

Dunwoody Data

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

May, 2005

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

Learning Opportunities Spring-Summer 2005

Save The Date!

DCNR Leader Retreat is set for January 20-22, 2006, at Camp Misty Mountain. Flyers will be distributed at the October SU meeting. If you'd like to be on the planning committee, the next meeting is Thursday, May 26 at the VSC from 7-9 pm. For more information, contact Lianne Griffin 770-621-9043 or lianne@3leaves.org

Also, see the retreat website:

www.3leaves.org/dcnr2006

SUD Notes

This is my favorite SU meeting of all. Tonight, we celebrate and thank all the fantastic leaders who have given so much of their time & talents to make the DSU a success, and recognize those leaders who will receive the Outstanding Leader Award, Outstanding Volunteer Award, Appreciation Pin, and Lighthouse Award. These are the ladies who always say "yes" when we ask. What would we do without you? You have done an incredible job, as you always do, and we are very grateful. Many thanks to the Recognitions Committee: Ivonne Mastin, Betsy Luehring, and Nancy Ike. They have been working since February to make all these awards possible.

To all of this year's new leaders: YOU MADE IT!

Congratulations for hanging in there! The first year is difficult, but you've given something very special to the girls in your troop, and they never would have had those experiences without you. Thank you so much!

We will be saying good-bye to a number of leaders.

Some are retiring, some troops are dissolving, and some troops are graduating. There are four 12th grade Senior troops that are leaving this year. Wow! It's amazing to

me that those leaders have kept these girls together all this time. You're all fabulous!

At the SU Bridging ceremony on May 1, we presented 12 Gold Awards, 5 Silver Awards, and 20 Bronze Awards. There are a number of other Scouts who earned these awards this year, but did not receive them at the ceremony. Congratulations to all these girls and their leaders for their accomplishments!

This is my last SUD notes. In some ways, it's hard to believe that four years have passed. We have shared many experiences in this time – some joyous, some very sad, and many in-between. Without a doubt, the best part of being a SUD has been the opportunity to meet you leaders & get to know many of you better. I have always been impressed by your creativity, patience, and your incredible commitment to Scouting. My life has been enriched by you, and I thank you so much for that. I have also been blessed to work with some amazing women as co-SUDs: Janet Edwards, Diane Black, and Alisa Leonard. Thank you, Janet, for your endless patience, and for being such a wonderful teacher, mentor and role model. Diane, you always listened to me as I panicked, then calmly pointed out how we could easily handle whatever problem had come up. You have such an amazing talent with words — written and spoken! Alisa hit the ground running and never stopped, although I'm sure you looked back more than once and wondered how you ever agreed to do this. You have been a real trooper, always willing to do whatever needed to be done and then doing it with the utmost competence and skill. You have brought many fresh, new ideas to the Service Unit, and your incredible optimism has kept me going. Not only do I consider you ladies to be colleagues, but good friends, as well.

The Service Unit is fortunate to have a wonderful group of women joining the leadership team: Jennifer Brown, Jean Lane Foster and Lynn Goldblatt as SUDs, and Luann Miller as the Adult Education Coordinator. It will be fantastic to have so many people available to everyone! Ladies, thank you so much for your commitment to the DSU, and I know that everyone will give you their support.

My porch will be so empty! Take care, everyone.

Carol

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. If you have not turned your report in by this meeting, please mail it to Carol ASAP (by May 31).

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.

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.

Another Thank You

Thank you, Troop 1519, led by Lynn Goldblatt, for presenting the very original and entertaining skits at the April SU meeting to publicize the need to fill positions in the SU for the next Scout year. The flyers you distributed in all troop files were a great help, too.

Congratulations, Lydia!

Lydia Singleton, Troop 22440, was the Council's top cookie seller in the 5th Grade, and the top seller over all, with a total of 1920 boxes! Lydia was honored at a luncheon at Timber Ridge Conference Center on April 30, accompanied by her mother & troop leader, Tanis. Way to go!!!

Thank You, Troop 1304

Many thanks to Cadette Troop 1304, led by Diane Black & Kitty Lowry. They held Badge & Try-It workshops during most of our SU meetings this year. These workshops were so popular that nearly every one was sold out! Girls had a great time earning badges & try-its, & leader moms could attend the SU meetings without childcare concerns. It was a win-win situation for everyone. Thanks so much, girls!

Good news, leaders — they'll be back next year with more workshops! Details coming in the Fall.

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.

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.

Creative Scrapbooking

Troop 276 is sponsoring a scrapbooking workshop on May 22, 2005. You can learn new techniques & earn a badge created by the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council. They would love to have a few more troops register to attend. The workshop is from 2-5, & you can start your session at 2, 3, or 4 pm. For more information or to register, please call Jeanne Klappich at 770-350-0795 or Joan Holladay at 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. They really encourage new Juniors to attend. 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, but they still have openings for any of the days. For more information or questions, contact Jeanne Klappich at 770-350-0795 or Joan Holladay at 770-451-5326.

Council Patch Program for National Convention

Council has designed a patch program that girls can earn to learn what the National Convention is all about. You can see the booklet on this link:

<http://www.girlscoutsnwga.org/resources/rzone/apr05/pdf/patchreq.pdf>

It is also on the SU website.