

# Dunwoody Data

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## Service Unit Directors

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## CALENDAR

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

### August, 2004

- 9 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> day of school (DeKalb)
- 16 Mon Service Unit meeting 7:15 pm
- 17 Tues Austin TO meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 Wed Chesnut/Kingsley TO meeting 7 pm
- 20-22 High Harbour weekend
- 24 Tues Vanderlyn TO meeting 7 pm
- 27-29 High Harbour weekend
- 31 Tues KUMC TO meeting 7 pm

### September, 2004

- 11 Sat flag ceremony  
Scrapbooking Workshop Troop 276  
Girl Scout Saturday—Stonecrest Mall
- 19 Sun New Leader Welcome DUMC 2-4pm
- 20 Mon Service Unit meeting 7:15  
Badge/Try-it Night (during SU meeting)
- 25 Sat Kids Cut Out Hunger

### October, 2004

- 2 Sat Hands On Atlanta Day
- 18 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm  
Badge/Try-it Night (during SU meeting)
- 29 Fri Brownie Blast
- 30 Sat Birthday Bash--GA Baptist Children's Home  
service project
- 31 Sun Juliette Low's birthday  
End Daylight Saving Time  
Halloween

### IN THE TROOP FILES THIS MONTH

Dunwoody Data	Uncle Shuck's Corn Maze
The Insider	Council Guide for Volunteers
DCNR Leader Weekend	Learning Opps
Health History Record	DCNR Data
Kids Cut Out Hunger	** Fernbank Astronomy Event
Council Who To Call Directory	**Cagle's Dairy
Emergency Procedures card	PEACE Center
Girl's Record	**Theater Badge
GS catalog	

\*\*these items not in all files

## SUD Notes

Welcome back! And to all new leaders, Welcome!

The start of a new Scout year is always full of excitement & enthusiasm, as we see old friends again & catch up on summer happenings. Hopefully, we've all had a chance to relax, refresh & renew.

The Service Unit is starting the year with excitement & enthusiasm, too. Alisa took her SUD training in early June & came back with loads of great ideas & suggestions. We immediately began planning & implementing. Here are some of them:

We'll celebrate birthdays at our monthly meetings, complete with gifts. The August meeting will honor all June, July & August celebrants.

The Troop Leader Coaches (TLCs) will be taking an active role in our monthly meetings. We'll schedule time for age-level break-out groups with an agenda that you request in an effort to meet your needs. Problems & program ideas can be discussed then—whatever you wish.

Each SU meeting will have a theme, with a program idea presented by volunteer troops &/or leaders. This way, you'll have an opportunity to learn new songs, games, crafts, etc. There are sign-up sheets for activities at tonight's meeting. If you have an idea you'd like to present & didn't sign up, please let us know.

We hope to finish the business part of our meetings in 30-45 minutes to allow ample time for these additional activities. So, if you or your troop will be making an announcement, please be prepared & brief.

There will no longer be sign-in sheets so if you have a change of address, phone &/or email, please leave a note in the "Stuff For SUDs" box or phone or email one of us. Email addresses are especially important, since that's our main method of communicating with all of you.

We always want to hear your comments & suggestions, and are happy to talk in person or on the phone, or communicate via email. We realize that some people may not be comfortable with these methods, so we'll have a "Cookie Jar" at each meeting where you can leave these types of messages for us. They can be signed or anonymous, as you prefer.

Theater Badge

We're looking forward to another GREAT year! Thank you for being here, and for all you do!

## Changes In Council Publications

*Connections* and *The Resource Zone* will now be published 4 times a year: Sept, Dec, Feb & April, & will only be available online. *The Insider* will be published 3 times a year: Aug, Nov, & March, & will be in troop files. A new publication, *The Lime Green Giraffe*, is by girls/for girls & will be mailed to all registered Scouts ages 11-17. The first issue is in October.

## Badge & Dash schedule

Since *Connections* is now being published less frequently, check the Council website for the Badge & Dash schedule (see "Store" on the homepage).

## Troop Finance Reports

We are still waiting for finance reports from the following troops:

200	1516	1524	1559	3920
3741	4444	8258	20412	
20430	21415	21424	21429	22413
22440	23416	23419	24412	24424

Please submit these as soon as possible. We will not approve any troop money-earning projects if the 2003-04 report has not been turned in. Any troop that is planning to host a SU event must return reports in on time or another troop will be given the opportunity to host the event. Thank you for your cooperation. And thank you to all the troops who already submitted their report!

Starting this year, one of the required items for a Blue Ribbon Troop is to submit the Finance Report by June 1.

## Thank you, Diane!

One of the many (and greatly appreciated) contributions Diane Black made during her years as SUD was the use of her family's handtruck. When she retired last Spring, she presented the SU with its very own handtruck! This may not seem too significant to most of you, but it's a lifesaver for the SUDs who have to bring the troop files, books, etc, from home to meeting and back again. Thank you for this wonderful gift!

## Where To Leave Things for SUDs

On Carol's back porch, please leave papers, forms, etc, in the third drawer of the file cabinet marked "SUDs' stuff. On Alisa's front porch, there is a marked GS box.

## Fall Family Partnership is Underway!

If your troop did not contribute during Spring registration, please collect your contributions when you have your parents' meeting or at your first troop meeting this Fall. New Troops: please collect the Family Partnership donation when you register your members. FCP training will be done at the New Leader Orientation on Sept. 19.

