

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

February, 2005

21 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Presidents' Day holiday
22 Tues World Thinking Day
26 Sat SU Thinking Day KUMC 10 am-12 noon

March, 2005

4 Fri Cookie sorting
5 Sat Cookie pick-up
Council Annual Meeting
6 Sun Girl Scout Sunday
12 Sat Brownie Try-It Workshop DUMC
Girl Scout Sabbath
18 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276
19 Sat Sock Hop DHS 7-9 pm
21 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Badge & Try-It workshop during SU meeting

April, 2005

1 Fri 1st postmark date for Council Camping Applications
2-11 Dekalb Spring Break
15 Fri Sign Workshop, optional Overnight Troop 276
18 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm (**Asbury Room**)
Badge & Try-It workshop during SU meeting
22 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276

May, 2005

1 Sun SU Bridging Ceremony, St. Luke's
16 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm Dessert & awards

IN THE TROOP FILES THIS MONTH

Membership cards *** not in all files
Spring Registration info sheet DCNR Data

SUD Notes

February is the month we celebrate Thinking Day. We are fortunate to have Troop 1334 sponsor a Service Unit program on February 26. If your troop is unable to attend, please consider holding a program at your troop meeting. This is also the time when we collect donations for the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund. This fund was established in 1927 as a living memorial to the founder of Girl Scouts in the USA. It funnels contributions into the world-wide Thinking Day Fund & sponsors international exchange projects & activities. It is one way for us to reach out with materials, equipment, & training to countries that are developing Girl Scout & Girl Guide programs. Girls can decide how they would like to contribute. Some contribute a specific amount for each year of age, or for the grade they're in, just to name a couple of examples. You choose how to make your donation, & you have fun with it!

There is a recent event which has captured the attention of the world. The tsunami disaster in south Asia has made us all aware of the desperate need of so many survivors. It has been amazing to see the response to this need, particularly by children. They seem to have found a connection with the young survivors & are determined to help, and we are proud that our Scouts are involved, too. GSUSA has lifted its prohibition against girl fund-raising for outside organizations for this special circumstance. Girls will be allowed to fund raise for tsunami relief until September 1, 2005. Funds are to be donated to any of the established aid organizations listed on the USA Freedom Corps website (www.usafreedomcorps.gov). WAGGGS has established a fund to provide assistance to the Girl Scout & Girl Guide organizations in the region that were affected by the tsunami. Information on the fund is available on the WAGGGS website (www.wagggsworld.org). Please be aware that the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund is not intended to fund large-scale emergency needs such as those related to this crisis.

Thank you all, girls & adults, for your compassion, caring, and action!

Bridging 2005

Please remember to bring the requested information to the March SU meeting. All bridging troops received a form that needs to be filled out, & a troop roster must also be submitted. Invitations will be distributed at the March SU meeting (1 per girl).

Fall/Winter Troop Camping

Friday, April 1 is the first postmark date for 2005 Fall/Winter troop camping dates. These must be signed by a SUD before you mail it, so bring your forms to the March SU meeting. Forms are available on the Council website -- on the home page, click on Resources, then Forms.

Spring Registration

Pre-printed registration materials will be available at the March SU meeting. Diane Black, SU Registrar, will go over the forms & instructions at the meeting. Any existing troops that will have new leaders must have them submit volunteer applications for approval before the registration can be accepted.

Junior Leaders

Do you have questions about Older Girl Program? Contact Lisa Wust, the Studio 2B Project Specialist. She can let you know about training, materials & resources to help you. She is also willing to come talk to you and/or your girls. Contact her at 770-918-9559 or lwust@girlscoutsnwga.org

Blue Ribbon Troop forms

The completed form must be turned in to the SUDs by the April SU meeting for your troop to receive this award at the May meeting. If you've lost your form, it's available on the SU website (see "Links"). Also, if your troop wants to be recognized as a Super Trooper, we need those forms by the same date.

DUMC Scout Lodge

When you finish in the Scout Lodge, please be sure that the room is clean, the bathroom light & room lights are turned out, the door is locked, & the key is secured in the lockbox. All users must take care that these things are done. Thank you for your diligence.

Contributing To Society

Please check the Council website for CTS information. There are service opportunities listed there, along with contact information for the Council CTS coordinator.

The National Youth Service Day is April 15-17. It is the largest service event in the world. For more information, check the Hands On Atlanta website at www.handsonatlanta.org.

Troop Finance Report

Troop reports are due at the May SU meeting. Council requires that all troops submit a report. The form is available on the SU website. Please submit 2 copies to the SUDs & keep a third copy for your records.

Membership Numeral Pins

If you have been a Girl Scout for 5, 10, or 15 years (girl & adult years together), please let the SUDs know by the April SU meeting so that you can receive your numeral pin at the May meeting.

Leadership Development Pin/Leaf

Applications must be submitted by the April SU meeting. These are available in the beige file box or can be downloaded from the Council website (Resources, click on Forms, click on Adult Recognitions).

Leaders of Girls ages 11 -17

Please read the *DCNR Studio* in the *DCNR Data*. This feature is in each issue & has lots of information about the Older Girl program. Please be especially aware that girls can email Interest Project suggestions to Lisa Goddard GSUSA at interestprojects@girlscouts.org by March 1, 2005. There was info about this in the January *Dunwoody Data*.

