

**Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital  
presents**



**The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports**  
125 Michigan Avenue, NE  
Washington, DC 20017  
**April 26, 2008**

## Girl Scout Promise

On my honor, I will try:  
To serve God\* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

## Girl Scout Law

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

\*The word "God" can be interpreted in a number of ways, depending on one's spiritual beliefs. When reciting the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay to replace the word "God" with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate.

# What is Stepping?

Stepping, rooted in the cultural dance traditions of Africa and made popular in the United States by African-American fraternities and sororities since the early 1900s, is a form of percussive dance in which the entire body is used as an instrument to produce complex rhythms and sounds through a mixture of footsteps, spoken word, and hand claps.

The art form is universal and highly appealing to young people as they use movement, words and sounds to communicate allegiance to a group – in this case, the Girl Scouts! Today, stepping can be found in schools, churches and community-based organizations across the United States and the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital is proud to have our girls participate in this exciting tradition and community-building event.

## Teams

### **Brownies**

Troop 6563, Service Unit 43-1, Washington, DC

### **Juniors**

Troop 1451, Service Unit 42-1, Washington, DC

Troop 1744, Service Unit 22-2, Prince George's County, MD

Troop 1618, Service Unit 23-9, Prince George's County, MD

Troop 5174, Service Unit 44-1, Washington, DC

### **Cadette/Senior**

Troops 2920 and 5378, Service Unit 42-1, Washington, DC

Troop 4054, Service Unit 31-3, Montgomery County, MD

Troop 656, Service Unit 52-10, Fairfax County, VA

### **Multi-Level**

Troop 5773, Service Unit 44-1, Washington, DC

Troop 6286, Service Unit 21-1, Prince George's County, MD

Troops 2830 and 4941, Service Unit 43-1, Washington, DC

Troop 1240, Service Unit 44-3, Washington, DC

Troop 6601, Service Unit 44-3, Washington, DC

Troop 43000, Service Unit 43-2, Washington, DC

## Program Booths

(11:00 a.m. — Noon)

**Be a Leader With Calleva**

**Face Painting**

**Step Showcase Swaps**

**Girl Scout Central**

**Washington Mystics Basketball**

**First Tee**

**Creative Memories Scrapbooking**

**Verizon Wireless**

**Step Back in Time at Historic Dumbarton House**

**Discover Portraiture at the National Portrait Gallery**

## Special Performances

### **African Dance by Femi**

Femi Manners is a professional dancer and facilitator with Andrew Cacho African Drummers and Dancers and the Market Five Gallery Dance Theatre of Washington, DC. She is the CEO of African Dance by Femi. She teaches in Baltimore County at Flair Dance Studios, the Children's Dance Ministry at First Baptist Church of Highland Park in Landover, MD, and is the founder and director of the Thomas G. Pullen African Drumming and Dancing Troupe located in Landover, MD. Femi loves sharing African history, culture and traditional values with children and adults. She recently received a special congressional certificate of recognition from the U.S. House of Representatives.



### **Xi Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**

### **Pearls of Precision Step Team**

The Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha was chartered in 1923 in Washington, DC. Comprised of over 400 dedicated individuals who serve the community each day, the chapter step team has been performing and participating in volunteer activities since 2001. Celebrating the sorority's 100th anniversary and the chapter's 85th anniversary, the step team members have been diligently working, undoubtedly illustrating their love for the sorority and the complex art form of step. The team takes pride in stepping full of enthusiasm, synchronization and poise.

# **Order of Events**

(Noon — 3:00 p.m.)

