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Crochet Guild of America Offers Girl Scout Program

Rosemont, IL – The Crochet Guild of America has announced that Saturday, July 26, will be dedicated as “I Can Crochet” day. Area Girl Scouts are invited to attend the free sessions to earn credit toward their fabric and textile merit badge as well as an “I Can Crochet” activity patch for attending. This event, held at the beautiful Radisson Hotel O’Hare, 6810 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL, will give every scout who attends a chance to learn the art of crochet. The Crochet Guild is expecting a big turnout for this event. Troop leaders are invited to call 847-776-3934 to register their troops to reserve a time for the scouts’ free 2-hour crochet session. A few teachers are still needed to help the girls learn how to crochet. Please visit the Northern Illinois Crochet Guild website <http://www.nicrochet.com/> if you wish to be a volunteer teacher.

The girls will be assigned to a crochet instructor and will be given materials for making three simple crochet projects—a shoestring, a scrunchie, and a beaded crochet bracelet. Yarn and hook and other supplies will be provided at no charge to take home. In addition to learning to crochet, scouts may purchase a patch inscribed with “I Can Crochet” (cost \$1.00) provided by DRG Corporation. They will be well on their way to earning their Textiles & Fabrics Badge. Scouts, leaders, family and friends are also invited to shop at the vendor mall where every crochet product imaginable will be available. Also free of charge is “Rhythm of Crochet,” a unique exhibit of crochet art.

Chain Link 2003 celebrates the revival of crochet skills that were becoming a lost art. Again this year, crocheters will have the opportunity to choose from scores of workshops taught by skilled instructors from the United States, Canada and Australia. A schedule of classes and events as well as online registration are now available on the Internet at

<http://www.crochet.org/2003conf/index.html>

The Crochet Guild expects hundreds of crochet enthusiasts and designers from across the United States, Canada and as far away as Australia to attend the show in Rosemont, IL. This year’s event will feature a show-and-tell reception where attendees can meet crochet celebrities from around the world, a fashion show, and a gala banquet. There will also be a merchandise mall for shoppers to browse through yarns, threads, patterns and other supplies for their hobby.