who are Girl Scout Seniors and Girl Scout Ambassadors, take the rigorous path toward earning this prestigious award, but those who complete the journey change the lives of others and their own in amazing and significant ways.

The Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, is symbolic of accomplishments in Girl Scouting and community activities as a girl becomes her best self and builds the world around her. The Girl Scout Silver Award project benefits a girl's community and can be earned as an individual or as part of a group.

Current Girl Scouts who will be graduating high school this spring will also be recognized at the event for their commitment to Girl Scouting.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois became operational on October 1, with the successful merging of the Girl Scouts of River Bluffs and the Girl Scouts of Shagbark councils. GSSI is a high-capacity Girl Scout council serving approximately 14,500 girls and 5,100 adult volunteers in 40 ½ counties in southern Illinois. This

restructuring was part of a national Girl Scouts of the USA initiative to create councils that are well equipped to provide compelling, contemporary and relevant experiences that meet the needs of girls in today's fast-changing world.

Girl Scouting has inspired more than 50 million girls and women since its founding in 1912. As we approach the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Girl Scouting, councils nationwide are joining in a historic organizational transformation centered around the best leadership development experience for girls in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, while ensuring the traditions and values that have been core to Girl Scouting since its beginning remain strong and relevant.

The Girl Scouts of Southern Illinois is a not-for-profit organization supported by various United Ways throughout the region. The Girl Scouts is a Proud Partner of United Way.

*Anyone interested in attending the All That Glitters ceremony should contact the Mt. Vernon Regional Service Center at (618) 242-5079. For more information, please call Tricia Higgins at (618) 242-5079 or Erin Johnson at (618) 692-0692.*

**The Girl Scout Mission:** Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

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