

# 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

December	
15 Mon	Service Unit Meeting - Holiday Party!
January	
10 Sat	Super Swap Saturday
19 Mon	Service Unit Meeting
23 Fri	Cookie Sales Begin!
30 Fri	Leader-Daughter Campout
February	
1 Sun	Cook sales end
16 Mon	Service Unit Meeting
28 Sat	Thinking Day - St. Jude's
March	
13 Sat	Father-Daughter Sock-Hop
15 Mon	Service Unit Meeting

## DISTRIBUTED AT DECEMBER MEETING

- ! *Insider*
- ! *DCNR Data*
- ! Gold Award mentor (Seniors)

- ! Evening with the Stars (CASE)
- ! Girl Scout Madness (bridging Juniors)
- ! Girl Scout Night at the Circus (Daisy & Brownies)
- ! Thinking Day

## SUD Notes

### A Leader's Poem

Sometime's I get discouraged, my time is not my own,  
If I'm not somewhere, I'm always on the phone.

Reminding someone's mother of a stray permission slip,  
Whose loss would cause disaster to our upcoming field trip.

I'm dashing out to get supplies, (I think I'm going daft),  
Who's idea was this? Can we really do this craft?

And then there are the cookies on the chairs and on the floor  
My house has twice as many, as the local grocery store.

Even when I'm sitting still my brain is overheating,  
Searching for a game or song, to liven up a meeting.

Just when I am exhausted, too tired to move again,  
A small eruption at the door, and the girls are coming in.

I draw a breath in wonder, and ask myself "Oh, why?"  
Then I'm almost toppled, by a bear hug, just knee high.

The room is full of laughter, and suddenly I see,  
That I really cannot think of a better place to be.

Yes, I'm a Girl Scout Leader and I guess that's no surprise,  
And everything I do is worth the smile in just one girl.

FYI: Everyone

## DID YOU GET THE RIGHT FILE?!

Please take a moment to make sure that you are picking up YOUR troop's file folder at each meeting! We are receiving complaints that leaders are mistakenly picking up the wrong folder, thus leaving some poor leader without her information!

## Family and Community Partnership

Any last-minute FCP donations? Please turn them in to FCP Chairmen Joan Patton and Kathy Simcoe. If you forgot your troop's collections tonight, please make arrangements with Joan or Kathy to get your troop's submissions in as soon as possible. You don't want to be chasing down donations during the holidays!

While the target goal per donation is \$40 per family, please keep in mind our other goal of 100% participation. The FCP campaign benefits 100% of the girls – and deserves the support of 100% of it's families to the best of their ability. Leaders and troop FCP chairmen who don't make an effort to include their parents in FCP do their families and Girl Scouts a disservice. If you are uncomfortable approaching your parents for FCP donations, please ask Joan or Kathy for help or ideas to meet your troop goal of \$40 per family.

## Registration Update

We have been informed by Council that troop re-registration for NEXT year (2004-2005) will begin a month earlier, in March. This is in direct response to the many complaints that Council has received that leaders have difficulty in following up on registrations during the end of April and May in the midst of so many end-of-school year activities.

Meanwhile, when you turn in additions to your troop, your package must contain the following items. All forms are in the Forms Box at meetings and on Carol's porch, or available from Diane by prior arrangement:

1. Application(s), fully completed.
2. Troop Record 2004, with only additions listed
3. Membership Dues Summary, detailing additions only.
4. Two checks: 1 or more for GSCNWGA and one for DSU.

**IMPORTANT:** Turn in all registrations to Diane **ONLY**. *Absolutely do not, under any circumstances, turn in registrations directly to Council!*

## Questions for Council?

Tanis Singleton has graciously volunteered to be the Dunwoody Service Unit's delegate to the Annual Meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for the meeting, the Council asks delegates to collect questions from the service units. Is there something you don't understand about Council policies? Do you have a suggestion for doing something better? Is there a policy that you disagree with? Tanis will collect the questions and compile a master list to submit to Council. Last year, a compilation of all of the questions was answered by various Board members – the Council considers these questions and comments to be a primary window on the concerns of the Girl Scout community, and takes these questions very seriously, either as action items or as an indication that more effective education is required. Please submit your questions/comments by turning in forms this evening, or emailing your question to Tanis at [tanissingleton@yahoo.com](mailto:tanissingleton@yahoo.com).

