

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

March, 2005

21 Mon SU meeting 7:15 pm
Badge & Try-It workshop during SU meeting

April, 2005

1 Fri 1st postmark date for Troop 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
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

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SUD Notes

Happy Birthday, Girl Scouts! On March 12, Girl Scouting celebrated its 93rd birthday. As Juliette Low put it to her cousin, "I've got something for the girls of Savannah and all America and all the world and we're going to start it tonight!" What a long way the organization has come, from eighteen girls in Savannah to a world-wide organization of millions. GSUSA has a membership of over 4 million, including Puerto Rico & the Virgin Islands, & in 80 countries with USA Girl Scouts Overseas. Including WAGGGS, we number 8.5 million in 144 countries around the world. Wow!

Given that history, it seems only fitting that Spring registration begins this month. We know that some troops will be disbanding, and some girls who want to continue will be in need of a new troop. Please consider accepting new girls if you are asked to do so. It would be tragic for girls who are still interested in Scouts to be denied the chance to participate. You never know what hidden gems you may find in a new member!

With registration, we also start the 2005-06 FCP campaign. It costs our Council \$257 per girl per year to be a Girl Scout. That's a pretty good deal for your \$50 per family contribution, isn't it? This pays for trainings, girl programs, camp maintenance, the VSC, and so much more. Every member benefits in some way from FCP funds. Please stress the importance of their contribution to your troop parents. This campaign is crucial to keep our Council operating with the high level of services it now offers. It is so easy to ask your parents for their contribution when they are writing their checks for registration – everything gets done at one time. Your troop can also choose to hold a fund-raising activity for FCP so that you can reach your goal. We are so fortunate that members of our Service Unit have always given generously. We are very appreciative of everyone's commitment to our organization, & sincerely hope that it continues.

New Email Address

Alisa's email address is now alisa@belrouge.com
The shopalot@mail.com address is no longer in use. She can also still be reached at alisa@dunwoodygirlscouts.com

Important Due Dates

April SU meeting: Blue Ribbon Troop forms, Super Trooper booklets, request to receive numeral year guard (5, 10, 15 years of girl & adult membership), application for Leadership Development Pin and/or Leaf

May SU meeting: Troop Finance Report

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.**

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.

*** Terry Otto is requesting applications from girls to be on the regional Planning Board. Applications are available at the SU meeting. For more info, contact Terry: totto@girlscoutsnwga.org, or phone 404-527-7448

2005 National Convention Volunteers

1200 volunteers are needed to staff the National Convention on October 7 – 10, 2005, at the Georgia World Congress Center. This is an exciting opportunity to meet Girl Scouts from all over the country. The application & information about all the different jobs, session times, etc. can be accessed on the Council website:

www.girlscoutsnwga.org/2005convention/index.asp

You will receive a day pass to attend the Convention (\$75 value) for each shift you work. Hurry! Application deadline is April 1.

New Room For April SU Meeting

The April SU meeting will be held in the Asbury Room. **Directions:** Enter the church at the Activities Building (same as for Fellowship Hall). Stay on the first floor, & turn left past the reception area. Follow that hall past the Nursery reception area, through the double doors, & into the new part of the building. The Asbury Room will be on the right-hand side. It is located under the sanctuary. Here's a link with a map of the new location: www.dunwoodyumc.org/html/1st_sanctuary.html

Protocol For Dealing With Problems

Girl Scouts, as a volunteer organization, is designed to handle things locally. Parents should address their needs to the troop leader. If the leader is unable to answer the question to the parent's satisfaction, the leader should refer the parent to the SUD. If necessary, the SUD will direct the parent to the appropriate staff person at Council. **Council has requested that leaders do not refer parents to Council staff.** Thank you for your help with this.

Aggression In Girls Workshop

Rachel Simmons, author of Odd Girl Out and Odd Girl Speaks Out, will have a presentation sponsored by Northside Hospital on Wed, April 20, at Woodstock High School. The event is free, but registration is required. For more info, see www.northside.com

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: **April 22nd** from 6:30 until 11PM
and **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 SUD. Contact Joan Holladay 770-451-5326 jhollada@bellsouth.net