SU Website forms

Be sure to check the SU website for forms you may need. You can find these under "Links". If there are any forms that you need that are not on our website, you can link to the Council website & find what you need.

Sign of the World

Earn the Sign of the World and these fun badges:

Model Citizen and Earth Connections

Where: Kingswood United Methodist Church

When: **March 18th** and **April 22nd** from 6:30 until 11PM and on **April 15th** from 6:30PM until 11:00 PM with an optional overnight until 8:30 AM on April 16.

Cost: Evening events are \$17.50/girl and the overnight is \$20/girl -

includes a patch, all the insignia, lots of snacks, and tons of FUN!

Detailed instructions will be e-mailed to participating troops. Two adults per troop must stay with the girls (adults are free). If participating in the overnight event, each troop must complete a trip application & turn it in to the Service Unit Director.

Space is limited and slots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

Note: Girls should have eaten dinner before arriving & troop leaders are responsible for the appropriate permission slips.

If you have questions about the Sign of the World, please call Jenn or Jeanne Klappich (770-350-0795).

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Troop # _____

Date of Workshop requested _____

Leader's Name, address, email address, and phone number:

of Girl Scouts leaving at 11:15PM _____ x

\$17.50 = _____

of Girl Scouts staying overnight (April 15th only) _____ x \$20 = _____

Number of Adults _____

No refunds will be made within two weeks of each event.

Mail check made out to Troop 276 to:

Jeanne Klappich,
1103 Redfield Terrace
Dunwoody, GA 30338

Silver Award Project

Girls from Cadette Troop 1304 will be hosting "Pets on Parade" a pet show and pet fair, on Saturday, April 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the Dunwoody Nature Center. This date is a change from the previous date of April 16th, due to too many conflicts with Hands On Atlanta Day at the Nature Center.

April SU Meeting Room Change

Since the church needs to use the Fellowship Hall on April 18, the Service Unit meeting will be held that night in the Asbury Room. Signs will be up that night directing you to the new room.

S'More Cookie News: Cookie Sale Update

Thank you for getting your paperwork in on time!

First, just a quick thank you for getting your paperwork in on time. With just a few exceptions, you met our request to turn the paperwork in a day earlier than listed on the cookie envelopes. This was a big help, as total time to complete the paperwork was over 15 work-hours.

Sign up for sorting or for a pick-up time

Most of you are already on the list for sorting or pick-up. If you aren't, please contact Stefanie Heller ASAP to schedule your time. Sorting day is Friday, March 4 from 8 – 12, and pick up is Saturday, March 5 from 9 – 1. All the cookies have to go by then. Coke warehouse reminders:

No children (it's a safety/insurance issue)

Be patient with loading (We are only allowed three cars in at a time. We will get cars in and out as quickly as we can, but it's not always as fast as you would like.)

We ask that each troop donate 1 box to the warehouse folks as a thank you.

Sorters on Friday don't have to work the whole time if they don't want to. Your troop plus a couple of others is fine.

Sell more cookies!

As many of you know, our Girl Scout Council's 2005 cookie sale is down 7.2 percent, representing \$1.3 million in lost revenue. This not only hurts individual troops, but means money that goes towards camps, etc., is down substantially. We will all suffer! The good news is that there is still time left. What can you do?

1. Encourage your troops to use the Catch-up Order Form to contact as many customers as possible. We know this system is sometimes confusing—contact one of the service unit cookie moms for additional info on how to use.
2. Hold at least one additional booth sale beyond those you have already scheduled.
3. Sell directly to people with cookies in hand. Some possible locations could be a local business, retirement home, office complex, college campus, government office or local utility. Be creative, but be sure to get permission in advance.

How can you get extra cookies?

Additional cookies will be available at all of our cookie warehouses from March 8-18. Contact Amy Linde by 6:30 p.m., and your cookies will be ready the next afternoon between 12 p.m and 4:30 p.m. for pickup at the warehouse (Adams Transport Warehouse). If you need to pick-up in the morning, it would be the following day (e.g., order Monday night for pick-up Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning). First day to call in is Monday, March 7. When you call, you will need to tell Amy your troop #, name and phone number of the person picking up, cases of cookies wanted in the same order as they appear on the order form. Last day to order for pick up is March 17.

There is something in it for you!

Troops increasing their initial order by 10 percent will receive a \$25 credit redeemable for merchandise in the Badge & Sash Girl Scout store. And, those troops really going the extra mile and increasing by 20 percent will receive a \$50 credit. This, plus your profit, too! What a deal!

Want to see the cookie sale from an insider's point of view?

(It's fun, honest.)

We have already had two people volunteer to be a part of the cookie committee (thank you Lisa and Julie!). We could use additional volunteers on Friday and Saturday (to direct traffic, to make sure orders are double-checked, etc.), and when recognitions come in (to organize and help with sorting, checking, etc.) Please contact any of the service unit cookie team managers if you are interested.

Good luck and good selling. Please contact any of us if we can help in any way.

Lynn Goldblatt: 770-804-1427 (home) or
678-592-8639 (cell)
Stefanie Heller: 404-812-7047 (home) or
404-444-5784 (cell)
Amy Linde 770-393-0708