

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

April, 2005

- 18 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm (**Asbury Room**)
Badge & Try-It workshop during SU meeting
- 22 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276
- 24 Sun Creative Scrapbooking Badge Troop 276
- 30 Sat "Pets on Parade" pet show & fair
Dunwoody Nature Center 2-4 pm
Troop 1304

May, 2005

- 1 Sun SU Bridging Ceremony, St. Luke's
- 16 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm Dessert & awards
- 22 Sun Creative Scrapbooking Badge Troop 276
- 24, 25, 26 Badge/Summer Fun Days Troop 276

IN THE TROOP FILES

DCNR Data

Jump Into Juniors (Bridging Brownies only)

SUD Notes

Friday, April 22 is National Leader Appreciation Day. We would like to take this opportunity to let you all know how very much we appreciate all your efforts, not just for your troop, but for the Service Unit, too. We are most fortunate to have an active SU and the only reason for that is all your hard work and dedication. We hold events annually, such as Bridging, Thinking Day, & the Sock Hop, that other Service Units never have, and we always assume that they will happen – and they do! We know that being a leader can be a very time-consuming & sometimes frustrating job. There are times when you feel so taken for granted & unappreciated. But then, those wonderful moments happen when your shy girl volunteers for a job, or a struggling girl proudly completes her craft project, or your troop finally sells those last boxes of cookies that you had ordered when you anticipated that your booth sales would go much better than they actually did and your troop really will earn the money to go to Savannah, and you know in your heart that it's all worthwhile.

Here's a cute poem that Karen Spalding passed along to us, & we'd like to share with you:

The Song of the Girl Scout Volunteer

They said the job was really small,
It didn't take much time at all.
It wasn't long until I found
My duties took the clock around.
The phone was ringing off the wall,
The mailbox soon became too small.
The meetings lasted 10 till 2,
And brown bag lunches weren't taboo.
The form and manuals filled my hall,
And memos trimmed the kitchen wall.
If busy you would like to be
A Girl Scout job fits to a "T".
And when your term is finally through
You'll find there's something else to do.
For volunteers don't fade away,
They just turn green and stay and stay!

March SU meeting totaled \$139.13. Thank you to everyone who supported this very important fund!

Many, many thanks to you all!

Email Addresses – Help!

A lot of email notices have been returned lately. They cannot be delivered for a variety of reasons. If your email address has changed, or if you have not been receiving notices, please let Carol know ASAP. Email is our only way of sending out meeting notices and other important information.

Troop Finance Report

This report is due by the May SU meeting (May 16). All troops are required by Council to submit this yearly report. The form can be downloaded from the SU website. If you use a computer program such as Quicken for your troop finances, a printout of that report is acceptable, too. Whatever you use, please submit 2 copies to the SUDs—one for SU records, & one to be submitted to Council. If a troop does not submit their report, any fund-raising activity requested for the next Scout year will be denied until a report is submitted.

Disbanding Troops

If your troop is disbanding, please notify the SUDs. You must submit a Troop Finance report to show how your troop funds are disbursed, and close your troop checking account. Funds may not be given to individual girls -- they must be used for a troop event, or donated to an organization of the troop's choice (please keep FCP in mind). If girls are transferring to other troops, portions of the troop funds can be transferred to the new troops.

May Service Unit Meeting

The Service Unit meeting on May 16 is the last of this Scouting year. There will be a very brief meeting, followed by dessert & awards. Please join us for an evening of fun & recognition of leaders who have contributed so much to our Service Unit!

JLWFF Contributions

Karen Spalding reported that the contributions from Thinking Day & others given to her by troops at the

Spring Registration

Pre-printed registration materials have been available since the March SU meeting. Please be sure to take your troop's packet if you have not already done so. Instructions are included with the packet. **Any existing troops that will have new leaders must have them submit volunteer applications for approval before the registration can be accepted.**

FCP Campaign

The Spring Campaign is in full swing! Please encourage your troop parents to support this most important campaign. The success is essential to the functioning of our Council. Every member benefits in some way from the funds raised by the FCP campaign. Many thanks to the SU chairs, Kathy Simcoe & Renée Wolven, for taking on this responsibility, and for all their hard work. We would also like to thank Joan Patton, who is retiring as a co-chair this year, for her years of work & dedication to this project.

SU Bridging Ceremony

The SU Bridging Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 1, at 2 pm at St. Luke's Church. Please remember to bring your troop's insignia ribbons on a coat hanger, clearly marked with your troop number, and your troop flag & stand marked with troop number.

Girls who are participating in the flag ceremony, or are speakers or candle-lighters need to be at the church at 1:30 for a brief rehearsal.

Remember that the church will be crowded, as we are expecting a large attendance.

Getting Help in a Timely Manner

Please don't wait longer than 48 hours to receive a response from a Council person whom you have contacted for help. After that time, contact a SUD to help you determine the next step to take. Council wants to be sure we all get a response within a reasonable time period. Same thing if you

phone or email a SUD—if you don't hear back within 48 hours, chances are that person is unavailable so you'll need to contact one of the other SUDs.

Donate GS uniforms & books to DSU

If your troop has gently used uniform pieces & books that you no longer need, please consider donating them. We keep all used items in our service unit. Last year, we were able to help a number of troops get on their feet with these donations. We are especially interested in Interest Project books for girls ages 11-17 to put in the Service Unit library. If you have items to donate, please bring them to the May SU meeting, or leave them in the box on Alisa's front porch.

Sign Workshop for Juniors

Troop 276 is hosting a Sign of the World Workshop on April 22, 2005. You can earn the Sign of the World & two badges: Earth Connections & Model Citizen.

Flyers with information & a registration form are available at the April SU meeting. For more information, or to register, please call Jenn or Jeanne Klappich at 770-350-0795 or email jeanneklappich@yahoo.com

Float Piece Available

Marie Drake of the Dunwoody Women's Club has a large (8 foot) wooden "box" seat that would fit on a flat-bed trailer to be used as part of a parade float. The Club has no further use for it & offered it to the SU. We can't use it, either, so she suggested that a neighborhood group may be able to use it. If you know of anyone who would want this, please contact Marie at 770-394-5439. Time is critical—they must remove it from its current storage site by April 30.

Need a Flag Pole &/or Stand?

Troop 276 is selling flag poles & stands. The cost is \$10 each & can be ordered by contacting Joan Holladay: jhollada@bellsouth.net or phone 770-451-5326.

Summer Fun Days/Badge Workshop

Troop 276 is holding Summer Fun Days just for Juniors (including rising 4th grade) on May 24, 25 & 26, 2005. Flyers with information & a registration form are available at the April SU meeting. This is an individual event, not a troop event, so please, leaders, pass the word along to all your troop members! Space is very limited, so sign up soon. For more information or questions, contact Jenn or Jeanne Klappich at 770-350-0795 or email jeanneklappich@yahoo.com

Creative Scrapbooking

Troop 276 is sponsoring scrapbooking workshops on April 24 and May 22, 2005. You can learn new techniques & earn a badge created by the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council. Flyers with information & a registration form are available at the April SU meeting. For more information or to register, please call Jenn or Jeanne Klappich at 770-350-0795 or email jeanneklappich@yahoo.com