

# Dunwoody Data

The Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Leaders of the Dunwoody Service Unit

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## CALENDAR

See *Connections*, *DCNR Data*, and *The Insider* for Council Activity dates, deadlines and forms

September	
15 Mon	Service Unit Meeting; registrations due!
19-21	State-wide Teen GS Conference
October	
10-12	Cobb Leader Weekend
20 Mon	Service Unit Meeting; calendar orders due!
25 Sat	Brownie Bridging Workshop
November	
8 Sat	Kidnap Breakfast
17 Mon	Service Unit Meeting

## DISTRIBUTED AT SEPTEMBER MEETING

- ! DCNR Data - September 2003
- ! Juniors Only - Looking Your Best Slumber Party
- ! Atlanta Festival Ballet Company: The Nutcracker
- ! GirlsSportsFest Patch Design Contest
- ! GSCNWG website map
- ! Publicity Tips
- ! Troop Finance Report Info sheet and sample report form

- ! Product Sales info sheet and 2003-04 Cookie Activity
- ! Blue Ribbon Troop form
- ! Bronze Award Module
- ! Scout Field Trips and Overnights - Dunwoody Nature Center

## SUD Notes

I love the beginning of a new school year – I'm one of those nutty parents who really, truly enjoy back-to-school shopping, having all those lovely brand-new notebooks, pens and folders, all full of promise.

A new Girl Scout year is also full of promise – new ideas, new members, new projects to try, new service opportunities to explore. More ways to grow, too, for both girls and their leaders. And, of course, the inevitable new challenges, those things that give us pause and make us think hard about why we agreed to do this job in the first place! Girls aren't the only ones who get a sense of accomplishment from conquering a new challenge.

One thing that we would like to challenge all of you to do this year is to learn to *delegate*. Please find ways to include your parents in your planning and, most importantly, the responsibilities of the troop. We have a large number of troops that are less than three years old – a time when leaders start to approach burn-out, because they have been doing it all. We don't want burned-out leaders! We want you to last long enough to enjoy the rewards of the older troops, the rewards of being able to step back and watch your girls take an idea and run with it, competently and creatively, and know that you had something to do with that!

D-E-L-E-G-A-T-E!

## Fall Registration

### *Registrations due at September meeting*

Adding new girls to your troop? Didn't quite get your paperwork in during the spring registration drive? Registrations for the coming year are due at the September service unit meeting. After September 30<sup>th</sup>, all registrations expire and unregistered girls (and their leaders) are not covered by Girl Scout insurance.

The area registrar has noted some recurring issues with registrations that we all need to be aware of when accepting applications:

- ! Include the troop number at the top of the form
- ! If you have a preprinted form, please make sure that all the information on the bottom of the form is not overlooked, including custodial care and emergency contact information (according to our registrar, the #1 overlooked item).
- ! Include school attended and grade
- ! Birthdate (month and year) of girl
- ! Parents names must be included. Employment information may be omitted if desired, but names must be included

When you hand in an addition to your troop (or the whole troop), your package must contain the following three items. All forms are in the Forms Box at meetings and on Carol's porch.

1. Application(s), fully completed.
2. Troop Record 2004, with only additions listed
3. Membership Dues Summary, detailing additions only.

Bring registrations to the September service unit meeting, or call Diane Black at 770-399-6731 and make arrangements to bring them to her house. Unfortunately, due to the large number of incomplete registrations last year (missing Membership Dues Summary or Troop Record), Diane has been forced to institute a policy of returning any incomplete registrations, together with required forms, for completion.

## BrainMinders Program Available for Daisies and Brownies

"BrainMinders – Protecting Your Brain For Life" is a brain injury prevention program designed for Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. It includes a brief story using puppets to get the points across. Each participant is given a certificate and a coloring book

(for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grades) or activity book (for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades) to take home so parents can reinforce what we tell them. I would love to come to your Daisy or Brownie meeting to present the BrainMinders program. It takes about 20 minutes, so could be your program for the week. There is no charge for this. It is supported by Pilot International and Peachtree Pilot Club of Atlanta. If interested, please contact me:

Lynda Goodwin

(former Dunwoody SUD, 1982-1988)

770-393-1766 (work)

Lynda@edgoodwinassociates.com

I look forward to presenting BrainMinders at your troop meeting this fall.

## Silver Award Workshop, Anyone?

We have a tentative Silver Award Workshop scheduled for Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for those who are interested in doing a Cadette Silver Award. Time and place to be determined in Dunwoody.

## Badge & Dash Changes Locations and Dates

Due to the extensive construction at Dunwoody United Methodist Church, the Badge & Dash mobile unit will move to a new location "for the duration." Look for the Badge & Dash in Dunwoody on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> in the Kroger/Orchard Park parking lot from 10 -5. A NEW LOCATION: October 3 at the Walgreen's in Dunwoody Village! Remember that the mobile unit only accepts charges or checks only, no cash. Uniform items are 5% off through August.

## Family and Community Partnership

The Family and Community Partnership campaign will kick off at the September service unit meeting. Council has made additions to the troop incentives this year: gift certificates to the Badge and Sash! The campaign will run until January 23, 2004.