## **Opening Remarks**

Lidia Soto-Harmon, Deputy Executive Director, GSCNC  
Stacey Lucas, Area Membership Manager, GSCNC

## **Flag Ceremony, Junior Troop 588, Association 21**

### **The History of Stepping – Femi Manners**

#### **Step Afrika! Performance**

#### **Introduction of Judges**

#### **Step Team Performances**

Brownies

Juniors

#### **Step Team Performances**

Cadette/Senior

Multi-Level

#### **Judges' Deliberations**

**Performance by Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha  
Sorority, Incorporated**

**Announcement of Winners and Judges'  
Remarks**



## GSCNC DC STEP SHOWCASE 2008 EVALUATION

Please complete this evaluation form and place it in any of the boxes upon exiting the auditorium after today's event.  
You may also mail it to:  
Janette Davis , Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

Please check:

Adult

Girl

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSES:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Needs Improvement
Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Program Booth Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional Performances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please use this space for your specific comments and suggestions:

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YPS I want to be a Girl Scout!

# Yes, I want to be a Girl Scout!

**Girl's Name**

Nombre de la niña / Teån Em Gàui / 이름

**Date of Birth**

Fecha de nacimiento / Ngaøy Sinh / 생년 월 일

**Address**

Dirección / Nòa Chæ / 주소

**City**

Ciudad / Thaønñ Phóa / 시

**State**

Estado / Tieàu Bang / 주

**Zip**

Zona postal / Soá Khu Bòu Chính / 우편번호

**Home Phone**

Teléfono de casa / Nieån Thoài Nhaø / 사무실 전화번호

**Work Phone**

Teléfono de trabajo / Nieån Thoài Sôú / 집 전화번호

**E-mail address**

Correo electrónico / Nieån Thõ / email 학교이름

**School**

Escuela / Trồøng / 학교이름

**Grade**

Grado este año / Lôúp / 학년

**Parent's/Guardian's name**

Nombre de los padres o guardián / Teån Cha Meì/Giaùm Hoã / 부모성명(보호자 성명)

**Signature**

Firma / Chồø Kyù cuùa / 부모 또는 보호자 서명

**Yes, as an adult, I am interested in supporting my daughter in Girl Scouting!**  
(check all that apply.)

 Being a troop leader/co-leader Keeping troop records Helping with games, songs, arts & crafts Being an assistant leader First Aid Sharing a hobby or career Preparing or shopping for supplies

## DC STEP SHOWCASE 2008 PATCH ORDER FORM

If your troop wishes to purchase the Girl Scout DC Step Showcase 2008 patch, please complete this form and mail it to the address listed below.

**Cost of each patch is \$1.00.** Patches will be mailed to the leader after the event. Please make checks and money orders payable to: **GSCNC – DC Step Showcase 2008.**

**MAIL TO:**

**Attn: Loretta Cunningham**  
**Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital**  
**4301 Connecticut Avenue, NW**  
**Washington, DC 20008**  
**(202) 237-2670 x222**  
**Lcunningham@gscnc.org**

**Send to:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Association#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Service Unit#:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Troop Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Patches Ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_






Special Performances cont'd...

## STEP AFRiKA!

Step Afrika! is the first professional company in the world dedicated to the tradition of stepping. Founded in December 1994, the company is critically acclaimed for its efforts to promote the tradition of stepping and the art form's use as an educational tool for young people worldwide. Step Afrika! reaches tens of thousands of Americans each year and has performed on many stages in North & South America, Africa, Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. In 2006, the company received the Mayor's Arts Award for *Outstanding Contribution to Arts Education*, DC's highest honor for artists. Step Afrika! is launching its Home Performance Series at the Atlas Performing Arts Center in Washington, DC, June 12-15, 2008. Visit [www.stepafrika.org](http://www.stepafrika.org) to learn more about stepping and the company's work around the world.

**Step Afrika's! Performance Has Been Made Possible By...**

WPAS

 Class Acts Arts

Washington Performing Arts Society

### Washington Performing Arts Society's Concerts In Schools Program

Founded in 1965, Concerts In Schools is an arts exposure program that provides free music, dance and storytelling performances for many area schools. The Concerts In Schools program nurtures future audiences for the arts, sparks students' interest in a variety of art forms and fosters an appreciation of diverse cultures. Concerts In Schools events are conducted by one of more than 30 local artists and ensembles that have extensive training and experience in educational performances. In DC Schools, WPAS' Concerts In Schools program is facilitated through a partnership between WPAS and Arts for Every Student—a program of the DC Arts and Humanities Education Collaborative, Inc. For more information, call 202-533-1894.

