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GIRL-WISE CONFERENCE

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit along with the Lake County Juvenile Justice Council and the College of Lake County continue to partner with agencies in the community to present the 5th Annual Girl-Wise Conference. This conference will take place at the College of Lake County on Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. "The conference has proven to be a very successful annual event," according to Chief Judge Dave Hall, "and the number of attendees increases each year."

The planning committee of this conference includes representatives from Juvenile Probation Services, UCAN, OMNI Youth Services, Girl Scouts of America, Connections Day School, Counseling Connections, Waukegan High School, the College of Lake County, and women in the community. All funding used for this conference was acquired through donations from various agencies in the community, as well as personal donations from representatives of the committee. The conference will offer junior high and high school females an opportunity to attend workshops that promote creativity, healthy bodies, healthy minds, relationships, internet safety and substance abuse awareness.

The day will begin with the girls having an opportunity to visit different resource booths to gather information about available programming in the community. Additionally, staff from the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit will present the Jr's Challenge Course and have the girls participate in activities that promote teamwork, self-esteem, leadership, and "thinking outside the box." Juvenile Court Judge Sarah Lessman will introduce the girls to the activities for the day.

The College of Lake County will provide lunch for all of the girls. Following lunch the girls will watch a play performed by OMNI Youth Services Reality Troupe, who will present a performance highlighting adolescent struggles. The day will conclude with door prizes and a raffle. Among the items being raffled is a 19 inch flat screen television. Every girl will be a winner because they will leave the conference with a "goodie bag."

The conference is open to all girls in the community who are currently in junior high or high school, and there is no fee to attend. Advanced registration is requested and can be completed online at <http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/> or by telephone at 847.377.7800.

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