



Dunwoody Data

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

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November Issue

Calendar

November

- 18-19 Brownie Blast—Dunwoody
- 21 Service Unit Meeting

December

- 1 Mail SPR/SU Camping Form
- 12 Service Unit Meeting —Holiday Celebration

January

- 9 Troop Cookie manager training (tentative)
- 16 Service Unit Meeting
- 20 Cookie Sales begin

February

- 20 Cookie Sales conclude
- 21 Service Unit Meeting

March

- 4 Thinking Day Activities
- 25 Sock Hop

SUD Notes

We have come to the month of November and we should give "THANKS" to all that we have and all that we have been able to give to others this month. We as SUDs would like to "THANK" the service unit for contributing over and over to help others in need with the hurricane disasters. As we come to the end of the FCP campaign, We are still falling a little short of our goal. please remember that the FCP donations that you give go directly to our council. This money helps all of our girls with camps and helps with all of the training that we take. If you have not made your contribution yet please do so with this in mind. Thank you! We wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving!

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Calendar Sales

We have concluded the service unit sales but don't forget that you can still purchase directly from the Badge and Sash and on the bus as well. They still have calendars! Council accepts pictures of girls for future issues of the calendar. Find out more about this on the council website. Also, if you would like to see a different format for the calendars please email Jennifer Brown with a suggestion. The more ideas we give them the more they will listen.

Kudzu.com

Have you heard of KUDZU? Well this is not the kind you can't get rid of. This is kudzu.com and they are willing to help girl scouts! They will donate \$1 for each review that you give at their website. You will have to sign up to use the site but it is not painful. When you go to the website log in at www.kudzu.com/girlscouts This will insure that the girl scouts get credit.

Each dollar that is sent to girl scouts is used for specific assistance for camps. Check it out. You can also see businesses and the reviews that people have given them. Remember to always put the /girl scouts at the end to make sure we get credit!

Badge and Dash/Sash

The Badge and Sash and Badge and Dash are a great resource for all of you girl scout Christmas gift needs. They have a great selection of girl scout items as well as gifts for friends. See for your self. Go visit the main location or visit the Badge and Dash. The bus will be in Walgreen's parking lot on Chamblee Dunwoody and Mt. Vernon Hwy. on November 22 from 12:00– 7:00 with a lunch break from 2-3. See the full calendar of stops on line at www.girlscoutsnwga.org.

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

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.

Cookie Rally—

Recap: 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 trying to put together a virtual cookie rally so that everyone could participate in their own time.

If you have an older girl in your troop who knows a bit about web design or would like to help in another way, we need volunteers to put this thing together. Right now we have some activity sheets that Kathy Simco's troop # 5065 made for us. Thanks girls.

Badge and Try-it nights

December's Badge and Try-it Night themes are "Making it matter" and "Science matters".. Girls will be making a polymer as well as working as civil engineers! There are still available spots. Registration encouraged. Please join us! Contact Diane Black with registrations and questions, 770-399-6731 or beyondwords@mindspring.com.

Weather Fest 2006

Weatherfest is part of the American Meteorological Society's Annual Meeting. On Sunday, Jan. 29, 2006 from 12-4 p.m. at the Georgia World Congress Center Girl Scouts can come and work on Weather related badges. The complete information can be found on the links page of our SU website.

Spring Camping

Dec 1 is the first day that you can mail in spring camping requests for council camping. Remember, your form can not be post marked before Dec 1.

High Harbor

Save the date: We have reserved the weekends of Aug 18 and the 26th for High Harbor next fall. More info will be forthcoming at the January SU meeting and registrations will begin at the February meeting.

Leader In Training

Does your Daisy Brownie or Junior troop need a little help? We might have just what you are looking for. Some of our Seniors have just finished the course to earn their Leader In Training patch. Each of them are looking for a troop who they can work with for 25 hours. That is a pretty big commitment to a troop since all of their hours have to be completed with the same troop. If this sounds like an awesome idea to you, please let Alisa know.

Who in your service unit deserves to be honored?

