# USAGSO SPANGDAHLEM NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Girl Scouts,

I want to take this opportunity to officially welcome you to our Girl Scouting Community



here at Spangdahlem! Many exciting, busy and fun adventures lie ahead for us this year. Please do not hesitate to come to me with any questions or concerns that you might have.

Our Overseas Committee Management Team works very hard to help develop our Girl Scouts to their fullest potential, but it is not possible without everyone's involvement. Working side by side is sure to reflect a successful Girl Scouting program.

I genuinely respect and deeply care about each girl in our program. Thank you so much for trusting us to be role models in this community. We are looking forward to an adventurous year!

Your's in Girl Scouting, Courtney Adkins



### MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies earned their Safety Pin or First Aid Badge at our communities' first ever level specific event. Our event coordinator, Maria Menlove, threw a "Very Merry Un-First Aid Tea Party. Girls were encouraged to dress as mad as they liked while enjoying a warm dinner with tea, sandwiches, and treats. Two technicians from the Spangdahlem Medical Clinic stopped by to explain everything from bug bites to choking and wrapping a wound to calling 112. (Photo booth pictures coming soon!)





## Our Mission:

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

#### **VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT**



Hello, My name is Jessica Yates and I am the Daisy leader this year for Troop 56053. I was born in Lewiston Maine, but my father was in the Air Force, so we moved around a lot! I am the youngest of four kids. I served in the Air Force just after I married my husband. We have three amazing, creative and spirited children, two lazy dogs, and 2 cats (they are back in the states with my mom). After having my son, I got into photography and haven't stopped! I am a photographer, reader, hiker, animal lover and adventurer!

I was a Girl Scout and the lessons the program taught me, as well as the friendships I made, have been some of the best in my life. I have always loved how Girl Scouts teaches young girls to be strong, brave and kind. I suppose that is what motivated me to become involved in the organization. Also, this will be my daughters first year as a Daisy, I am so excited to watch our troop grow!

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#### BRONZE SILVER GOLD

"Bronze. Silver. Gold. These represent the highest honors a Girl Scout can earn. All three awards give you the chance to do big things while supporting an issue you care about. You might plant a community garden at your school or inspire others to eat healthy foods for your Bronze, advocate for animal rights for your Silver, or build a career network that encourages girls to become scientists and engineers for your Gold. Whatever you choose, you'll inspire others (and yourself)."



For more information on guidelines, project examples, benefits, and more - visit usagso.org.

#### **PARADE FUN**

On October 16 our community joined the Spangdahlem High School Homecoming Parade around base housing. We got to throw candy, sing songs, and represent our program, as well as our Spangdahlem pride!



Empowered women, empower women.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### Nov. 17

Deadline for Our Chalet \$80.00 Deposit

Nov. 17

Teen Late Over

Dec. 8

Volunteer Christmas Party

Dec. 16 OCMT Winter Celebration Bitburg İce Skating Rink Dec. 18 to Jan. 3 OCMT Winter Break

#### MANDERSCHEID CABIN CAMPING

Our community celebrated Juliette Low's birthday on the third weekend of October. Girl Scouts walked to the Manderscheid Castle ruin, attended an Investiture and Re-dedication ceremony, made new friends, sang songs, made S.W.A.P.S. and dream catchers, ate s'mores and cobbler, and discovered new strengths. When asked, the majority of Girl Scouts

want to camp, making this the first of many camping trips to come!





OUR CHALET TRIP April Bowyer, our Treasurer and Senior Troop Leader, is planning a community trip to Our Chalet in the Swiss Alps the weekend of April 13, 2018. Our Chalet is one of 5 WAGGGS World Centers; it is a place most Girl Scouts have to save years worth of cookie money to visit. Are you interested in reserving a spot for your Girl Scout? This trip is open to all levels and requires a nonrefundable deposit of \$80.00 by November 17. Please contact April for more information: april\_moses@yahoo.com - she looks forward to hearing from you!

#### **THERE'S A PATCH FOR THAT!**

Is your family planning a Saturday in Trier, gearing up for the Christmas Markets, walking in a St. Martins Day parade, dressing up for Fasching, or taking a trip to one of the many European cities and/or tourist cites? Did you know we have a Neighborhood Patch Program that gives Girl Scouts the ultimate souvenirs from their time spent in Europe? We have partnered up with other USAGSO communities in order to give your family a multitude of options. Each patch costs between \$2.25 to \$3.00, and some will have fun requirements that ensure Girl Scouts have a memorable experience while learning. Contact spangdahlemgirlscouts@usagso.org for more information.

