

Dunwoody Data

*The Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Leaders of the Dunwoody Service Unit
October, 2004*

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CALENDAR

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

October, 2004

- 18 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Badge/Try-it Night (during SU meeting)
- 22 Fri Badge Workshop—Troop 276
- 23 Sat Used book sale—Troop 21436
- 29-30 Fri-Sat Brownie Blast
- 30 Sat Birthday Bash--GA Baptist Children's
Home service project
- 31 Sun Juliette Low's birthday
End Daylight Saving Time
Halloween

November, 2004

- 2 Tues Election Day
- 12 Fri Badge Workshop—Troop 276
- 15 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Badge/Try-it Night (during SU meeting)
- 20 Sat Light Up Dunwoody parade
- 25 Thurs Thanksgiving

December, 2004

- 1 Wed Deadline to submit 20+ years
recognition
Begin registration for Spring troop
camping
- 20 Mon **No SU Meeting**
- 25 Sat Christmas

January, 2005

- 1 Sat Happy New Year!
- 7-9 Fri-Sun DCNR Leader Weekend
- 8 Sat Super Saturday SWAP
- 17 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
MLK Birthday (holiday)
- 27 Thurs Bridging planning 7 pm, Scout Lodge

IN THE TROOP FILES THIS MONTH

- Dunwoody Data DCNR Data
- Babes In Toyland performance** *The Insider*
- Sleeping Beauty performance**
- What's Your Thing? (Studio 2B events/activities)**
- Application for Lime Green Giraffe staff**

SUD Notes

October is such a fun month! The weather feels like Fall but is still comfortably warm & pleasant (usually), we delight in the beautiful color changes, and celebrate Halloween & Juliette Low's birthday. We're so fortunate this year to have several opportunities to share our good circumstances with others as we celebrate Juliette's day on October 31. Troop 22424 has organized a Service Unit service project for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home. Every troop has an opportunity to participate in some way, & 22424 has been very pleased with your generosity. Troop 21436 is hosting a birthday party at the Atlanta Children's Shelter, which focuses on long term self-sufficiency of the family, and are asking for items to be donated. Katie Knorr, a member of Senior Troop 654, has designed her Gold Award project to support Bethany Christian Services by creating gift boxes for birth mothers. She, too, needs our help to make her project a success. These are all wonderful, worthy projects that have required many, many hours of planning and hard work. We are incredibly pleased and proud that our Scouts are so willing to organize these events, and that you are supporting them so enthusiastically. What a fantastic experience not only for the girls who have worked so hard to plan and implement these projects, but for the rest of the Scouts who have the chance to learn about these organizations & experience the value and joy of sharing. Juliette would be proud of all of you! Happy Birthday!

are working on the Silver Award can work on the career portion at this workshop, October 30 from 10 am–2 pm at the VSC. This workshop is a girl's Gold Award project. You are advised to register ASAP.

Leader Trainings

Please remember that Council requires all leaders to take HGG1 & 2 classes. This includes both new & returning leaders. If your troop has bridged to a new level, you need to take HGG2 for the new level. Check your copy of *Learning Opportunities* or the Council website to find the schedule of classes.

New High Harbour Requirements

Another reminder that any troop that attends High Harbour (or any other camporee) from now on must have a Troop Camping Basics: Cabins certified camper & a certified First Aid/ CPR adult attend with the troop. We have reserved the weekends of August 19-21 & 26-28, 2005. This notice should give you ample time to plan ahead & get your troop camper if you do not already have one, & to make sure your First Aid/CPR certification will be current at that time.

No December SU meeting

Since December 20 is the third Monday, we've decided **not** to have a SU meeting that month. To accommodate this, the Dunwoody Data will be available on the SU website by Dec. 20. There will be no printed copies of the Data that month. We'll send an email to alert you of any pressing information you'll need, & let you know if there is anything in your troop file to pick up before the January meeting. If you have an upcoming event that you want to publicize in December, please be sure to email the info to Carol by Dec. 13 so that it can be put in the Data.

Troop Meeting Information Needed

We still need the day, time & meeting place for about 1/4 of our troops. If you didn't write it on the sheet at the September SU meeting, or if it's changed since then, please email your info to carol@dunwoodygirlscouts.com. Thanks.

Career Fun for Silver Award

Check page 14 of *The Insider* (August edition) for information about this event. Girls ages 11-14 who

DCNR Leader Weekend

Save the date! The DCNR Leader Weekend is January 7-9, 2005, at Camp Misty Mountain. This is a great opportunity to take required trainings & a variety of other classes for your own interest. This takes place before cookie orders start, so you can take the weekend off to relax & have fun. Get a group together & plan to have a wonderful weekend. Meet other leaders, make new friends, share & learn. Check the website for more info & the registration form: lianne@3leaves.org

SU Website Sponsor & Troop Links

We haven't heard from anyone yet about a possible sponsor for the DSU website. If you know of a company or individual that may be able to do this, please let Alisa know.