**Our Dunwoody Service Unit Goal is \$40 per family.** Remember, all funds stay right here in our Council. No other activity that your girls can participate in is as inexpensive and offers such a variety of activities & opportunities as Girl Scouts! Your troop can have a fund-raiser to help meet your goal.

The Spring Campaign was a great success! 55 troops participated, with the collection totaling \$20,459!!! Congratulations & thank you to all who gave so generously. What a wonderful way to show your belief in the importance of Girl Scouts for your daughters.

Those troops who had 100% participation in the 2003-04 campaign will find a ribbon for your troop flag in your troop file.

Thank you so much for all your help! If you have any questions, please call the SU chairs: Joan Patton (770-668-0273) or Kathy Simcoe (770-393-9470)

## Safety/Emergency Procedures

All troops must have a currently certified First Aider present at all troop functions, with a first-aid kit. This includes troop meetings as well as field trips, camping, etc.

There is a procedure for notifying Council of all emergencies & accidents. Please refer to the new "Council Guide for Volunteers", pp. 19-20, "Risk Management". There is a copy of the "Emergency Procedures" card in your troop file to keep with you. The SUDs would also like to be notified of any incident as soon as possible.

## Health History Records

Please remember to update the Health History record for all troop members (adult & girl), & have forms completed for all new members. One of these forms is in your troop file for you to make copies.

## Service Unit Website

Have you visited our website recently? It's been updated & has lots of valuable information & links. Check it frequently to keep up-to-date, especially for upcoming events

## Council Guide For Volunteers

This is a new, comprehensive publication. It is Council's intent that this Guide, along with Safety Wise, will give you the majority of information that you need to be an informed & effective leader. There are two copies in each troop file. If you know you'll only use one, please return the other to us so that we can give it to another troop with more than two leaders. Please keep this guide & do not lose it.

You will need to carefully review it for familiarity, especially the Policies and Procedures. As you are reading your copy, if you find corrections or changes that need to be made, please send these by email to [councilguidecorrections@girlscoutsnwga.org](mailto:councilguidecorrections@girlscoutsnwga.org).

The guide will also be available on the Council website for reference or printing.

## Speaking of Safety Wise...

Each troop should have at least one copy. It is a valuable guide & you must refer to it whenever you plan your troop program & activities. If your troop doesn't have a copy, please purchase one at the Badge & Sash/Dash.

## Leader Trainings

Council requires that all new leaders take HGG1 prior to beginning work with the troop. HGG2 training for the appropriate age level should be taken within 3 months of beginning work with the troop. A returning leader who changes age levels should also take the HGG2 within 3 months. Please refer to Learning Opportunities or the Council website for information regarding training courses.

The SU New Leader Orientation will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19, at DUMC from 2-4 pm. All new leaders (including those of existing troops) are encouraged to attend this important session.

## New Training Requirement

If your troop will be hosting a SU event, Council is now requiring that leaders & CASE girls take the "Planning SU Events" course. This requirement will be in effect later this year, after more trainings are made available.

There will be a place on the event application to indicate the date you took training, & must be filled in for the application to be approved. So...plan ahead

NOW is the time to take this training if you think one of these events is in your troop's future. Check Learning Opps or the Council website for class availability.

## Email address

If you did not receive an email notice of the SU meeting, we don't have your address! Email is our method of communication in the SU, so please send it to one of us ASAP. Returning leaders: please check with new leaders in your troop to be sure we have their address.

Carol [csudman@netzero.net](mailto:csudman@netzero.net)

Alisa [alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com](mailto:alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com)

## Troop Leader Coaches (TLCs)

These experienced leaders have a wealth of information to share with you! They will lead the breakout sessions at SU meetings, and you can contact them at other times for program ideas, help with problems that arise in your troop, or other questions you may have. Here's the list of TLCs:

Daisy: Beth Keith 770-393-2677

[mkeith20@bellsouth.net](mailto:mkeith20@bellsouth.net)

Brownie: Julie Kellum 770-351-9058

[julie.kellum@hp.com](mailto:julie.kellum@hp.com)

Junior: Katie Hendrickson 770-451-7470

[kgh386@aol.com](mailto:kgh386@aol.com)

Cadette: Diane Black 770-399-6731

[beyondwords@mindspring.com](mailto:beyondwords@mindspring.com)

Senior: Ellen Augustine 770-394-8333

[ema2801@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us](mailto:ema2801@fc.dekalb.k12.ga.us)

Rohini Piyasena 770-671-0054

[rohip@mindspring.com](mailto:rohip@mindspring.com)

## **Fund-Raising Activities**

All troops planning fund-raising events must submit an Application for Troop Money Earning Project to the SUDs 3 weeks prior to beginning the project. For larger events involving more than 1 troop, an Application To Have a Service Unit Event (this is soon changing to "Beyond The Troop" form) must be submitted 2 months in advance for day events & 3 months in advance for overnight events. These forms are available on the Council website (see "Resources" on the home page).

## **DCNR Leader Weekend**

Please check the flyer in your file for this weekend, scheduled for January 7-9, 2005. This is a great opportunity to attend trainings, meet other leaders, & have fun! You can also participate on the planning committee.