

## Girl Scout activities announced

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There are some Girl Scout activities in the Northeastern Colorado area this summer that girls, ages 5-17, are encouraged to get involved in. To participate in any of these events, girls need not be a current registered Girl Scout.

The first event is an Open House at Pawnee Lodge in Pioneer Park in Sterling on Friday, June 12 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Local Girl Scout Laurianna May has done some remodeling, organization and clean-up at Pawnee Lodge, where troops in the area have their troop meetings and other events, as part of her Silver Award project. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest earned award for Girl Scouts ages 12-14, the second highest in Girl Scouting.

The public is invited to the open house and is encouraged to attend and show their support for May.

The second event is a day camp called "Art in the Park." The camp is being offered June 22-26 at Pioneer Park from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each day during the week.

At the camp, girls will learn about Girl Scout songs and games, have fun making crafts, be exposed to some of the "Power Up" bullying prevention activities and make new friends. There will also be some "healthy living" activities the girls will take part in.

For more information about the day camp or to register a girl, contact Ravon Krueger at 854-5523.

The third event is a program for girls ages 14-17 called Challenge and Change. This is an eight-month program that teaches girls how to become "Social Entrepreneurs." It begins with a couple of pre-retreat meetings with the girls who have been identified for the program to assess needs that exist in their communities, followed by a five-day, four-night retreat.

This year's retreat will be held on the campus of Northeastern Junior College in Sterling July 13-17. Girls do not have to be a current Girl Scout to participate in this program. It is funded by the USDA and targeted for counties in Northeastern Colorado.

After the retreat, girls will return to their respective communities armed with a plan to implement their projects. The Challenge and Change program uses business strategies such as asset mapping, causal mapping, a personal compass, the use of the PBS "New Heroes Videos" as examples of social entrepreneurs and strategies for making a pitch for support of their projects, as well as how to write proposals and obtain seed funding.

This is a comprehensive program that gives girls "real world" skills they will be able to take to the college campus and then to the workplace. Girls interested in participating in this program should contact Peg Peterson at 970-522-5233 or [peg.peterson@gscolorado.org](mailto:peg.peterson@gscolorado.org).