We also haven't heard from any troops that may want to link their website to the SU website. If you are interested, please email the link to your website to alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com

Archaeology Workshop for Juniors & Cadettes

We have been asked to give another reminder that Junior & Cadette Scouts are invited to attend a "Digging Through the Past—Exploring Archaeology" program at the VSC on November 13, 2004 from 10 am- 2 pm. The program will feature archeologist Dr. Bobbi Hohmann of the Fernbank Museum of Natural history. She will present a slide show of her excavation in the Maya ruins in Central America. The program will also include Native American Crafts & Cultural Exploration. This program is a Gold Award project for Jennifer Williams, a Senior Scout in the MLK, Jr. Service Unit.

Girls are asked to bring a non-Scout friend who is interested in becoming a Scout. Girls need to bring a sack lunch; beverages & dessert will be provided. Registration is free, and the deadline is October 29, 2004. Permission forms, medical & photo releases are required. Email carol@dunwoodygirlscouts.com

& I'll forward the information & registration form to you.

Light Up Dunwoody

DSU has been asked to participate in the Light Up Dunwoody Parade on Saturday, November 20. Participants will meet at St. Luke's Church at 1:30 pm, & the parade should start at 2:00. It will proceed down Mt. Vernon Road to Chamblee-Dunwoody Road, turn right & end at the Holway House behind Starbucks between 2:30-3:00 pm. All ages can march in the parade, & we have been asked to wear GS uniforms (as much as possible, depending on the weather—vests could probably be worn over sweatshirts or heavy sweaters). Girls age 12 and older are needed to act as Santa's Helpers at the Holway House, where children can visit with Santa. The organizers are requesting that 6 girls work at a time (this can be done in shifts if we have enough volunteers). Santa visits will end at 5:00 pm. The first shift of helpers should be at Holway House by 2:15 to be ready for Santa's arrival, so these girls would not be able to march in the parade.

Reindeer will be outside the House, & there is a variety of entertainment & other activities scheduled.

This is the parade that everyone wanted to participate in, rather than the July 4th parade, so let's have a good turnout! Girls will need permission forms in order to march in the parade, & we must go by Safety Wise rules for girl/adult ratios. If you can march, &/or if your older girls can participate as Santa's helpers, please notify the SU coordinators:

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Recognition for 20+ years in Scouts

If you have been a Girl Scout for 20 years or more (girl & adult years) in 5 year increments (20, 25, 30, etc), you can receive a numeral guard & recognition

at Council's second annual "Pick of the Bunch Lunch" in April. If you qualify, please let Carol know by Wednesday, December 1, so that your name can be submitted by the deadline.

Bridging 2005

The Service Unit Bridging ceremony is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 1, 2005. We hope to hold it at St. Luke's Church again this year. We encourage all troops who will be bridging to the next level of Scouts to participate in the ceremony. We also hope that girls receiving Gold, Silver & Bronze Awards will participate. This is a very important ceremony in Girl Scouting and we have tried to keep it meaningful, yet brief & flowing. It seems to be very inspiring & motivating to younger Scouts to see the accomplishments of the older girls.

The planning meeting will be on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 7 pm in the Scout Lodge. Leaders of all participating troops will need to attend. Each troop will be responsible for a job, & we also need a chairman to be the coordinator. Sign-ups will be at this meeting. These jobs are not difficult, & it's much easier to make this ceremony happen when everyone does their share.

If your troop will participate, please let us know as soon as possible:

Carol csudman@netzero.net

Alisa alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com

Trip forms

If you're uncertain about what form should be submitted for your trip, please check the SU website. There is a sidebar on the homepage, "Troop Trip Info". This page gives specifics as to which form needs to be filed for what type of trip. The Trip Application can now be downloaded from the SU website. Trip Applications should be submitted one month in advance. At this time, the Tripping Adventures form on the website is not working right, so please just email the required info to Carol rather than emailing the form. There is also a three-page, yellow SU handout, "Girl Scout Troop Camping and Trip/Travel Standards & Requirements" that we compiled a few years ago &

gave to each troop. All new leaders who have attended the SU orientation have also received a copy in their binder. Please refer to this to answer your questions about forms, trainings, etc.

Spring Troop Camping Applications

Registration for Spring troop camping (March thru May & limited dates June thru August) at Council camps begins December 1. Fill out the Application/Reservation for Troop Camping, available on the Council website. It must be signed by a SUD before you mail it in, & you can get it signed at the November SU meeting. Just be sure it isn't postmarked before December 1! See page 16 of the November *Insider* for more details.

Service Super Stars

We'd like to recognize the troops who are doing service projects in a monthly column. Besides receiving thanks & recognition for your good works, it's also an opportunity to share ideas with other troops. Please email a brief description of your completed project to Carol by the Friday before each SU meeting so that it can be included in the Data.

Custom-made patches

I received an email regarding a source for patches made to your design. The information says the company is an official GSUSA licensed vendor. A 36 piece minimum is required, with standard delivery time of 4 weeks. For information, contact Gerson & Associates at 770-394-6372 or email LNSDZG@aol.com.

Junior Uniform available

Many thanks to the anonymous donor who gave a Junior uniform to the SU. The pieces are a polo shirt (medium), skort (medium, size 10-12), & green socks. If a girl in your troop is in need of a uniform, please let Carol know.