

Dunwoody Data

*The Monthly Newsletter for Girl Scout Leaders of the Dunwoody Service Unit
January, 2005*

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CALENDAR

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

January, 2005

- 17 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Badge/Try-It workshop during SU meeting
MLK Birthday (holiday)
22 Sat Scrap-a-thon Troop 276
21-30 Girls take cookie orders
27 Thurs Bridging planning 7 pm, Scout Lodge
28 Fri Sign overnight Troop 276

February, 2005

- 4 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276
12 Sat Surprise Breakfast KUMC 8:30-10:30
21 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Presidents' Day holiday
26 Sat Thinking Day KUMC 10 am-12 noon

March, 2005

- 4 Fri Cookie sorting
5 Sat Cookie pick-up
12 Sat Brownie Try-It Workshop DUMC
18 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276
19 Sat Sock Hop DHS 7-9 pm
21 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm

April, 2005

- 2-11 Dekalb Spring Break
15 Fri Sign Overnight Troop 276
18 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
22 Fri Sign workshop Troop 276

IN THE TROOP FILES THIS MONTH

Learning Opps Jan-March
2005 Day Camp brochure**

Directory additions** not in all troop files

SUD notes

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had safe & enjoyable holidays. It's good to be back again!

I'd like to tell you about an amazing essay by Anna Quindlen. It was printed in the December 13, 2004 issue of *Newsweek* magazine, and is titled, "I'll Never Stop Saying Maria". It is a glorious, loving tribute to her sixteen-year-old daughter. It brought me to tears because I read it at a time when I was feeling very similar things about my own sixteen year old. There are many powerful ideas in this essay, but the sentence that affected me most was, "She made me want to be a better woman." Wow. I shared this essay with several friends, all mothers of girls, and each one told me that she got teary-eyed as she read it.

My daughter's interests, accomplishments, & personality are nothing like Ms. Quindlen's daughter's (from the description in the essay). However, Ms. Quindlen & I share feelings of awe & admiration not only for our daughters, but for their generation as well. I cannot begin to presume that my daughter is the person she is only because of my doing. Certainly, my husband & I have tried to do the right things. This generation of females has to deal with many, many things that I never could have imagined when I was that age. But many seem to be handling it with such grace and intelligence. I think my daughter has managed to become an awesome young lady not only because of me, but sometimes in spite of me.

As adult Scouts, we all have not only the responsibility, but the privilege, to share knowledge, give guidance, and provide inspiration to a wonderfully competent group of girls and young women. It may be a long time before you realize what an impact you have, but it will happen. It's also an incredible moment when you realize that you look at one or more of them as a role model. And it's a really wonderful, emotional moment when you know that one of these role models happens to be your daughter.

Bridging 2005

The Service Unit Bridging ceremony is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 1, 2005, at St. Luke's Church. The planning meeting for all participating troops will be on Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 7 pm in the Scout Lodge. We hope to have many bridging troops participate, as well as girls who will receive Bronze, Silver & Gold Awards. Please let Carol or Alisa know ASAP if your troop will participate if you have not already done so.

Day Camp 2005

Summer 2005 Day Camp brochures are in Daisy, Brownie, & Junior troop files. Please distribute these at your next troop meeting. You can also download the brochure from the Council website. Click on Camping, then Day Camp.

Winter 2005 Learning Opportunities

Due to increased usage of *Learning Opps* on the Web, only one copy has been provided for each troop.

Please note: some workshop locations are still "to be announced". However, the locations will be updated on the online registration system as they are confirmed. You can access this system on the Council website by going to Resources, then Volunteer Training Workshops, then How To Register.

New Look for Learning Opps

Council is looking for girls to submit front cover designs for the Learning Opportunities catalog. Please submit all drawings on an 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper with the following information on the back:

Girl's first name only; age; Troop#; Service Unit.

Submit to 1577 Northeast Expressway, Atlanta, GA 30329 Attn: Wildy, LO

Learning Opps is distributed quarterly so there are lots of chances to submit your work!

National Conference Information

Check the Council website for info on the National Conference, to be held in Atlanta in October 2005. The application for volunteers is supposed to be posted by Jan. 18.

Adult recognitions

Do you know an Outstanding Leader or Outstanding Volunteer in the DSU? Or a local organization or business that has been very supportive of Girl Scouts that should receive the Daisy Award? If so, you need to submit their name to receive one of these awards at our May meeting! Check the criteria for each award on the information sheet, which is in each troop file. This information is also on the SU website, along with a list of previous awardees. Nominations must be received by the Service Unit meeting on January 17, 2005, and can be submitted to Ivonne Mastin, Recognitions Committee chair, or to Carol & Alisa.