## Girl Scout Volunteer Service Fair

The Volunteer Service Fair was held on Friday and Saturday, August 22 and 23. On Saturday, we were able to see the needs of almost 20 organizations, including:

American Red Cross Measles Initiative  
Autrey Mill Nature Preserve  
Chattahoochee Nature Center  
Childkind, Inc.  
Cobb Family Resources  
Communities In Schools  
DeKalb Medical Center  
Families First  
Foster Care Support Foundation  
Fulton County Water Quality Program  
Georgia Environmental Organization  
Georgia Inter-Generational Project, Inc.  
Georgia Regional Hospital  
Georgia Wildlife Federation  
The Giving Tree  
Green Acres Riding Stables, Inc.  
Hands On Atlanta  
National Wildlife Federation  
Nicholas House  
Play for Tomorrow, Inc.  
Project Open Hand  
The Shepherd's Training Academy

Many of the organizations had their needs organized by age group – things that could be done by Daisies, Brownies, etc.

If anyone is interested in any of these community service opportunities, please see Diane for more information.

Note: Our Service Unit needs a person to act as a Community Service contact person, someone who can collect service information such as this and keep it in a simple file. Any volunteers?

## Do We Have Your E-Mail Address? Has It Changed?

As a cost-saving measure, we will no longer be mailing meeting notices. We have discovered that all troops have at least one leader or co-leader who has an e-mail address, and all future correspondence of a general nature will be by e-mail. *Please, please, please* check your email at

each meeting and note any changes so that we have your current email at all times. We can also send to your work and home, if you want to make sure that you're notified of upcoming events!

Either note your new email address on the check-in sheet, or email Carol Sudman at [csudman@pop.netzero.net](mailto:csudman@pop.netzero.net). Thanks!

## Browning Bridging Workshop

Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Kingswood United Methodist Church

Cadette Troop 1304 will be presenting a Brownie Bridging Workshop for Brownies who will be bridging to Juniors next year. Get your bridging requirements

out of the way early! Sign-up sheets are in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brownie files. Contact Diane Black at 770-399-6731 or [beyondwords@mindspring.com](mailto:beyondwords@mindspring.com) for more information.



## Pumpkin Patches



A fun activity for Daisies and Brownies is visiting a local pumpkin patch! Here's a short list of local pumpkin patches that have sent up information for this fall:

Berry Patch Farms, Woodstock, 770-926-0561  
[www.berrypatchfarms.net](http://www.berrypatchfarms.net)

Burt's Farm, Dawsonville, 706-265-3701  
[www.burtsfarm.com](http://www.burtsfarm.com)

Reece's, Canton 770-751-0115  
[www.reecesfestivals.com](http://www.reecesfestivals.com)

Southern Tree Plantation, Blairsville, 706-745-0601  
[www.southerntreeplantation.com](http://www.southerntreeplantation.com)

## Used Uniform?

Another Service Unit, the Yellow Wildflowers, is collecting old Brownie and Junior uniforms. If you have uniforms that have been outgrown, please bring them by Carol's porch and place in a box labeled "Used Uniforms". We will take them to Yellow Wildflowers the first Tuesday in October.

## CONNECTIONS now online

*Connections* and the *Resource Zone* are now available on-line, beginning about the 22-23 of the preceding month. Please check at the following URL: [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org). Click on the "Resources" tab, then click on the "Publications" tabs – all current publications are on-line. The Resource Zone is currently publishing monthly tips on the Junior Bronze Award, in addition to the dozens of other activities that are listed.

## Carpet Samples, Anyone?

Celeste Hays, our Publix "angel", has notified us that she has a quantity of free fabric, carpet samples and wool cloth that might be perfect for some craft project. Call her at 770-394-4715, or email at [cbuysse@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbuysse@bellsouth.net). (She lives in Kingsley, behind All Saints).

## "Light Up Dunwoody" Helpers Needed



"Light Up Dunwoody" is looking for older girls (CASE) to assist with Dunwoody holiday parade and to be Santa's

helpers the afternoon of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call Jan Slater at 770-391-0489 for more information.

## Dunwoody U.M.C. Needs Helpers

Dunwoody United Methodist Church needs helpers to help clean up after their annual Fall Festival on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Helpers would be needed from 4 - 6:00 pm, and work would be counted towards service hours. Please contact Sue Cunnold to volunteer, 770-396-1981.

## Congratulations, Vicki Stipick!

In this month's DCNR, Vicki Stipick has been announced as a STARZ! Vicki is the daughter of Jennie Stipick. Congratulations, Vicki!

## Child Care Needed at S.U. Meeting?

Is there any interest from older girls in providing babysitting services (free as a service, or for a small fee) for Service Unit meetings? Or is there any need for the service? Please let Carol or Diane know – this would be a nice service that we are certainly large enough to offer, if it would make it easier for leaders and co-leaders to attend meetings.

## Permission forms are needed when you take your troop off-site

Please remember that you need Permission Forms from each girl in order to go off-site from your regular meeting place. No permission slip – no liability coverage from Girl Scouts. Don't have one handy? You can print one from the [www.girlscoutsnwga.org](http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org) website. Look under Resources, Forms

## Kidnap Breakfast Saturday, November 8

Daisy and Brownie troops, please check your files for registration forms for the Kidnap Breakfast at Kingswood United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 8th!