

USAGSO from A-Z Conference

July 15 – 18, 2001

Edith Macy Conference Center
Briarcliff Manor, New York

Dear USAGSO from A-Z Conference Participants,

The USAGSO staff in NY is excited about having the opportunity to meet you in July! We have been in contact with the Adult Education Registration Desk regarding status on each of your registrations. As of today, we have received registration information on the people who have a double asterisk before their name:

**D'Anna Hohe - LTCC, Bahrain
**Kim Jaulin Powell - new LTCC, Paris, France
**Lise Ducrey - LTCC, Paris, France
**Maribeth Tanen - new LTCC, Hong Kong
**Adrienne Allie Bean - Store Manager, Troop Leader, Kuwait
**Karla Meyer - LTC Secretary, Troop Leader, Kuwait
**Katie Cox - LTCC, Kuwait
**Maureen Lamb - new LTCC, Panama
**Heather Redmond - Troop leader, Manila Philippines
**Carole Ellenberger - Troop leader
**Meg Sine - new LTCC, Manila Philippines
**Judy Co - LTCC, Manila Philippines
**Nora Roman - Troop Leader Manila Philippines
Tawnya Hawtenberger - LTCC Singapore
Chrissie Athetron - Troop Leader, Bangladesh
Anne Houston - ISSH, Tokyo
**Cyndi Hanou - LTCC, Thessaloniki, Greece
Terri Rea - Troop Leader, Guantanamo Bay
Jodi Hicks - LTCC, Jakarta, Indonesia

If your name is not marked with asterisks, we really need to receive your paperwork. Please let us know if there is anything we can help you with. We really would love to have you attend!

We realize that many of you will begin your summer travel in the next couple of weeks so we wanted to send out some general information of things to bring and prepare to share at the conference.

On Tuesday July 17th, we will be traveling into New York City as a group to visit Girl Scout Headquarters for a tour of the building and to meet with staff representatives from different departments that work with USAGSO locations.

The Girl Scouts Shop at Headquarters will be open— You will be given an opportunity to spend time in the shop. Major Credit Cards are accepted.

Tuesday Night Dinner will be on your own. Or you may join Sandy for dinner and a Broadway show. Ticket prices for a Broadway show will be about 50.00 per person and dinner will cost about 30.00 per person (not including alcoholic beverages). Payment for tickets will be collected on Sunday July 15th.

If you are interested in seeing a Broadway show with Sandy please select your first and second choice of shows and e-mail your selection to Lupe Garza (lgarza@girlscouts.org). We will let you know which show we will see together:

Broadway Show Options:

- Aida - Elton Hon and Tim Rice's new musical is an unforgettable tale of love, betrayal, and courage. www.disneyonbroadway.com
- Les Miserable-Musical adaptation of the classic Victor Hugo novel is the "World's most popular musical".
- Fosse: A Celebration In Song And Dance- Cast of 36 dancers sizzle on a journey through the extraordinary career of showman Bob Fosse.
- Music Man -The classic, all-American salute to music, romance, and fast-talking flimflam. www.themusicmanbroadway.com
- Phantom of the Opera - Andrew Lloyd Webber's award-winning musical, now entering its 14th "phantastic" year.
- The Lion King - This Tony Award-winning musical is "unlike anything Broadway has ever seen"!-Daily News. www.disneyonbroadway.com

Show & Tell Opportunities, We are asking that each participant come prepared to share the following items:

- 3 Girl Scout Songs to teach the group. Action songs repeat, traditional campfire, silly songs are welcomed. Due to copyright laws, please do not bring photocopies of the word or music.
- A craft activity – Please only bring the sample craft to show and explain how to make it. If there are directions please feel free to e-mail them to Lupe Garza (lgarza@girlscouts.org) to be photo copied and brought to the conference.
- If you location has something special to share or brag about – a newsletter, web site, recruitment brochure, photo journal of your Girl Scout year etc.... Please feel free to bring those items. There will be a table displaying these items.
- Bring Swaps – We suggest bring about 20 swaps. Swaps are a special little token you have either made or purchase that is symbolic of your location, or camp name, or about your Girl Scout troop. For example: A swap from a person in New York could be a small pin that has a cardboard shape apple with New York and a troop number written on it and glued to it. If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting Lupe (lgarza@girlscouts.org)

Weather in New York

Usually the weather is very humid and hot. There is an outdoor swimming pool at the conference center.

It tends to rain a lot in New York...you can buy cheap \$3-5. Umbrellas from street vendors if it should rain.

What Clothes to Bring

The conference facility is air-conditioned. Please bring comfortable clothes.

On Tuesday July 17th, we ask that wear summer business casual clothing to visit Girl Scout headquarters. You will be visiting many department representatives.

New Yorkers walk a lot.... Be sure to bring comfortable shoes.

There are walking trails at the conference center.

On Wednesday will be hosting a special pinning ceremony. Girl Scout uniform is optional.

Transportation Cost

The subway cost 1.50 per ride

The bus is 1.50 fare

The Metro North Train System stops in Chappaqua and goes to Grand Central Station the cost is about 5.50 each way. Much easier, cost effective and stress free than driving into the city.

Airport Pick up

If we have received your registration form, a Transportation form will be sent to you asking for detailed information on your transportation to the conference center. This is the form that you will use to request pick up from the airport. Please be sure to fax this information in to the Edith Macy Conference Center at 914-945-8009. They will arrange to pick you up at the airport.

All Meals and Breaks are included in your Room & Board. Only Tuesday Night Dinner is your responsibility.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting Lupe (lgarza@girlscouts.org). We look forward to meeting each of you.

See you in July!