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Girl Scouts designate Springfield as location for administrative center for future Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Council

As part of the realignment process which will combine five Missouri Girl Scout councils, Springfield, Mo. has been designated the administrative center for the future Girl Scouts of the Missouri Heartland Council. The facility at 210 S. Ingram Mill Road in Springfield, which has operated as the council service center for Girl Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council, Inc. since 1994, will serve as the administrative center office beginning Oct. 1, 2008. The 11,100 square-foot building is located on 2.15 acres and faces Highway 65.

The four other regional service center offices in Cape Girardeau, Dexter, Jefferson City, and Joplin will continue to provide services for girls and volunteers throughout the new service area which includes 62 counties in Missouri, three counties in Kansas, and two counties in Oklahoma.

A 13-member committee of Girl Scout staff and volunteers representing each of the current councils chose the location through an objective decision-making process. “We recommended Springfield after comparing the five existing service centers in terms of our physical needs for the new, larger council, the visibility of the service centers and current community support,” said Mary Daly, Council Realignment Committee (CRC) Property Subcommittee co-chair and chair of the Board of Directors of Girl Scouts-Heart of Missouri Council. “We also examined the demographics of the new Girl Scout region, its population centers, and community growth.” Linda Du Brul, Girl Scouts of Dogwood Trails Council, Inc. outdoor program director, co-chaired the CRC Property Subcommittee.

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The subcommittee's recommendation was endorsed by the full CRC when it met January 11 and 12 in Joplin, Mo. at the Girl Scout Council of the Ozark Area service center.

Girl Scout councils throughout the United States are realigning to increase their capacity to serve girls through a powerful leadership development program. The new council will be one of three serving the state of Missouri. The other councils are based in Kansas City and St. Louis.

Information regarding the realignment is available on the web at www.girlscoutsrscmo.org.

Girl Scouts of the USA is the preeminent leadership development organization for girls, with 3.7 million girl and adult members worldwide. Founded in 1912, Girl Scouting is the leading authority on girls' healthy development, and builds girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The organization serves girls in every corner of the United States, including Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, as well as destinations abroad.

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