## Judges

### ***Nikole Killion***

Award-winning television journalist Nikole Killion is a Washington-based correspondent for Hearst-Argyle Television. She files daily live reports on national news and politics for the group's 29 affiliate stations around the country. Nikole joined the company from WJLA-TV (ABC7) and NewsChannel 8 in Washington, where she served as a general assignment reporter and substitute anchor. Before moving to the nations' capital, Nikole served as an evening primetime anchor at WHAG-TV/NBC 25 in Hagerstown, MD. She also was an anchor/reporter for WFMD NewsRadio/AM 930 in Frederick, MD. During her stint in Western Maryland, Nikole earned an Associated Press Award for Outstanding Specialty Reporting. Previously Nikole was an assignment editor and field producer for NBC News in New York, where she covered the World Trade Center collapse on 9/11. Nikole has also worked on-air for Black Entertainment Television (BET), WKYT-TV (CBS) in Lexington, KY, and New York 1 News. Nikole holds both Bachelors and Masters degrees from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.

### ***Erika Robinson***

Erika Robinson is Marketing Consultant for the Washington/Baltimore/ Virginia region of Verizon Wireless. She oversees the region's marketing efforts for both the African American and youth segments. Erika began her career in media relations at C-SPAN, the public affairs network, and has held various positions in marketing and community relations at PBS and News Corporation. A native of Silver Spring, MD, Erika received her B.A. in Journalism from Temple University in Philadelphia.

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## ***Cynné Simpson***

Cynné Simpson is an award-winning journalist who anchors ABC7/WJLA-TV's Weekend Evening News. Cynné was a student at Howard University when she impressed Ted Koppel with her ability to report in English and Spanish. He personally invited her to join the ABC News "Nightline" staff. A five-time Emmy Award nominee and recipient of two William Randolph Hearst Writing Awards, Cynné is most proud of her work away from the anchor desk. In 2005, she received a Congressional Award for Community Service for her volunteer work with several charities. Cynné is currently working alongside singer/actress Mandy Moore as a national ambassador for the women's empowerment campaign, You Pump It Up. Her commitment to the community and professional achievements earned her the top spot on Ebony Magazine's 2006 list of Leaders for the Future. Originally from suburban Detroit, she grew up in Sacramento, CA. Cynné graduated magna cum laude from Howard University and studied as an exchange student in Spain and Costa Rica.

## ***Adrienne Todman***

Adrienne Todman has more than 16 years of federal and local government experience. Currently, she is the Deputy Chief of Staff for the District of Columbia Housing Authority where she has both policy and operational duties while serving the 50,000 District residents who receive DCHA's housing assistance. Ms. Todman also served as a Legislative Director in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she worked on housing, education and transportation legislation. She worked at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she managed the grant process of the national HOPE VI program, and served as a Special Assistant for Policy and Programs to then-Secretary Andrew Cuomo. Ms. Todman serves on the boards of the National Organization of African Americans in Housing and the Alumnae Association of Smith College. She is a member of the Leadership Greater Washington Class of 2007, and a recipient of both the federal Distinguished Service Award and the Hammer Award from Vice President Al Gore. She is a graduate of Smith College.

# Special Thanks!

## **The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports**

### **Nikole Killion**

Correspondent for Hearst-Argyle Television

### **Erika Robinson**

Marketing Consultant, Verizon Wireless

### **Cynné Simpson**

Weekend Anchor, ABC7/WJLA-TV's Evening News

### **Adrienne Todman**

Deputy Chief of Staff, DC Housing Authority

### **Step Afrika!**

## **The Washington Performing Arts Society**

### **Class Acts Arts**

### **Femi Manners**

### **Disney Channel**

### **Rodney Choice, Photographer**

### **Steven Mosley, Videographer**

## **Xi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.**

## **GSCNC Step Showcase Volunteer Task Force and Staff Members**

**Thank you to our sponsor, Verizon Wireless**



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