The first Monday of December is the deadline for nominations for the Helen Foster Award of Excellence, the Honor Pin, the Thanks Badge; Thanks Badge II, the Trefoil Award and numeral guards for adults with 20 plus years of Girl Scout membership. Contact Luann if you would like to make a nomination.

Little/Junior Miss Scouts Pageant

On March 5, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. troop #93 of a neighboring SU will be hosting a pageant at the Center for Performing and Visual Arts of Coweta County 1523 Lower Fayetteville Road, Newnan, GA 30265. 770-254-2787 Registration is \$15 and can be mailed to 247 Arbor Springs Parkway, Newnan, GA 30265. The deadline to enter is January 31, 2006. For more information call Ann Lloyd at (770) 463-4914 or e-mail: lloyd@sprintmail.com



Tips from the Trenches:

This months topic: Swaps

What are SWAPs?

Depending on who you ask, Swaps are either "Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere" or else Swap stand for "Share With A Pal". They are little keepsakes that are exchanged whenever Girl Scouts get together. Camping, Thinking Day, Overnights—anywhere groups of Girl Scouts gather is a great place to trade swaps.

SWAP History

Many believe that swaps originated out of a Native American tradition called Potlatch. To show friendship, the Native Americans gave each other brightly

colored feathers. Why? The story is told that once all the birds in the forest had plumage that was gray and dull. Two young girls were walking through the forest and plucked feathers from a magical bird. They then gave these feathers as gifts to other birds in the forest. Since that time, all birds now have beautifully colored feathers. Today, Girl Scouts exchange something of themselves—colorful, hand-made swaps—to show their friendship for each other.

SWAP Etiquette

Here is some Swap etiquette compiled by Lynn Fobes of the Beaver-Castle GSC:

"It is considered rude to refuse to swap with someone who asks. If you don't like the item you have been given or already have an identical SWAP, accept it politely and give them one of yours with a Girl Scout smile. (Try to make your SWAPS something you would want to receive.) ALWAYS say thank you!

Try to have a few extra SWAPS on hand for those people who don't have any to give in return. Most SWAPS have a pin on them so they can be pinned to a hat or a shirt but they don't have to. SWAPS can be bracelets, necklaces, council patches, event patches, district/

division/camp crests, or other small items. SWAPS can also be displayed on a banner, troop flag, or the kitchen curtain.

SWAPS should NOT contain edible food. Food items can attract bugs and critters when outdoors."

How do you make them?

The web has a lot of great ideas. Make sure you type in "Girl Scout Swaps" (always a good idea to be there if your girls are on the computer looking for Swap ideas). Two websites you might want to checkout: <http://www.makingfriends.com/swaps.htm> and http://parentingteens.about.com/od/girlscoutsandgirlguides/a/swaps_girlscout.htm. Another idea? Keep your eyes on the Dunwoody Data—a service unit wide Swap Making Day is coming soon.



Flashlight Swaps:

Cut the pointed end off of a colorful golf tee. Glue a piece of black felt on

We're on the Web!
www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com

BE PREPARED "Every badge you earn is tied up to your motto. This badge is not a reward for something you have done once or for an examination you have passed. Badges are not medals to wear on your sleeve to show what a smart girl you are. A badge is a symbol that you have done the thing it stands for often enough, thoroughly enough, and well enough to **BE PREPARED** to give service in it. You wear the badge to let people know that you are prepared and willing to be called on because you are a Girl Scout. And Girl Scouting is not just knowing.....but doing.....not just doing, but being."

-Juliette Gordon Low

GIRL SCOUT GRACE

(Tune: Turkey in the straw)

Oh, I am a (Daisy, Brownie, Junior,
Cadette, Senior) Girl Scout
So I say Grace when I eat.
Whether it's a full meal
or a tasty little treat.

I can sing it, I can say it or sign it silently.
My grace is a thank you to God from me!
Please bless this good food and me!



Sites to remember::

www.dunwoodygirlscouts.com
www.girlscoutsnwga.org
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www.studio2b.org

