



Dunwoody Data

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

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October Issue

Calendar

October

- 7-10 GS National Convention
- 31 Juliette Low's B-day
And celebration at Badge & Sash

November

- 5 Kidnap Breakfast
- 18-19 Brownie Blast—Dunwoody
- 21 Service Unit Meeting

December

- 1 Mail SPR/SU Camping Form
- 2-3 Brownie Blast

January

- 9 Troop Cookie manager training (tentative)
- 20 Cookie Sales begin

February

- 20 Cookie Sales conclude

March

- 4 Thinking Day Activities
- 25 Sock Hop

SUD Notes

The 2005 Girl Scout National Council Session/50th Convention in Atlanta has concluded with a great showing or sea of green. Thank you so much to all volunteers who came out to make it happen. It was wonderful to see so many Dunwoody girls and leaders in attendance. I understand that this was the first ever National convention in Atlanta—what a treat for all of us.

Speaking of treats...at the convention they introduced the brand new cookie for this year it is called "Café Cookies" There were samples for everyone, so I can personally say they are really good. They have brown sugar and cinnamon and look sort of like trefoils— to me anyway. Our council recently announced that they are extending the cookie sales order period— check out the extended dates on the calendar. Did you know that in 2004, troops earned an average of \$858 through cookie sales to spend on girl activities of their choice.



So I hope you guys are busy planning great ways to spend this year's calendar and cookie sales profits. It is always good to have a goal in sight. I look forward to seeing all the trip apps from the wonderful places you will be going.

Have a great month and a Happy Juliette Low's Birthday. - Alisa

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Calendar Sales

Troop calendar orders are due tonight. So if you didn't bring yours you will need to see one of the calendar chairs for further directions. Remember to keep your profits and write your check out for the balance.

Badge and Dash/Sash

The Badge and Dash bus will be in Dunwoody on Friday, October 21 from 12:00– 7:00 with a lunch break from 2-3. They will be at the Walgreens on Chamblee Dunwoody and Mt. Vernon Hwy. The Council office and the Badge and Sash will close at noon on Friday, October 21, 2005.

Planning an Event?

Be sure to look into the Planning Events Beyond Your Troop class. Also, please be sure to check your training transcripts and on-line profile to make sure you are classified as a Dunwoody Leader and that your training transcript records are correct. If your records are not correct, please make a copy of the signed Volunteer Training card and send it to Luann Miller or any of the SUD's and we'll make sure you get credit for those classes.

Troop Website?

Have you thought about creating your own troop website? Girl Scouts USA has developed some guidelines to get you started. https://ocn.girlscouts.org/SupportingDocuments/Guidelines_for_Web_2_10_051.doc. When you have it finished email Alisa to have it linked to our SU website.

Banking and Money Management

Lessons on banking and money management can be found on-line for girls at: <http://www.aba.com/consumer+connection/scholastic.htm>. Troop leaders may wish to download printable lessons or introduce their girls to the on-line lesson format.

Disney on Ice Tickets

Discounted tickets to Disney on Ice—The Incredibles will be available from the Badge and Sash in November. PRIME 100-200 Level Seats \$15 (Thurs) & \$18 (Fri) are Regularly Priced @ \$30. 300 Level Seats \$12 (Thurs) & \$15 (Fri) are Regularly Priced @ \$22. To order tickets call (404) 527-7669, or come by or send in the completed form below to the Badge



& Sash Girl Scout Store. To receive your order on time, all mail orders must be postmarked by Saturday October 22, 2005. All Sales are Final. Tickets are sold on a *first-come, first-served* basis.

Specific Assistance—

Council has a fund for girls/adults who would not be able to participate in GSing otherwise. It doesn't pay for everything for a girl in need, but it could pay for GS dues, a vest, handbooks, troop numbers and insignia, if the girl qualifies. Occasionally it could pay for a council activity if the need is great enough. The council form is called *Request for Specific Assistance* that can be filled out by a parent, leader or other GS volunteer. It can be downloaded from our SU website. Unfortunately, it doesn't pay for any SU events. Council has encouraged us as a SU to try to fill in the gap for these events if we can. Unfortunately, we don't have a budget for this, so we are in the process of trying to figure out how to make this work. It was suggested that if your troop sponsors a fundraiser, you might want to make a few scholarships available or reduce the cost for a girl who requests it, to your actual costs— just for that one girl. Or a troop could reduce the fee by half and the new fund could cover the other half of the event fee. But what about expensive events like High Harbor? Obviously we don't really have the answer for this right now, but if you have ideas, or suggestions, or would like to incorporate an element of this into a bronze, silver or gold award project, please discuss it with one of the SUDs.

Cookie Rally—

Council is giving the Service Unit the opportunity to earn additional funds on our cookie sales this year. It would be 10¢ per case and go into the SU fund. If we can get it together, this money could be used to supplement our SU budget or to fund our new SU specific assistance fund.

We are thinking of doing it as a virtual cookie rally so that everyone could participate in their own time. Some of the requirements are: We have to do it before we start cookie sales in January. At least 50% of the girls registered in the service unit as of December 1, 2005 must participate. It must girls to do individual cookie sale goal setting. It must include fun activities related to selling Girl Scout Cookies like: Selling tips, safety rules, fun cookie crafts. Council also wanted to remind us that we need to include girls on our SU event committees when at all possible. If you or some girls in your troop are interested in helping get this together please see one of the cookie chairs or one of the SUDs.

