

TAKE CHARGE!
Violence Prevention Education, Conflict Resolution & Law

NATIONAL FALL PILOT PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEER LAWYERS AND LAW STUDENTS

PARTICIPATING CITIES

**Baltimore
Cincinnati
Chicago**

**Denver
Miami
New York City**

**Philadelphia
San Antonio/Austin
San Diego**

**Tampa
Troy, N.Y**



[NOTE: All photos taken during program at Girl Scouts of Chicago Council's Camp Butternut Springs, December 2006.]

OVERVIEW

The American Bar Association and the Girl Scouts of the USA are seeking volunteer lawyers and law students to facilitate "Take Charge: Violence Prevention Education, Conflict Resolution, and Law," a national pilot program for girls ages 12-18 scheduled to take place in 11 major cities this fall. Programs may take place during a troop meeting or at a nearby campground. Some programs may require an overnight or weekend stay.

Interested young lawyers, law students, and/or law firms should contact their local Girl Scout Councils (see below) directly to volunteer as facilitators for the program.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

"Take Charge: Violence Prevention Education, Conflict Resolution, and Law" uses an interactive curriculum that combines law-related education, leadership and career development, and violence prevention education to introduce these concepts at a critical point in girls' development. Focus issues include:

- Conflict recognition and resolution (activities and discussions)
- School safety (includes case study and discussion on "search and seizure" at school)
- The presence and impact of the law in our lives (LRE activities)
- [Teen dating violence prevention facts and recommendations](#) (ABA-produced DVD and debrief)
- Careers in the law (formal presentations and informal discussions led by volunteer lawyers)
- Mock trial (preparation, presentation and debrief with volunteer lawyers serving as coaches)

BACKGROUND

To identify the challenges at-risk youth face and to mobilize the American Bar Association, ABA President (2006-2007) Karen Mathis established the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk to explore ways that lawyers can better support America's young people. After a successful initial pilot program conducted in partnership with the Girl Scouts of Chicago Council and the Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers Section in Fall 2006, "Take Charge! Violence Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Law" launched a national pilot series as a collaborative strategy by which the legal system and the youth serving community can work together to better guide young girls to right choices and a

brighter future. By working with local lawyers and law students as volunteers, the ABA and the Girl Scouts hope to reach hundreds of teen girls in major urban centers.

ONLINE MEDIA KIT

ABA & Girl Scouts Announce Anti-Violence Program



“Take Charge!” Program

Diane Tukman, Director of Healthy Living Initiative for the Girl Scout of USA.



“Capacity to Reach Girls”

Diane Tukman, Director of Healthy Living Initiative for the Girl Scout of USA

PRESS RELEASE

Announcement of National Pilot Launch (ABA Midyear Meeting, February 2007)

LOCAL GIRL SCOUT CONTACT LIST

<u>City/State</u>	<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Staff Contact</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Denver, CO	Girl Scouts - Mile Hi Council	Leslie Howard	leslie@gsmhc.org	303-778-8774	Nov. 17-18, 2007
Miami, FL	Girl Scout Council of Tropical Florida, Inc.	Nydia Vallejo	nvallejo@girlscoutsfl.org	305-253-4841	Oct 5-6, 2007
Baltimore, MD	Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc.	Margaret Chippendale	mchippendale@gscm.org	410-358-9711	Nov. 30 - Dec 2, 2007
Chicago, IL	Girl Scouts of Chicago	Theresa Salus	TSalus@girlscouts-chicago.org	312-416-2500	Fall 2007 (Exact dates TBD)
Tampa, FL	Girl Scouts of Suncoast Council, Inc.	Amy Foster Hall	ahall@gsqfsc.org	813-281-4475	Nov. 10, 2007 (9am-4pm)
New York, NY	Girl Scout Council of Greater New York, Inc.	Dawn Nolan, Maggie Vasquez, Karen Lungard	dnolan@girlscoutsny.org ; nyc.org:mvasquez@girlscoutsny.org Klundgard@girlscoutsny.org	212-645-4000 X228	Nov. 2-4, 2007 (Tentative)
Cincinnati, OH	Girl Scout Great Rivers Council, Inc.	Susan Osborne, Kelly Ramsey, Kellee Echeverria	sosborn@grgsc.org kramsey@grgsc.org kecheverria@grgsc.org	513-489-1025	Fall 2007 (Exact dates TBD)
Albany, NY	Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York	Mary Cotton Richard, Connie Tahler	mcrichard@gsnny.org	516-489-8110 518 374-3345	Nov. 30- Dec. 2
San Antonio, TX	Girl Scouts of the San Antonio Area	Lea Rosanonell, Jenny Leighton	rosenauer@sagirlscouts.org jleighton@sagirlscouts.org	210-349-2404	Fall 2007 (Exact dates TBD)
San Diego, CA	Girl Scouts, San Diego-Imperial Council, Inc.	Aimee Zeitz	azeitz@girlscoutssdi.org	619-298-8391	Tentatively Jan or Feb 2008

SPONSORING ENTITIES

[ABA Commission on Youth at Risk](#) | [ABA Division for Public Education](#) | [Girl Scouts of the USA](#)