## Cookies Coming Up!

Cookie training will be in January – date to be determined, as soon as our service unit cookie chairs have received their training from Council. Count on sometime the second week in January. Please forward your troop's cookie chair's name and email to Kristin Dillard-Winters at [chrisandkris@earthlink.net](mailto:chrisandkris@earthlink.net). The Cookie Crew will be doing most of their communications by email. If you, as a leader, would like to be copied on correspondence, please let Kristin know.

## DCNR Leader Weekend Retreat

January 23-25, 2004

Time for some grown-up fun! Check your files for the DCNR Leader Weekend Retreat registration form. (Small correction to form: Cabin Camping is \$7.50, not \$5 as stated.) There's a wide variety of classes offered during the weekend and there's always a lot of fun to be had, so reserve the weekend! Early-bird registration is November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Leader-Daughter Weekend

January 30-February 1, 2004

Registrations will be taken this evening for the Dunwoody Service Unit's Leader-Daughter weekend January 30<sup>th</sup> at Misty Mountain. Please see Toni Rozeman or Cindi Williams for details and registration information.

## Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer and Daisy Award Nominations Due

Nominations are now open for this year's Outstanding Leader, Outstanding Volunteer and Daisy Awards. Please note that nominees must have two years of service as a leader or volunteer before they are eligible for nomination.

Daisy Awards are "thank you" awards to those in our community who have given the Service Unit support. For example, previous recipients have included the schools and churches that support our troops by permitting them use of facilities for meetings.

If you have a person or organization you would like to nominate, please review this flyer and let us know!

FYI: Daisies / Brownies

## Super Swap Saturday!

Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Learn how to make twelve exciting new swaps! There will be two sessions available: 1-2:30 and 3-4:30. Cost is \$8 per girl with reservations – no walk ins! Leaders must follow Safety-Wise ratios to accompany girls. Call Katie Hendrickson with questions: 770-451-7470.

FYI: Juniors

## Girl Scout Madness

Gwinnett: January 24, 2004

Atlanta: February 28, 2004

For Juniors preparing to bridge to Cadettes, this workshop fulfills several of the bridging requirements and is a great introduction into the world of Cadette Girl Scouting. At the same time

girls are learning about Cadettes, adults can go to the HGG2 for Cadettes and finish up their training. Statistics from these events show an over 90% retention rate for girls who attend this event. Registration begins November 1<sup>st</sup>. See "The Insider (magazine or on-line) for more information, different dates and location and registration form.

## Cadette and Senior Girl Scout Day at the Capital

Wednesday, February 11, 9:00 am

Registration is now underway for this program that allows Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts an opportunity to learn about the state legislature while it is in session. Girls will take a tour of the capital and see how laws that affect their life become a reality. IP projects that are applicable include "Law and Order", "Leadership" or "Women Through Time". Registration is limited to the first 90 registrations, so get those registrations in now. (Form in each CASE troop file.)

## Gold Award Support Team

A Gold Award Support Team Committee has been established in each county. If any Scout working on their Gold Award wants some help with any of the first four steps, or just want to know if what you are doing will be accepted by the Gold Award Committee, a Gold Award Support Team mentor is available. Contact Lynda Goodwin and tell her where you live and she will provide you with the name and number of a qualified and trained adult in your area who can help with the process.

## Happy Holidays!

Thank you to the following businesses who provided door prizes for the December meeting and made it festive!

1. Max & Ermas, 1155 Mt. Vernon Highway. Four \$25 gift certificates.
2. My Friend's Place, 5533 Chamblee Dunwoody Rd. 2 certificates for a free sandwich
3. Hotdogs, Etc., 4639 N. Shallowford Rd., One \$20 gift certificate
4. Starbucks, Dunwoody Village, 2 coffee mugs and package of Christmas Blend coffee