This is a highly anticipated part of our May meeting. The names of the nominees are kept secret & not revealed until that night, so it's a big surprise! Please help us make this a special night for a number of our deserving leaders.

A Big Thank You

Thanks to the generous support of the Dunwoody Service Unit, I have now completed my Gold Award Project! I partnered with Bethany Ministries and decorated and filled fifty boxes as gifts for birth mothers who are giving their child up for adoption. Each box was unique and filled with soaps, perfumes, notepads, and other items that you donated. I will be receiving my Gold Award in the Spring. Your generous support of my project was greatly appreciated.

Katie Knorr

Senior Troop 654

New On the SU Website

The Blue Ribbon Troop form, Girl Record & Super Trooper Patch program are all on the SU website. The Blue Ribbon Troop forms are due to the SUDs at the April SU meeting so that the ribbons can be awarded at the May meeting. Also check the Super Trooper patch. It may be too late for your troop to complete the requirements this year, but it will give you an idea for something to work on next year. The Girl Record is a handy way to keep track of all the girls' accomplishments.

Attention, Leaders of Girls Ages

11-17

There has been a lot of talk about all the changes in the awards for Girl Scouts of these ages. If your girls would like their voices to be heard, GSUSA wants them to share their ideas with them for a new &/or revised Interest Project Awards book. For more information, contact Lisa Wust (Council part-time Studio 2B specialist) at 770-918-9559 or lwust@girlscoutsnwga.org. Or they can send their ideas directly to Jennifer Goddard at GSUSA in New York. Email her at

interestprojects@girlscouts.org by March 1, 2005.

Leaders, please read the Studio 2B section of the December DCNR Data if you have not already done so. This will be a feature of each DCNR Data & contains information your girls need to know. (There is no DCNR Data for January.)

Cookie Sale Reminders

Here are important upcoming dates for the Cookie Sale:

January 21-30 Girls take orders
February 4 Troop orders due at Lynn
 Goldblatt's garage

Please contact the Service Unit Cookie Chairs with any questions:

Lynn Goldblatt 770-804-1427
 lynng39819@aol.com

Stefanie Heller 404-812-7047
 stefanie.heller@unisys.com

Amy Linde 770-393-0708
 amylinde@comcast.net

Alisa's Porch

If you leave something for Alisa in the bin on her front porch, please send an email or leave a phone message to let her know. Thank you!

More Thank You's

Thank you, Cadette Troop 5238, led by Karen Brannan & Ann Davenport, for conducting the Flag Ceremony at the November SU meeting.

Many thanks to Brownie Troop 23437, led by Jennifer Francois & Cindy Feldewerth, for coming to the January SU meeting to teach a song.

We appreciate these troops sharing their knowledge & talents with us. It's good to have you be a part of the SU meeting program!

Scrap-a-thon

This will be held at Kingswood United Methodist Church on January 22, 2005, from 10AM until 6PM. Cost is \$15 per person. In addition to people coming to work on their own scrapbooks, we have scheduled a separate room to lead a Creative Scrapbooking Badge workshop for Juniors. This badge is from the Pines of Carolina council. Space is very limited for the troop workshops, so please call quickly, as we will be advertising to other service units.

For information and registration for the Scrapathon, please contact Joan Holladay at 770-451-5326 or email jhollada@bellsouth.net

New! Badge and Sash E-Store

The Council store, the Badge & Sash, now has an E-store. You can now conveniently shop online. It accepts credit cards only. Visit the store on the Council website www.girlscoutsnwga.org & click on the e-store link under "Store". Another link is at the bottom of the home page under "What's going on".

Sign of the Rainbow

Earn the Sign of the Rainbow and these fun badges: World Neighbors, Celebrating People , Puzzlers

Where: Kingswood United Methodist Church
When: Feb. 4, 2005 from 6:30-11:00PM and January 28th from 6:30PM until 8:30AM on Jan. 29th.

Cost: Evening events are \$17.50/girl and the overnight is \$20/girl - includes a patch, all the insignia, lots of snacks, and all the FUN you can HOLD!

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 22 from 6:30 until 11PM and on April 15th from 6:30PM until 8:30 AM on April 16th.

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 either the Sign of the Rainbow or 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 (for Jan. 28th and 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