2005 Festival of Trees

The council's plans for the 2005 Festival of Trees have been confirmed. The dates are Dec. 3-11 at the Georgia World Congress Center (Exhibit Hall A-1). We will not have a "council tree" this year but troops and service

units can host their own trees at the festival. The cost is \$100 to do a 7.5-foot tree, with the tree being provided to a troop or a troop can submit a 4-foot tree at no cost, but the troop must supply the tree. The festival will have "Girl Scout Night" on the first Monday of the festival – Dec. 5. And the Badge & Sash will sell tickets. If you have any questions, Brian Hill is the council's contact with the Festival of Trees. You can reach him at ext. 7667 or bhill@girlscoutsnwga.org

Kidnap Breakfast

Attention all Brownie Leaders of Girl Scouts in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades. Cadette Troops #22427 and #3569 will be hosting the surprise Kidnap Breakfast on November 5, 2005. Please note new location from last year. This year's event will be held at the Dunwoody Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30-10:30am. Please contact Lisa Dempsey—678-579-0483 or Barbara Kilbourne—770-390-0826 with any questions.

Field Trip Factory

You might want to go to www.fieldtripfactory.com and look at the two field trips offered in the Dunwoody area. One is at Petco, and the other is at Borders -- the one at Borders sounds really cool. The Borders is for K-6 graders, and the Petco is for K-8 (but probably geared more towards younger ones.) Anyway, it's an opportunity that's right here in the neighborhood!

Badge and Try-it nights

Tonight's Badge & Try-It Night, "Dance" and "Dancercise" filled up quickly, but they are still have openings for the rest of the year. Registration is strongly encouraged. Topics still to come include some old favorites, such as Theatre, and some new ones and some hands-on science badges and try-its. Please join us! Contact Diane Black with registrations and questions, 770-399-6731 or beyondwords@mindspring.com.

Shootout!

We have been invited to the 2006 Russell Athletic Shootout, a women's basketball doubleheader, January 15th, 2006 at the Arena at Gwinnett Center. They have designed events so that this can be used as an excellent



badge earning opportunity for your girls. Their main mission is to encourage the over 4,000 young women that will be in attendance and show them that is

possible to succeed in any area they choose; therefore, we hope you will consider joining us in celebrating the women and girls in attendance. Individual tickets are

\$10. Group of 10 or more \$6. More information can be found at www.chick-fil-apeachbowl.com. Tickets can be ordered at 404-586-8487.

Dunwoody's Own Brownie Blast

Have you registered for the Dunwoody's Own Brownie Blast? A fun, overnighter for all brownies. They will earn try-its, learn how to build a campfire, make s'mores, and much, much more! If your troop has not had an overnighter this is the perfect event. It is held right here in Dunwoody, so that the girls are close to home and it is an awesome experience. It is tons of fun! It is hosted by Senior troop 1304, who held this event last year for their silver award. It will be held at Kingswood United Methodist Church, on November 18-19th. If you would like to attend, pay your deposit, or have any questions please call Diane Black at 770-399-6731. Please register by November 1st.

Tips from the Trenches:

This is a new column in the Dunwoody Data. It's goal is to provide tips or ideas to other leaders to help with troop management, paperwork, fun activities, etc. If you have a tip, please e-mail it to us at lynn@dunwoodygirlscouts.com. We'd love a catchy title for this area, so if you have an idea, send that in, too.

This month's tips:

1. Make four or five complete sets of your Health forms (as many as you would ever need when driving to an event). Put the original in your files at home, and seal each set of copies in a 10 x 13" manila envelope. Tape a copy of your troop phone number list to the outside. Whenever you go on an outing, give the driver a manila envelope (which you collect back at the end of the trip). This protects the girls privacy, keeps you from losing the health forms, and keeps the most often used information (the phone numbers!) on the top.
2. When dropping off a trip application to a SUD for signature, call or e-mail her to let her know it's there. Include a stamped envelope addressed to council to make sure it gets out quick!
3. Want a fun October activity? How about a birthday party? October 31 is Juliette Gordon Lowe's birthday. It might be a fun troop tradition to start to hold a birthday party (or just the cake and ice cream!) every year around the end of October.
4. Looking for a service project for November for younger girls? Make cards for veterans and mail them to one of our local veteran's hospitals. It's a good way to teach the girls what Veteran's Day is all about and to show appreciation for those who have supported our country.

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BUSINESS OF A LEADER
"The business of a leader
is to turn obstacles
into stepping stones,
weakness into strength,
and disaster into triumph."
~anonymous

For every 100 girls who join Girl Scouting:

Only rarely will one be brought before juvenile court;

Four will earn their Gold Award;

Twelve will have their first contact with a church, five will earn their faith's religious award and one will enter the clergy;

18 will develop hobbies used during their adult life; 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through a badge or patch program;

And

One girl will use her Girl Scouting skills to save a life and one will use her Girl Scouting skills to save her own life.

The cost of training and recognizing adults who work with Girl Scouts so girls grow up to be confident, courageous leaders ---Priceless!

**Please encourage your families to contribute to the
Family Partnership Campaign.**



Sites to remember::

www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com

www.girlscoutsnwga.org

www.girlscouts.org

www.studio2b.org

